Chain may locate in Wears Valley

By DEREK HODGES

SEVIERVILLE — The next stop for the community growth of Wears Valley may just bring the area its first chain store from a well-known national retailer.

The county’s Planning Commission will consider a site plan for a new Dollar General store when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room. The proposal calls for locating the store on Wears Valley Road directly across from the intersection with Ogles View Road. Under the submitted plan, the business would be served by a county main line and would connect to an existing sewage service. Property was purchased last month by the Engel Hatchett estate. During that meeting, the group is also set to start offices for the coming year. Those positions include chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Also on the agenda for the session: 

■ Sheriff’s offices Recruiting Requests  
■ From Donna Huff for property at 185 Mary Brown Lane from R-1 (rural residential) to C-2 (general commercial) with no special use permission. 
■ Thomas & Angela Vermatto, 461 block of Douglas Dam Road, R-1 to C-2 for special use proposed for use and crafts gallery. "L. C. Ross, 2134 Wears Valley Road, from R-1 to C-2 for an art's and craft's store.  
■ Alex Vargo, 266 Douglas Dam Road, from R-1 to C-2 for a construction office and storage space. 
■ Doug Smith, property on Gibson Circle, from R-1 to R-2 (high-density residential) for a 

residential development Concept Flat Reviews  
■ Jerry Watt property, a 4.02 subdivision of 8.07 acres on Chapman Highway.  

Minor Flat Review  
■ Frank Load  
■ Fincher Cove, a 2.65 development on 5.4 acres off Wears Valley Road.  

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Star gazer

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LARRY ROMLY, 59  
Charles C. Smith 60  
Georgia Cook, 62  
Gary Whittington, 65  
William Hooks  

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Local club offers glimpses light-years away

Vicki Kay has become local maverick helping local seniors

By JAMIA BLAZER

If there is one thing Vicki Kay is concerned about, it’s helping senior citizens and as the director of Grilling Healthcare, she has a bird’s-eye view of what those needs are. 

Kay moved to Sevier County in 1996 from Virginia where she grew up as a coal miner’s daughter. Today, she and husband Rick rent a home in the NAPA Auto Parts store in Sevierville and Gatlinburg. 

"Sevierville is a wonderful place to live and work," she says. "When deciding what career path the world would give her, Kay very soon saw her RN was an easy choice. "My mother and grandmother were nurses and my grandmother received her RN was an easy choice."

She was working at a hospital for three years and has worked in the home care industry since 1996. 

But work and being a business owner isn’t the only thing that fills her time. Kay serves on the board of the Sevier County Health Improvement Partnerships, the Geriatric Screen TEAM and Elderwatch of Sevier County, she has been with Grilling for 2½ years. "I love my patients. You feel like you’re a guest in their home. They are so thankful for anything we do for them. Geriatrics is my calling. It’s rewarding when you can help keep someone in the own home,” says Kay. "Kay’s participation in local senior help agencies keeps her

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