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## East TN Autism and Special Needs Support Group begins

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On Sunday, January 18, the East TN Autism & Special Needs Support for Families held their inaugural meeting in Knoxville. Facilitator April Roga organized what she thought would be a one to two hour “town hall” for families with children who have special needs to meet and share experiences and resources. The meeting lasted four hours, and included participants from Knox, Roane, and Claiborne Counties. Roga describes herself as “still a work in progress,” being somewhat new to the world of special education and parenting a special needs child. Her son Morgan is 4 years old, diagnosed with non-verbal autism. He attends special education pre-school in Knox County. Roga and her husband Scott Houston didn’t have an easy road to parenthood. There was a chance she wouldn’t be able to conceive, so they were thrilled several years ago when an at-home pregnancy test and visit to the doctor confirmed that she was pregnant. And in May 2010, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. “He had ten fingers and ten toes. He was perfect,” she recalls.

But soon, she and Scott noticed things that didn’t seem right. “He slept all day and was up all night crying. Touching or cuddling him to calm him only seemed to agitate him and make him cry harder and longer. Being a first-time mom, I didn’t think much of this except that I was frustrated...Nothing I did would calm him except rocking, and that only worked sometimes.”

As he grew older, his parents began noticing developmental delays. After multiple assessments during and between well visits, they were referred to Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS), a state-funded early intervention program. Children are enrolled in

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

*Seymour wrestling coach Alex Cate returned to Halls recently. The former Red Devil star has had success as coach of the Eagles.*

## Cate enjoys homecoming at Halls Invitational

By Ken Lay

Alex Cate returned to his high school wrestling home recently.

Cate, now the wrestling coach at Seymour High School, brought his Eagles to the Halls Invitational. The tournament not only provided Cate, a 2004 Halls High graduate, a chance to return to North Knox County. It was also a chance for Seymour to face some top-notch competition.

“It always feels like home,” said Cate, who is in his sixth season as Seymour’s head coach. “This is the toughest Halls Invitational and it’s a good challenge.

“It’s tougher than our Region

Tournament. Halls has a great program. Coach [Chris Vandergriff] built this program and [current coach] Shannon [Sayne] and [Halls Middle School coach] Cody [Humphrey] have done a great job.”

Sayne, Humphrey and Vandergriff (who remains a key figure at the Halls Invitational) have a passion for wrestling and they passed their love of the sport to Cate when he was in high school.

“In high school, I fell in love with the sport,” Cate said. “Then I went on and wrestled at Carson-Newman. I wrestled there and I was a math major and I got my education credential.”

Cate, who teaches Algebra II and Pre-Calculus at Seymour High, has taken the Eagles to new heights.

“It’s going pretty good right now,” he said. “We’re not as good as Halls but we have a real good junior class.”

Cate’s passion for wrestling stems from the fact that the sport is an individual one with a team concept.

“In wrestling, you’re out there one-on-one and if you mess up, you can’t blame a teammate,” he said. “You’re going to get in shape and there is no bench. Everybody participates.

“I’ve had football players come out and they don’t make

it. It is the toughest high school sport.”

Cate also noted that Vandergriff remains a mentor.

“I’ve gone to Coach V for advice,” Cate said. “Shannon was my assistant coach at Halls and I still use the things that they both taught me.”

Cate and his wife Jessica have found a home at Seymour and South Knox County.

“I’ve been truly blessed,” he said. “I’m active in my church at Valley Grove Baptist and I use wrestling as a mission field.”

Away from the mats, Cate and his wife are avid University of Tennessee football fans and they enjoy camping.

## Cedar Lane church rezoned to office

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It took months to do it, but Realtor Cindy Bradley stuck to her guns and left the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday evening with everything she had requested. She owns the former Presbyterian Church on Cedar Lane which has been used for an office since the 1980s.

She persuaded the council to rezone the structure for Office despite opposition from some residents.

The split vote saw Councilmen Mark Campen, Nick Della Volpe and Finbarr Sanders opposing the rezoning. Opponents speaking against the zoning sited increased traffic and that “Office” zoning is inappropriate.

Mrs. Bradley said she needed the zoning change so she can put a larger sign out front. The former church is the home of several businesses, including Dancers Studio.

Dollar General also got approval from the council to build a store on Amherst Road.

Carolyn Dougherty of the Seven Spring Subdivision

spoke against the store, saying that a traffic study has not been done and the parking lot encroaches on setbacks. She went on to say that Dollar General “caters to a low end clientele” and the real reason to locate a store on Amherst is to serve the nearby mobile home park.

Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis said he “was taken back a

little” by Dougherty’s statement.

“If you were honest with yourself, you wouldn’t want it in your front door,” Dougherty replied.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., representing Schaad Commercial Investment, defended the Dollar General plans. He said the proposed store there is smaller than most, and the

developer has made many changes that the neighborhood had requested.

The store was approved with 10 conditions; Della Volpe and Campen voted for Dougherty’s appeal.

A proposal to allow pet service businesses in most commercial zones was sent back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission

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Focus on the Law

Latest on Termination of Parental Rights

The Tennessee Supreme Court recently ruled unanimously last week on a termination of parental rights case that may have a big impact on the likelihood a child in state custody may be adopted. The case is *In re Kaliyah S. et al* and it was decided on Jan. 22, 2015. “Parental rights” refer to the rights to act as a parent, to care for, to name and to claim custodial rights with respect to a child. By law the biological mother, guardian, putative biological father and any presumed father must all have their rights terminated before a child may be adopted.


In the case of *In re Kaliyah S.*, the child was three months old when she was first removed from the home of her mother and her mother’s boyfriend Josh. Unbeknownst to Department of Children’s Services Josh was not Kaliyah’s father despite being named on her birth certificate. Kaliyah had suspicious bruises and the Juvenile Court found Kaliyah to be dependent and neglected. She was taken into DCS custody and placed in a foster home. A permanency plan was developed for Mother and Josh which referenced a no-contact order issued by the Juvenile Court and the ongoing child abuse investigation. Despite this, Mother continued her relationship with Josh and conceived another daughter, Jaya. Josh and Mother stopped living together and DCS returned Kaliyah to her custody with the no contact with Josh order in place. Shortly thereafter, Josh moved back in. Jaya was born and the adults and two children lived together in an extended stay motel. Mother attended school and worked. While she was away, toddler Kaliyah and infant Jaya were left in the care of Josh.

At some point Josh took a paternity test and was excluded as Kaliyah’s father. Kaliyah’s biological father was Rontez. The State sought to establish his paternity and he waived a DNA test and admitted paternity. Father was ordered to make child support payments but he made none. Father spent most of Kaliyah’s early life in jail for drug offenses, domestic assault, vandalism, and violating parole. When Father was not in jail, Mother occasionally brought Kaliyah to visit him and he visited her occasionally in her foster home. He never sought custody of her or had any regular structured parenting time with Kaliyah.

One morning when Kaliyah was two and Jaya was 11 months old, Jaya began having seizures. Emergency medical personnel were called and Jaya was air-lifted to the hospital. She had both old and new injuries. She had fractures in both legs, intracranial hemorrhaging and retinal bleeding. The diagnosis was possible shaken baby syndrome. She was admitted to the hospital. DCS concluded that her injuries were a result of abuse by either Mother, Josh, or both. The girls were taken into DCS custody. DCS eventually discovered that Josh was not Kaliyah’s father and sought to terminate the parental rights of Mother and Father. By then Father was again incarcerated. The grounds listed for termination of Father’s rights were “abandonment by engaging in conduct prior to incarceration that exhibited wanton disregard for the child’s welfare” and that termination of Father’s parental rights was in the best interests of the child.

Father’s parental rights were terminated and the case was appealed to the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Court rejected Father’s argument that under state law DCS must prove that it made reasonable efforts to reunite the child with the parent. The Supreme Court held that DCS’s efforts to reunite the child is only one factor to be considered in a termination decision, not an essential element that must be proven for a termination case to succeed.

You should always consult an experienced attorney for legal advice regarding your particular situation. My office number in Knoxville is (865)539-2100.



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the program if they are under age 3 and meet the designated criteria for developmental delays.

Roga said, “Our son was just barely walking and pulling himself up at 21 months old and he was not speaking at all, so he definitely qualified for the program. He began receiving OT (occupational therapy), PT (physical therapy), speech therapy and an in-home early interventionist who worked with him on a combination of all three.”

As Morgan approached age 3, he was evaluated by a behavioral psychologist to receive a formal diagnosis that would follow him into the public school system. Roga said that after several visits that encompassed surveys, evaluations and lots of paperwork, it came.

She recalls, “All I can remember hearing was: 1) Your son is on the autism spectrum, and 2) your son’s developmental age is 4 months.”

She adds, “I’m not sure which of those two statements was more difficult to hear in that moment — to be told that your almost 3-year-old child is functioning developmentally as a 4-month-old is devastating...He may as well have driven a knife through our hearts because that’s how we felt when we heard our child had autism. Denial, yep, we were right there.”

April and Scott are doing their best to navigate the convoluted path of Special Education in Knox County. In some ways they are fortunate — Kim Kredich blazed the trail for inclusion, with accommodations and modifications, for her son Ben, who has autism. Roga says, “At this point, my son is so far behind developmentally that sometimes I feel hopeless. However, after I get a chance to speak with Kim one on one, I may learn that we do have options for our son.”

But a support group for families of special

needs children is desperately needed. Kredich is becoming overwhelmed with the advocacy requests she receives. Hopefully, as families get the support, services and inclusion they need for their own children, they will be able to advocate and help others. Convincing the school system that the federal IDEA law requires that the general education environment — with a full range of supports, services, modifications, and accommodations — is the first placement that an IEP team must consider is the biggest challenge.

Roga told *The Focus*, “I wish that I didn’t have to research laws, search the internet, plead to the Board of Education, and write State Representatives to get my child the proper education that he needs. I am a special needs parent working a very stressful full time job. I don’t have enough hours in my day

to get the answers I need in order to ensure that my son gets the same access to education as typically developing kids.”

She adds, “When you speak from your heart as a parent, and you ask for support for your child, everything gets questioned. Sometimes requests are flat-out denied, and you feel like you have no recourse to fight back. If you don’t know the options that are available to you and you don’t know the laws, you are at a huge disadvantage.”

East TN Autism & Special Needs Support for Families has a Facebook group page. It is a closed group to protect the privacy of members, but if you are interested in learning more you may contact the group’s administrator at [burstingwithautism@gmail.com](mailto:burstingwithautism@gmail.com). The group supports ALL special needs, not just autism.

What to do with \$2.6 million?

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Recently the Knox County Criminal Court Clerk’s office discovered \$2.6 million in an account that dates back some 50 years and has never been used or distributed to the correct department or state. The question now is what will become of the money.

Ideally the county would like to keep fifty percent of it but that decision may be up to the state, so it might not be the windfall everyone expected.

Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond addressed the county commission Tuesday and said that there is no evidence of fraud in the undistributed account and that previous court clerks simply continued the policy and the fund grew. He said that the fund had not attracted a lot of attention. He said that many people who owed fines that were being paid over time have died, moved out of state, or simply stopped paying.

As Hammond explained, here’s what has happened: Someone is fined by the county and chooses to pay it in installments. Those installment payments went into an “undistributed” account and remained there unless the fine is paid off. If the total fine was not paid off then the total amount of the payments remained in the account.

“It would be impossible, almost,” Hammond said of tracking down every delinquent account and would take months or a year or more to do so.

He also said that the court clerk’s office would agree with any state decision on sharing the money

unless “it is totally unreasonable,” at which point Hammond said he would pass the situation to the County Law Department.

Amy Deering, Financial Director of the Clerk’s Office, said that until the state makes a decision they are “doing business as usual” in the account, but now distributing any payments made on those older fines to the appropriate county or state agency.

She also said that a new account has been established for fines and that money is no longer going into the “undistributed” account.

Hammond said that a lot of the accounting in the court clerk’s office had been done on “huge ledger books” and that the office has been working with “pencil, paper and typewriters.” He said the office is working with the county’s IT department and every dollar will now be accounted for.

He apologized for the Criminal Court Clerk’s office saying, “because of our office, Knox County is now high risk.”

“It’s embarrassing,” Hammond said, speaking of problems in that office.

The commissioners put several items on their regular meeting agenda for Monday, February 26, with no recommendation. Those included hiring of a state lobbyist, changing the meeting schedule, and a discussion of the Internal Auditor’s authorization to begin audits. They will also discuss questions about the Knox County School’s Activity Funds and the Physical Plant Upkeep Funds.

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for further clarification and a request to remove C-1

zoning from the allowed zones. Councilman George Wallace warned that the pet

services proposal “could get lost” at MPC.

A request from Jerry Green for his business on South Northshore to go to C-4 zoning also was postponed for four weeks after Terry Faulkner and Tom McAdams spoke against it. Councilwoman Brenda Palmer said the request needs to be studied further.


West High School, Webb School, and Fulton High School were honored by the

council for state championships. The tennis courts at Tyson Park were named for former mayor Kyle C. Testerman and a stretch of street from McGhee Avenue to Blackstock Avenue was named for Maxine Raines.

The council also voted to modify the allowable noise level in the city and adjust the city’s classification of compensation to police and fire employees, giving them a raise.



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## Publisher's Positions

# Don't Confuse the Voter



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In my opinion, one of the most important maxims in business is "don't confuse your customer." This maxim is also true for politics. However, in the case of politicians, customers are voters. So, one of the top maxims of politicians should be "don't confuse the voter."

For several months there has been talk among Republicans in both Nashville and Washington about raising the gas tax. Republicans raising taxes? Do what?

Senator Bob Corker has been talking about "infrastructure needs," as has Governor Bill Haslam. I thought that's what some of President Obama's stimulus money was supposed to have paid for a few years ago.

The State Comptroller's office has released a report saying the gas tax revenue is "stalled;" some officials in the Haslam administration lament the gas tax is worse than stalled and is

in fact moving in reverse. I've never seen many taxes move in reverse. Have you? Better gas efficiency and hybrids have certainly affected the government's share of the haul, not to mention the transportation fund has been raided for other purposes in the past.

With falling gas prices, enterprising politicians see an opportunity to start a discussion about hiking the gasoline tax. Heaven forbid that the consumer would actually get a break in gas prices without politicians trying to figure out how to get their hands on more money.

President Obama has just given his State of the Union address, stressing "income inequality" and proposing to soak the rich to help the "middle class." I don't know of a single person who ever got a pay raise because somebody else's taxes were raised, except perhaps some politicians or government employees. Obama knows the Congress isn't likely to pass his recommendations and he seems to be setting the platform for the next presidential campaign.

Considering all the supposed concern by politicians about how the middle class is faring, it really is amazing these folks don't think about just what a break falling gas prices mean to the average family. Saving at the gas pump means working families have more money to spend on other necessities.

Note I did not say 'luxuries.'

The State of Tennessee currently collects 21.4 cents per gallon of gas in taxes. The federal government collects 18.4 cents per gallon in gas taxes. That's about 40 cents per gallon in gas taxes collected by the government. Both the state and federal governments are talking about needing more gasoline taxes to maintain and expand the "infrastructure."

