



Leadership of KCEA challenged

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A contest for leadership of the Knox County Education Association (KCEA) is underway that could see a more proactive leadership and new officers for the 2,000-member teachers group. The monthly Representative Assembly was held at KCEA headquarters at 2411 East Magnolia last Monday afternoon.

KCEA President Tanya Coats faces Lauren Hobson, a teacher who was the founder of SPEAK and among the leaders of last year's "teacher rebellion." Hobson gained much attention as an early outspoken opponent of policies by Superintendent James McIntyre and the central office.

Both teachers, Coats and Hobson, have their own slate of

candidates for positions in the association. Coats is asking her fellow teachers to return her to office for a second two-year term, as well as Vice President Heather Wallace and Secretary Judy Barnes. Hopson lists Amy Cross Cate for vice president and Linda Holtzclaw for secretary.

All of the top three office seekers spoke except for Barnes, who was in the hospital.

Until Monday's meeting, KCEA school representatives had expected to return to their schools with paper ballots which would be due back February 5th. Instead it was announced that all voting will be done on-line to KCEA members with the deadline set at noon February 6th.

The ballots were emailed to KCEA member via their school email and the members were told

the ballots are being handled and compiled by the school system's Office of Accountability. That office administered the teacher survey last year and, since that office will also see the results, the KCEA representatives were asked to encourage members at their schools to vote.

Electronic voting was conducted in the previous election and

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It is Time to Refuse the Test

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It's THAT time of the year. During the month of February, every child from grade 3 to grade 11 is expected to take the online TCAP Writing Assessment. The test dates are staggered, depending on grade, and school.

For Elementary and Middle school students in grades 5 and 8, the KCS testing window is February 2 - 6. Students in grades 4 and 7 will take the test between February 9 and 13, and the test date for students in grades 3 and 6 is February 17-23.

High school students have the following schedule: Grade 11: February 2 - 6; Grade 10: February 9 - 13; and Grade 9: February 17 - 23.

The tn.gov/education website indicates the test will be taken in two 60 minute sessions. Students will read two articles on social studies or science topics, and then respond to a prompt asking them to write one (grades 3 - 5) or two (grades 6-11) essays on certain aspects of the two articles while using "evidence from the text" to support their ideas. All of this must be typed on a computer.

As in most areas of the country, there is much buzz here about "opting out" of this and other standardized tests. But if you don't want you child to take this test, don't ask to "opt out." Tennessee does not have an Opt out law (although a bill was filed in the legislature last year, it didn't make it out of committee).

Instead, you can "refuse the test." But even then, there seems to be contradictory communication from both Central Office, and individual schools, on whether this request will be honored, and under what conditions.

Some parents are being told that their child must be absent both on the test day and make-up day, which would be two unexcused absences. Some are being told their child need only be absent during the part of the

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REV. JORDAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



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The Rev. John. B., and First Lady Diane Jordan and James Davis

By Focus Staff

The Crowne Plaza Knoxville was "the place to be" where the 22nd Pastoral Anniversary of The Rev. John. B., and First Lady Diane Jordan of The Peace and Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church was held. There were over 300 people in attendance that gathered to celebrate the event, and a celebration it was.

The Master of Ceremonies was radio personality, Hubert Smith, who kept the event moving and on time. After Pastor and First Lady Jordan made their ceremonial entrance and took their seats at the head table, the celebration was on. After the welcome by Rev. Philip Turman, a soulful melody by Carolyn Wilkerson, and blessing of the meal by Rev. Ricky Freeman, the crowd took to the two buffet lines. The meal included a variety of salads and soups; meats and vegetables; breads; and other offerings including desserts. That alone was worth the ticket price, but it was just the beginning.

As people were finishing their

meals came the introductions of guests. At least 20 ministers representing different churches, and some with parishioners in tow were present. Everyone in attendance with a ticket stub was eligible to win a variety of prizes ranging from cash to certificates to redeem. Of note in attendance were: Dan Brown, Knoxville City councilman, and John R. Rosson, Jr., City of Knoxville Municipal Court judge.

