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President Obama Visits East Tennessee

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The quick visit to Knoxville and Clinton Friday was President Barack Obama's first visit to Knoxville as Commander in Chief and his proposal of a nation-wide two year college education, patterned after Tennessee's Promise, was well received by local citizens.

President Obama, joined in the visit by Vice-President Joe Biden and his wife, Professor Jill Biden, referred to Governor Bill Haslam's efforts to guarantee all high school graduates two free years of community or technical education during his address that afternoon at Pellissippi State Community College. Professor Biden spoke of her many years as a community college teacher and the president said that neither he nor the vice-president would be in the positions they are today had it not been for financial assistance in college.

The address at Pellissippi State College was attended by a packed house of college students, teachers, local and national officials, and the local, regional and national press.

The President then traveled to Clinton where he spoke at the Techmer PM plant about creating new jobs.



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Pictured in ascending order, President Barack Obama, Senator Lamar Alexander, Senator Bob Corker and Congressman John Duncan, Jr. exit Air Force One.

City Council

Fire and Police raises, appointments and more

By Mike Steely
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The City Council's long meeting last Monday saw the city police and fire employees get a mid-year raise in an attempt to bring salaries near the level of other like sized cities. The raise passed the council without opposition but there were some comments about the timing of the raise as it falls in between the city's annual budget hearings. Mayor Rogero said that waiting to raise salaries, estimated at about 2.5 percent depending on pay grades, would only cause the salaries to fall further behind other cities.

The pay increase, funded by the mayor's budget for the current year, would increase salaries for about 476 current employees. The increase will need to be approved on a second reading at the next city council meeting.

The council also approved transferring several streets and portions of streets to the University of Tennessee, approved providing money for the April Tennessee Family Round Table Forum and gave

\$1,800 to the Candoro Arts and Heritage Center.

Several zoning requests were also approved on first reading including rezoning the former Presbyterian Church on Cedar Lane (see separate story) and split vote on a request of Jerry Green for his property along South Northshore Drive.

Green is asking for a C-4 (Commercial) zone for the narrow strip south of Kings-ton Pike. He told the council he acquired the property, did a lot of clean up, and sells cars there.

The property is located in the Flood Plain and Green said he "just wants to get legal" there. Although Councilman Marshall Stair tried to postpone the matter, calling it a "complex, confusing matter" the matter came to a vote. Councilman Duane Grieve said that "not a single person showed up against it."

Grieve said that Green has a thriving business and had taken a piece of property and cleaned it up.

"He's jumped through all the hoops, I'm opposed to postponing it. Let him get

back to business," Grieve said.

The planning commission staff told the council that Green was operating a legal business there. The postponement was defeated in a 6-3 vote and the property rezoned on a 7-2 vote.

Several people were appointed or reappointed to various boards, including David Gillette and Danny Gray to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, Michelle Neal and Juanita Goodman to the KAT Community Advisory Committee, and Dennis H. Owen and Linda Gray Blanc to the City Pension Board.

The mayor was authorized to enter into an agreement with the Tennessee Transportation Department for a traffic light on Callahan Road at the south bound entrance of Interstate 75. The state will install it and the city will maintain it.

Extension of a pedal carriage permit for downtown Knoxville for one year was approved and Fred D. (Tony) Thompson Jr. was given \$55,000 to "provide Government Relations Services" for the city. Thompson is a Nashville lobbyist.

Special Education 101

Special Education Transportation Costs KCS Nearly \$5 Million/Year

By Sally Absher
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One of the biggest concerns for parents of children with special needs is the issue of inclusion in the least restrictive environment. As taxpayers, we should all be concerned about the costs involved in sending students across town to segregated programs instead of using the money to more appropriately support students in their neighborhood schools and general education classrooms.

Knox County Board of Education Policy IDDF states, "The Board shall provide access to a free appropriate public education to all children with disabilities ages 3-21, inclusive, residing within the jurisdiction of the school system. The plan for implementation of appropriate instruction and special education services shall be in accordance with the current Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education, and state and federal law.

The Board shall develop and periodically

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King Week begins Wednesday

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Professor Derek Alderman will address the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission's Symposium on Thursday, January 15. The symposium is part of five-day remembrance of the Civil Rights leader that starts Wednesday, January 14, and ends Monday, Jan. 19.

Alderman, a University of Tennessee professor and department head of geography, is a specialist on streets named for King. He began his research in the 1990s, looking to see how many streets were named for King and what that says about the struggle by African-Americans and the Civil Rights Movement.

His research found more than 900 streets named for King in forty states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. Most of the streets are in the southeast, which was the location of most of the civil rights activity. He found that the naming of streets still continues to grow.

Alderman said that proponents of streets named for King should include neighborhoods that cross racial boundaries but opponents, for the most part, didn't allow that to happen. So generally the "Martin Luther King, Jr." or MLK streets are in African-American neighborhoods.

The professor has appeared on many national television news shows and has been featured in many magazine and newspaper articles. He maintains

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Focus on the Law

Same-sex Marriage

As of the writing of this column on January 9, 2015, it is legal in 36 U.S. states and the District of Columbia for same-sex couples to marry. How did we get here? In many conservative states like



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

A federal judge in Florida just ruled last week that that state's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. Florida officials will likely appeal that decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for

the Eleventh Circuit, their regional federal court of appeals. Meanwhile today, bans on same-sex marriage in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana will be challenged in oral arguments before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Other regional courts of appeals had all agreed that bans on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional until the U.S. Court of Appeals

for the Sixth Circuit broke ranks and decided *DeBoer v. Snyder* on November 6, 2014.

In the *DeBoer v. Snyder* case, a panel of three judges decided in a 2 to 1 decision that the Fourteenth Amendment to U.S. Constitution does not prohibit a State from defining marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman. Judge Sutton spoke for the majority against judicial activism when he said, "When the courts do not let the people resolve new social issues like this one, they perpetuate the idea that the heroes in these change events are judges and lawyers. Better in this instance, we think, to allow change through the customary political processes, in

which the people, gay and straight alike, become the heroes of their own stories by meeting each other not as adversaries in a court system but as fellow citizens seeking to resolve a social issue in a fair-minded way."

The Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court will meet today to consider whether the Court will agree to review any or all of five cases concerning state law bans on same-sex marriage in Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Louisiana. This includes the *DeBoer v. Snyder* case. Their decision on whether to hear these cases is expected by the end of January in order for oral arguments to be held in the Spring and rulings to be made by June.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which includes Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, upheld laws banning same-sex marriage. The U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth Circuits have struck down state law bans on same-sex marriage in their jurisdictions. The Supreme Court has previously declined to review decisions which found the ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional. Now that there are conflicting decisions between the U.S. Circuits, the Justices may recognize a need to address the federal constitutional issues and implications and provide uniformity on the topic. If the Supreme Court takes up the issue

of same-sex marriage this term, it will likely be the most high profile issue on the docket. Expect to hear more on this topic.

You should always contact an attorney to get advice and assistance with the facts of your particular situation. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. She is a sole practitioner who handles probate, foreclosures, landlord-tenant, collections and general civil matters. She represents Social Security disability claimants and represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. Her office is in Knoxville and she may be reached at (865)539-2100.

Three honored with street and place names

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Many streets and city facilities in Knoxville are named in honor of past and present citizens including Tee Martin, Cormac McCarthy, Phillip Fulmer and Payton Manning.

Naming a facility, street or portion of a street in honor of noted citizens is a way the city recognizes contributions from those people. Three local citizens were so recognized by the Public Property Naming Committee during their meeting last Monday: Maxine Raines, Joan Cronan and Kyle Testerman.

Maxine Raines, founder of Lost Sheep Ministry, feeds the homeless every Wednesday night under the I-40 and Broadway Bridge on McGhee Avenue. She has also been active in caring for prostitutes, the homeless, and the needy without a salary for some 27 years. She was nominated by Pat Oaks and an honorary sign was approved by the committee on McGhee Avenue.

Committee member Terry Faulkner said she "totally admired" the nomination of Raines.

Joan Cronan, former UT Athletics Director, was nominated by Sherri Lane, who said Cronan has done so much for the University and the Lady Vols.

"She's still out there lobbying for Knoxville," she said.

"Cronan was one of the first women to be elected to be president the national NCAA Committee," Lane said, adding that Cronan is known for her fairness and her pride in representing the university.

"I think it is extremely appropriate for what Joan has meant to the university and the city," committee chair Marshall Stair said. The committee echoed the prior approval of the Metropolitan Planning Commission to rename Leinard Lane between Neyland Drive and Stephenson Drive in Cronan's honor.

The tennis courts at Tyson Park will become the "Kyle C. Testerman Tennis Complex" as a result of a nomination by Foster D. Arnett, Jr., Arnett told the committee that Testerman, a two-time mayor of Knoxville, was also a nationally recognized tennis player and a promoter of the Knoxville World's Fair.

Arnett said that the former mayor will be 80 years old this year.

"Kyle was a leader and one of the first people to recognize the future promise of the Old City," he said.

City Councilman Marshall Stair explained the process of renaming areas to honor citizens. He told the committee that suggestions can come from any citizen, including committee members, and suggested that the group might think of some citizens that could be recognized in the future in order to create a pool of names. He said the committee only meets when two or more

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update a local plan for providing special education services for students with disabilities. Specifically, the Board assures that:

1. All students with disabilities living within the school system have available to them a free, appropriate public education with special education and related services to meet their individual needs provided in the least restrictive environment; and

2. Provision of educational services will comply with procedural safeguards required by state and federal law."

Kim Kredich, introduced in last week's Focus article, provided both the Focus and the Board of Education with detailed information suggesting that KCS could redirect funds from unnecessarily transporting students away from their zoned schools to better instructing students in more appropriate and effective inclusive educational placements.

She references the work done by Dr. Michael Remus, who served over a decade ago as the Director of Special Education in Williamson County, TN. Today, Williamson County still maintains one of the highest rates of inclusion in Tennessee (a full 15% over the state target that Knox County failed to reach for students with disabilities receiving 80% or more of their instruction in the general education classroom).

Over a period of three years, Remus moved about 400 special-education students back to their

neighborhood schools. He got rid of most self-contained classrooms where many special-education students spent all or most of their day. He also established learning centers in each school, rooms where not only special education students, but any student, could come to get help or accelerated learning.

It removed the stigma that special education students were different, he said, and conveyed the idea that all students need individual attention at some point. And special education teachers moved into the general classrooms along with the special education students. There, they collaborated with the general education teachers to help any student with learning problems.

Remus also established a summer academy to train special education teachers in inclusion. Over time, general education teachers started coming to learn how they could more effectively work with special needs students. And the academy has broadened its scope to address how all students who struggle can be helped.