Despite boasts that the economy is making a comeback, there are all too many people who haven't felt any uptick in their own fortunes. Pork has gone up 53% in the last year. The price of beef per pound makes it seem like a better investment than gold.

Finally, just when folks are beginning to get a break, the politicians start talk about infrastructure and raising the gas tax. In 2008 when consumers were paying \$5 per gallon at the pump, the economy, not surprisingly, came to a crashing halt. Does anyone imagine for a moment that gas prices are going to remain low or go even lower still? Not likely, but what we do know is that gas prices will almost certainly go back up.

Just about everything in our economy is affected by the price of gas --- the cost of transporting foodstuffs to the grocery stores affects the prices we pay in buying food for our families. In fact, the cost of transporting just

about any consumer products affects the price of that particular product. Plastics and numerous other items are made with petroleum, as are a host of other things.

Boost the gas tax and it is going to jack up the cost of many basic necessities for working people.

The Chamber of Commerce types are all for raising the gas tax and why wouldn't they be? Their members number those who are contractors, road builders, and sellers of construction equipment, all of whom are the folks who will see the benefit of the tax increase in terms of cash in their pockets.

More and more people are becoming disillusioned with government and politicians. More and more people see less and less difference between Republicans and Democrats. Politics is becoming more and more polarized between classes and it is really hard to believe there is an increasing number of folks who haven't made the most of their lives and opportunities who blame those who are more successful.

The vision of Obama is that individual effort to succeed isn't necessary to success; instead, the government will provide assistance. Free markets should be replaced by government spending. Supposedly, all will rise on a tide of government dependence and eliminate unfair income inequality. The level of success of the top

1% should have nothing to do with whether the bottom 20% can move up and succeed. I have never been a fan of class warfare and never will be.

Republicans in Washington and Nashville need to carefully consider that had we wanted to elect people to raise our taxes, we could have simply voted for Democrats. And, Obama's sudden interest in the middle class is little more than a poorly disguised effort to tax and spend even more.

The Democrats cry we have to do more to help the poor and provide free health care, free food, free everything. The Republicans cry we need to help business and then discuss raising the gas tax. There's little difference between the welfare pedaled by the Democrats and the corporate welfare pushed by the Republicans.

Hard work, thrift and good character cannot be conferred by any government or an act of Congress. The backbone of this country isn't the huge corporations and it certainly aren't those looking to live off someone else's hard work. The backbone of this country is small business and the average person going to work every day trying to make a better life for his or her family.

Choices matter. Making stupid choices and poor decisions have consequences and they should have consequences. The idea that the

government can protect or save people from their own foolish choices is asinine.

The middle class hasn't shrunk because they aren't working; the middle class has shrunk because it's being taxed to death in the name of economic opportunity for the disadvantaged. It's shrinking because out-of-touch politicians don't seem to realize what it takes for families to live.

Republicans need to differentiate themselves from Democrats; all too often Democrats cast themselves as compassionate, yet their idea of charity is for everyone else to foot the bill for what they consider to be compassionate. Republicans too often stumble about and confuse the voter.

I have always considered myself to be a compassionate person. Yes, let's help children, the elderly, and those who are truly disabled. Everyone else needs to bring something to the table and pull their own weight.

We are always being told the government needs higher and higher taxes to keep things running and provide services, yet we are awash in a sea of debt from living beyond our means and that bill WILL come due.

God help us all when it is time to pay that bill.

Another great maxim to live by is to "live within your means" and that includes the government, as well as the people who pay the bills.

## Special Education 101

# The House that Jack Built *One Family's Fight for Inclusion*

Jack Anderson was born in Los Angeles in 2004. When he was 16 months old he was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He was enrolled in an early intervention program in California for five hours/day, five days/week. His mom, Stephanie Anderson, said "this was a free, amazing place in L.A. that right away started implementing very effective services with him."

Just 2 months shy of Jack's third birthday, the family was transferred to Knoxville. Anderson was excited to be returning to her hometown and closer to family, but she and her husband were anxious about leaving all the



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great services Jack had in L.A.

Once in Knoxville, the Andersons contacted TEIS (Tennessee Early Intervention System) and were referred to Judy Miller, KCS's Special Education Facilitator. When Ms. Miller and Jack's school team first met to develop his

Individualized Education Plan, (IEP), KCS's draft plan documented placement in a Comprehensive Developmental Classroom (CDC) at Fort Sanders Special Education Preschool.

There was never discussion during the initial IEP meeting regarding placement options for Jack other than this fully segregated educational setting.

According to Federal (IDEA) law, the IEP team must first consider the general education setting with a full range of supports and services for educational placement.

Only if a student from age 3-21 with a disability cannot be "educated satisfactorily" -- that is, progress in IEP goals and gain access to the general curriculum with supports, services, modification, and accommodations -- is the student removed from the general education setting to a "more restrictive environment" such as a special education classroom setting.

While the Andersons now realize that Jack should have been afforded the consideration to be educated in a more inclusive setting than the fully segregated

class at Fort Sanders, they were very pleased with the teaching staff and the progress Jack made while there.

In fact, when it came time to review Jack's annual IEP, they were told that Jack had done so well, he'd outgrown Ft. Sanders. Jack was zoned for West Hills, but his IEP placement was in a CDC classroom, which West Hills didn't have at the time. KCS placed him out of zone at Cedar Bluff preschool which did have a CDC. Again, the Andersons were never told about the available general education settings for Jack, which would have included the inclusive pre-K class at Cedar Bluff.

The following year, Jack was moved to West Hills for an extra year of preschool. Jack was

assigned to Karns Elementary for Kindergarten because Ball Camp Elementary, his zoned school, did not have a CDC program. "We were being tossed around like a salad year after year because of Jack's inappropriate educational placement on his IEP." At the start of second grade, Ball Camp opened a CDC classroom, so Jack joined his two younger siblings at Ball Camp.

Jack is now in the fourth grade. Anderson confidently states that KCS teachers know that Jack is a very smart kid. She remembers, "There were several teachers throughout the years that would tell me Jack was 'too smart' for the CDC classroom. In fact, one teacher said that she knew he had autism, but she thought he

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# Driving Rules Review

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have some concept of the rules of the road. With that in mind, I once again will make some suggestions for motorists in East Tennessee.

1. Car lights aren't something that manufacturers place on vehicles for decoration. To the contrary, they are meant to be turned on so that drivers can see what lies ahead of them in the road. Sure, many of our larger streets are illuminated with street lights; however, that doesn't give any person to the right to barrel down the highways in an unlit missile.

2. Along the same lines, windshield wipers are used to clear the glass in order to offer the best visibility for the driver of a car. At the same time, the

law requires that lights be turned on when windshield wipers are operating. As soon as the headlights come on, others can see a car coming, something that is often quite difficult in wet, sloppy weather. Please give it a try for the rest of our sakes.

3. Too many people haven't yet found a wonderful feature on their vehicles. It's engaged by pushing a lever on the column either up or down. When it is used, magic occurs: a small light on the outside of the car on one side or the other blinks. It's called a signal light, and it gives other drivers a head's up that a car is changing lanes or turning off. I hope all will begin to use signals and discover how helpful they can be. However, don't think for one minute that turning on a signal entitles a driver to automatically move to the other lane. That should only happen when other cars are clear

of the moving vehicle.

4. Tailgating is against the law and can result in horrific accidents. If a driver is tailgating me, he will soon discover that the closer he edges, the slower I go. I am in front of you for one of two reasons. First, I am traveling the speed limit and have no plans of exceeding it to convenience you and risk getting a ticket. Second, other vehicles are in front of me, and I have no way of getting in front of them. Don't think that I'm going to move over so you can tailgate the next car and bully your way through the traffic. Nope, it "ain't gonna" happen!

5. Merging is a lost art in Knoxville and area traffic. The term means that cars move over to open spaces in a lane so others can enter the flow of traffic. Alcoa Highway is filled with drivers who zoom down the pavement in the slow lane and never move over, even though the inside lane is empty. Most of the time, moving over won't impede a driver's progress unless he or she is turning into a business within a short

distance. Try being a bit kinder and letting others onto the road with you.

6. The worst thing that drivers around here do is what I call "jump line." It happens when construction or accidents block one lane of the highway. Too many people think it's all right to speed up and race to the point where traffic is blocked and then cut in front of others who have patiently waited their turns. Here's a piece of advice: don't cut in front of me because I won't let you in. You might hit me, but I am not rewarding selfish behavior on your part. If you turn on your signal (Ah! There's that pesky signal again.), I will be more than happy to let you merge if you've waited like the rest of us.

A new year is upon us. I hope all of us will commit to driving safer and being more courteous on the roadways. Simply abiding by the things listed above can make traffic run more smoothly. Oh, one last thing is to remember to buckle your seatbelt. Happy motor-ing!

# A Special Team



**By Ralphine Major**  
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It will soon be coming to a close. My long-running series on the 1965 Gibbs Eagles' basketball team has gone on much longer than I had planned. Only a handful of feature stories remain to be written about the team and former Eagles' Coach, Bob Dagley.

I once looked at the team picture and saw only a group of teenage boys and their coach. Working on the series has been an enlightening and inspirational journey into the lives of these former players, the coach, and their families.

Though I had never met most of them, I knew they

had represented our small school in a remarkable way by achieving a 31-2 record, winning the District 6 Championship, and even being ranked No. 1 in the State at one time.

Not until writing this series did I fully understand the magnitude of the team's success. They made history because there were no divisions in the sport at that time, and Gibbs played the much larger schools.

The late Steve Wilson was the last player featured in the series. His daughter, Carly, was only four months old when Steve passed away. She and her brother provided some great family photos and wonderful memories of Steve in the previous columns.

While Steve and his teammates may have played for the smallest school in the county, their influence has extended way beyond that small school they once represented.

# The House that Jack Built

## One Family's Fight for Inclusion

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also showed legitimate traits for Gifted and Talented." When Jack was in the first grade, he was reading at the third grade level. Jack currently reads as high as 7th grade.

In every IEP meeting, the Andersons asked for more inclusion with supports. She said, "I was getting more and more frustrated and finally decided to get my master's degree in Inclusive Curriculum and Instruction so I could figure out how to get Jack what we knew he needed and was entitled to receive."

She told the Focus, "By spring semester of second grade, they were bringing the general ed classroom curriculum into CDC for Jack, because they started to see that he really was so capable of learning. He started learning about plants in Science, the basics of geometry in Math, and landforms in Social Studies, but from the CDC classroom instead of the general ed classroom. Why? This was the question I kept asking."

In the process of getting her master's degree, Anderson learned the laws and the language of Special Education. At the end of second grade, she called an administrative meeting, and told the attendees that she felt Jack was not accessing the general curriculum with his peers in general ed setting as was his right. "I said I felt he would be better off starting third grade in the general ed classroom. And they agreed!"

Although the change in placement was never written on his IEP (the official document still showed Jack placed for 7 hours per day in a CDC setting), Jack began third grade in the general ed class four hours a day.

When it became clear that Jack needed more support in this new environment to reach his learning potential and also support the classroom teacher, the Andersons, with the help of Kim Kredich, successfully advocated for an instructional assistant for Jack.

Anderson says, "Ball

Camp did the right thing by including Jack in his proper educational setting, so there were already data to show he could be satisfactorily educated in the general education classroom. KCS Special Education Administration couldn't deny Jack the supports he needed once he had proven success in this setting."

In fourth grade, Jack is taught in the general ed classroom 5 hours a day with a full-time instructional assistant. He is thriving, but KCS will not let go of direct services delivered in CDC each day. Anderson says, "For some reason, they don't want to let go of the CDC placement. Maybe they feel like if they do it for Jack, they will have to take an honest look at what all the other kids placed in CDC could and should get in terms of appropriate inclusion."

Anderson said Jack's IEP meeting this month was a relative success. "We finally got the IEP team and Central Office to recognize they have been holding Jack back because his math

computation skills are not at grade level. They were trying to ignore his documented accommodation allowing use of a calculator. It's absurd," says Anderson. "It's like taking kids' eye glasses off and making them read until they can without their glasses. This is the meaning of accommodations. He has a calculator, move on."

By taking Jack out of his grade core curriculum math class for direct services in CDC, he wasn't learning the grade-level standards of math, which is what the

TCAP tests.

It took seven IEP's - over 20 hours of discussion - to finally get KCS top administration supervisors to realize and admit they were creating annual goals around having Jack NOT use a calculator. "No one is holding the department accountable for their decisions during the IEP process. Children in this district with pervasive disabilities don't stand a chance at getting a truly appropriate education without their parents going up against the administration."

This semester, Jack has grade level, core curriculum goals, modifications, and appropriate supports and services. He is set up to prove he can be included in Resource and/or more time in general ed instead of CDC for his direct services. This is all the Andersons have wanted since learning about their son's lawful rights and witnessing his social and academic progress when included in the general education classroom.

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## Fixing No Child Left Behind



Sen. Lamar Alexander

I was elected by my Republican colleagues to be the chairman of the Senate's Comm-

ittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. This is one of the Senate's most active committees, and the work of no other Senate committee affects the daily lives of Tennesseans more than this one.

It is a great privilege to be chairman of this committee, and I am ready to help our new Republican majority tackle many of our country's most important challenges, which include repairing the damage of Obamacare, reauthorizing and deregulating the Higher Education Act, and reforming the Food and Drug Administration.

But my first priority as chairman is to fix No Child Left Behind. The law was passed in 2001—a year before I became a senator—and it expired more than seven years ago. Since then, it has become unworkable—if its provisions were applied today, nearly every one of our nation's 100,000 public schools would be labeled as a “failing” school.

The committee will hold its first hearing of this Congress on Wednesday, January 21, to look at the question of whether our nation's 50 million public school students are taking too many tests.

It will be the first of several hearings we will hold before we wrap up this committee's six years of work to fix No Child Left Behind. We have held 24 hearings already and have reported a bill twice to the floor. Twenty of the 22 members of the committee were members in 2013 when we last reported a bill.

My hope is that we will have a bill passed into law in the early months of this year.

Week before last, I released a chairman's staff discussion draft bill to all the committee members and the public as a place to start discussions and get

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## Our Neighborhoods

# City People Rebuilding

By Mike Steely  
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If you are a downtown resident, you may have first learned about your building and neighboring residences through an annual home tour sponsored by the City People organization. The tour of downtown lofts and condos is their cornerstone event. This year's tour, set for May 1 and 2, promises to be bigger and better.

During the tour, over ten downtown residents will showcase their lofts and condos and inform visitors of their building amenities and the benefits of urban living in general. The tour will also reflect the group's new educational emphasis by providing information about residential parking, transportation, grocery options and the City People community. The purpose of the tour is to encourage people to consider locating downtown.

City Councilman at Large,

Marshall Stair, is a former president of City People and told *The Focus* that the home tour is a fantastic event. “In addition to bringing hundreds downtown to explore, it's an opportunity for home buyers to look at all the unique options and talk to residents about the positives of downtown living,” Stair said. Like many City People, Stair said he was introduced to the organization through a home tour.

