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minimizing the overall financial impact was a primary concern for the board of directors.”

The current facility will continue to be used as a district office for co-op members' service functions, such as paying bills and applying for new services. It will also continue to be used for warehousing, construction and maintenance equipment and all district office personnel. Some renovation of the current facility will be required in the future to accommodate warehousing, construction and maintenance equipment housing and personnel offices.

Construction of the headquarters building will not cause electric rates to increase, UCEMC said.

Garrison joins Putnam County bank

COOKEVILLE – Jim Martin, CEO of Putnam 1st Mercantile Bank, recently announced that Bobby Garrison has joined the bank's team as vice president/lending.

Garrison has 35 years of previous banking experience and will be continuing his banking career in the area of lending and business development.

He is a 1977 graduate of Tennessee Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Garrison is also a graduate of the BAI School of Management at the University of Wisconsin with a degree in retail banking/operations management, the Tennessee School of Banking, and the Southeastern School of Sales Leadership of the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt.

Garrison currently serves as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Cookeville, was a TSSAA football official for the past 32 years, and is past founding board member of the Cavalier Athletic Foundation.

He is a native of Cookeville and Elaine, his wife, is a teacher at Monterey High School. They have two children, Kayla, doctor of physical therapy in Virginia, and Blake, a recent graduate of TTU with a masters of business administration.

Garrison is proud and excited to be part of the Putnam 1st Mercantile team and looks forward to serving his customers.



GARRISON

Cookeville doc named 'most compassionate'

COOKEVILLE – After tallying hundreds of thousands of patient reviews, Dr. John K Nichols of Cookeville has been identified as one of the nation's "Most Compassionate Doctors."

Patients' Choice, which certifies the recognition program, recently announced that Nichols, a physician at Upper Cumberland Spine and Sports, has been named a "Compassionate Doctor" honoree for 2011. Physicians are rated on various components of the care they receive, such as bedside manner, doctor-patient face time, follow-up care, ease of appointment setting and courtesy of office staff.

In 2011, nearly 100 million patients across the United States used websites like PatientsChoice.org to provide feedback about experiences with their physicians, rating them on various aspects of the care they provide. The Patients' Choice annual Compassionate Doctor recognition program honors the top 3 percent of U.S. physicians, including Nichols, whose patients have gone out of their way to give them the highest possible ratings in the category of bedside manner, while also ranking them very highly in five other categories.

The basis of this award - a doctor's bedside manner score - is particularly important, Patients' Choice says, because it conveys the level of comfort a patient feels. Medical research has shown that the more comfortable a patient is with his doctor, the more likely he is to disclose all important health information and follow a prescribed treatment plan, thus leading to a better outcome.

J&S awarded \$8.4 million contract

COOKEVILLE – J&S Construction Company was recently awarded an \$8.4 million contract by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the Sustainment Brigade Complex Administration Facility at Fort Campbell, Ky.

With an estimated completion date of June 2013, J&S Construction will return to Ft. Campbell's base this summer to begin work on the two-story, 30,000-square-foot facility. The building will consist of a reinforced concrete foundation, concrete floor slab, insulated concrete form walls, masonry and metal panel facade, standing seam metal roof, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC),

plumbing, mechanical systems, security systems and electrical systems.

This building serves as Ft. Campbell's Pilot Project for Sustainable Design and is designed by the Corps of Engineers to meet LEED Silver requirements by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Environmentally friendly features built into the project include pervious pavement, rainwater harvesting and reuse system, and low flow water fixtures. Energy-efficient features include photovoltaic solar panels, solar water heating, insulated concrete forms, spray foam insulation as well as an enhanced Energy Monitoring and Control System (EMCS). The project will also contain the base's first geothermal heat pump system as well as the base's first photovoltaic solar system.

"It is exciting to be working on one of the most, if not the most, energy-efficient project on Ft. Campbell's base," said Brad Leimer, project manager and LEED accredited professional with J&S Construction. "By pursuing LEED certification, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is demonstrating the importance placed on sustainable design and highly efficient, environmentally friendly operations."

Ft. Campbell's first LEED Gold Certification came when J&S Construction completed the \$13 million Equipment Maintenance and Supply Complex in August 2010. J&S has designed and built 136,500 square feet of LEED certified space and this facility will mark the sixth project J&S will have certified through USGBC.

"We are very privileged to have another opportunity to team up with the Corps of Engineers," said Jack Stites, president of J&S Construction. "Our most recent project with the Corps was a great success, and we expect the same results with this project and look forward to this continued relationship."

UC hotel recognized as one of brand's best

COOKEVILLE – The Baymont Inn & Suites in Cookeville has been awarded the "Best of Baymont" award by Baymont Inn & Suites, placing the hotel among the very best that the brand has to offer in its nearly 260 hotel portfolio.

The 98-room hotel, located at Exit 287 off Interstate 40, became eligible for the award after distinguishing itself as a leader amongst the brand, setting itself apart through

outstanding customer service, revenue generation and overall quality.

"I'm very pleased to congratulate the Baymont Inn & Suites-Cookeville and its staff on this recognition of achievement," said Patrick Breen, Baymont brand senior vice president. "Their commitment to providing guests with unparalleled service and outstanding accommodations is a testament to the strength and quality of their hotel and the greater Baymont brand."

"This is a great honor for our hotel and is a direct result of the hard work of our wonderful staff here at the Baymont Inn & Suites," said Harry Dalal, the hotel's general manager.

Price receives Charter's outstanding achievement award

COOKEVILLE – Charter Business, the business commercial division of Charter Communications, recently announced that David Price of Cookeville has been recognized with the company's Platinum Circle Award for outstanding performance in 2011. Awardees are chosen from Charter Business locations around the country and represent the very best performers.

Platinum is a standard against which all others of the same category are measured.

"Our Platinum Circle winners work tirelessly to develop and hone their skills, and have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge of the business solutions that help businesses succeed," said Jim McGann, Senior Vice President, Charter Business.

Price was also awarded a four-day trip to San Diego, Calif., in May.

New office and new hire for Michael Brady Inc.

COOKEVILLE – Michael Brady Inc., an architecture and engineering firm, recently opened its Cookeville office, and with that, welcomed its newest employee.

Mary Johnson has joined the Michael Brady team as a project manager. She is a graduate of Florida A&M University.

Michael Brady Inc. has additional offices in Orlando, Fla., Knoxville and Cleveland, Tenn. Its Cookeville office is located at 323 E. Spring St. The number is (931) 644-2122. ■



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