Student achievement improved in Williamson County. Those in the lowest quartile of testing in the district -- which includes many of the special education students -- made well more than a year's gain in reading and math during one year of instruction. The gains were most dramatic in the early grades. (Source: 2004 article in *The Oregonian*, "And Inclusion for All" by Stephen Carter)

Federal law requires

that each school district provides a full continuum of educational placement options to meet the needs of students with disabilities -- starting with the general education classroom with a full range of supports and services as the first consideration, and moving to more restrictive settings such as a Resource Room, Special Classes, and Residential Facilities or the child's home as necessary.

Kredich claims that KCS's poor inclusion numbers are indicative of improper practices in determining placement for students with moderate to severe disabilities. She points to transportation costs as a potential area where resources are being mismanaged to favor unnecessary segregation instead of promoting rightful inclusion through instructional support at students' neighborhood schools

According to the most recent KCS application for IDEA funding, 892 KCS students received Special Education Transportation. Only 17 students in all of KCS were included under Funding Option 6, receiving the second highest amount of state/IDEA funding possible per student (the highest funding is for full-time residential/hospitalized students). Under Funding Option 6, these students receive the benefit of an Ancillary Service (sign language interpreter, physical attendant, or "other" such as an Instructional Assistant) provided to the student for 20 or more hours per week (4 hours per day) in the general

education setting.

Yet, for the 892 KCS receiving special education transportation, transportation costs (none through IDEA Part B funds, all through KCS General Purpose Funds) totaled \$4,948,913. This equals an average cost of over \$5,500 per student receiving Special Education transportation. KCS does not differentiate costs for out-of-zone transportation as opposed to in-zone, but students bussed out of their school zone would obviously cost more to transport than those bussed within their school zone.

The bottom line is that school systems that have taken the leap to compliance with IDEA Law (to fulfill Least Restrictive Environment stipulations) have seen huge drops in transportation costs and better academic outcomes as resources are put towards inclusive instruction rather than segregation through transportation away from zoned schools.

Kredich says, "Interestingly, most parents do not even know that their in-zone children with special needs have a right to ride on the regular school bus with supports as needed," and adds, "With our dismal record as the only county to reach none of the five state inclusion targets, perhaps we can use our 'Needs Assistance' support from the Tennessee Department of Education to pursue cost analyses of segregated vs. inclusive / outcomes-focused placements for students with disabilities."



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Cantrell answers call to combat human trafficking

By Ken Lay

Pam Cantrell received a call from a higher power approximately two years ago and it was a call she felt compelled to answer.

So her company, Cantrell's Heating & Air became a sponsor for the annual Run 4 Their Lives 5K run and 1-Mile Walk in 2014.

The second annual Run 4 Their Lives Knoxville event was held Saturday. The run began on Market Square and traveled through Knoxville's Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood. The event raises awareness and funds to bring sexually exploited women and children into freedom. It's part of the Freedom 4/24 Project to combat human trafficking nationwide and is part of a Firewall Ministries, the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking and StreetGrace TN.

"This was just something that God placed on my heart out of nowhere and I talked to other people who said the same thing," Cantrell said. "This is one of those things that nobody wants to think about or talk about. "But it's a big problem



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Chilly temperatures did not keep runners away from Saturday's Run 4 Their Lives 5K on Market Square.

and it's a \$32 billion industry and not an expendable industry like drugs."

Human trafficking is a worldwide problem in poor countries as victims are abducted or sold into slavery by parents. While human trafficking is thought to exist mainly in poor Third World countries, Cantrell said that it is also quite common in

the United States and in Tennessee.

"It's not just in the poorer countries," Cantrell said. It's also in the United States and it's in our back yard here in Tennessee.

"There are documented cases of human trafficking in every county in Tennessee. After God placed this on my heart, I began

attending weekly prayer meetings at various churches and I found out more and more about it."

What Cantrell discovered was disturbing. The average victim is 12 years old. Many victims are even younger than that.

"They sell kids and the kids are abducted and told that if they don't cooperate,

that their families will be killed," she said. "This is a hard topic to talk or know about but it needs to be fought against."

Cantrell also noted that Saturday's bitterly cold temperatures didn't keep participants away from the second running of the event.

"I don't have the numbers but I know that it was

a success," she said.

The Run 4 Their Lives began in Knoxville last year and had more than 800 participants on a cold and rainy day in 2014.

The inaugural event was also successful.

"We got 800 people at the first race and that was really big," Cantrell recalled.

KCS Board of Education Wants to Go to the Dance

Cha-ching. That is the sound of the Knox County Schools Board of Education spending more of your tax dollars.

At last Monday's Work Meeting, Dr. McIntyre, in his Superintendent's Report, laid

out his plan to address the substitute teacher shortage. This is a legitimate concern. Some schools in the district have had a difficult time filling all their substitute requests, especially on Mondays and Fridays.

To address this, Dr. McIntyre put in place a new compensation strategy on November 1. KCS identified 28 schools with low fill rates for substitute teachers, and provided additional compensation for substitutes at those schools and supplemental compensation for substitutes at those schools on Monday and Friday.

McIntyre said they have seen some impact from this, but wants to do more. He listed the following additional strategies that will be implemented this spring:

- Expand the list



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of "hard to fill" schools from 28 to 32, including Richard Yoakley, Fulton High, Christenberry, and Inskip;

- Add a differential in compensation for substitutes who are licensed

teachers;

- Add an additional premium for substitutes who are not only certified teachers, but retired Knox County teachers in good standing.

- Also increase the substitute daily pay rate for teaching assistants at the four special day schools: Richard Yoakley, Ridgedale, K.A.E.C., and Ft. Sanders.

6th District BOE member Terry Hill asked McIntyre if he knew what the fiscal impact would be. Dr. McIntyre said, "We really don't... we did some initial fiscal analysis for the initial strategy, but it's really just an estimate at this point. The thought is to put these strategies in place and see what their impact is, but also to assess the cost implications at the end of the school year and

reassess at that point." Cha-ching.

But the hot topics of Monday's work meeting, which drew a clear line between the rubber stamp board members and new members (with Traci Sanger comfortably straddling the line until Wednesday), were the agenda items concerning KCS renewing their retainer with a lobbying firm and joining a consortium of large countywide and suburban districts.

The retainer agreement is with Millsaps Gowan for provision of Coalition of Large Area School Systems (CLASS) government relation services at a cost of \$37,500. According to their website, "Millsaps Gowan Government Relations is a full service state and local lobbying firm based in Nashville."

The agreement letter states that they will "provide CLASS government relation services on issues related to public education." In addition, they "will provide ancillary services such as electronic forwarding to you on a daily basis relevant newspaper articles, analyses, and important government

announcements. Millsaps Gowan will also provide legislative and state administrative advocacy services including, but not limited to tracking legislation, representing CLASS interests in the legislative process, exploring legislative opportunities to advance the CLASS agenda, monitoring actions of the state board of education, and providing timely communications to member systems."

KCS, along with the other three large districts in TN, is a member of CLASS. Shelby County Unified, Metro Nashville Public, Hamilton County, and Knox County Schools each pay \$37,500 annually to have a government relations firm to "advance the CLASS agenda," whatever that is. The devil is always in the details. The BOE voted unanimously to approve renewal.

New for 2015 is membership in the Large Countywide and Suburban District Consortium, based in Washington DC, at an annual cost of \$25,000. The Consortium is subtitled "21st Century Education Accountability: Recommendations for a new Federal Framework."

Attachments to the BOE agenda state that, "Membership in the Consortium is limited to a select group of superintendents who demonstrate strong leadership, commitment to providing all students a high-quality education, and a record of success in preparing students for college, career, and citizenship." Note the education reform buzz-words.

McIntyre pointed out that KCS was approached by the Consortium. He reiterated that they are "highly selective" in their invitation to districts. "We've been invited...I think it's probably a worthwhile investment just to see what the potential benefit could be, to see what value we can garner from this consortium."

Hill, Patti Bounds, Amber Rountree, and Traci Sanger expressed concerns about the cost of these agreements. Bounds asked how KCS can justify these expenses just one month after committing \$500,000 for a previously unbudgeted middle school IB MYP programme, and pointed out that schools in her district don't have textbooks for every child

or copy paper, concerns echoed by the others.

But McIntyre, Lynne Fugate, Gloria Deathridge, Karen Carson, and Doug Harris were giddy about the consortium invitation. Carson dismissed concerns about the cost, and compared it to the Stanford Consortium several years ago, which she said was "incredibly beneficial." Fugate pointed out that CLASS is built into the budget already, and that membership in the consortium is a "huge honor." She added, "I don't know how often you'll be asked to the dance if you don't say yes."

Harris pointed out that there aren't many opportunities for what he called "Research and Development and collaboration," and said that in his business, it was money well spent if even one good idea comes out of it. Deathridge said, "I don't like to be on the outside looking in, and if we've been invited to the dance, why not take advantage of it?"

At Wednesday's meeting, Mike McMillan asked McIntyre what the \$25,000 membership fee

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Tech Corridor to consider three requests

By Mike Steely
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The Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority Board will meet in a called session Wednesday, January 20th at 4 p.m. to resume business that would have been heard last Monday except for a lack of quorum. The called meeting date is tentative based on availability of the members and the applicants.

The Board will also hear an update on the Northwest Sector Plan by the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Four of the seven board members were absent at last week's planned meeting and January 20th was chosen to resume business.

The TTCDA was established in 1983 by state law and includes 7,000 acres of overlay zoning along the Pellissippi Parkway in west Knox County north of Interstates 40/75. Applications for building permits, signs, grading and rezoning are assigned to the TTCDA staff for recommendations and

considered in the board's monthly meetings.

The called meeting will consider a request from Barry Byrd Architecture for a building permit on Murdock Drive to add a 25,875 square foot addition to the Masa Associates office building and includes 284 parking spaces.

The Jessup Land Company, LLC, is seeking a building permit on Valley Vista Road south of Hardin Valley Road to add an additional entrance gate with brick columns and a small business sign.

Commercial Sign and Crane, LLC, is asking permission for two signs at the UPS Store in Hardin Valley Station. The logo signs will be flush mounted to the building. With some conditions the staff is recommending approval.

Members of the board include Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chair David Collins, Vice Chair Orlando Diaz, Fred Metz, Ben Pethel, Tommy White and Anthony Wise.



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Before frozen foods, refrigeration and cheap transport from warmer areas became readily available in northern and Central Europe, sauerkraut, like other preserved foods, provided a source of nutrients during the winter. James Cook always took a store of sauerkraut on his sea voyages since experience had taught him it prevented scurvy.

I never ate a black-eyed pea although I have made soup with ham hocks. I noticed a German fast-food restaurant on the corner of Emery Rd. and Dry Gap Rd. and I can't wait to try it out. We went past it on a Sunday but they were closed. They are open all the other days from eleven a.m. till nine p.m. Always love to try out new eating establishments. Makes me really hungry for a plump hot dog covered with sauerkraut. Many delicious dishes can be made involving sauerkraut. I'm including one that is perfect for a cold, wintry day.