“I believe City People and the home tour have played a critical part in building the residential community and making downtown better for everyone,” he said.

In addition to expanding the home tour, City People has also expanded its bi-monthly meeting focus with informative events as part of its rebuilding phase.

According to president David Evola, the organization has always provided social opportunities for its members. But, the board of directors decided last year

to broaden their mission by offering more events to enlighten members and guests about the evolving downtown community.

“If you want to be a part of the change the best way is by attending our bi-monthly gatherings,” Evola said in a recent City People newsletter.

Some examples of meeting discussion topics include downtown history, goods/services of locally owned businesses and non-profit organizations such as the Legacy Parks Foundation and the Art and Culture Alliance. This month, City People is attending its first Ice Bears hockey game on Thursday evening, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. You don't have to be a member to attend, but you do need to call the Ice Bears office at 525-7825 to purchase a ticket and let them know you are attending with City People.

Karen Sundback, coordinator of the Home Tour, says the cost of taking the tour will be \$15 before April 24 and \$20 after that date. A start date for purchases has

not been set yet. One ticket gets admission to the tour both days. Sundback says they are currently looking for volunteers. You can contact her at kksundback@me.com, if you are interested in helping.

City People officers in 2014 were Evola as President, Katie Powell as Vice President, Linda Billman as Treasurer, Jennifer Corum as Secretary, and Dee Pierce as Communications Coordinator. Other board members include Tom Parkhill, Sara Hobbs, Angelyn Campbell, Karen Sundback and Nathan Rowell. The board will meet Jan. 31st at the Holston Building at 9 a.m. to elect 2015 officers.

City People was founded in the early 1980s and was created for people who live, work or simply love downtown. Membership is \$25 per adult or \$40 per family. You can join online at [www.citypeople.org](http://www.citypeople.org) or email [citypeople.knox@gmail.com](mailto:citypeople.knox@gmail.com).

# Richards chosen as KTA Chairman

By Mike Steely  
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Jim Richards, general manager of Mast General Store on Gay Street, has been elected as the chairman of the Knoxville Transit Authority. Richards was elected 6-2 over KTA member Hubert Smith in the authority's regular meeting Thursday.

Smith had campaigned for the position and had several letters and emails on his behalf as well as three supporters who spoke during the meeting. Support letters came from many citizens and elected public officials, including Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Commissioners Jeff Ownby and Amy Broyles, and Councilman Mark Campen.

A nominating committee recommended Richards

2-1. Smith pushed for public comments and for the letters of support to be part of the record. He spoke briefly before the vote stating that he is more familiar with the transit system than anyone.

Supporters told the body that Smith uses the transit system every day and is more qualified than anyone to be chairman. Knox County Clerk Foster Arnett Jr., in speaking in support of Smith, said that Smith attends more public meetings than anyone and is well qualified. Van McKnight, supporting Smith, said that he read of the chairman's election in *The Knoxville Focus*. Victor Jarnigan said that Smith is a regular transit rider and that would help in securing federal and state grants.

Richards told the Authority that he rides a bike to work

each day and occasionally uses the transit system, but has a passion for the system. “I didn't bring a fan club,” he said, referring to the comments of Smith supporters.

Just before the end of the meeting, Smith said he resented the “fan club” remark.

Renee Hoyos was term limited as chair of the Authority but will remain as a member. Elected unanimously and recommended by the nominating committee are Liliana Burbano Bonilla as vice chair and Lauren Robinson as recording secretary. Richards has been serving as vice chair and Robinson returns as recording secretary.

## County BZA to meet

By Mike Steely  
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The Knox County Board of Zoning and Appeals meets Wednesday without former Chairman John Schoonmaker, who was selected as the new 5th District Commissioner recently.

The eight-member board, with Marcus Chady as vice chair, will convene at 1:30 in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building to consider a request from Peter Young for a waiver of front setbacks from 45.5 feet to 28.6 feet and to allow an accessory building to be closer to the front of the dwelling. The property is at 2238 White Frye Lane in District 5.

KLM Properties is asking for a variance for a front setback on Old Middlebrook Pike, reducing it from 20 to 7 feet for a new Weigels Store in District 3.

Modern Outdoor Advertising is seeking a waiver of minimum distance for an illuminated sign to be located on a property from 399 to 100 feet. The property is at 7720 Clinton Highway in District 7.



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# A Fond Goodbye



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"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it." Reverend Charles Michael Mills uttered these words nearly every Sunday to his congregation for many years. He recently retired as pastor of Fairmont Presbyterian church after a long pastorate of sixteen years. He also served as pastor in churches in Kentucky and Indiana. He is a native of Evansville, Indiana and grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a cum laude degree in English Literature. He is a member of the Woodcock Society of the University of Louisville which is the equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated in the top 1% of his class.

He received a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary receiving the Anderson Fellowship for General Promise in the Ministry. Further study was done at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville and Princeton Divinity School.

To add to his accomplishments he is also the author of David, Lion and Lamb, From Dusk to Dawn, and Dirty Hands, Pure Heart. He is the past president of the New Albany, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky, Civil War Roundtable. For several years he was the editor of the Adjutants Call, a monthly Civil War newsletter. He is a Kentucky colonel.

He met his wife, Dalinda,

in Clarksville, Indiana, where he was minister of Grace Presbyterian church and where her mother and sisters were members. They started talking about books and discovered they liked the same things. They married in 1980. In 1998 they came to Fairmont in Knoxville. She has shown bravery and courage during her health problems.

He was undecided between becoming an English or History teacher but due to his church work he decided he could be of better use to others in the parish ministry. His love of church work was prompted by his parents. They were active in the church serving in various church offices. His sister, Linda, has been excellent teacher of high school students. He is aware of world affairs and interested in politics, and a rabid sports fan. He and Dalinda enjoy the antics of their cats, Buttons and Molly.

I was somewhat wary to write about this prolific and charismatic person that I was privileged to know in my life. I hope I did him justice in this article. He is fondly remembered by the congregation at Fairmont and sadly missed.

As we know, life is full of changes. How we grasp them, with fortitude or dispassionately, determines our outlook on life. Reverend Mills hopes to make guest appearances in the future. Good future, Reverend Mike!

Thought for the day: When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. John Ruskin

Send comments to [rosemerrie@att.net](mailto:rosemerrie@att.net) or call (865)748-717. Thank you.

## City Seeks Nominations For 'Good Neighbor Of The Year'

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Here is a chance to recognize those efforts: The City of Knoxville is seeking nominees for its Good Neighbor award.

Perhaps he or she welcomes new neighbors, volunteers to help neighbors in distress, or works tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization.

How about someone who tries to make sure everyone in the neighborhood feels included? Or who shows up to lend a hand at every neighborhood potluck, community cleanup

and neighborhood meeting?

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a Knoxville resident who --- in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community --- has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood.

Named after the late Diana Conn, the award honors someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015. The

nominee must be a resident of the City of Knoxville.

The Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council will choose the winner from the pool of nominees. The winner, along with other finalists, will be honored during the city- and county-wide Neighborhood Conference to be held Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

See [www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods) to learn more about the award and obtain a copy of the Good Neighbor Nomination Form. Call Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 to have a hard copy of the nomination form mailed to you.

## City Workers Contribute \$88,792.87 To Charities; Rogero Bests Burchett In Friendly Wager

City of Knoxville employees increased their total contributions by 35 percent for the 2015 Consolidated Charities giving campaign, compared with last year's giving. City employees pledged a total of \$88,792.87.

The percentage increase was greater than that of Knox County employees, which means that Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will have to make good on a friendly wager he'd made with Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero.

During last fall's United Way kickoff, the two mayors announced a friendly challenge to see whose employees could up their charitable giving by the largest percentage. The mayor whose donors came up lowest

would be the other mayor's guest at either a City Council or County Commission meeting.

Knowing Mayor Burchett's general dislike for meetings, Mayor Rogero has graciously offered an alternative settlement of the bet: Since Mayor Burchett would probably rather give his own blood than sit through a City Council meeting, the City challenged him to make a blood donation.

The mayoral wager wasn't the only friendly challenge made during the Consolidated Charities giving campaign. Police Chief David Rausch and Fire Chief Stan Sharp shared a similar challenge between Police and Fire personnel.

Firefighters increased their giving by a larger margin than

police officers did. In fact, the Fire Department more than doubled its contributions from last year. That means Chief Rausch and his officers soon will be cleaning some of Chief Sharp's fire engines!

The giving campaign generated \$54,422.30 in pledges to United Way, \$20,197.63 to Community Health Charities, and \$14,172.94 to Community Shares.

"I want to thank all of our employees for their generosity," Mayor Rogero said at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. "Our City workers serve the community every day in their regular jobs. But this is really going above and beyond that to give back to the community."

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# Georgia's Wild Man: Eugene Talmadge

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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For two decades, Eugene "Gene" Talmadge, was a fixture in Georgia politics. Bold, brash and plain spoken, Gene Talmadge was almost always on the ballot for some office until his death.

Born on September 23, 1884 in Forsyth, Georgia, Gene Talmadge was far better educated than one might have otherwise believed. Talmadge attended the University of Georgia and earned a law degree from the same institution.

Initially, Gene Talmadge's foray into politics was unsuccessful. He ran for the state legislature twice and was twice defeated. Talmadge's first political success was his election as Commissioner of Agriculture for Georgia in 1926. Things were never quiet when Gene Talmadge was involved; in fact, it was quite the opposite. Controversy seemed to positively swirl about "Ol' Gene's" head like flies in a humid Georgia summer.

Talmadge ran the Agriculture Commissioner's office just as he pleased and his political opponents accused him of malfeasance in office and outright theft, yet Talmadge proved to be enormously popular with one of Georgia's prime political constituencies: farmers. Commissioner Talmadge published a newspaper that was quite popular with farmers, offering advice, as well as a heaping helping of Ol' Gene's views on a variety of topics.

Gene Talmadge had toppled the incumbent Agriculture Commissioner in 1926, despite the fact the incumbent benefited from a small patronage army. Talmadge was reelected again in 1928 and 1930.

Talmadge opponents in the legislature did not go so far as to attempt to impeach him, but they did formally recommend he be sued to recover state funds they believed he had misappropriated. Governor Richard Russell cautiously turned over the matter of suing Commissioner Talmadge to the state Attorney General, who concluded to drop the idea of any suit.

Governor Russell opted not to run again in 1932, preferring instead to contest a seat in the United States Senate. Russell's decision gave Eugene Talmadge his opportunity to run for governor and Ol' Gene hit the stump in one of his typically wrinkled suits. A wiry man with an unruly forelock of black hair that continually fell across his brow, the bespectacled Talmadge was an electrifying speaker and the farmers would howl with delight when Ol' Gene doffed his jacket to reveal his bright red suspenders. Talmadge offered his guests free barbecue or fried fish and lambasted his opponents with

down home witticisms that were oftentimes devastating to his opponents.

When hecklers accused him of theft as Commissioner of Agriculture, Talmadge dismissed the charge by saying, "Sure I stole, but I stole it for you!"

At the time, Georgia was a one-party state and the Democratic nomination was tantamount to election. Republicans were scarce and rarely white. Candidates competed for votes under Georgia's county unit plan; each county in the State of Georgia were assigned a number of votes and the candidate who carried the county won the votes, rather like a miniature Electoral College.

Eugene Talmadge was highly popular in Georgia's numerous rural counties and he easily won the county unit vote in the 1932 election. Talmadge was later to brag that he could "carry any county that ain't got streetcars."

Talmadge's first campaign for governor demonstrated his resourcefulness as a shrewd politician and an excellent campaigner. Talmadge excoriated the fee charged by the state for license plates, promising that if he were elected, he would reduce the fee to three dollars, which would allow poor farmers to afford them. For many of Georgia's less well-off citizens, it was proof positive Gene Talmadge was on their side.

Governor Talmadge immediately insisted the state legislature lower the fee for license plates and after debating it extensively, did nothing. That didn't bother Ol' Gene, he merely reduced the fee himself via gubernatorial proclamation once the legislature was out of session.

Talmadge's first term as governor was again marked by the same kind of controversy and charges of corruption as had been his tenure as Commissioner of Agriculture. Talmadge was positively loathed by much of the press in Georgia, especially in the state's more populous cities. Talmadge was equally thoroughly disliked by much of the business establishment and political elite. Ol' Gene effectively used the opposition of the establishment to burnish his own image as a man of the common people and opponent of the special interests.

Talmadge's refusal to play by the established rules only seemed to increase his popularity, much to the dismay and fury of his opponents. Although Governor Talmadge cultivated a sort of backwoods image, it apparently was an act. Visitors to his office found a small, quite well dressed man who could easily utilize a more urbane vocabulary, usually while smoking



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

*Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge (left) and his campaign manager, Roy Harris in 1946.*

a large cigar.

Governor Talmadge sought a second two-year term in 1934 and demolished his opposition, winning every county in the State of Georgia save for three. Shortly before the general election, Governor Talmadge was irked by a textile workers' strike. Ol' Gene was having none of it and had the picketers arrested and placed in a former World War I camp that had once held prisoners of war. A show of force never bothered Talmadge.

When Governor Talmadge felt utility rates were too high in Georgia, he insisted the Public Utilities Commission fix the problem; the utility Commissioners, elected by the people, refused to lower rates and Governor Talmadge responded by arbitrarily creating a wholly new board to get his way. The Highway Commission suffered pretty much the same fate when it resisted the governor's power. The governor declared martial law and increased the size of the board and made it more responsive to his wishes. Already haven proved he had little regard for those officials elected by the people, Governor Talmadge encountered opposition from the state treasurer and state comptroller and Ol' Gene had them seized and physically removed from their own offices and the State Capitol.

Naturally, Talmadge's opponents derided him as a petty dictator, but many of his actions were perceived by his supporters as necessary and cared little how he got things done.

Governor Talmadge found himself at odds with the most popular politician in the country, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Increasingly alarmed with the liberalism of Roosevelt's New Deal administration, Talmadge began speaking out against FDR. Talmadge, a virulent racist, claimed many of the president's policies were designed to be less helpful to white citizens than blacks. Talmadge tried to rally Southerners to oppose Roosevelt, with little success. It was a risky approach in Georgia where FDR maintained

his famed "Little White House" and considered himself an adopted citizen of the state. FDR was vastly popular in Georgia and Roosevelt's personal popularity would help derail Gene Talmadge's next campaign.

Eugene Talmadge, first dreaming of occupying the White House himself, settled for challenging Georgia's junior United States senator, Richard Russell, in the 1936 Democratic primary. Senator Russell, who would go on to become an iconic figure in Georgia, was deeply shaken by Talmadge's bid for his Senate seat and many thought Talmadge would win. Russell had to wage a hard fight and in the end, defeated the governor decisively.

Undeterred, Talmadge again ran for Georgia's other seat in the United States Senate in 1938, facing incumbent Walter F. George. The stately George had been a successful lawyer, a justice of the State Supreme Court, and was a highly regarded figure in Georgia. Walter George was profoundly respected by virtually all of Georgia's big businessmen, with much of his financial support coming from the Georgia Light and Power Company and Coca-Cola. The 1938 Senate race was complicated by President Roosevelt who, angry at his plan to enlarge the United States Supreme Court having been beaten in the Senate, sought to purge Senator Walter F. George from that body. FDR personally came to Georgia and made a speech saying George did not deserve reelection and announced were he a Georgian, he would vote for Lawrence Camp, the candidate supported by the New Deal administration. Senator George, sitting on the same platform as President Roosevelt denounced him, got up and calmly said he accepted the challenge.

Ol' Gene exulted with President Roosevelt's denunciation of Senator George. Talmadge thought it would be difficult for him to lose a three-way race for the nomination. Roosevelt's opposition

to Senator George distressed and appalled many Georgians who, as much as they loved FDR, disliked outside intervention in selecting their own elected officials. George won the Senate contest rather easily and much of Gene Talmadge's opposition in Georgia believed he was finished as a political force in the state.

Gene Talmadge hardly shared that assessment of his political fortunes and announced he would once again be a candidate for governor of Georgia in 1940. Talmadge had run well ahead of President Roosevelt's chosen candidate in the 1938 Senate race and to the surprise of his critics, he won the gubernatorial election.

Almost immediately, Governor Talmadge was embroiled in yet another controversy. Talmadge was after the scalp of a dean at the University of Georgia who had suggested white and black citizens should be brought together to be taught. Talmadge demanded the dean be fired, but the university's Board of Regents balked. Once again, Talmadge restructured yet another board that did not bend to his will and the governor got his way. This time there were serious repercussions and the university's accreditation and that of Georgia's state schools and universities was revoked by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

It was a stinging rebuke to a governor who complained the university had become a breeding ground for liberalism, communism, and worse. Talmadge was seeking reelection in 1942 and Georgia had changed the law to allow a governor to serve one four-year term instead of two two-year terms. Gene Talmadge desperately wanted to win reelection, but lost to reform candidate Ellis Arnall, largely because of Talmadge's interference with the university.

Forced out of office, Gene Talmadge returned to his law practice and operating his farm, which was quite successful. Talmadge's wife, Mitt, actually ran the farm so efficiently it made

the family rather wealthy.

Talmadge bided his time and as Governor Arnall could not succeed himself, entered the 1946 primary for governor. It was the last of Gene Talmadge's campaigns and despite not being entirely well, Ol' Gene gave it everything he had. Stumping all across the state, snapping his red galluses, Talmadge lost the popular vote that year, but won the county unit vote, which was enough to make him the Democratic nominee and presumptive governor-elect.

Gene Talmadge never got to serve as governor again, but did manage to turn Georgia politics on its head yet again. Talmadge, weakened by his love of cigars and hard liquor, died suddenly on December 21, 1946. Talmadge's death precipitated a wild scramble that left Georgia with three governors.

Gene Talmadge's death did not come as a complete surprise to some of his top advisers, who had taken the precaution of determining just what would happen if the duly elected governor died before he was able to take the oath of office. They determined that should the governor-elect die before being sworn into office, the legislature would choose from amongst the second and third place contenders in the election. Although Talmadge was unopposed in the general election, supporters had written in the name of Ol' Gene's son and campaign manager, Herman.

Herman Talmadge finished second to his father.

Lieutenant Governor Melvin E. Thompson insisted he was the lawful governor, saying he should be sworn in due to Eugene Talmadge's death. Thompson's claim to the office was clouded by incumbent governor Ellis Arnall who said he should remain in office until a duly chosen successor was properly elected.

The dispute was a bizarre political and legal brawl, almost comical in nature.

Governor Arnall refused to surrender possession of the governor's office, although Herman Talmadge managed to occupy it himself and had the locks changed, while Lieutenant Governor M. E. Thompson hurried to file a claim with the State Supreme Court. Although elected by the legislature, Herman Talmadge was removed from office by the Supreme Court in March of 1947. The court held that M. E. Thompson was indeed the acting governor until the 1948 election.

Thompson's elation was short-lived, as Herman Talmadge ran in 1948 and was elected governor. The Talmadge dynasty lasted for three more decades. Herman Talmadge served as governor and was elected to the United States Senate in 1956, having forced out Senator Walter F. George, a feat his father had not been able to accomplish. Herman Talmadge remained in the Senate until his defeat in 1980 by a Republican.

Eugene Talmadge, once known as the "Wild Man of Sugar Creek" (and there was an entertaining biography of the same name), the source of so much controversy, sleeps in his native Georgia.



# Everly Brothers Park waiting paperwork

By Mike Steely  
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For months the Bearden area has been awaiting word from the Tennessee Department of Transportation about transferring a small piece of right-of-way on Kingston Pike to the city. The idea is to create a “pocket park” to honor the Everly Brothers at the corner of Forest Park and Kingston Pike in front of the Earth Fare.

While it would be hard to establish a true “hometown” for the Everly Brothers since the family moved around the county so many times, certainly Knoxville has a large claim to their teen years and their start as a duet in the music industry.

Local citizens are working to plan the park, securing materials and helping to design the park. TDOT has built a retaining wall at the location in preparation for the park.

“We met with the East Tennessee Community Design Center, getting a park plan and we got a contribution of rock from the old Ace Hardware for the park from Aldi’s Market. They are getting ready to building on the Ace site,” said Terry Faulkner, President of the Bearden Council.

“We will be preparing in the meantime for our fundraising efforts this spring, hopefully,” Mrs. Faulkner said. She said she assumes “everything is a go.” She’s been waiting to hear from Joe Walsh, City Parks and Recreation Director, on the status of the project.

Several Bearden leaders and residents have been active in promoting the park, including Faulkner, Dennis Owen, and City Councilman Duane Grieve.

A press conference is being planned to announce the fundraising kick off, which might fund a plaque or monument there. Recently trees have been planted



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

***The proposed Everly Brothers Park on Kingston Pike in Bearden was recently planted with trees. Apparently all that remains is the park to become officially transferred from the state to the city.***

at the proposed park site.

The Everly Brothers attended West High School for two years in the 1950’s when their family lived in Knoxville briefly. The famous Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members, Don and Phil, lived in a home near Sutherland Avenue and in Sequoyah Hills while in school.

Both performed on “The Cas Walker Show” playing traditional country music. When they began performing Rock and Roll they were fired by Walker. The brothers moved to Nashville after Don graduated from West and began their music career.

Phil Everly died last year and Owen has informed Don Everly about the possible park.

The city may make an announcement at any time about the property transfer. Joe Walsh told The Focus recently that the state sent the request for the property back to the city with a few questions.

“We answered them and resubmitted them for their approval,” Walsh said, adding, “I’m guessing

a few months on final execution, based on past experiences.”

Knoxville has a long history of country music and there’s a walking tour of various buildings and sites down town.

The Cradle of Country Music Park, also known as the Treble Clef Park, is located at the corner of Gay and Summit Hill. Inscribed on a monument in the little park were the names of notable music performers from the Knoxville area or who performed here. The monument was removed in 2009 and the bronze plaques with names are apparently being preserved at the East Tennessee Historic Museum with the idea of displaying them again. Today the downtown park has the tall “Envious Composure” sculpture by Albert Paley.

Supporters of the “Everly Brothers Park” hope to eventually place a monument or plaque there to the famous brothers. Although the duo only spent 2 years in Knoxville, they obviously left a lasting impression.

## What you may not know about the Everly Brothers

If you were alive at all in the 1950’s and 1960’s there is no way you have not heard the Everlys songs.

The children of a musical family that moved around a lot, the Everly Brothers began their Rock and Roll career in our town, switching from the County Music they had performed with their father, the Ike Everly Family Band.

Even if you are a huge Everly Brothers fan there many things you probably don’t know about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members.

On February 1st Don Everly turns 78 years old. They were inducted to the Rock and Roll museum in 1986 and to the County Music Hall of Fame in 2001. Don Everly was born in Brownie, Kentucky near Muhlenberg, and Phil was born in Chicago. They spent their early childhood in Shenandoah, Iowa.

The Everly family band sang with several country artists including Merle Travis and, at one point, had a radio show when the boys were in their early teens.

When they moved to Knoxville and attended West High School Don was a junior and Phil was a sophomore. Phil played basketball at the high school. Don graduated at West but Phil later graduated in Nashville after the boys left the family and began their separate career.

In 1957 and 1958 the Everly boys toured with Buddy Holly. In 1965 both joined the Marines and were out of the public eye during their military service. It is said that Phil was a pallbearer at Holly’s funeral but he said he attended the funeral but was not a pall bearer.

The brothers broke up their singing together but reunited in 1983.

Phil Everly died of lung disease last year after years of cigarette smoking.

The Everlys are first cousins to James Best, the actor who played the sheriff on the TV show “The Dukes of Hazard” and often appeared in movies and was an occasional guest star on “The Andy Griffith Show.”

Don’s son Edan, plays guitar and sings. He has toured with Frankie Avalon’s band.

Stirling Everly, an actor, is the grandson of Don Everly.

# Bestselling Novelist to Teach Dialogue Workshop



Pamela Schoenewaldt

“USA Today” bestselling novelist Pamela Schoenewaldt will teach a workshop on improving dialogue from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Remedy Coffee, 125 W. Jackson Ave. Sponsored by the Knoxville Writers’ Guild, cost is \$35 for KWG members and \$40 for nonmembers.

Workshop attendees will, “Learn to recognize and create succinct, effective dramatic dialogue, avoiding common missteps. We’ll use exercises, lecture and examples,”

Schoenewaldt said.

The workshop is open to writers of all levels and any genre involving speaking beings. Attendees are encouraged to bring examples or their or other dialogues. Free parking is available most Saturdays under a viaduct next to Barley’s Taproom & Pizzeria, 200 E. Jackson Ave.

Schoenewaldt is the “USA Today” bestselling author of “When We Were Strangers,” “Swimming in the Moon” and the forthcoming “Under the

Same Blue Sky” (May, 2015), all by HarperCollins. Her short stories have appeared in literary magazines in England, France, Italy and the United States. She taught writing for the University of Maryland, European Division and the University of Tennessee and lives in Knoxville with her husband, Maurizio Conti, a physicist, and their dog, Jesse. For more information about her, visit <http://pamelaschoenewaldt.com>.

To register for the workshop, visit [www.knoxvillewritersguild.org](http://www.knoxvillewritersguild.org).

org or send your check to KWG Workshops, P.O. Box 10326, Knoxville TN 37939-0326.

The Knoxville Writers’ Guild exists to facilitate a broad and inclusive community for area writers, provide a forum for information, support and sharing among writers, help members improve and market their writing skills and promote writing and creativity. Additional information about KWG can be found at [www.KnoxvilleWritersGuild.org](http://www.KnoxvilleWritersGuild.org).

## Fixing No Child Left Behind

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feedback from my Senate colleagues.

I propose we set realistic goals, keep the best portions of No Child Left Behind, and restore to states and communities the responsibility to decide whether students and teachers are succeeding or failing. We need to reverse the Obama administration’s trend toward a national school board and put responsibilities for education back with states and local communities.

Because Congress has failed to fix the law, today, 42 states—including Tennessee—as well as the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, are operating under waivers from the unworkable provisions of No Child Left Behind.

In exchange for the waivers, Secretary Duncan has told those states what their academic standards should be, what accountability

systems they should use to set performance standards, how many and what tests shall be used to measure the progress of students, how to evaluate teachers, and how to identify and intervene in low performing schools. The Department of Education has become, in effect, a national school board. States should be able to decide for themselves whether they want to adopt Common Core or any other standards, without any involvement from Washington, and they should be free to make these other decisions too.

States are struggling, and we need to act. We will move forward with a bipartisan process that will keep the best portions of the law, while restoring responsibility to states and local communities and ensuring that all 50 million students in our nation’s 100,000 public schools can succeed.

It’s early in the year, but already a championship season for Pinecastle Records artist, Phil Leadbetter.

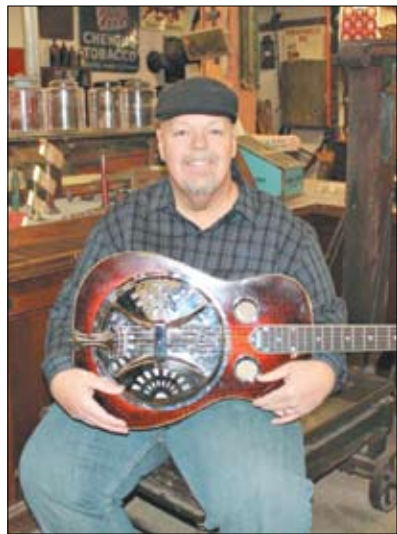
On the heels of his win as Dobro Player of the Year honor at the IBMA Awards, Phil has received a nomination in the annual Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America awards, again for his instrumental prowess as Dobro Performer. The 41st SPBGMA Bluegrass Awards will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Winners will be selected by a vote on SPBGMA convention attendees.

With characteristic optimism and determination, Phil has continued to perform and promote the release of his latest album The Next Move, while bravely waging yet another battle with the Hodgkin’s Lymphoma that returned last year. Phil recently finished another round of treatment and got the wonderful news that he is, once again, in remission and cancer free.

With plans already in place for a star-studded concert to celebrate

the release of The Next Move, the concert will now be an even more jubilant occasion for the cancer-free musician. Phil’s CD release show is set for Saturday, January 31st at the Clayton Center for the Arts in Maryville, TN where he will be joined by several special guests and friends. The lineup for the show includes appearances by Steve Wariner, Ken Mellons, Shawn Camp, Gene Johnson, J.D Crowe, Dale Ann Bradley, Kenny Smith, Amanda Smith, Mike Bub, Steve Gulley, Paul Brewster, Don Rigsby, Cory Walker, Sierra Hull, Steve Thomas, Matt Leadbetter, Curt Chapman, and Richard Bennett. The concert is sponsored by Knoxville radio station WDVX.

The talented concert guests were featured on The Next Move, which was released in October on Pinecastle Records and has produced radio hit songs and elicited rave reviews. The album represents Phil’s “bucket list” of players he wanted to play with again or for the first time. It says a great deal about the man and his character that every artist said “yes.” The album also serves a reminder to



never give up and always remain positive. The album was produced by Phil with Steve Thomas, recorded at Eage Canyon Studios in Lebanon, Tennessee, and engineered by Steve Thomas and Dave Kirkey.

For more information on Phil Leadbetter: <http://www.unclephilonline.com>

For concert information and tickets: <http://www.wdvx.com/event/world-class-bluegrass/>.

## Phil Leadbetter Celebrates ‘The Next Move’ and Kicking Cancer



# The Super Bowl I Don't Want To Watch

**By Alex Norman**

Normally when the Super Bowl rolls around I can always find a reason to root for one of the teams... but I'm not going to lie. I'm rooting for Glen-dale to be overrun by zom-bies because you would be hard pressed to find two teams that are more unlikeable than the AFC champion New Eng-land Patriots and NFC cham-pion Seattle Seahawks.