SAUERKRAUT SOUP WITH SAUSAGE

Ingredients:

1 pound sausage, such as kielbasa

1 large onion, finely chopped
1 rib celery, finely chopped
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 cup hard cider (optional)
1 (32 oz.) jar sauerkraut, drained and rinsed briefly.

8 cups canned, low-sodium chicken broth

1 cup peeled and cubed potatoes

3 sprigs fresh thyme

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Directions:

Heat a large soup pot over medium heat then add diced sausage. Cook until caramelized and the fat is rendered, about 4-6 minutes. Add onions and celery, stirring occasionally until vegetables are soft and lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Add garlic, stirring for 1 minute. Add sauerkraut, broth, potatoes, thyme and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until vegetables are very tender, about 45 minutes. Enjoy!

Thought for the day: How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world. William Shakespeare

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call (865)748-4717. Thank you.

Three honored with street and place names

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Nominations for names are received.

There are two ways to do so: by renaming the area completely or by placing an honorary sign above the existing name's sign. Stair explained that an honorary sign is a brown sign placed over the green street sign so that people along the existing street don't have to change their address.

The Public Property Naming Committee is made

up of Stair, Berry Neal, Liam Hysjulien, Amy Midis, Steve Patton, Sharon Davis, Kelsey Bull, Councilman Daniel Brown, Terry Faulkner, Mabrey Duff, Lauren Rider, Rick Emmet, Jim Johnson, and David McGinley. One member is named for each city district and three At-Large members. It also includes the Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the City Law Department, City Engineering, and one from City Administration.

KCS Board of Education Wants to Go to the Dance



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Knox County Board of Education Chair Mike McMillan.

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for the Consortium paid for. McIntyre didn't know exactly, but thought the fee covered some funds for travel to conventions, and a facilitator. A roll call vote was

taken, and the Consortium membership was approved 6-3, with Hill, Rountree, and McMillan voting no. Changing.

Bounds said she hadn't changed her mind from Monday," but as law director Bud Armstrong has frequently said, "this board can do whatever it wants with five votes" and it was clear there were five votes. Unfortunately, a majority of the BOE think it's more important to go to the dance than to see that our limited education dollars are put to their best use in the classroom.

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a website dedicated to the MLK streets at "mlkstreet.com"

The symposium takes place at the Marriott Hotel from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and is followed by a luncheon where the Honorable Cruz Reynoso will speak.

MLK events begin the day before, Wednesday, January 14, with an Interfaith Prayer Service at the First Presbyterian Church at noon. The Church is at 620 State Street.

On Friday there is a Community Forum at the Beck Center at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. The Beck Cultural Exchange Center is located at 1927 Dandridge Avenue.

Saturday, January 17, features a Youth

Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Austin-East High School. This event is a collaboration of the MLK Commission Youth Symposium team and the Knoxville Chapter of Jack & Jill of America to provide a day of youth development and leadership training.

Also during this time at Austin-East, teacher in-service training will be held. Teachers and professionals attending this program will deal with strategies educators can use to close the achievement gap as well as strategies for facing a diverse student body.

All professionals are welcome and Knox County teachers will receive five credit hours of in-service training credit. Registration is required. Knox County

Teachers may register on Teacher-U at www.knoxschools.org.

Also on Saturday is the YWCA Race Against Racism 5K Run/One Mile Walk. The Race begins at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Center at 1 p.m. and stretches along Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

Monday, January 19th is the annual MLK Parade which starts at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and ends at the Greater Warner AME Zion Church at 3800 MLK Avenue, at 11:30 featuring the Celebration Choir and featured speaker Reverend Dr.

Kelly Miller Smith.

Parade participants are being asked to begin lining up at 8:30 a.m. at the Phyllis Wheatley Center, 124 South Cruze Street. You can register to take part in the parade by emailing admin@MLKKnoxville.com.

That evening, at 6 p.m. at the Tennessee Theater at 604 Gay Street, will be a Night with the Arts tribute to Dr. King featuring an original stage production and the Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra.

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Sterchi Hills and County Greenways

By Mike Steely
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On what was probably the warmest day so far in January dozens of people were out enjoying the 2.2 miles of greenway that stretches from Sterchi Hills to Sterchi Village. Many of the walkers and joggers were neighborhood residents taking a walk with their children, their spouse, and their dogs.

The Sterchi Hills Greenway runs along what was once the Sterchi Dairy Farm. The huge farm is now the home of neatly kept subdivisions. The paved path starts on the west end at Jim Sterchi Road, just north of Dry Gap Pike. The trail heads east just across the creek from Sterchi Village at a gentle slope and then turns right to cross a low knob beneath an umbrella of trees and beside Knob Fork of Beaver Creek. From there it turns north and pauses at Sterchi Park.

On weekends, Sterchi Park is active with children enjoying the playground and teens playing basketball. The park is located on Dry Gap Pike and has restrooms, picnic tables, and benches.

From there, the greenway crosses the pike and heads east again through grasslands until it crosses Fountain City Drive and enters Tommy Schumpert



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

A father and daughter stroll along Sterchi Hills Greenway between Jim Sterchi Drive and Dry Gap Pike.

Park where it merges with the park's paved loop. Most of the paved greenway until Fountain City Drive lies beneath utility lines where no houses could be built and takes full advantage of the land there.

There are soccer fields at Schumpert Park as well as baseball fields, a disc golf course and a dog park.

Accessing the Sterchi Hills Greenway is easy and convenient for everyone, not just the residents of the Sterchi Hills and Sterchi Village Subdivisions. Greenway enthusiasts can find ample parking at Sterchi Park, Schumpert Park and the Sterchi Soccer Complex. The greenway and the

large residential areas there occupy what was once Belle Fontaine or Sterchi Farm. James (Jim) Sterchi's mansion on Dry Gap Pike to the south overlooks what was once a 1,400-acre dairy farm. The Sterchi family dominated the furniture retail market for many years in our

area with its Knoxville headquarters located in the Sterchi Building and Emporium building. The Sterchi Brothers at one time had 65 retail stores across the southeast and were founders not only of Sterchi Stores but co-founders of Fowler's Furniture. In 1888 the Sterchi chain was reportedly the largest retail chain in the world. Other Knox County Greenways include the Halls Greenway, which stretches from the Community Center to the Hall Library on Emory Road, with just over ½ mile of walkway along Beaver Creek. Beverly Loop is a .6 mile paved trail from Beverly Park Circle. New Harvest Loop is a ¼ mile loop that surrounds New Harvest Park. The Mascot Park loop is about the same length and surrounds Mascot Park. House Mountain is a 500-acre natural area with various trails, some reaching the summit of 2,100 feet. About four miles are unpaved trails and paved loops can be reached at the parking area, which has a picnic shelter and restrooms. The Howard Pinkston Greenway in South Knox County begins at French Memorial Park on Martin Mill Pike and connects the park with the

headquarters located in the Sterchi Building and Emporium building.

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Another way to get to Seven Islands

Last week's article contained directions to the new Seven Islands State Park and one reader, Nicki York, points out that you don't have to enter Sevier County in order to reach the park which is in Knox County.

We used the driving directions from the State Park website and followed those directions when visiting the park.

"You can take Exit 398 off of I-40 (Straw Plains Pike). If you are headed east on 40 at the end of the ramp turn left, west bound turn right. Take a right onto Huckleberry Springs Road. Follow Huckleberry Springs until you come to Thorn Grove Pike, take a right onto Thorn Grove Pike then a left onto Kodak Road. Follow Kodak Road until you get to Kelly Road and this is the road that takes you to the park," York wrote.

Thanks to Nicki York for pointing that out.

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Seymour Celebrates Those Who Serve

Every third Thursday of the month, the Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce (S.A.C.C.) members get together for a morning breakfast to build their business relationships. The Chamber had a lot to celebrate at its breakfast meeting in December, hosted by Chamber member Sevier County Bank in Seymour, on the 18th.

Starting off with a food drive for the C.R.O.S.S. Food Ministry on Boyds Creek Highway, attendees brought non-perishable food items to be donated to those in need this holiday season. The

personnel from C.R.O.S.S. educated the breakfast attendees on how its services help our community year 'round. Those interested in holding a food drive at any time of the year should contact C.R.O.S.S.

Secondly, the Chamber was happy to present the Veterans Emergency Fund of Sevier County with a handsome check from a portion of the net proceeds the Chamber fundraised at its Seymour Salutes Veterans event on November 8th. These funds are allocated to the needy Veterans of Sevier County as

the abiding organization sees fit. Also during this presentation, a District Representative from Congressman Phil Roe's office, John Abe Teague, presented the oldest and the youngest Veteran who attended the Seymour Salutes Veterans event, with certificates from the Congressman's office. These two gentlemen, Normal E. Burleson and Breckenridge S. Morgan, were happy to accept this great tribute. "Thank you for giving Congressman Roe the opportunity to participate," said Mr. Teague, as he thanked the Chamber for

including the Congressman in its Seymour Salutes Veterans activities in recognition of our Veterans.

Lastly, the Chamber presented trophies to the winners of the 21st Annual Seymour Community Christmas Parade. The Chamber was honored to be host again for such an event where the community itself not only has a lot of fun preparing for and being in the parade, but serves in raising funds that go to the needy families in Seymour, determined by our principals in our area schools.

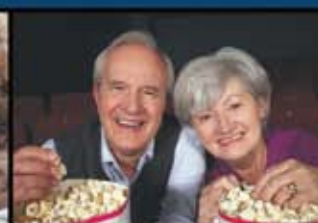
"As the year comes to an end, the Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the residents for all they have done this year to support the community and all of those who serve it. We look forward to another year of such active participation," said Linda Karam, President, S.A.C.C.

For more information on the Seymour Area Chamber of Commerce, please contact: info@seymourtn.org, or go to its website: www.SeymourTN.org, or FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/seymourareachamber.



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Rules and rulings at MPC

By Mike Steely
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Sometimes the rules get in the way of decisions at the Metropolitan Planning Commission meetings and that was true Thursday night in two decisions by the planners.

Quint Bourgeois was requesting a rezoning of property he owns across from the Inskip Park and Pool where he hopes to build apartments or condominiums. He said he bought the vacant lot about twelve years ago because it was zoned R-2, which allows for multi-family units. In 2013 the remainder of Inskip was rezoned for single family homes except for a few people who were opted out and remained with an R-2 zoning.

The problem for Bourgeois, he said, is that he was never notified of the change and would have removed the property of the rezoning. He recently met with the Inskip Neighborhood Association along with the area's city

councilman Mark Campen. Thursday night residents of the neighborhood spoke against allowing him to revert back to the less restrictive zoning.

The MPC staff recommended denial. Since the request would require altering the North City Sector and the One Year Plan, along with the neighborhood objection, the planners discussed some alternative for Bourgeois. While the property owner said he has money invested in the lot and never received a notification of zoning change the planners told him that economic loss was not a hardship for changing a zone.

The objection to the development by the neighbors included the increased traffic, increased students attending Inskip Elementary, and their long effort to restrict apartment development.