The Patriots are the team of the Tuck Rule, the team of Spygate, the team of deflated footballs, the team led by the curmudgeon head coach Bill Belichick. Much like his former assistant coach Nick Saban, you don't feel like either coach takes any enjoyment in their success. Like Saban, Belichick holds the media in great dis-tain, often berating them during press conferences. When Belichick smiles you wonder if it is because he remembered kicking a kitten on the way to the office earlier in the day.

Their quarterback is one of the best of all time, but sweet mercy Tom Brady com-plains about everything. And if anyone on defense gets within two feet of him, the personal foul flags will fly.

One of their best play-ers, Aaron Hernandez, is on trial for murder. Hernan-dez has since been released but he's still a Patriot.

If you want to talk about the Tennessee connec-tion? Even there we have a bad vibe. Jerod Mayo missed most of the past two seasons due to injury so he won't be playing in the Super Bowl.

Patriots fans pretend like they've been there forever when in fact the Pats nearly moved from the Boston area in the late 1990s. Ask a Patriots fan if they know who Tony Eason is. If they don't, push them to the ground.

I don't want to see New Eng-land win their fourth Super Bowl.

So what about the Seat-tle? Surely there are some redeeming qualities, right?

Well, Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll bolted from the Uni-versity of Southern California

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South-Doyle's Joc Bruce goes up for a dunk in the Cherokees' 66-45 victory over Seymour Tuesday night, Bruce scored 19 points in the win.

## Cherokees down undersized Eagles, 66-45

**By Ken Lay**

South-Doyle High School boys basketball coach Brian Stewart has enjoyed watching his team grow. He just wishes that the Cherokees would grow up a little quicker.

"We're progressing toward where I would want to see us go," Stewart said after his Cherokees notched a 66-45 home victory over rival Seymour in a District 2-AAA game Tuesday night.

South-Doyle (11-9 overall, 6-4 in the district) started fast in each quarter only to see the Eagles (10-13, 2-8) battle back.

The Cherokees opened an early 9-0 lead and held a 15-4

advantage by first quarter's end and appeared to be poised to dominating a much younger Seymour squad, which relies heavily on the 3-point shot. The Eagles were scoreless from the 3-point arc in the first half and that enabled the Cherokees to extend their advantage to 33-18 by the break.

In the third quarter, Seymour's Jake Blaylock buried three 3-pointers including one as time expired in the frame to pull the Eagles to within 48-36.

"That's one thing about this group of guys," Seymour coach Tony Buell said. "They play hard but we rely so much on the

3-point shot because of our lack of size.

"We missed all of our 3-point-ers in the first half but we hit four in the second half and we had it down to 12 points when Jake hit that one at the end of the third quarter."

The Cherokees were simply dominant at times and they went on a 7-0 run early in the third stanza as Joc Bruce scored the first seven points of the frame to help South-Doyle open a 40-18 lead with 5 minutes, 32 seconds to play in the period.

But the Eagles battled back and kept things close thanks to Blaylock (who finished the game

with 17 points) and junior point guard Tyler Brown, who scored 15.

"We've got to learn how to finish games," Stewart said. "We have 14 guys who can play but they're still learning how to win."

"We've got to learn how to turn a 10 or 15-point lead into a 25 or 30-point lead."

South-Doyle received a big lift from a thunderous dunk by Miles Thomas to open the fourth quar-ter.

Thomas and Bruce shared high-scoring honors the Chero-kees. Both had 19 points.

## Halls wins third straight wrestling title

**By Ken Lay**

For the third consecutive year Halls High School has won the Region 2-AAA wrestling duals. The Red Devils were utterly dominant at the duals.

The Red Devils won their third straight title with a 49-9 win over District 3-AAA rival Gibbs Thursday night at Halls High School.

The championship match opened in an impressive fashion for Halls, which won the first six bouts over the Eagles.

Red Devils' 126-pounder Trey Lepper opened the match with a pin of Adolfo Felix in 3 minutes, 56 seconds. Halls then won the next five matches. In the 132-pound

division, Eric Brady claimed an 8-4 decision over Bailey Sivyer. At 138, Halls High's Matt Gold pinned Riley Shipe in 1:16. The Red Devils' Joe Fox pinned Christian Cook in 2 minutes, 15 seconds. At 152, Sirrel Robert-son scored a major 12-3 decision over Gibbs High's Elijah Lawson.

In the 160-pound weight class, Colton McMahan, of Halls, pinned Skyler Merrell in just 35 seconds to give the Red Devils a 31-0 lead.

The Eagles picked up their first win of the match when Hunter Fortner scored an 11-5 decision over Luke Harp in the 170-pound weight class. Gibbs also won at 182 when Trey Lawson claimed an 8-2 decision over

Tyler Kalish.

Both the Red Devils and the Eagles advanced to the State Duals in Franklin. The two-day event begins on Friday, Jan. 30. It will be Gibbs' first trip to the State Duals. The Eagles advanced to state with a 42-33 win over District 4-AAA champ Bearden in the semifinals.

"We're happy to go to state," Eagles' coach Tim Pittman said. "This is the first time Gibbs has ever gone to state and we needed that win [in the semifinals]. It was really big for us."

"Our kids are young and they've still got work to do. But they really stepped up

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# Lindsay prefers to just count the games he's coached

By Steve Williams

A while back, a curious Chris Lindsay figured up the number of high school boys varsity basketball games he had coached in his long career.

That number, which included 611 games in 22 seasons at West, reached the 700-plateau recently in his fourth season at Berean Christian School.

"I've never counted wins and losses, just the games," said Lindsay, who was recognized by Berean on the milestone occasion Jan. 6 when his Eagles hosted The King's Academy.

"When you talk about – Oh I won so many games – to me that kind of shines the light on you, and that's not what I'm happy about. I'm happy that the good Lord has given me the strength to work with kids this long, and had a family that's supported me to do that."

Lindsay said he's also proud of never missing a game. He can't recall ever missing a practice, either.

It started with the 1981-82 season and continued through 2002-03 before Lindsay moved into administration as assistant principal and athletic director at West.

He also stepped in and coached the freshmen team in 2006-07 and was the varsity baseball coach for some 500 games at West.

Game No. 700 was momentous but had some issues.

"It turned out to be kind of a disastrous night," said Lindsay. "I lost two players during the game (to injuries) and one for the season. Even one of the officials asked me if anything else could go wrong that night. I said, Yeah I guess it could, but I just hope it doesn't."

In some ways, Lindsay's coaching career has been much like Game No. 700, filled with joy and frustration. But that's to be expected in a career that's spanned over 25 seasons.

Lindsay has rolled with the punches and embraced the good times.

In 2008, he stayed retired only seven weeks. There's no hint of burnout. His competitive fire still burns.

Even after the five-point loss to The King's Academy, Lindsay's Eagles, minus the two key starters, bounced back with a 64-54 district win at Hancock County. His team is 12-8 after a 70-52 loss last Friday night at Cosby, the District 2-A front-runner.

"When I first went to West in 1981-82, we were a Class AAA school and had some really tremendous kids and good seasons," recalled Lindsay. "I think back to Scott Childress, who I called the 'Slim Man,' a first-team All-KIL player. I get to see Scott all the time and his kids, and that's what makes coaching special."

Having such relationships and reunions with former players means a lot to Lindsay.

"We dropped down to Class AA when they opened the new Karns High, and had a pretty rough go of it," said Lindsay. "In the eight years we were in Class AA, I think four times we had a team from our district in the state finals."



*Veteran Coach Chris Lindsay gives instructions to Berean Christian School's 6-8 Nathan Hastings. The Eagles also have two 6-6 players, making them one of the tallest Class A teams in the state.*

Lindsay reflected on coaching against Clifford Ross and John Foster at Austin-East, Vernon Osborne at Alcoa, Howard Rash at Holston and Johnny Darden at Rule, and all of the great players from those powerhouse teams.

"Really, it's been a privilege to coach against those caliber of players and teams," he said.

West's enrollment grew and the Rebels moved back up to Class AAA, and Lindsay recalled coaching against Bearden's George Pitts, another one of the state's top coaches, and once getting "a special win" over the Bulldogs' John Johnson, a former state Player of the Year who went on to play at the University of Maryland.

Because of school renovation, West had to practice and play much of the 1991-92 season without a home gym. Practices were held off campus at the Knoxville Adult Education Center.

"We played 16 straight road games to open that season," said Lindsay. "We went 14-2. When we moved into our new gym, we had 10 games left and we went 5-5. We didn't know how to play in that gym. It was way too big for us and wasn't what we were used to. But it was a great season."

In 1996, '97 and '98, West had some great teams led by Marlon Bussell, a scoring machine and former KIL Player of the Year.

Bussell once poured in 37 points as West eliminated Oak Ridge on its home floor. In the finals, Bussell scored 41, but the Rebels lost. Lindsay still remembers one of

his players, with tears in his eyes, coming up after the game and saying, "Coach, we just didn't get the ball to Marlon enough."

It wasn't funny that night, but Lindsay can't help but laugh about that comment now, and said he'll never forget it.

"The 1999-2000 season was a special one," continued Lindsay. "Michael Maddox – I'll call him Dr. Maddox now – made a last second tip-in in the semifinals to beat Maryville and my old buddy Rodney Nelson 50-49."

West followed up with a win over Sevier County to take the title.

"That was a big thrill for us to win that championship, because the school was about 50 years old and to my knowledge had never won a district tournament championship."

Looking back at the start of his career, Lindsay said he was like most young coaches.

"I got the basketball head coach's job at West when I was 25 or 26 years old. You're full of vim and vigor. You dream of all these things you want to do and stuff you want to accomplish. But the more I got into it, the more I got to appreciate just the opportunity to be there and the excitement."

"I wouldn't trade anything for the kids I've coached, the people that I've met – from school administrators to officials. It's been a blessing. It's been a gift, and I just try to enjoy every game, especially now that I'm a little older."

*"I didn't even know that I was nominated until I got*

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# Central baseball to host leadoff banquet

By Ken Lay

Central High School will unofficially open the 2015 baseball season with its first annual Leadoff Banquet on Jan. 31 at the Family Life Center at Central Baptist Church in Fountain City.

The event, which begins at 5 p.m. and will be emceed by WNML personality and University of Tennessee play-by-play broadcaster John Wilkerson.

The school will introduce the 2015 Bobcats and honor the 1990 State Championship Team, which went 31-0 and was achieved a No. 16 National Ranking.

Coach Bud Bales, who guided the 1990 Bobcats to the perfect season, will be on hand and Wilkerson will interview members of the championship squad.

The 1990 at three players drafted, including Todd

Helton, Bubba Trammell and Chris Freeman. Many of the others also went on to play college baseball.

The team boasted eight all-KIL standouts and five all-East Tennessee players.

"I'm excited because I think we're going to have a pretty good team," said Central baseball coach Matt Byrd. "We're going to honor the 1990 State Championship Team and Bud Bales is going to be there."

"We'll also have John Wilkerson there and he's going to interview the players from the 1990 team."

The event will be catered by Buddy's Bar-B-Q. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any current Central baseball player or coach. Tickets may also be purchased through PayPal at Centralhighbaseball@gmail.com.

# Halls wins third straight wrestling title

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tonight. Halls is really strong right now. They have a good program and they have a good feeder program."

After Gibbs won the two consecutive bouts, the Red Devils returned to their winning ways. In the 195-pound division, Tanner Huff pinned Dylan Burkhalter in 55 seconds. Halls High's Lucas Wright picked up a forfeit win.

In the 285-pound class, the Eagles picked up their final win of the night when Tucker Davis won a 3-1 overtime decision over Walton Elkins.

At 106, the Red Devils' Chase Brown pinned Hunter Smith in 32 seconds. Tolliver Justice (Halls) pinned Christian Munday in the 113-pound division. Halls High's Zack Kennedy closed the night with an 8-2 decision over Gabe Gyger.

Halls coach Shannon Sayne said he was pleased

with his team's effort, which also included a 57-12 win over Hardin Valley Academy in the other semifinal.

"We won a region championship over a pretty good team," Sayne said. "We didn't wrestle as well as we could have. But we did what we had to do this time of year."

Sayne also noted that he was happy for the Eagles and Pittman, who was an assistant coach at Halls when the current Red Devils' coach was winning state championships as a wrestler.

"This is a great night for North Knoxville," Sayne said. "I'm really happy for Tim."

"He made the state for the first time. He had good teams when he was in [Class A/AA] but it seemed like he always ran into a good team like Pigeon Forge [in the regionals]."

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# Smith receives achievement award, will return to Karns in 2015

By Ken Lay

Baseball has always been a huge part of Dwight Smith's life.

He's spent 56 years of his life in the game as either a player or coach and his service was awarded recently by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association as we was given the first annual Jim Painter Lifetime Achievement Award.

Smith, who was a long-time head coach at Karns

High School before serving as an assistant at Christian Academy of Knoxville and Grace Christian

Academy before returning to Karns to serve as an assistant to Matt Hurley in 2014.

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# Are Saturday foes Pearl and Tyndall two peas in a pod?

The telecast of Tennessee shooting down South Carolina in Columbia last week looked good to fans of the Vols, but the news in the streamer running beneath the screen cut into the excitement and again raised questions about the future of head coach Donnie Tyndall and the men's basketball program.

That part is not looking good.

Southern Mississippi announced Tuesday (Jan. 20) that it was self-imposing a postseason ban for this season as the NCAA investigates the Golden Eagles' basketball program, the



By Steve Williams

streamer stated. The school also acknowledged the investigation is on the 2012-13 and 2013-14 basketball seasons when Tyndall was the head coach.

Nobody knows what's going to happen, but something could happen at anytime.

Tyndall, meanwhile, looks like a man without a worry in the world. He's smiling and tweeting for big turnouts and handing out free pizza to fans and winning games at a surprising rate.

"All I can say is I've cooperated 100 percent and if I need to, I will continue to

do that," Tyndall said after the 66-62 victory at South Carolina. "That's all I can say on that matter."

His Vols, 12-5 and winners of eight of their past nine outings, headed into this past weekend's home game against Texas A&M in second place in the SEC standings with a 4-1 conference mark that included three road wins. Not bad for a team that was a pre-season pick to finish 13th out of 14 teams.

It appears Tyndall can compartmentalize as good as he can coach. And his players are having fun proving everybody wrong on the court.

If things were different and Tyndall's Vols were

where they had been predicted to be – on the other end of the SEC standings – UT fans would be eager to see Donnie fired and a new coach brought aboard. And Athletic Director Dave Hart would quickly be showing dirty Donnie the door.

My guess is Tyndall is guilty of NCAA violations, but he may have one chance to keep his job.

He needs to come clean and hope his current success gets him a second chance to coach Tennessee.

Coaches are human. Many cheat. But they can change.

I thought UT did the right thing in firing former head coach Bruce Pearl after the

2011 season. But I would have supported a decision to bring Pearl back after he served the 3-year NCAA show cause. I believe in giving people second chances after they serve their time, if you will.