Bourgeois called the postcard notification system that is mailed to property owners about zoning change "a flawed



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The block of buildings along North Broadway near WATE Tv has been renovated and the owner wants a rezoning that would allow less parking and attract up-scale businesses to serve the walk-in neighborhood customers.

process." Chairwoman Rebecca Longmire said his complaint was like "The dog ate my homework."

The request was denied in a split vote and the property owner was told he can appeal to the City Council. The neighborhood association has promised to continue its opposition and indicated they would

have objected if he had requested opting out of the change when the neighborhood rezoning took place in Inskip.

One of the commission members said Bourgeois was an example of pitfalls that sometimes occur in a mass rezoning.

Patrick McInturff, who owns several buildings on North Broadway near WATE Tv Studios, requested

a change from one commercial zone to another to free his building complex up from parking regulations. Among the businesses located there is KBrew, a popular coffee house in the Old North Knoxville and 4th and Gill neighborhoods. Some of the other buildings are vacant and McInturff wants to attract niche businesses there.

The owner renovated the buildings and

neighborhood residents spoke on his behalf before the planners. His request would require amending the One Year Sector Plan and the MPC found itself again in a frustrating restriction.

Rather than denying the request, the planners postponed a decision for 90 days and told McInturff to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals with his request.

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Pinkston Library and Bonny Kate Elementary.

The I.C. King Park is very popular with trail bike riders. It has five miles of natural trails and parking off Alcoa Highway.

The Knoxville Urban Wilderness's Southern Loop has 42 miles of trails connecting parks, neighborhoods, schools and natural area.

The Carl Cowan Loop is a brief paved trail located along Northshore Drive. Concord Park has eight miles of natural surface mountain bike trails on Northshore behind the golf course and Concord Loop has almost a mile of walkway that circle the park. The Parkey Strader Loop at Concord Park is a .25 paved trail around the soccer field.

The Ball Camp Loop begins at Nicholas Ball Park on Ball Camp Pike and goes around the soccer field. Melton Hill Park on Williams

Bend has 3 miles of unpaved trails starting at the parking lot.

The Pellissippi Greenway starts at the Community College and runs along the parkway for a mile to Carmichael Road.

The Powell Greenway connects Powell High School with Powell Middle School. The 1.7 mile trail is paved and parking is available at either school.

The Ten Mile Creek Greenway connects Walker Springs Park on Kidder Lane for .3 miles to Ten Mile Creek plus a .7 mile trail extension to Gallaher View Road where it connects with the Cavet Station Greenway. Westward the paved walkway leads to Bridgewater Road.

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The Campaign That Never Was

The 1944 Governor's Race in

Pages from the Past



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Prentice Cooper had been governor of Tennessee for six years; the first man to be elected to three two-year terms since Austin Peay. Unlike Peay, Cooper lived through his entire tenure of office, but in 1944, he could not run again. Governor Cooper was a relatively young man and had wanted to run for the United States Senate in 1942 against Senator Tom Stewart, but Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, did not look with favor upon the idea. Cooper resigned himself to seeking a third term and the Democratic primary had been closer than the governor might have wished. Governor Cooper faced former congressman J. Ridley Mitchell in the primary. Mitchell had given up his seat in Congress to run for the Senate in 1938 unsuccessfully. Mitchell was an able politician and had made a race of it.

Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization, had dominated Tennessee politics since 1932 and neither man proposed to surrender that control. Both men pondered the gubernatorial race in 1944.

The first candidate to officially announce for the Democratic nomination for governor was Edward Ward Carmack, Jr., son of the late senator of the same name. The elder Carmack had been an iconic and polarizing figure in Tennessee politics, but the son was a pale imitation of his father. "Ned" Carmack had run for the United States Senate in 1942 against Tom Stewart and had quite nearly won. E. H. Crump had been appalled when Senator Stewart had lost the rest of the state, but was renominated by the huge vote for him in Shelby County.

Carmack's showing encouraged him to declare he would run for governor in 1944.

James B. Frazier, Jr., another scion of a politically successful father, had qualified to seek the Democratic nomination for governor. Frazier's father had been both a governor and U. S. senator from Tennessee and he was presently the U. S. Attorney for the Eastern Division of Tennessee, a federal appointment he received through Senator K. D. McKellar.

Robert L. Taylor, a Johnson City attorney and the son of Republican governor Alf A. Taylor, considered a gubernatorial bid. Taylor was the law partner of Judge Thad Cox, who was especially close to Senator McKellar. Both Frazier and Taylor were allied with the

McKellar organization, but most of the speculation centered on Fifth District Congressman Jim McCord of Lewisburg.

McCord had long been popular in his native Marshall County and had run for Congress in 1942 when the Fifth District had been redrawn due to redistricting. McCord was so popular, he was unopposed in the Democratic primary and general elections.

Congressman McCord at first seemed to be a rather reluctant candidate, dismissing the idea he might run for governor with the support of both Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump. McCord was by profession a businessman, farmer, and auctioneer. The Congressman was also an excellent speaker and in his brief term in the U. S. House of Representatives, he frequently traveled outside the state to speak to various groups. McCord ventured to Chicago in December of 1943 to address the national convention of the Milk Producers' Association. The highlight of the evening was McCord auctioning off a prize Jersey bull. Later that same month, Congressman McCord was due to speak at the University of Georgia in Athens.

McCord's friends in Marshall County submitted nominating petitions allowing the Congressman to qualify for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in March of 1944. The Congressman also distanced himself from Senator McKellar by announcing he would not vote for the McKellar amendments to legislation affecting the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Senator McKellar and I are friends of many years," McCord said. "I appreciate his record of distinguished service but with genuine regret I differ with him on the TVA amendments."

By that time, McCord was the only announced candidate running for governor on the Democratic ticket, outside of the perennial candidate Dr. John R. Neal and another nuisance candidate. E. W. Carmack had withdrawn and the candidacies of James B. Frazier, Jr. and Robert L. Taylor had never materialized when neither could secure the support of Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump. Congressman McCord had already been endorsed by both Senator McKellar and the Memphis Boss.

Carmack had been desperately trying to get into one of the armed services since his failed Senate race in 1942. Ned Carmack had been a constant presence in Senator McKellar's



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Portrait of Governor Jim Nance McCord, 1944.

Washington office and McKellar had done his best to help Carmack, but to no avail. Carmack had been dropping hints he would run for governor should he be unable to get into the armed services and it was likely a tactic on his part to spur Senator McKellar to greater efforts. McKellar was utterly exasperated with Carmack who began considering a run for a seat on the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission.

With Ned Carmack's withdrawal from the gubernatorial race, Jim McCord was largely unopposed.

Tennessee Republicans actually had a primary contest between John Wesley Kilgo and H. C. Lowry, a Knoxville attorney. Kilgo was also an attorney and resident of Greeneville. Kilgo had been elected to the Tennessee General Assembly and ran an active campaign for the GOP nomination, pledging if he were the nominee, he would carry the Republican fight "into every county in the state."

Congressman McCord had the luxury of conducting a leisurely campaign throughout the primary election. He easily won the nomination, carrying every county in Tennessee.

John W. Kilgo won the Republican nomination and true to his word, tried to make a race of it.

Kilgo was highly critical of the Cooper administration and pledged, if elected, he would ask the General Assembly to repeal the poll tax. Kilgo also denounced the "one-party system" in Tennessee, which he said was detrimental to the Volunteer State's future progress. Representative Kilgo also promised to support a retirement plan for teachers, health insurance for school children, and to build a four-lane highway from East to West Tennessee.

Jim McCord formally opened his fall campaign in Cookeville and was joined by Fourth District Congressman Albert Gore in promoting the

Democratic ticket. The platform at the Cookeville rally groaned under the weight of just about every important Democrat in the state of Tennessee. Senator McKellar, Senator Stewart, Governor Prentice Cooper, Congressman Estes Kefauver, Congressman Wirt Courtney, Congressman Percy Priest, Congressman Cliff Davis, Congressman Jere Cooper, and Congressman Tom Murray all sat on the platform as Gore and McCord made their pitch.

Jim Nance McCord campaigned in West Tennessee with Senator Tom Stewart, speaking in Jackson. McCord predicted both the national and state tickets would sweep Tennessee. Stewart introduced McCord to the audience who promptly admitted, "It is now evident that the next administration will face some of the most complex problems that have ever been presented in this state's history."

McCord went on to assure his audience, "We face those problems with a calm confidence and we accept the challenge of every yesterday of our history, of every tomorrow of our future with an honesty of purpose that has brought us far and that will sustain us through the grueling experiences ahead."

"If I am elected governor --- and I will be --- I accept the responsibility of the position along with its honors."

McCord was excellent at using generalities to lift the spirits of his audiences, but saying little of substance.

John W. Kilgo opened his own campaign in Jonesboro and spent the following three days touring the heavily Republican First Congressional District.

The Republicans ran more than a nominal campaign for the first time in years. Ohio Governor John W. Bricker, the GOP vice presidential nominee, made a stop in Nashville to speak on behalf of the

national ticket, as well as John W. Kilgo. William H. Willis, the Republican governor of Vermont, was also on hand to try and rally the GOP faithful, although the number of Republicans in Davidson County was miniscule.

Tennessee Democrats held a rally in Nashville around the same time with Oklahoma Governor Robert S. Kerr as the principal speaker. Senator McKellar, Governor Cooper, Senator Stewart joined Congressman McCord at the event.

Crump's Memphis machine took nothing for granted and organized down to the precinct level. Business, labor, and public officials came together to support the Democratic ticket and some 50 vice chairmen were named to turn out the vote. Senator McKellar was chosen as the "honorary chairman" of the Shelby County "Roosevelt-Truman-McCord-Hammer Club". Mayor Walter Chandler served as chairman of the club and Congressman Clifford Davis was named secretary. Crump was merely one of the 50 vice chairmen, but the Memphis Boss assured reporters, the campaign would reach every nook and cranny inside Shelby County.

Both gubernatorial candidates were campaigning hard by the last week of October. McCord made stops in Knoxville, Kingston, Rockwood, Harriman, Wartburg, Oneida, and LaFollette, all in one day. Over the course of the next two days, McCord visited fourteen more cities in East Tennessee before spending an entire day in Knoxville. McCord's schedule was far more hectic than that of John W. Kilgo, who made visits to three cities in Middle Tennessee before returning to East Tennessee to visit Chattanooga, Dunlap and Jasper.

Kilgo made another appeal for a "two-party" state in Centerville, following a tour of Crump's

domain of Memphis. Kilgo maintained there would be better services provided to Tennesseans if the Volunteer State would truly become a two party state. Kilgo called for the "elimination of boss rule" and promised that he could pare the cost of government in Tennessee by at least 25% within the first six months of his administration, if elected governor.

Kilgo accepted an invitation from the Bristol League of Women Voters for a debate between the two candidates, an invitation Congressman McCord ignored.

The Republican candidate faced a small fracas when Maxey Jarman, the state campaign manager for the Republican ticket, had to deny charges he was personally supporting McCord for governor. Kilgo graciously replied, "I entertain no doubts as to your choice in the gubernatorial race."

Kilgo reluctantly admitted his was an uphill race and readily confessed he faced a challenge "to dissipate the idea in the minds of some that the Republican campaign for governor was to be merely a perfunctory effort."

John W. Kilgo fired a blast at McCord, charging several of the Democratic candidate's county campaign managers were also state employees. Kilgo complained the practice "violate the very spirit of civil service." The Republican candidate stated he believed Tennessee needed a "Hatch Act of its own". He pledged, if elected governor, he would not "set up a spoils system in Tennessee."

Kilgo closed his campaign with a speech in Kingsport, accompanied by First District Congressman B. Carroll Reece. Reece introduced Kilgo, who spoke to a large crowd at the Civic Auditorium.

Congressman McCord closed his own campaign in his native Lewisburg and both awaited the election results.

McCord had been completely confident throughout the campaign and he had every reason to be. Despite the spirited campaign conducted by John Wesley Kilgo, Jim Nance McCord won an overwhelming victory, rolling up 275,746 votes to Kilgo's 158,742 votes. McCord won 62.5% of the vote, with Kilgo winning almost 36% of the vote.

Jim McCord would go on to serve four years as governor of Tennessee. John W. Kilgo would live a very long life, dying in 1980 at age ninety-three. Kilgo would make another race in 1946, seeking to replace Carroll Reece in Congress. Kilgo ran second and returned to his law practice.

Republicans would make one more attempt to field a serious candidate for governor in 1948, nominating country music star Roy Acuff. It would be more than two decades before the Tennessee GOP would again have a viable candidate for governor in Tennessee.

The Amazing Hen House

It felt like I was stepping back in time as I walked inside. In a way, I was. I had only seen Becky once since our high school days in band. Two and a half years ago, I saw her at the Wrights' 70th Anniversary (Focus 9-4-12). She had made cupcakes decorated with farm animals, and I thought she made her living as a baker. I was wrong.

The former Becky Turner and Ron Calfee have been married for 43 years. The Gibbs graduates are owners of Calfee Farms where they raise Spanish goats and a llama. Becky started a project five years ago as she was coming to a crossroads in her life.



By **Ralphine Major**
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Presently, she is a critical care paramedic and the current coordinator/manager and educator in Emergency Medical Services Continuing Healthcare Education at Roane State Community College. The crossroads that Becky is facing is called retirement, as she wraps up a 34-year career in the healthcare industry. How does someone go from saving lives to retirement? "I did some soul searching, and I have the answer," Becky said. She found it in "The Hen House."

I went by to see what was going on at The Hen House, a business and community building, as

Becky and Ron opened their door to the community just before Christmas. It is a fun place filled with lots of antiques and creations. Much of the merchandise is on consignment. Bakery items, candy, and coffee are always available; and orders for baked goods are filled by local bakers. I got to sample some of those delicious baked goods! An area is designated for groups to hold meetings, quilting, and basket making. Also, monthly meals will be prepared for the elderly. "We teach old fashioned skills from the past," their business card reads. There will be fun classes every month for adults and kids. Teaching teenagers and children to cook and bake homemade biscuits may seem like a daunting task, but the Calfees are experienced

hands. "All three of our boys know how to cook," Becky said. I could not keep from thinking about the deep family and community connection of the Calfee family. All three sons are Gibbs graduates. Ron's late mother, Helen Calfee, taught Home Economics at Gibbs High School for 23 years. She was my teacher in 1969, my freshman year. Helen's father, Professor H. G. Loy, was principal at Gibbs High School and later at Central High School. I know his name well--our father was forever talking about the influence he had on him to finish high school after the Army.

As winter turns to spring, The Hen House will host other events including classes in gardening with children, Pinterest classes, and cake decorating.



Inside The Hen House. Photo provided by Ron and Becky Calfee

The Hen House is located at 7917 E. Emory Road, Corryton, just a short distance past Harbison's Crossroads. It is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (for winter months). "Or, if you can't make those hours, call us and we will open up for you to visit," Becky said. Ten percent

of all proceeds will be contributed to Clapp's Chapel United Methodist Church. Learn more at www.calfeefarms.net (look for the link to the Hen House Antiques and Creations) or call (865)313-5033. What an awesome way to give back to the community and enjoy what you are doing.

Rules and rulings at MPC

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Should he get permission at the BZA he can return to the MPC with his request. He can also appeal to City Council.

The commission also voted on several other requests, approving concept plans for subdivisions on Fitzgerald road for up to 55 houses, on Chandler Lane for up to 30 detached homes, and on Black Road for 35 homes.

A concept plan for a 61-lot subdivision planned for Mourfield Road passed on an 8-5 vote with some question about the sign distance at the proposed

entrance.

Passed on consent, without discussion, was the Use on Review of UT's proposed Cherokee Farm Innovation Campus and plans by the Sacred Heart Cathedral on South Northshore for church and related facilities.

The MPC also voted to request naming a right-of-way between Hall Drive and Dutchtown Road the "Annis May Drive."

All approved decisions by the planning commission must be approved by the county commission or the city council. Denials can also be appealed.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Planning Commission Chair Rebecca Longmire (left) and Vice-Chair Bart Carey (right) honor retired MPC Director Mark Donaldson during Thursday's MPC meeting. The plaque notes his many years as director and also his service as Assistant Coach of the UT Rugby Team. A similar plaque will be installed at the university's Rugby Pavilion.

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New head coach Rodney Ellison meets with the Powell football team for the first time Thursday, Jan. 8. He plans to bring stability to the Panthers' program.

James Winston... to the Tennessee Titans?

By Alex Norman

There are two constants in life. The first I forget. The second is that the Tennessee Titans will continue to be the most boring team in the National Football League.

They haven't won a playoff game since the 2003 season and haven't been to the playoffs since January 2009.

They have gone through quarterbacks that are immature (Vince Young), over the hill (Matt Hasselbeck), injury prone (Jake Locker), or odd balls (Charlie Whitehurst and Zach Mettenberger).

Mike Munchak did nothing as head coach in 3 years as head coach (2011-2013) when the Titans went 22-26. Ken Whisenhunt has not exactly inspired Titans fans with a 2-14 record in his first season.

They draft offensive linemen (yawn) in the first round. In 2014 it was Michigan tackle Taylor Lewan taken 11th overall, a guy that allegedly assaulted two Ohio state fans outside a restaurant hours after his Wolverines lost to the Buckeyes. He would later plead guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace charges. Lewan also threatened a woman that accused a teammate of rape. Quality individual there.

They lost their final 10 games in 2014. They scored 184 fewer points than their opponents. They haven't won more than 9 games in a season since 2008.

Basically, if you are a Titans fan, God Bless you.

But now, they have a chance to reinvent the franchise. They have the second overall draft pick, and likely will have the opportunity to take either Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota or Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston. If recent history is any indication, when two quarterbacks are the consensus choices, it isn't good to be where the Titans are...

In 1998 the Colts had to choose between Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf. They chose wisely, taking Manning. The Chargers got Leaf and it was an unmitigated disaster.

In 2012 the Colts had to choose between Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III. They chose wisely, taking Luck. The

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Powell gives reins to offensive-minded Ellison

By Steve Williams

For years, Rodney Ellison has been close to football one way or another.

The 11 years between graduating from Campbell County High School in 1996 and Tusculum College in 2007 included raising a young family and football for Ellison, Powell High's newest head coach.

Barely out of high school, where he was a wide receiver and free safety, Ellison cut his teeth on coaching football at Jacksboro Middle School from 1997 through 2002.

Ellison did pretty good in the beginning, too. His 2001 team made its first-ever appearance in the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association playoffs.

Three years later, in 2004, Campbell County High enjoyed its first winning football season, capped with its first-ever TSSAA playoff appearance.

"A bunch of the kids I coached on that (middle school) team were juniors on that Campbell County team," recalled Ellison last week.

Ellison wasn't coaching in 2004, but he was still involved with football, "helping with the radio broadcast" of Campbell County's special season on LaFollette station WQLA. The

late Victor Jennings was the play-by-play announcer and Ellison the color analyst. "I did that for two or three years."

Ellison began coaching on the high school level in 2006 as an assistant at Bearden and has worked his way up. He was head coach and offensive coordinator at Wartburg Central in 2011 and offensive coordinator the past two seasons at Clinton.

"He's a very prepared person, very hard worker," said Brad Carr, Powell athletic director, after Ellison was announced as the Panthers' head coach last week. "He's got a lot of energy. He does a very good job on the offensive side of the ball. He's always coached very productive offenses. Those were some of the things we really looked at and really appealed to us."

Starting with the 2015 season, Ellison will become Powell's fifth head coach in five years. He also will be the offensive coordinator for the Panthers, who slipped to 1-9 last season.

Hiring a coach who can give the Powell program stability was a key objective for a committee that included Powell principal Nathan Langlois, Carr and "several other

selected people," said Carr.

"In the past couple of years, it's been something we've hoped to achieve, but that's not been the case," said Carr. "But we really do look for Coach Ellison to come in and establish a strong foundation for our program and build on that over the course of time."

Ellison, 36, hopes to provide that stability. To get that started, he said he must "build a relationship and trust" with the players.

"Powell has such a great tradition," said Ellison. "It's one of those positions I think a lot of coaches would like to be in. I feel very fortunate to be here."

"There's a big talent pool to pull from here. There's a lot of community support. There's so many things special about this place, I just can't narrow it down to one."

"I can see this being a position anyone would want to be in for a long time, myself included. It's one of those jobs where you can't climb much higher. It's in one of the bigger classifications in the state. They've been to state championship games (1991 and 2011). I hope I can take them back there and we can actually bring the the gold ball home."

"Just knowing I'm in the

same position as Clark Duncan and Matt Lowe, who did phenomenal jobs here along with many other coaches, it's an honor and a special place I would like to be for several years."

Ellison won't officially start at Powell until the 2015-16 school year begins in August. But his current job as PE teacher at Norwood Middle School in Anderson County allows for him to be at Powell in the afternoons, so he will be able to oversee off-season workouts and spring practice, said Carr.

Ellison, who will also teach PE at Powell, received his Master's in Recreation and Sports Science with emphasis on coaching education from Ohio University in 2013.

"There's a lot of positives about him," said Carr. "He's very confident coming into this job. He has a plan that's going to work and he has a plan that, of course, is going to take a couple of years, but he's very committed to that and believes in it, and obviously we believe in him."

Ellison resides in Oak Ridge with his wife, Jocelyn, and their children, Courtney, 15; Rodney III, 13; and Gavin, 3.

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Balanced scoring nets win for Rebels

By Ken Lay

West High School boys basketball coach Chris Kesler saw his young Rebels do exactly what he wanted Friday night.