Auburn must have felt that way, too. The Tigers were quick to hire Pearl.

This coming Saturday, Coach Pearl returns to Thompson-Boling Arena. Hart and UT chancellor Jimmy Cheek may have kept him from coaching again at Tennessee, but they couldn't keep him out of the SEC.

Bruce deserves a warm reception. He brought Vol Nation plenty of good times, for a while anyway. A No. 2

seeding in the 2006 NCAA bracket his first season on the job. A No. 1 ranking in the nation and the school's first outright SEC championship in 41 years in 2008. The Vols' first-ever Elite Eight appearance in 2010 and six straight trips to the Big Dance.

Day-to-day Donnie will be on the other side of TBA for the noon matchup. He's Tennessee's coach at this time and deserves Vol Nation's full support.

I hope I'm wrong about Tyndall. He looks like he could be as good a coach as Pearl.

Only time will tell if he gets to stay here long enough and show it.

## Smith receives achievement award, will return to Karns in 2015

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a letter in the mail from the TBCA," Smith said. "This is humbling because of who the award is named after. "I knew Jim and he was a great coach and a great guy."

"There was never a nice guy and he was funny. He won a [junior college] National Championship. He was 78 and he died last year and it's an honor to be the first recipient of this award."

Smith returned to Karns last season at Hurley's request with the understanding that the 2014 season would be his last in the game.

Smith announced his retirement after the Beavers were eliminated from the Region 2-AAA Tournament and he fully intended to walk away from the game.

But it didn't work out that way.

Smith said last week that he would return to Karns as a part-time assistant in 2015.

"Matt kept asking me to come back and I told him no." I told him that 56 years in baseball was enough because I'm 65 years old and I'll be 66 on my birthday," Smith said. "He's persistent and he kept asking me."

Smith agreed to return with certain stipulations.

"I told Matt that I would come back with certain conditions," Smith said. "I told him that if it was raining, that I wasn't coming. I told him that if it was too cold, or too hot, which it isn't in the spring, that I wasn't coming."

I also said that if it was a long road trip that I didn't want to go on, then I wasn't going."

Hurley agreed and Smith will spend a 57<sup>th</sup> season in baseball.

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## Gray comes home for Halls Invitational

By Ken Lay

Wrestling has always been a family affair for Benji Gray and ironically, it was family that sent the 2000 Halls High School graduate to Nashville.

Gray, who wrestled for the Red Devils and was later an assistant coach at his alma mater under legendary coach Chris Vandergriff and Shannon Sayne, went to the Mid-state six years ago when his wife got a job in Music City.

"It was my wife who got me to move to Nashville," said Gray, who recently returned to Halls over the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend as coach of the Page High School wrestling team, which participated in the Halls Invitational.

Gray didn't have to wait long to find a job in Franklin.

"The athletic director at Page was Jack Daniels," Gray said. "He used to be a football coach at Halls and he heard that I was coming."

Gray inherited a wrestling program that was barely surviving.

"They were about to cancel the program. When I got there, they only had six wrestlers," Gray said. "They were really on the brink."

Times have changed at Page. In his six years at the school," Gray, who was once a mascot at the University of Tennessee, has built the Patriots into a wrestling powerhouse. The Pats are 24-3 in dual meets and a top team in Class A/AA. Page currently has 24 wrestlers and is ranked No.1 by recent wrestling polls.

For Gray, the Halls Invitational was more than a mere



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

**Page High School wrestling coach has made the school program into a power house. The former Halls wrestler and assistant coach brought his Patriots to the Halls Invitational recently.**

homecoming.

"We were at Brentwood [recently] and I was talking to the coaches at McCallie and Brentwood and we were saying that [the Halls Invitational] was the toughest tournament in the state this year," he said. "It's tougher than our Class A/AA State Tournament."

Gray wrestled for the Red Devils but in 1999, Gray's father Benny founded the wrestling program at Union County High School and under Benny's leadership and with the help of other coaches through the years, Maynardville's Patriots became a flourishing program. Benny had help from guys like Jason Moorman (now the head coach at King University), Arnie

Cohn and Rudy Furman (now an assistant football coach at Hardin Valley Academy). With their work, Union County enjoyed success in the early days.

The one person who didn't go to Maynardville was Benji, although he had a chance to move over the county line.

"During my senior season, there was talk that I might go to Union County with my dad," Gray said. "But I stayed here at Halls and as it worked out, he was in just about every tournament that I was in. So I always got to see him."

Benji has had many positive influences in wrestling such as Sayne and Vandergriff, who is widely known as the sport's biggest

ambassador in East Tennessee. But it was Benny who got his son on the mats.

"He has always supported me," Benji said of his father. "He introduced me to the sport and he was always happy to see his son have success."

"He always wants to see kids happy and see those kids have success."

Benny's involvement has pretty much ceased but during his time, he was one of the sport's most endearing personalities and colorful characters.

Benji inherited some of his dad's personality. After high school, he was a Tennessee mascot and that gig netted him a full college scholarship.

"I was a mascot at UT and that got my education paid for," said Benji, who is an elementary school physical education teacher at Sunset Elementary School in Nolensville.

The younger Gray left Halls six years ago and he said that the decision didn't come easily. He and his wife Allison, however, have found a home in the heart of the Volunteer State.

His stint as a UT mascot still continues to pay dividends. He's a Nashville Predators fan and one of his friends is a mascot for Tennessee's National Hockey League franchise and that gets him into many Preds' games and he's enjoying the team's success.

"I'm a big Preds fan and my friend is a mascot for them, so I really don't have to pay for much of anything," he said.

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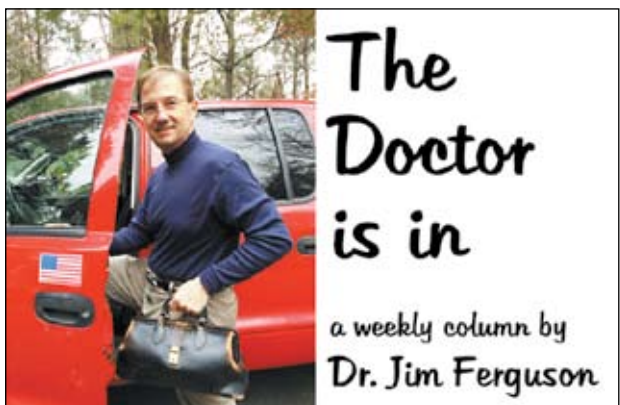


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### It's Complicated

Sometimes life seems complicated. There is even a movie with a similar name. My concierge medical practice seems complicated at times. Even though I take care of far fewer patients than I used to, those I look after these days, get far more attention, and my day often fills with their needs. I'm technically semi-retired, though I've found that "it's a busy life." My wife once used that very phrase on a national TV game show when asked a delicate question about our marriage.

Life is a balancing game. The same can be said of physiological functions. The balance between clotting and bleeding is a complicated issue often taken for granted – unless you have hemophilia. You might ask, why does blood flow freely in arteries and veins, yet clots when placed in a test tube? And since most of us don't suffer from the bleeding

disorder of hemophilia, cuts eventually stop bleeding. Human physiology is actually balanced slightly to the bleeding side of the equation to keep blood flowing to organs and cells of the body. This delicate balance can be disturbed when diseases of the arteries (plaque) or coagulation disorders produce abnormal clotting within blood vessels. As a result, medications are often used to counter-balance an excessive clotting tendency.

The cardiovascular system can be simplistically imagined as a pump (heart) pushing blood out under high pressure through the arteries. The arteries end in webs of tiny vessels known as capillary beds, where oxygen and nutrients are released as nourishment. On the venous side of the capillary beds waste and carbon dioxide are collected, and then flow into the low

pressure venous system returning blood to the heart pump for the next cycle. The heart pumps 5 liters/quarts of blood around the body every minute, and flow is dependent on liquid blood.

The immediate response to an injury such as a cut is for tiny circulating cells called platelets to plug the holes in injured blood vessels. Next, a patch is formed over the plugged hole by protein coagulation factors. Finally, the white blood cell "repair crew" shows up, cleans up the mess, orchestrates repair of the damaged tissues, and then "everyone" goes home as the inflammatory response of injury subsides. However, if the cellular repair and growth process proceeds unchecked, cancer results. It's a complicated process, and an elegant, if not sublime, dance.

Hemophilia is a bleeding disorder that results from a deficiency of several clotting factors. Coumadin or warfarin is a therapeutic agent that also depletes clotting factors to produce a bleeding tendency and counter-balance diseases with excessive clotting. Interestingly, warfarin has a greater therapeutic effect on the venous side of the circulatory system. The reason for this is complicated, but in part is due to the delicate lining of the high

pressure arterial system known as the endothelium which I've discussed in other Focus essays.

We've known for a long time that aspirin inhibits the function of platelets and can actually decrease the chance of second heart attack or stroke by about 25%. However, before you rush out and start popping aspirin you should be aware that the benefits are more difficult to measure in primary prevention (in people who have never had a heart attack or stroke). Everything has a risk/benefit ratio. The benefits of preventing another heart attack certainly outweigh the risks of aspirin induced platelet dysfunction in persons with known vascular disease. However, the risk of aspirin induced bleeding may be excessive in people prone to falls or in emergency surgery or car wrecks. It's complicated, and you should discuss aspirin therapy with your doctor.

What prompted this essay is a new class of medications called NOACs or novel oral anticoagulants. These agents are different than aspirin, Plavix or other agents that alter platelet function. And they don't deplete protein clotting factors like warfarin. These agents block the function of various clotting factors and counteract the excessive clotting tendency of certain diseases. It's

complicated. The ingenuity of humans never ceases to amaze me. We now live in an age of legal "designer" drugs/medications. This is especially true in cancer therapy where drugs are designed to inhibit crucial enzymes and stop the growth of cancer cells. I have an extended family member who has chronic leukemia and is alive today because she takes one of the new and fabulously expensive kinase inhibitor drugs. As long as she takes this medicine her disease is held in check.

The biggest problem with these new anticoagulant drugs is their expense. This is often the case with new medications or innovations. Drug companies often receive a lot of bad press. However, they are the innovators of new products through their research and development (R&D) division. These companies are in business to make money, and if they aren't able to make a profit, there won't be resources for new therapy research. Furthermore, if you own mutual funds you undoubtedly own stock in pharmaceutical companies. Your 401K benefits when drug companies turn a profit.

When a new drug is formulated it is patented and then rigorously tested in the laboratory and finally in clinical trials. It takes

years and a lot of money to pass our rigorous FDA scrutiny and come to market. Consequently, only a few years may remain on a patent before generic formulations are allowed to produce comparable agents. It is during this window of opportunity that pharmaceutical companies are able to recoup their R&D debt and realize a profit. We'd all like drugs to be less expensive, and I'm not defending mercenary pricing, I'm just informing you of perspectives that will never be covered by the media. And don't expect the government to find a cure for cancer.

The lack of an antidote for excessive bleeding is another problem with the NOAC drugs, but I'm sure one will be discovered. Importantly, the NOACs are as effective or better than the standard therapies, and these drugs are easier to use. Furthermore, there is no hassle or expense of testing to monitor anticoagulant therapy with these agents, as is necessary with warfarin.

Yes, life and medical decisions are often complicated. This is why I preach that such nuanced care is best rendered by an experienced and engaged physician. Now, that's not so complicated; it's common sense!

*Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com).*

## KCHD's next Diabetes Management Series starts Feb. 5

**Classes are free and open to the public**

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) offers a free Diabetes Management Series several times a year to help those affected learn how to manage the disease. The next five-part series takes place Thursday afternoons beginning Feb. 5 (Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5) at 12 p.m. in the KCHD auditorium, 140 Dameron Ave.

"Successfully managing diabetes requires both awareness of what causes blood sugar levels to rise and diligence in monitoring those levels," said Susan Fowlkes, KCHD director of clinical nutrition. "A strong support system can be extremely helpful for those diagnosed with the disease,

which is why we encourage people to bring their spouse, family member or close friend to the classes."

The five-class series provides information on how to manage diabetes through proper diet, medication and exercise. Individuals diagnosed as diabetic or pre-diabetic are encouraged to attend. Parking is free. Those interested in attending should call 865-215-5170 to register.

High levels of blood sugar over long periods of time can cause blindness, neuropathy, and kidney and blood vessel disease, which may necessitate amputation of legs or feet or other debilitating complications.

In 2011, it was estimated that almost 1 out of 10 (9.8 percent) Knox

County adults (18+ years) have been diagnosed with diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if current trends continue, 1 out of 3 U.S. adults will have diabetes by 2050.

The Diabetes Management Series has been a highly sought after KCHD program since the 1970s. Due to the prevalence of the disease, KCHD also administers several prevention programs aimed at reducing diabetes rates, including the Nutrition Education Activity Training (NEAT) after-school program, mini-grants for local businesses to improve diet and physical activity, walking school bus programs, breastfeeding promotion and advocacy, community engagement programs, and others.

## Physician Recognized for Minimally Invasive Women's Health Surgery

The American Institute for Minimally Invasive Surgery (AIMIS) recently inducted its first general surgeon into "The 300 Club," which recognizes physicians who demonstrate an approach to surgery that offers patients the best cosmetic results.

Marcella Greene, M.D., a general surgeon with Premier Surgical Associates at Physicians Regional Medical Center and North Knoxville Medical Center, joins the ranks of the nation's top 300 minimally invasive women's health surgery

specialists. Dr. Greene is the first general surgeon to be inducted into The 300 Club. Previously, all members specialized in gynecological surgery.

Lowell McCauley, M.D., an obstetrician and gynecologist at Physicians Regional Medical Center, was named the first member of The 300 Club. Gregory Glover, M.D., and Sudha Nair, M.D., obstetricians and gynecologists at Turkey Creek Medical Center, were inducted into the club last year.

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### Seymour United Methodist Church

Confirmation classes continue next Sunday, Feb. 1st, for 6th graders and above who seek confirmation; there is still time to participate. Contact Youth Director, Steven Mees, for details. Class meets at noon each Sunday in the Youth Room with lunch provided.

The regularly scheduled fellowship meal will be held this Wednesday evening, Jan. 28 at 5:15 p.m. Please make your reservations on Sunday's attendance slips or by noon Tuesdays. Following the meal, there will be various small group studies beginning at 6:30.

The 2015 weekend session for "Divine Rhythm" for young adults ages 18 - 35, is scheduled for Gatlinburg starting this Friday, Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. Contact either Kim Reeves or Charlie Orr for details.

Next Sunday, Feb. 1st, being a first Sunday, brings the celebration of Holy Communion offered at both Worship Services, as well as a special offering taken for CROSS Ministries, as usually accompanies any Holy Communion.

Growing up in our particular church, I did not know much about creeds. I was told by my preacher,



**By Mark Brackney,**  
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of Christ

"We have no creed but Christ, no book but the Bible, no name but the name Christian." So any creed other than "I believe in the Bible" was not needed. But the more I study about creeds, the more I realize their importance to the faith of Christians throughout time.

A couple of the early Christian creeds were the Apostles' Creed (AD 390) and the Nicene Creed (AD 325). Both of these creeds are rooted in I Corinthians 15:3-5 where Paul gives a definition of

the gospel: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve."