West boasted a balanced scoring attack and the result was a 79-64 District 4-AAA home victory over Hardin Valley Academy.

"We have a young team and sometimes, we have good nights and sometimes we have bad nights," Kesler said. "We have 10 guys who are even. We need to get better but those guys are about even."

"We need two or three guys to score in double figures and we need the other guys to score eight or nine points."

The Rebels got that and a little more against the Hawks, who have lost eight consecutive games. Greg Yarbrough scored 16 points. Shandel Williams added 12. David Kraski scored 11 and Tyrone Patterson finished with 11.

Furthermore, the Rebels got nine points from Kadarious Jack and eight from point guard John Evans in a game that was tied at 18 after the first quarter.

After the opening frame, the contest didn't remain even for long as West exploded in the second



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

West High's Davonis Clark shoots a jumper in the Rebels' 79-64 victory over Hardin Valley Friday night. Clark scored two points in West's District 4-AAA win.

stanza. It was then that the Rebels went on a 23-3 run to open a 41-21 lead and all but put the game out of reach.

Hardin Valley (7-11,

2-5) got a second-quarter basket from Aaron Dykes with 3 minutes, 47 seconds left in the second quarter to pull the Hawks to within 28-20. After that,

the Hawks were completely stifled for the next 2:26. They finally scored when Caleb Clevenger made a free throw at the 1:21 mark of the second stanza.

After halftime, the Hawks battled but the deficit would prove to be too much to overcome. HVA coach Keith Galloway praised his team's effort but said that

his team is in the midst of an identity crisis.

"We're trying to be something that we're not," he said. "In the second quarter we tried to slow things down and that's not who we are."

"We have to speed things up and what happens happens. We're a speed-up team and we're going to have to get it and go."

Hardin Valley did speed things up after halftime and that enabled the Hawks to score the first seven points of the third quarter. They pulled to within 41-28 when Jordan McCroskey made a layup with 6:28 remaining in the third quarter.

The teams played evenly in the third quarter and HVA outscored the Rebels 21-15 over the final eight minutes and that gave Galloway reason for optimism.

"This [the losing streak] is hurting us but I'm hoping that we'll find our groove around [district] tournament time," Galloway said. "We'll find it eventually and when we do, we'll be hard to deal with."

Blaine Shockley led the Hawks with 16 points, including 14 after halftime. Tyler Durden added 14.

Carter abandons press to beat Demons 43-37

By Ken Lay

For the first quarter of Carter Middle School's latest victory, the Hornets came out playing full court pressure defense. But the press was ineffective.

After watching his team surrender the first six points of the contest, Carter coach Jeff Rudolph abandoned that defensive look and the result was a 43-37 win over Halls in a Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference win over Halls Thursday at Halls Middle School's Walker-Warren Court.

"Part of us getting behind was because we were trying to press and [Halls] coach [Bill] Warren did a great job breaking our press," Carter coach Jeff Rudolph said. "Once we got out of the press, we started to come back."

The Demons and the Hornets slugged through an even opening frame and the game was knotted 9-9 heading into the second quarter.

It was then that Carter exploded. The Hornets outscored Halls 17-7 in the second stanza and opened a 26-16 advantage by halftime.

"We were actually better off playing against the press," Warren said. "After the pulled back, we forgot how to run our offense."

In one of basketball's biggest mysteries, Halls could not respond to the Hornets' half-court defense. After hitting three first-quarter field goals against Carter's pressure, the Demons managed just five field goals the rest of the game. Halls did, however, make its free throws and those four shots nearly netted a comeback win for the Demons.

"We got a few good looks but we couldn't knock them down," Warren said. "We did hit out free throws and we might've been able to come back if we'd been able to make a few more of them."

Halls was 19-for-30 from the foul line in the contest. The Demons trailed 33-24 at the end

of the third quarter after being down by as many as 14 points and Warren went to his second unit in third quarter and trimmed the Hornets' advantage to 39-34 when Graham Elkins hit two free throws with 48 seconds left.

The Demons, however, couldn't come any closer as Carter finished the game with a modest 4-3 surge to salt the game away.

"They hit their free throws," Rudolph said of the Demons. "We can't play defense without fouling anybody."

Warren said he was happy with the effort from his second team.

"I was really pleased with the kids in the second unit," he said. "Maybe that will serve as motivation for our starters next time out."

Elkins led all scorers with 15 points.

Carter's attack was balanced. Antwan Turner led the way with 12 points. Jonathan Rynes added 11. Devon Moss finished with seven and Gabriel Harper had five.

Bearden Middle to honor West High's championship team

By Ken Lay

Bearden Middle School will honor a champion on Thursday.

The school will pay tribute to West High School's Class 5A State Championship football team between games of the Bruins' Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference double header against Gresham.

Zach Harshey, Jeremiah Russell and Isaiah Mobley are among the former Bearden basketball players expected to attend the ceremony.

"This is designed to honor the former Bearden students who played for West but the entire team is invited to attend," Bruins' basketball coach Ben Zorio said. "We have a good relationship

with West and all of our feeder schools.

"Zach, Isaiah and Jeremiah all played on good basketball teams at Bearden and we have a lot of athletes who have championship experience in both high school and middle school."

Zorio said that he didn't know how many West football players would attend the ceremony but said "I think we'll have a good turnout."

The Rebels won their first state title in football in December. West, however, reached the State Championship Game in Cookeville in 2013 after reaching the Class 5A semifinals in 2011 and 2012.

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Tennessee fans. I can't say they're the best, because I haven't been to every collegiate sports venue in the nation and observed the many other fans bases.

But I can say this. There can't be any better.

Vol Nation was in the spotlight again on Jan. 2 when Tennessee played Iowa in TaxSlayer Bowl at EverBank Field in Jacksonville.

The turnout of Tennessee fans was tremendous. I heard estimates as high as "40,000 fans" and "80 percent" of the crowd of 56,310 were Tennessee supporters.

"I think the MVP was Vol Nation," said UT head coach Butch Jones, in his



By Steve Williams

post-game show on the Vol Network, after the 45-28 victory over the Hawkeyes.

In the days leading up to the game, there seemed to be more excitement over this bowl game than any other since the Vols upset Miami 35-7 in the 1986 Sugar Bowl and beat Florida State 23-16 for the national championship in the 1998 Fiesta Bowl.

The fact that it was Tennessee's first post-season game since 2010 had a lot to do with the Vol fans' excitement.

The Vols and their fans weren't use to being home for the football holidays. From 1989 through 2004, Tennessee played in 16

straight bowls. UT finally got to play in its 50th bowl game this year and now ranks in a tie for fourth among all-time bowl appearances.

An impromptu Vol Walk, started on social media, was a special touch in Jacksonville. It reportedly looked like "Peyton Pass" outside Neyland Stadium on a Game Day back home in Knoxville.

That's Tennessee fans for ya. Don't think the Vols didn't notice. It just added to the team's energy that produced a 21-0 first quarter lead and escalated.

Iowa Coach Kirk Ferentz noticed, too.

"It was a home game for Tennessee," he said after the blowout. "That happens a lot of times when Big Ten teams come South. They (Vols) have a really excited

fan base. They have a good football team."

Attendance at many of the bowl games this year again was low, and watching on TV, you could see many empty seats behind the action on the field. That wasn't nearly the case at the TaxSlayer Bowl, thanks to the bowl-hungry Tennessee fans.

Donnie Tyndall, first-year UT head basketball coach, already has discovered how valuable the Tennessee fans are in basketball, too, and more than once has applauded them for their support and making a difference in competitive home wins.

In comparison, The Hump, Mississippi State's homecourt, looked like it had about 150 fans in it in the second half of

Tennessee's conference opener in Starkville last week, a 61-47 UT win.

A couple of times last week Coach Tyndall tweeted he needed the Vol fans' help for this past Saturday's SEC game against Alabama.

"HUGE game on Saturday VOL NATION! We need you there! Let's pack TBA 20K strong!" tweeted Tyndall Thursday.

Tennessee went into the game with a 7-0 home record.

Holly Warlick, Lady Vols head coach, always acknowledges the fans' turnout and support after home games on her post-game radio show, much like her predecessor, Pat Summitt, always did. The gratitude is well deserved too, as the UT women's program

has long had the top fan base in the country year in and year out.

The Lady Vols are 10-0 at The Summitt after last week's 81-58 win over Texas A&M.

When spring time gets her, and the weather warms up for softball and baseball, Tennessee fans will be in the stands to back the orange. Hopefully, this spring Dave Serrano's Vols will give UT fans as much to cheer about as the Lady Vol softball teams have in recent years.

Tennessee fans. They don't demand a lot. Just good effort, good sportsmanship and a winning attitude.

They'll do their part.



ETSU's Lester Wilson, former Carter High standout, looks to shoot against Devon Baulkman and the Vols in the New Year's Eve matchup at UT. Wilson scored 16 points, but the Bucs lost 71-61.

Lester Wilson and ETSU almost ended year with big win

By Steve Williams

When Carter High product Lester Wilson and his East Tennessee State University teammates came to Knoxville to play Tennessee in basketball on New Year's Eve, they didn't expect to be easy pickings for the Volunteers.

Instead, according to the former Hornet standout, they expected to close out the 2014 portion of their schedule with a win in the afternoon contest at Thompson-Boling Arena.

ETSU may have given the Vols a little scare at the start of the game - the Buccaneers jumped out to a 13-0 lead - but Tennessee bounced back and finished strong for a 71-61 win.

"It was fun," said Wilson on coming back home to play.

"I would have loved to have this game under my belt. It was a game that we could have and should have won if you ask me. If you ask any of my teammates, we didn't feel like it was going to be an upset if we beat them.

"We considered it as a game that we should win. It hurts just as bad as losing

by 25 to another team. It hurts when you know you had the game."

Wilson, the son of Katrina Wilson, was an All-Stater as a senior at Carter in 2010-11. He's now a 6-4 junior starter for ETSU.

Lester was the Bucs' second leading scorer against Tennessee with 16 points. He also had a team-high four rebounds, one steal and only one turnover in 30 minutes of action.

After the Vols took a 32-31 halftime lead, Wilson swished in three long-range treys and scored 11 points in the first 10 minutes of the second half as the Bucs regained the lead (56-52). But ETSU couldn't hit another field goal against the Vols' defense over the next eight minutes, and Tennessee pulled away.

"I felt we could win," said Wilson on returning to TBA. "I wanted to show everyone that ETSU isn't someone to sleep on. We aren't just another team. We are a legit team as well. We felt like we had something to prove. We did it for 30 minutes, but we didn't do it for 40."

East Tennessee State was 13 of 32 from 3-point

range, the most 3s against UT since the College of Charleston hit 14 on New Year's Eve 2010. Wilson drained 4 of 11 and teammate Reyshawn Rembert connected on 7 of 11.

Following the loss, ETSU won three straight games to improve to 9-4 overall and 4-1 in the Southern Conference, which it rejoined last July.

The ETSU basketball web site's bio on Wilson states he's "A highly athletic player who is a proficient scorer, especially from 10 feet in ... Hard to define his position because he has guard/forward size ... Has shown proficiency as a 3-point shooter as well."

After 13 games, Wilson is averaging 14.1 points and 3.9 rebounds in 31 minutes of playing time.

He's making 44.1 percent of his field goal attempts and has drilled 42 of 104 shots from 3-point land for 40.4 percent.

Tony Buell is proud of his former prep star and keeps up regularly with Wilson.

"Lester has done a very good job at ETSU, and Murry Bartow (head coach at ETSU) has utilized Lester's talent in a very positive

way," stated Buell, who now coaches Seymour High.

"We usually talk or text each other a couple of times each week. I try to get up and watch him practice and play as much as possible. I text him after each game I watch on the Internet or

TV and still critique some things he needs to work on from time to time.

"The thing I am really proud of him is the fact he will graduate next year with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He is not just getting a degree, he is getting

a degree he can use.

"Lester still comes and works my little kids' camps and does a great job working with them."

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The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Roots

Through some curious twist of fate the magazine Southern Living comes to our home addressed to me. To the best of my knowledge my only subscriptions are dry as toast medical journals. Though I'm proud to call myself a southerner, I've never leafed through the magazine of Southern Living. You could split hairs and say that East Tennesseans are from the mid-south as opposed to the deep south of Alabama. Perhaps our dialect defines us. Those of us in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains speak with a nasal twang rather than a drawl of the Deep South. But I say we're all southerners.

In my travels, people have often mistakenly thought I was a Texan. If you recall the Alamo and Davy Crockett, you'll remember that many Texans have roots in Tennessee - ignore the

country song that quips, "All My Exes Live in Texas." I'm quick to explain that my nasal twang is in part related to water which makes things grow and produces pollen and mold. When trees fall in our forests they rot from decomposition by fungi. This is not the case in the drier western Rocky Mountains where trees may lay on the forest floor for decades.

All of us came from somewhere. In fact, science can trace human ancestry to the Olduvai Gorge of the Great Rift Valley in Africa. Even the native-Americans of North America came from Asia across the Bering ice-bridge during the last ice age. My ancestry can be traced to northern Europe, including Germany, England and especially Ireland and Scotland. During the last Ice Age Germanic tribes migrated to Britain

and Ireland. Then, beginning about 12,000 years ago, the Earth warmed, the ice melted, the seas rose and my ancestors were trapped on the British Isles. Someone needs to inform Al-gore that we reside within an inter-glacial period known as the Holocene epoch. Given the cold we're now experiencing I'm glad it's "warmer" - even though science demonstrates that global temperatures have not risen for the last 17 years.

It is thought that Ferguson's migrated from Ireland to the Argyle region of southwestern Scotland around the time of Christ. They must have been a tough breed with sturdy boats because I've seen the rough Irish Sea that is bitterly cold. None the less, they made it and my ancestors eventually came to America during the waves of immigration of the 1800s and early 20th century.

I once cared for an elderly woman named Ferguson "a long time ago in [an Emergency room] far, far away." My namesake was in florid congestive heart failure (CHF), coughing and miserably short of breath. Few medical treatments are as dramatic as the diuretic furosemide in CHF. Older doctors like me may recall the CHF therapeutic regimen known by

the acronym MAD DOG designed to help doctors remember the various medicinal agents during a crisis. We used morphine, aminophylline, diuretics (furosemide), digitalis, oxygen and sometimes other adjunctive measures like nitroglycerin to stabilize patients. These days there are many additional and better therapies for CHF, but diuretics remain a cornerstone of treatment.

When the heart pump is weakened fluid accumulates and can literally drown a patient. Diuretics remove excessive fluid from an overloaded system, and actually improve the heart's pumping capacity. Similarly, newer agents work to lower the blood pressure and improve the forward flow of each heartbeat. These newer agents also lessen the deleterious effects of stress hormones produced in a distressed cardiovascular system. Those of you who want more information should Google Starling's Law.

Ms. Ferguson responded beautifully to my medical cocktail and within thirty minutes her coughing and breathlessness had disappeared and she showed her appreciation by telling me a story of "our" roots. Purportedly, a long time ago a man named Ferguson settled in the Carolinas before there

was a North and South Carolina or a Tennessee. The patriarchal Ferguson supposedly divided his land holdings among his three sons, spreading the Ferguson brand all the way to the Mississippi River. I once spent an intense week with Ancestry.com, but couldn't trace my roots to the Carolinas. However, a friend of mine maintains that you should never spoil a good story with facts. So I'll always cherish my namesake's rendition as more real than facts distorted by the sands of time and memories.

Rick Bragg is one of my favorite Southern authors. I especially enjoy his essays which appear on the last page of "my" Southern Living magazine. Like Mr. Bragg, I've published a book - and I'll have a second one soon. However, Mr. Bragg and I both seem drawn to the essay format. Books are fine when the writing is good, but there seems so little of this these days. I marvel at the volumes soon relegated to bookstore clearance tables. I also like short poems, where every word seems pregnant with meaning. Perhaps short essays are just long enough.

It seems to me that Mr. Bragg's best work occurs when he writes about "his people" who hail

from Alabama. You may have heard of Jim Webb, a former senator from Virginia, who also wrote a book about "my people." Though Senator Webb is a Democrat he passes my muster because his roots began as a Marine, and he didn't sully his reputation by siding up to Harry Reid and his progressive ilk. Mr. Webb first came to my attention with a fine book about the southern Appalachian Scotsmen. I might have chosen a different title for Senator Webb's book, but "Born Fighting" does describe our pugna-cious spirit.

All cultures have stories of origins and ancestral roots. The Old Testament of the Bible is the greatest extant history of a people, the Hebrews. And even they had different Creation stories. If you doubt me reflect on the differences between the first and second chapters of Genesis.

Fortunately, I believe God loves all his children, even those who are confused. It's a good thing because some of us, by human standards, may seem a bit unlovable at times, especially when we're fighting.

Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson? Please e-mail him at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com.

Unwanted medicines being collected, mercury thermometers exchanged at Expo

The City of Knoxville Police Department and other local sponsors are hosting a collection of unwanted medicines and a used mercury thermometer exchange on Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24.

The event will be offered 9 a.m.-3 p.m. both days during the Healthy Living Expo at the Knoxville Convention Center.

It's an easy way for residents to turn in unwanted or outdated prescription medicines, over-the-counter medications and used mercury thermometers for proper disposal.

Residents turning in medications or

thermometers will receive one free entry to the Healthy Living Expo. In addition, those turning in mercury thermometers will receive a digital thermometer in exchange.

The goal of the collection is to prevent these pharmaceutical and over-the-counter products from getting into area water resources - or into the hands of children - and to make sure they are disposed of in a safe, environmentally-friendly manner.

Any empty plastic containers left with the event organizers will be recycled.

The effort is part of an

ongoing, nationwide effort to reduce the amount of drugs, fragrances, sunscreen products and nutritional supplements that are entering water resources by either being flushed or poured down drains.

Event organizers will be accepting residential and household medications as well as those from businesses, such as doctor's offices, veterinarian clinics and nursing homes.

Sponsors of the two-day collection are the City of Knoxville's Office of Solid Waste, Healthy Living Expo, the Knoxville Police Department, the Knox County

Health Department, the Knox County Solid Waste Department, the Metropolitan Drug Commission, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Quality RX Returns and the University of Tennessee's Academy of Student Pharmacists.

Can't make it to the collection event? Old medicines can be brought anytime to the Knoxville Police Department, 800 Howard Baker Jr. Ave., and deposited in a secure collection container located near the information desk.

Gluten-Free Dinner and Health Seminar on January 18, 2015

A gluten-free, plant-based dinner, live cooking demonstrations, and health seminar will be provided to community residents on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919.

The guest chef and speaker will be Kristina McFeeters, owner of Kristina's Kitchen, a vegetarian cafe and bakery in Whitley City, Kentucky that specializes in using fruits, vegetables, legumes, and whole grains for optimum flavor and nutrition. Kristina will provide cooking demonstrations and a presentation entitled "Tasty Gluten

Free Meals with Millet."

There is no fee to attend but donations (suggested \$10 per person) will be collected on site to cover the food and travel expenses. Pre-registration is required by January 16, 2015 and will be limited to 50 attendees. To register, visit knoxvilleinstep.com or call (865)264-3894.

The event is sponsored by Get Healthy, Knoxville!, InStep for Life Health Ministries, and the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church to encourage community residents to live healthier lives through exercise, plenty of sunshine, spiritual growth, and a vegetarian, plant-based, whole foods diet.

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Faith



The Collingsworth Family to perform in Clinton

The Collingsworth Family is coming to East Tennessee for one appearance only! Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the worship center of Second Baptist Church of Clinton, Tennessee on Saturday January 17, 2015 for an Evening of Family Worship and Praise with The Collingsworth Family.

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August 1986 until now, the ministry God has given Phil and Kim has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family. Their boundaries of influence have expanded until they have sung and played all over the United States (as well as internationally) into their 27th year of ministry. Their constant, persistent attention to cutting-edge arranging, musical excellence, and a proper balance of spiritual emphasis are the keys to success God has helped them tap.

In January 2000, Phil and Kim transitioned to a new, all-concert ministry. They began recording professionally and currently utilize Nashville's most award-winning producers, Wayne

Haun and David Clydesdale. This new emphasis began to expand their boundaries rapidly. Their home has seen the addition of four children across the years and the children are now very actively involved in the ministry. Their two oldest daughters are quite proficient on the violin and play at each of their concerts. Their entire family sings together in an ensemble. Kim is well-known for her phenomenal mastery of the piano and the extraordinary talent God has given her is a part of each concert, as well as trumpet solos from Phil.

Their newest full-scale studio project, "The Lord Is Good," released September 2013, includes their current national radio single, "Show A Little Bit Of Love And Kindness" written by John W. Peterson and promoted to radio by Rhonda Thompson Promotions.

They previously released a "first" in the Christian Music Industry, filming two full length music videos at the famed Music Hall in Cincinnati, Ohio, the home of the world-class Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The two filmings were the first Christian concerts ever to be filmed at a major symphony venue. They have also released two videos filmed in high definition by Gaither Television

Productions with the Flint Symphony Orchestra, Flint, Michigan.

On January 1, 2004, they signed an exclusive booking agreement with The Dominion Agency of Waynesville, NC, which now represents them in all personal appearances. On March 1, 2011, they moved into a new multi-year, exclusive recording agreement with Stow-Town Records. Their ministry has been featured on the nation's largest gospel music syndicated radio program, The Gospel Greats with Paul Heil, as well as on Daniel Britt & Friends on XM/SIRIUS Satellite Radio's Enlighten. Their music is regularly featured on Enlighten, GMT (Gospel Music Television), The Day-Star Television Network, and has also been featured in one hour prime-time specials on the INSP Television Network. The Collingsworth Family, at the personal invitation of Bill and Gloria Gaither, appeared on the newest Homecoming Series taping filmed at the Grand Ole Opry. They have also been added as regulars on many of the Gaither Homecoming Concerts, making appearances with Gaithers in some of their largest venues in the US and Canada. Their personal appearance schedule shows the broad appeal their family emphasis has,

performing in all types of venues across the US, the Cayman Islands, and recently in Sweden.