These early Christian creeds were meant to clarify the gospel, not cause speculation about it. Creed and gospel are connected. The culture of the early church was shaped by the gospel.

During the 1500's, the church went through what has been labeled the Reformation. Out of the Reformation came the Protestant movement and with that came additional creedal statements or confessions. Two big ones were the Augsburg Confession (1530) and the Genevan Confession (1536) [later this confession had clarifications added to it and it was called the Westminster Confession (1646)].

These confessions that sprung out of the Reformation reframed the story of salvation into a personal experience of salvation. There are huge pockets today within contemporary evangelicalism where the gospel has been

reframed into little more than four simple points: God loves you, your life is a mess, Jesus died for you, accept him and no matter what you do, you can go to heaven.

The danger of reducing the gospel to a simple formula of what one experiences in salvation is clear. Author Dallas Willard uses the image of a bar code: if we get the right barcode - say the right thing, make the right confession, have the right experience - when God scans the barcode, the lights will go off and we will be safe. Willard goes on to say that many self-professed Christians are nothing more than "vampire Christians." They only want a little blood for their sins but nothing more to do with Jesus until heaven (*The Divine Conspiracy*, 403, n. 8).

The "gospel" includes personal salvation, but it does not stop there. After becoming Christians, God expects us to live righteous lives through a spiritual relationship with Him. We must stand firm to the end (Matthew 10:22) and persevere under trial (James 1:12, 22). Don't turn away from the living God (Heb. 3:12). Beginning good is not enough. We want to finish strong.

## Physician Recognized for Minimally Invasive Women's Health Surgery

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AIMIS 300 Club, physicians must perform 70 percent or more of their surgeries using minimally invasive techniques, such as robotic-assisted surgery. The goal is to promote a less intrusive approach to hysterectomies and other abdominal procedures.

Dr. Greene has expertise in all general surgery techniques with an emphasis on minimally invasive abdominal surgery, breast surgery and thyroid surgery. She has advanced training in robotic-assisted surgery, including single-incision cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal) and colon resection.

"With robotic-assisted surgery and other minimally invasive techniques, we offer our patients the option of less pain, less blood loss, a quicker return home and better cosmetic results," Dr. Greene said. "This is achieved through tiny incisions, often positioned in the body's

natural folds. In the case of single-incision cholecystectomy, the gallbladder is removed through a small cut in the belly button, which typically leaves no visible scars.

"Many of my patients like the single-site procedure because they can still wear a bikini," Dr. Greene said. "Plus, they often experience immediate relief of their symptoms with little to no down-time."

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# UT Gardens January 2015 Plant of the Month:

# ‘Angelina’ stonecrop

Submitted by Susan Hamilton,  
Director of the University of  
Tennessee Gardens

Frigid fall and winter temperatures are challenging not only for man and beast but also for plants. As I prepared to write this article, I realized that many of my favorite flowering specimens like amellia, cornelian cherry dogwood, witch-hazel, and Japanese flowering apricot are holding tightly to their flower buds preparing to bloom when the weather is well beyond bitter temperatures. So this month's plant was chosen for its beautiful foliage color rather than its bloom. It's not a tree or shrub, either, but rather a beautiful, enduring herbaceous groundcover — sedum.

This selection of sedum, in my opinion, is one that every garden has to have: 'Angelina' stonecrop, botanically known as Sedum rupestre 'Angelina'. Winter is the best time of the year for this particular evergreen stonecrop. Its bright lime-green to yellow-gold

foliage, which is attractive during the growing season, turns a beautiful amber to almost orange color in the fall through winter months. Our frigid temperature dips only intensify the foliage color of this durable groundcover. What's more, it is an easy plant to grow. Drought and neglect don't trouble this perennial. In fact, it will flourish in soils of low or moderate fertility as long as they are well drained, in sun or partial shade. It also happily embraces our Tennessee heat and humidity.

Vigorous and dependable, Angelina stonecrop will grow about a foot in width in a season with a height no taller than 2 to 4 inches. Its golden, yellow-green needle-like, evergreen foliage produces upright yellow flowers that grow 4 to 6 inches tall in early summer. Plants will spread and form a mat over time. Space starter plants 8 to 12 inches apart for massing as a ground



‘Angelina’ stonecrop (Sedum rupestre ‘Angelina’). Photo by S. Hamilton, courtesy UTIA.

cover.

This sedum is great for edging a sunny perennial garden, and it loves cascading over the edge of containers and retaining walls and trailing over rock and stone outcroppings in a xeric garden. In fact, its species name, rupestre,

means “rock loving” in reference to the mountainous native habit of plants of this species. I think the versatile foliage color of Angelina is a great compliment to the soft blues, pinks and greens of other plants and is especially wonderful for highlighting dark-leaved

plants.

Angelina sedum may be divided or pruned at any time and it can easily be propagated by literally just laying pieces of the foliage and stems on top of the ground or barely covering them with soil. Also, it's “deer proof,” which is

another reason to love this plant.

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# New Year, New Starts

## Starting Perennials From Seeds In Winter

Here we are again.... A New Year, January.... Its that time where we are starting anew, fresh starts, new goals, hopes for a healthy prosperous year, new beginnings, the usual losing weight, exercising... a new you... new starts in your home, organizing, refurbishing, remodeling, redoing...changes...new aspirations, new inspirations.... on and on. New plans and plants for our gardens....So, why not use January to start new plants from seeds for your garden.

Most of us home gardeners assume that starting perennials from seed is difficult and time consuming, etc. Considering the many benefits of starting perennials from seed, it seems foolish not to do it. Seed is economical, and in

short order, you can produce flats of plants that would cost hundreds of dollars to purchase retail, which is great if you are on a tight budget. Seedlings often establish better than large plants. Seeds started in January will greet you in the spring with more seedlings than you could ever hope for. Some seeds can be planted in pots outside and let the natural freeze-thaw cycles perform their magic. Some may need to be started indoors. You will need patience when growing plants from seeds. Some will need several seasons before seedlings are big enough to flower. But other perennials germinate readily or with just a little assistance and, depending on when they are sown, you may even get blooms the first season. As a rule, if a perennial plant is hardy in your zone, you can plant its seed any time in winter, regardless of the temperature outside. Sprouting

will occur when warmth arrives, normally in spring. However, the seed can also sprout during some freak warm spell between weeks of frigid conditions. This is not a problem for perennials. They simply yawn in the face of frost.

Primroses are a prime example of one of the easiest perennials to start from seed. They grow best when sown outside in the winter and experience a natural freeze and thaw cycle. Shade-tolerant Japanese woodland primroses (like 'Snowflake') need a cold winter cycle. Keep in mind, however, that the sun-loving Himalayan primrose germinates under warm conditions.

Many other perennials can be direct seeded winter sown in our Zone 7. Below is a list of some that will do well:

Aster  
Astilbe  
Coral Bells  
Goat's Beard

Heather  
Ice Plant  
Helleborus  
Lupine  
Phlox  
Pinks  
Rudbeckia  
Sundrops  
Toad Lily

This is a limited list as there are many others. Try direct sowing perennial seeds in the winter.... you may be pleasantly surprised in spring when you have a garden of flowering perennials!!! Do keep in mind that some may not flower the first year but be patient because they will flower.

“Happiness held is the seed; Happiness shared is the flower.”--John Harrigan

“Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening and even the most experienced gardener can learn from the unrestrained beauty around them.”--Vincent A. Simeone

## Free Gardening Workshops

Seymour Farmers Market is sponsoring a series of free gardening workshops on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of February and March from 7-8:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Seymour Public library. These workshops, open to all in the Seymour area, are offered to encourage people to get their hands in the soil and enjoy fresh air, sunshine and moderate exercise by growing something good to eat. If you have questions, or to let us know you are coming, contact Marjie Richardson at (865)453-0130 or by email at [creekhappy@hughes.net](mailto:creekhappy@hughes.net).

Schedule of programs for 2015 workshops:

February 5. Getting started. We will discuss some of the basics such as site planning, when & how much to plant, companion planting. Useful handouts will be provided.

February 19. Starting plants from seed. Want to grow something you can't get locally as a seedling? Maybe an heirloom or unique vegetable or herb? Cathy Cogle, Sevier county master gardener will outline the procedures and discuss the problems

March 5. Soil. What we grow plants in really isn't dirt! Find out what makes soil, how to amend it for optimum growth, what pH means for providing nutrients to your plants. Sevier county agricultural extension agent, Alan Bruhin, presents a great program for us. Free dirt cake will be provided to illustrate the difference between soil and dirt!

March 19. Raised beds. Sevier County junior master gardeners show us that kids know a lot about growing vegetables. Come learn how to build a raised bed to make your garden more productive and your back less sore.

## YARDS TO PARADISE

# Winter Gardens

By Max Phelps

Gardeners and lovers of the outdoors are getting eager for spring. Robins were seen feeding by someone, maple tree sap was dripping somewhere, and the phone has rang with thoughts of spring projects. It won't be so long now, the day length is already growing a bit.

Dark days are all too common, but have you begun to notice a few things popping through the earth already?

Crocus, daffodils, even day-lilies are peeking new green shoots out. The hellebores will be blooming before too long, and just perhaps you've already seen a blooming witch-hazel. Winter aconite with its golden little flowers and before long grape hyacinths will join the display. You might start keeping a sharp eye out for squill, snowdrops, windflow-ers and snowflakes too.

Winter is a good time to look at the structures and bones

of the landscape; yours, and those of your neighbors also. The shapes of trees, the bark on trees, the shed behind the neighbors' house you couldn't see last summer—there are a lot of things to stop and notice in the winter that you might not think of once a new growing season is under-way. Arbors, gazebos, pergolas, a big outcropping of stones—now is an opportune time to

notice these garden elements and lawn adornments such as birdbaths and metal art.

Once leave cover the bare trees again and the grass begins growing, the little things may not be obvious in the landscape like they are now.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Chili Cook Off

Get Fit Seymour, a health and wellness community organization, is hosting a Chili Cook Off and Cornbread Challenge on Saturday, February 7th at the Masonic Lodge at 510 Boyds Creek in Seymour. The competition is from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Do you have the best chili in Seymour?

Then enter your chili for a chance to win a \$50 cash prize, the title Best Chili in Town, and the coveted Golden Spoon award! The cost per entry is \$10 per chili. Enter your best Cornbread for a chance to win \$25 cash prize, the title Best Cornbread in Town, and a Princess House Mini Skillet! The cost per entry is \$5 per Cornbread recipe. Don't cook but love to eat? You don't have to cook it to taste it! Entry for the tasting is \$5.00 per person and includes samples from all the entries as well as a beverage of your choice. You will also receive a ticket to choose the best Chili and best Cornbread in town! Spaces are limited, so contact [getfitseymour@gmail.com](mailto:getfitseymour@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

## Foothills Craft Guild Calls for Artists

The Foothills Craft Guild is accepting new member applications from fine craft artisans for their upcoming Jury Fest on March 9 and 10. Membership applicants must reside in Tennessee, and crafts

must be of original design produced within the past two years. Applications may be mailed in early, and entries must be hand-delivered to the Foothills Craft Guild office at the Emporium Building, 100 South Gay Street, on Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10, from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information or an application form, please visit the "How to Join" section at [www.foothillscraftguild.org](http://www.foothillscraftguild.org) or contact Bob Klassen, (865)604-5638, [bobklassen@charter.net](mailto:bobklassen@charter.net).

## Halls High School 40 Year Reunion

All graduates of the Halls High School Class of 1975 who are interested in participating in a 40 year reunion should email your contact information to Cathy Hickey-Johnson at [hallshighclassof75@gmail.com](mailto:hallshighclassof75@gmail.com). If interested in serving on the planning committee, please email Tim Witt at [hallshigh75@yahoo.com](mailto:hallshigh75@yahoo.com). Please respond as soon as possible.

## Missing Dog

Asha is a Siberian Husky. She is has bright blue eyes and gray/white/black fur. She went missing on January 10, 2015 in the Norwood and Pleasant Ridge area. Please contact the owners at (865)201-5766 or [donnaj.baker10@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaj.baker10@yahoo.com).

## YARDS TO PARADISE

# Winter Gardens

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So, use the time now to take a walk and also to do some dreaming of things you'll want to do when the weather improves. A long walk is going to be good for you anyhow, we all probably have let down in the physical exercise department in the colder weather of winter.

You may see bird nests, hornets nests, squirrels dens, a groundhog den and who knows what else on your stroll. A squirrel or rabbit may scamper away. You'll also notice spots of bare soil and drain tiles and various things like window covers that you didn't notice so much in summer.

Evergreen trees really stand out and shine in winter. They are pretty at other times too, but they don't have to compete for attention in the winter. They are the focal points in the landscapes and along the hills and valleys of the countryside. White pine, red cedar, blue or Norway spruce, and certainly a Southern magnolia tree will catch your attention in winter, as will the hollies. Vines such as winter creeper, English ivy, vinca

and jasmine will be obvious when lawns are dormant and trees are leafless.

If you have a sun room or atrium you may be able to keep growing plants indoors over winter, and some such as citrus may bloom in winter. You may also see a yard with a camellia in bloom, and in zone 7 quite a few other plants will bloom even in the snow. By March the loropetalum and forsythia and Persian parrotia will be blooming.

I invite you to have a crispy stroll, it will be invigorating to the body, and even if you don't see any blooming plants yet, your mind will brighten up and your dreams will be of spring.

Those who have thoughtfully planned in previous years may soon have a yard that's the talk of the neighborhood as late winter and early spring flowers pop up and smile brightly. The rest of us can collect some ideas for implementation in our yards in the days ahead.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Visit: [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net) Comments welcome.



## Cheeseburger Pot Pie

1 1/2 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef  
1/4 cup chopped onion (1/2 medium)  
3/4 cup ketchup  
2 tablespoons chopped pickle, if desired  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (4 oz)  
1 box Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box

Heat oven to 450°F. In 10-inch skillet, cook ground beef over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain.

Reduce heat to medium. Add onion; cook 5 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is tender. Stir in ketchup, pickle and pepper. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Spoon mixture into ungreased 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle with cheese.

Remove pie crust from pouch; place flat over hot beef mixture. Seal and flute edge; cut slits in several places in crust.

Bake 13 to 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. After 8 to 10 minutes of baking, cover crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Virginia W. Cheek

DOCKET NUMBER 75869-1

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This the **21 day of January, 2015**

**Estate of Virginia W. Cheek**

**Personal Representative(s):**

**Kathy R. Cheek; Executrix,** 4108 Beverly Place, Knoxville, TN 37918

**John Foley; Attorney At Law,** 740 Banks Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

David Thomas Williams, Jr.