The rapid expansion they have seen occur with the transition to an all-concert ministry is a direct result of the emphasis they have placed on the power of prayer. Each Tuesday evening, they hold a private prayer meeting in their home for the specific purpose of praying for the salvation of their children and the expansion of their ministry. Phil and Kim's entire purpose is to give the talent God has loaned them back to their Creator as a sacrifice of praise.

Russ Woolard, President of New Destiny Productions is pleased to showcase The Collingsworth Family on what will be a magical evening. Tickets are available now by calling 1-800-965-9324 or online www.itickets.com.

The Light

Deep in the back woods of Letcher County, Kentucky, a hillbilly's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here, you hold this high so I can see what I am doing!"

Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there," said the doctor. "Don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there is another one coming." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl.

"Hold that lantern up, don't set it down. There is another one," said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered a third baby.

"No, don't be in a hurry to put down that lantern, it seems there is yet another one coming!" cried the doctor. The hillbilly scratched his head in bewilderment and asked the doctor, "You reckon it might be the light that's attractin' 'em?"

There is one light that should attract the attention of all. It is the light Jesus Christ brought into this dark world. The good news of Jesus offers the story of deliverance from sin and the resolution of Israel's story found in the Bible. Without Christ, we would be hopelessly lost.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

The story of Jesus is about His kingdom vision. At the center of the story of Jesus is the narrative of His birth, His life and teachings, His miracles and actions, His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His

ascension and exaltation. The story of Jesus completes Israel's story with labels that define Him and identify Him: Light of the World, Messiah, Lord, Son of God, Savior, and Son of Man. This Jesus is the one who saves Israel from its sins and the one who rescues humans from the shackles of sin.

As we begin a new year, I pray that you reflect upon how your story intersects with the story of Jesus. The light of Christ wants to shine in your life. Jesus loves you so much and He is trying to get your attention. He stands at the door of your heart and knocks repeatedly. Once you let light in and you begin to walk in that light, your life will not be the same.

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:5-7).

Church Happenings

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Christus Victor Lutheran Church / Early Childhood Development Center is planning an INSIDE FLEA MARKET for February 7. (8-4) Tables are available to rent for \$30.00 (\$35 if you need electricity) for anyone that has a craft, small business, or rummage that they would like to sell / promote. Clean out all of 2014 and help make 2015 clean and clutter free!! The church is also accepting donations of rummage. All proceeds will go toward our Early Childhood Development

Program. Christus Victor is located at 4110 Central Ave. Pike, Knoxville, TN 37912 For more details or specific questions you can call (865)687-8228 or e-mail cvlcecdc@yahoo.com.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Though Confirmation classes started this past Sunday, Jan. 11, 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 Youth Room, and lunch is provided.

Youth, and chaperones depart Friday, Jan. 16, for the annual "Resurrection 2015" in Gatlinburg. Return date is January 18. Contact Youth Director, Steven Mees, for information and details.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the every-3rd Saturday "Groundskeepers" ministry meets at 9 a.m. for some winter gardening chores around the outside of the church.

Every 2nd Friday morning at 7:30 a.m., the "Men of Faith" fellowship group meets for breakfast at I-Hop. Contact is Thomas Hill.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 26, 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 KRISTINE M SALTZMAN, to EAST TENNESSE TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY, Trustee, on November 19, 2004, as Instrument No. 200411220042681 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS1

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 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 9, BLOCK E, OF THE BRICKYARD HILL SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200206130102785 & 200206130102786, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KRISTINE M. SALTZMAN, UNMARRIED, BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2004, OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200411220042480, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 056JL-009

Current Owner(s) of Property: KRISTINE M SALTZMAN

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **2251 Cartmill Drive, Powell, TN 37849**, 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: HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC IN FAVOR OF - BRICKYARD HILL

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. 14-005248-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS, LORI LIANE LONG,
Substitute Trustee(s)
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BRENTWOOD, TN 37027
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Insertion Dates: 12-29, 1-05, 01-12-15

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 26, 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 THOMAS J CALDWELL, to JEFFERY M. RUBEN AND ANTHONY J. SANTILLI, Trustee, on June 29, 2001, as Instrument No. 200107250006088 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-3

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. FIVE KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 48TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT NO. 12, BLOCK A, WESLEY HEIGHTS ADDITION AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 61 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF HOLMAN DRIVE SAID IRON PIN BEING DISTANT 330 FEET MORE OR LESS IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF HOLMAN DRIVE WITH THE NORTH LINE OF PAPERMILL DRIVE THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT, NORTH 22DEG 37MM. WEST 80.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THENCE FOLLOWING A CURVE HAVING A CHORD OF NORTH 17DEG. 00MIN EAST 51.08 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING WITH HOLMAN DRIVE NORTH 56DEG 37MIN. EAST 147.54 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 33DEG. 22MIN. EAST 108.4 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 55DEG. 40MIN. WEST 201.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AS SHOWN BY THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS SURVEYOR DATED JANUARY 19, 1989

Tax ID: 107GE-037

Current Owner(s) of Property: THOMAS J CALDWELL

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **1412 HOLMAN ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37909**, 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 AND HOMEAMERICAN CREDIT, INC. D/B/A UPLAND MORTGAGE

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.

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 \$19,169.46 as Instrument No.

20135310078747\$3,851.20	as	Instrument	No.
201111210028090\$166,372.79	as	Instrument	No.
201110070018995\$62,258.79	as	Instrument	No.
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201107290005320\$163,215.76	as	Instrument	No.
201107290005319\$51,987.04	as	Instrument	No.

201107290005320 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. 14-001035-670

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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 January 12, 2010, executed by JONATHAN GRINDALL, conveying certain real property therein described to UNITED STATES TITLE CORPORATION, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded January 28, 2010, at Instrument Number 201001280049548; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP 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 Knox 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 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATE IN THE 7TH (FORMERLY 2ND) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE WEST LINE OF WOODROW AVENUE AND IN THE LINE OF A TRACT FORMERLY OWNED BY E. B. FULLER, NOW THE LINE OF WEST ADAIR ADDITION; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE WEST LINE OF WOODROW AVENUE, NORTH 13 DEG. 5 MIN. WEST, 94 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE IN THE WEST LINE OF SAID WOODROW AVENUE; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 20 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 93 DEG. 25 MIN., AN ARC DISTANCE OF 32.6 FEET, TO THE POINT OF TANGENT TO SAID CURVE IN THE SOUTH LINE OF EDFORD ROAD; THENCE WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF EDFORD ROAD, SOUTH 73 DEG. 30 MIN. WEST, 35.3 FEET TO THE POINT OF TURN OF EDFORD ROAD; THENCE WITH THE WEST LINE OF EDFORD ROAD, NORTH 22 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST, 23 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO OTHER PROPERTY OF OTTO KIDD AND WIFE; THENCE WITH HIS LINE SOUTH 69 DEG. WEST, 95 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT OR IN A ROCK WALL; THENCE SOUTH 5 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST, 49.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTH-EAST LINE OF WEST ADAIR ADDITION; THENCE WITH SAID ADDITION SOUTH 79 DEG. 18 MIN. EAST, 176 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF W. Z. PACK, ENGINEER, DATED AUGUST 30, 1949. THIS CONVEYANCE IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO (1) ALL APPLICABLE ZONING ORDINANCES (2) UTILITY, SEWER, DRAINAGE AND OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD, (3) ALL SUBDIVISION/CONDOMINIUM ASSESSMENTS, COVENANTS, BYLAWS, RESTRICTIONS, DECLARATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD, (4) BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, AND (5) OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, AND OTHER CONDITIONS SHOWN OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Parcel ID: 069BH-021 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4807 EDFORD AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. 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): JONATHAN GRINDALL 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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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 May 5, 2006, executed by GUISTINO DE CELESTINO AND SHERRY L. DE CELESTINO, conveying certain real property therein described to SOUTHEAST TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 9, 2006, at Instrument Number 200605090093957 and re-recorded May 19, 2006 at Instrument Number 200605190097082; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC2, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 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 Knox 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 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, 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 Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 31, SPRING-PLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 37-S, PAGE 19, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF HUBERT BODENHEIMER, SURVEYOR, TENNESSEE LICENSE NO.1003, OF ACUFF AND COLLIGNON & ASSOCIATES, 311 LYNN DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 37918, DATED APRIL 23, 1993. Parcel ID: 060OA-021 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5409 SPRING-PLACE CIRCLE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924**. 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): GUISTINO DE CELESTINO AND SHERRY L. DE CELESTINO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF HSBC CARD SERV (III) INC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., LAKEWOOD CAPITAL, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC ASSIGNEE OF CAPITAL ONE BANK, N.A. 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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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 24, 1993, executed by DONALD E. THOMPSON, SR., conveying certain real property therein described to ANN M. STEPHENS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 29, 1993, in Deed Book 2801, Page 664 (see also the Attorney's Affidavit at Instrument Number 201411250029169); and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation 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 Knox 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 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN THE FIFTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 39TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK B, V. H. MCLEAN'S SUBDIVISION OF ALBERTA SULLIVAN PROPERTY, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 14, PAGE 137, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF, AND ALSO SHOWN BY SURVEY OF EDDY R. GARRETT, RLS 1544, DATED 9/22/93. Parcel ID: 068JD-012 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **520 HICKORY STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912**. 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): DONALD E. THOMPSON, SR. OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: BAPTIST HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, SUNTRUST BANK 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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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **February 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 STEVEN RICKELS AND STELLA RICKELS, to WESLEY D. TURNER, Trustee, on July 24, 2003, as Instrument No. 200308040013903 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-W9

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:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX.

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9), KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING A PART OF THE TRACT #1 OF THE DIVISION OF THE STRICKLAND ANDERSON FARM, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF R. B. GRIFFITH, DATED FEBRUARY 1946, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF DODSON ROAD, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WADE GARRETT PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST 427 FEET TO A PIN; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 57 MINUTES EAST 399.3 FEET TO A PIN IN THE NORTH LINE OF DODSON ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 2 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF DODSON ROAD 244.1 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.59 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO STEVEN RICKELS AND WIFE, STELLA RICKELS, BY WARRANTY DEED, FROM LARRY B. MYNATT AND WIFE, EVA M. MYNATT, DATED JUNE 27, 2001, OF RECORD AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200111080037135 (AND RE-RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 00108240015189, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 112-023

Current Owner(s) of Property: STEVEN RICKELS AND STELLA RICKELS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **7609 DODSON ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**, 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: TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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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.

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