DOCKET NUMBER 75832-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **9th day of January, 2015**, letters administration in respect of the **Estate of David Thomas Williams, Jr.** who died Oct 25, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **9 day of January, 2015**

**Estate of David Thomas Williams, Jr.**

**Personal Representative(s):**

**David T. Williams, Sr.; Administrator,** 147 Joy Drive, Johnson City, TN, 37601

**Anne M. McKinney; Attorney At Law,** 1019 Orchid Ave, Knoxville, TN 37912

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Jack Malcolm Moore

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This the **14 day of January, 2015**

**Estate of Jack Malcolm Moore**

**Personal Representative(s):**

**George Roby Moore; Executor,** 6023 Cougar Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921

**Mital D. Patel; Attorney At Law,** P.O. Box 26072, Knoxville, TN 37912

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Thomas Brett Payne

DOCKET NUMBER 75808-3

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This the **13 day of January, 2015**

**Estate of Thomas Brett Payne**

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Janet Pipkin Freeman

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**Estate of Janet Pipkin Freeman**

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**75 FORECLOSURES****SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE  
OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated August 1, 2007, and recorded as Instrument No. 200708080012408, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, Elmer Pressley and wife Nancy Pressley, ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to Thomas R. Underwood, as Trustee for Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, a certain tract of land located in Knox County, Tennessee, and the undersigned having been appointed Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in Register's Instrument No. 201412100031937, in the said Register's Office, and the owner of the debt secured, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is give notice that the undersigned will, on February 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, Knoxville County, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: SITUATED in District 5 (old 12th) of Knox County, Tennessee within the 23rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: TRACT 1 BEING all of Lot 187 in Block 11 in the West Lonsdale Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, as the same appears on map filed for record in plat Cabinet A, Slide 121-D (formerly Map Book 4, page 106) in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot, the same having a frontage of 50 feet on the west side of Dayton Street and extending back between parallel lines 144 feet to a 12 foot alley. TRACT 2 BEGINNING in the western line of Dayton Street at the point of division between Lots 187 and 188 in Block 11 in West Lonsdale Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, as the same appears on map filed for record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 121-D (formerly Map Book 4, page 106) in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office; thence in a westerly direction along the line of division between Lots 187 and 188, 144 feet to a 12 foot alley; thence in a southerly direction with back or western line of Lot 188, 25 feet to a point; thence easterly and on a line parallel with the division line between Lots 187 and 188, a distance of 144 feet to the front or eastern line of Lot 188; thence in a northerly direction 25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. This tract contains the northerly one-half (1/2) of Lot 188, it being a lot of a total width of 50 feet. BEING the same property conveyed to Elmer Pressley and wife, Nancy Pressley (formerly Nancy Ruth Swann Shipe), by Warrant Deed from Mildred Swann Nelson, widow, dated August 29, 1995, filed for record in Warranty Book 2188, page 115 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office. This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust. Other parties interested as defined by Tennessee statutes and to whom the Substitute Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: Elmer Pressley, Nancy Pressley, IRS. The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; and restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose

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**75 FORECLOSURES****NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kevin C. Tyler and Donna L. Tyler executed a Deed of Trust to The Lending Connection, Inc., Lender and Lenders First Choice, Trustee(s), which was dated August 11, 2006 and recorded on August 24, 2006 in Instrument No. 200608240017430, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-SD4, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **February 24, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

The following described Real Estate, situated and being in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee:

Situated in District Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the Corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 44, Poplar Place Subdivision, Unit 1, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet N, Slide 48A, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

For informational purposes only: The APN is shown by the County Assessor as 154 BC 044; Source of Title is Book 2313, Page 963 (recorded 01/25/99)

Parcel ID Number: 154BC 044

Address/Description: **1849 Poplar Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37922.**

Current Owner(s): Kevin C. Tyler and Donna L. Tyler.

Other Interested Party(ies): Midland Funding LLC as successor in interest to GE Money Bank.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**75 FORECLOSURES****NOTICE OF  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2001, executed by TAMMI I. KRONER AND WILLIAM D. KRONER, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Union County, Tennessee recorded August 1, 2001, in Deed Book TD12, Page 481; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3 who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Union County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM** at the Front Entrance of the Union County Courthouse, located in Maynardville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Union County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND PARTLY IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONTAINING 5.01 ACRES AND LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BROCK ROAD AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF BROCK ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 1,712 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH WELCH ROAD AND CORNER WITH PROPERTY OF EFFLER; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 86 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 73.61 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE LEAVING BROCK ROAD AND RUNNING DOWN THE CENTER OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT LYING 12 1/2 FEET EACH SIDE OF THE CENTER LINE THEREOF, THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES: NORTH 86 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 81.86 FEET; SOUTH 63 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, 52.31 FEET; SOUTH 53 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, 59.81 FEET; SOUTH 40 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 60.12 FEET; SOUTH 38 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, 104.63 FEET; SOUTH 19 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 125.85 FEET; AND SOUTH 41 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 233.16 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE TERMINATION OF SAID ACCESS EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 15 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 269.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN NEAR THE KNOX/UNION COUNTY LINE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 24 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 364.76 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF PROPERTY OF EFFLER; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 10 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE LINE OF EFFLER AND CROSSING BACK INTO UNION COUNTY, A DISTANCE OF 822 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 10 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 267.80 FEET TO THE IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING TRACT 1 AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF PERRY WALKER, DATED OCTOBER 7, 1995, CONTAINING 5.01 ACRES, BEARING DRAWING NO. 705-2690. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, TO BUILDING SETBACK LINES, AND ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. Parcel ID: 082-048.02 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **299 BROCK RD, MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): TAMMI I. KRONER AND WILLIAM D. KRONER OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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## 75 FORECLOSURES

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 2, 2015 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by BELINDA MOORE AND HOWARD L MOORE, to TITLE PROFESSIONALS INC, Trustee, on December 14, 2005, as Instrument No. 200512190053177 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-SP1

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT 2 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 18TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 67, BLOCK 20, IN EDGEWOOD LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S FOURTH ADDITION, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS LINCOLN PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN IN MAP CABINET A, SLIDE

266-B (MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 59) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Tax ID: 069NE-006

Current Owner(s) of Property: BELINDA MOORE AND HOWARD L MOORE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **3419 Oswald St, Knoxville, TN 37917**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES JUNIOR LIEN AND LIEN FILED AGAINST BELINDA MOORE, IN FAVOR OF CITY OF KNOXVILLE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 14-003678-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS, LORI LIANE LONG,  
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### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 2, 2015 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GEOFF HAMPTON AND EILEEN L HAMPTON, to EAST TENNESSEE TITLE, Trustee, on August 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 200609070021694 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC1

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, PROPERTY OF ROBERT G. KENNEDY, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET O, SLIDE 151-A, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAY SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 4, 1996, BEARING WORK ORDER NO. 96-04-05R.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GEOFF HAMPTON AND WIFE, EILEEN HAMPTON BY WARRANTY DEED FROM SANDRA J. EDGAR-SARGENT, MARRIED, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200609070021693 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES OF RECORD.

Tax ID: 040 069

Current Owner(s) of Property: GEOFF HAMPTON AND EILEEN L HAMPTON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **4724 BURKHART RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918-7702**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, GLOBAL IRS OFFICE

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$26,963.43 as Instrument No. 200904010062470 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 14-005047-670

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, John E. Price executed a Deed of Trust to Third National Bank of East Tennessee, Lender and Michael L. Powell, Trustee(s), which was dated February 1, 1994 and recorded on February 1, 1994 in Book 2849, Page 1017, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **February 10, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. 2 of Knox County, Tennessee, in the 17th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known as Lot No. 15 in Block No. 5 of the Oakwood Addition to the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, as shown by map of said addition which is on record in Map Book 5, Page 187, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. Said lot fronts 50 feet on the South side of Caldwell Avenue, and extends back between parallel lines, 135 feet to an alley. Said lot is further improved with a dwelling house bearing the city number of 130 Caldwell Avenue.

Being the same property conveyed to John E. Price by Warranty Deed dated February 1, 1994, of record in Deed Book 2849, Page 1077 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 081FQ 010

Address/Description: **130 East Caldwell Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.**

Current Owner(s): The Estate of John E. Price.

Other Interested Party(ies): US Bank and Capital One Bank (USA), N.A..

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kinito Soltez Swader and Onome Agori-Iwe Swader executed a Deed of Trust to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Tommy R. Lynch, Trustee(s), which was dated April 30, 2003 and recorded on May 1, 2003 in Instrument No. 200305010099212, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **February 19, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 45th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 32, Glenview Subdivision, Unit 7, as shown by map of same of record in Instrument No 200108190011514, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

No boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance and the legal description being the same as the previous deed of record.

Being the same property conveyed from Turner Construction Company to Kinito Soltez Swader and Onome Agoi-Iwe Swader, husband and wife, by warranty deed dated April 30, 2003 and of record in Instrument No. 200305010099211, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 106H Q 011

Address/Description: **1833 Silver Cloud Lane, Knoxville, TN 37909.**

Current Owner(s): Linear Investment Legacy II, LLC.

Other Interested Party(ies): .N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Nikki L. Brinkley and James P. Brinkley executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated April 28, 2010 and recorded on April 30, 2010 in Instrument No. 201004300068353, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 5, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 41st Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being all of Lot No. 24, Block H, Bradshaw Gardens, First Unit, as shown of record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 295-D (formerly Map Book 9, Page 57), Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, reference to which is hereby made for a more complete description.

Parcel ID Number: 080 K F 00902

Address/Description: **2025 Vada Circle, Knoxville, TN 37912.**

Current Owner(s): Nikki L. Brinkley.

Other Interested Party(ies): .N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department  
277 Mallory Station Road  
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### 75 FORECLOSURES

#### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2001, executed by TAMMI I. KRONER AND WILLIAM D. KRONER, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Union County, Tennessee recorded August 1, 2001, in Deed Book TD12, Page 481; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3 who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Union County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM** at the Front Entrance of the Union County Courthouse, located in Maynardville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Union County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND PARTLY IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONTAINING 5.01 ACRES AND LYING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BROCK ROAD AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF BROCK ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 1,712 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH WELCH ROAD AND CORNER WITH PROPERTY OF EFFLER; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 86 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 73.61 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE LEAVING BROCK ROAD AND RUNNING DOWN THE CENTER OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT LYING 12 1/2 FEET EACH SIDE OF THE CENTER LINE THEREOF, THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES: NORTH 86 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 81.86 FEET; SOUTH 63 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST, 52.31 FEET; SOUTH 53 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, 59.81 FEET; SOUTH 40 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 60.12 FEET; SOUTH 38 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, 104.63 FEET; SOUTH 19 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 125.85 FEET; AND SOUTH 41 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 233.16 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE TERMINATION OF SAID ACCESS EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 15 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 269.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN NEAR THE KNOX/UNION COUNTY LINE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 24 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 364.76 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF PROPERTY OF EFFLER; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 10 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE LINE OF EFFLER AND CROSSING BACK INTO UNION COUNTY, A DISTANCE OF 822 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 10 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 267.80 FEET TO THE IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING TRACT 1 AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF PERRY WALKER, DATED OCTOBER 7, 1995, CONTAINING 5.01 ACRES, BEARING DRAWING NO, 705-2690. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, TO BUILDING SETBACK LINES, AND ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. Parcel ID: 082-048.02 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **299 BROCK RD, MAYNARDVILLE, TN 37807**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): TAMMI I. KRONER AND WILLIAM D. KRONER OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 2, 2015 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by BELINDA MOORE AND HOWARD L MOORE, to TITLE PROFESSIONALS INC, Trustee, on December 14, 2005, as Instrument No. 200512190053177 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-SP1

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT 2 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 18TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 67, BLOCK 20, IN EDGEWOOD LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S FOURTH ADDITION, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS LINCOLN PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN IN MAP CABINET A, SLIDE 266-B (MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 59) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Tax ID: 069NE-006

Current Owner(s) of Property: BELINDA MOORE AND HOWARD L MOORE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **3419 Oswald St, Knoxville, TN 37917**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES JUNIOR LIEN AND LIEN FILED AGAINST BELINDA MOORE, IN FAVOR OF CITY OF KNOXVILLE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 14-003678-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS, LORI LIANE LONG,  
Substitute Trustee(s)  
PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404  
5217 MARYLAND WAY  
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027  
PHONE: (615) 238-3630  
EMAIL: TNSALES@MWZMLAW.COM  
Insertion Dates: 01-26, 02-02, 02-09-15

## 85 MISC. NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Richard Dale Sanders II  
IN RE: Natalie Leann Howe vs Richard Dale Sanders II  
**NO. 188798-1**

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee  
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Richard Dale Sanders II, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Richard Dale Sanders II, it is ordered that said defendant Richard Dale Sanders II file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Carole Cole an, Attorney whose address is 120 Suburban Road Ste. 203, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 14th day of January, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN  
Clerk and Master

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: Erica Megan Billings & David Lewis Harris  
In Re:  
Darby Stephen Billings-Harris  
**Docket # 1-739-14**  
In the Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee,  
Div. I

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the respondents, Erica Megan Billings & David Lewis Harris, the parents of the child, are non-residents of the state or whose identify and whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon them.

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the respondents, Erica Megan Billings & David Lewis Harris, file an Answer with the Circuit Court Clerk, Catherine Shanks, and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney for the petitioners, whose address is P.O. Box 2564, Knoxville, TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Default Judgment will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to you before KRISTI M. DAVIS, CIRCUIT JUDGE at the Knox County Circuit Court, Div. I, 400 Main St. Knoxville, TN 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

/s/ Catherine Shanks

CATHERINE SHANKS  
Circuit Court Clerk

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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: The Unknown Biological Father of Cecelia Ann Mack  
born 9-5-2012  
In Re:  
Adoption of Cecelia Ann Mack  
**Docket # 3-208-14**

In the Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee, Div. III  
In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the respondent, the Unknown Biological Father of the child, is either a non-resident of the state or whose identify and whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon the Unknown Biological Father.

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the respondent, the Unknown Biological Father, file an Answer with the Circuit Court Clerk, Catherine Shanks, and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney for the petitioners, whose address is P.O. Box 2564, Knoxville, TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a Default Judgment will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to you before DEBORAH C. STEVENS, CIRCUIT JUDGE at the Knox County Circuit Court, Div. III, 400 Main St. Knoxville, TN 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

/s/ Catherine Shanks

CATHERINE SHANKS  
Circuit Court Clerk

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## 85 MISC. NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Maria Wallace  
IN RE: Clark Wallace vs Maria Wallace  
**NO. 188725-3**

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee  
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Maria Wallace, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Maria Wallace, it is ordered that said defendant Maria Wallace file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Danny C. Garland II an, Attorney whose address is 507 S. Gay Street Suite 500, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Mike Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 29th day of December, 2014.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN  
Clerk and Master

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## 85 MISC. NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Clifton Tyrone Avery  
IN RE: Tanya Louise Avery vs Clifton Tyrone Avery  
**NO. 188475-2**

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee  
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Clifton Tyrone Avery, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Clifton Tyrone Avery, it is ordered that said defendant Clifton Tyrone Avery file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Henry C. Walter Jr. an, Attorney whose address is P.O. Box 11297, Knoxville, TN 37939 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.  
This 16th day of December, 2014.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

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