Up next was the entertainment portion of the anniversary celebration, which included songs from: Janice Young; the Peace and Goodwill Gospel Choir; The Douglas Family from Harriman, Tenn.; and The Clouds of Faith.

Several in attendance representing the different committees of Peace and Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church made presentations to Rev. and First Lady Jordan.

The Rev. Jordan and First Lady gave some closing remarks summarizing the week's events and expressed their appreciation. Rev. Jordan

talked about the different ministers that preached each day at his church for the Wednesday through Sunday celebration. He recalled each sermon and their meaning to the congregation and expressed his gratitude to: The Rev. Johnny Reid, pastor of Wilder Street Baptist Church; The Rev. Joseph Smith, pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church; The Rev. Phillip Hamilton, pastor of Children of God Church of God in Christ; and The Rev. Derrick Wakefield, who all delivered sermons during the mini-revival week.

First Lady Jordan expressed her gratitude and thought back over the 22 years and the journey with the church and what that has meant to her and her husband. She said, "There was so much love and excitement throughout the celebration. People from all walks of life were on one accord."

In the end, it was a celebration, but it was also church that day. Everyone left with their spirit filled and looking forward to next year.

KCEA candidates' give statements to The Focus

The two candidates for KCEA President, incumbent Tanya Coats and Students, Parents, Educators Across Knox County (SPEAK) founder Lauren Hopson, made statements to *The Focus* last week.

Lauren Hopson

"I decided to be a candidate after many teachers kept asking me to run. Veteran teachers are feeling pushed out of a profession they love (and) have a feeling that help is coming for them," Hopson told *The Focus*.

"In the last year and a half my eyes have been opened wide to the serious nature of issues facing our public schools. KCEA has always been an advocate for teachers but the nature of how that advocacy needs to be done has changed. We need to change the way we communicate our needs.

"We must be able to engage the community and make our issues known outside these walls, because we are the Knox County Education Association, not the Knox County Teacher's Association. I want to help build an association that teachers want to join... and want to be part of it. We must be an association that matters to the community, not just to us."

"I will actively advocate for teachers and students at the local, state and national level, challenge policies that are detrimental to school climate and authentic learning while developing solutions, and work to organize members in order to grow a strong association that will have a voice with legislators," Hopson commented in her campaign hand-out.

Tanya Coats

"I am excited to run for another term of office. It really is an honor to serve in such a capacity. Our motto 'Educating

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Disposition of Human Remains

When someone dies who has the right to decide what happens to the body? A competent adult may determine the disposition of his or her remains including the location, manner, and conditions of disposition and arrangements for funeral goods and services. If the deceased left valid disposition directions, state law respects these directions. Disposition directions must be contained in a legible written instrument such as a will, a trust document, a letter of instructions or an advance directive that is signed by the decedent and acknowledged by a notary or



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witnessed by two competent adults. A properly executed pre-need funeral contract may also give disposition directions. In the absence of disposition directions or a pre-need funeral contract, the law provides for the order in which various parties may be entitled to exercise the rights of disposition of the deceased's remains. The statute is Tennessee Code Annotated Section 62-5-703 and provides the following list (summarized here in descending order) of qualified adults who may be entitled to decide the disposition of remains: 1. An attorney in fact designated in

a durable power of attorney for health care; 2. The surviving spouse; 3. The sole surviving child of the decedent, or if there is more than one child of the deceased, the majority of the surviving children. However, less than one half of the surviving children shall be vested with the rights of this section if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving children of their instructions and are not aware of any opposition on the part of more than one half of all surviving children; 4. The surviving parent of the decedent; 5. The surviving sibling of the decedent, or if there is more than one sibling of the decedent, the majority of the surviving siblings. However, less than one half

of the surviving siblings shall be vested with the rights of this section if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving siblings of their instructions and are not aware of any opposition on the part of more than one half of all surviving siblings; 6. The surviving grandchild of the decedent, or if there is more than one surviving grandchild, the majority of the grandchildren; 7. The surviving grandparent of the decedent, or if there is more than one surviving grandparent, the majority of the grandparents; 8. The guardian of the person of the decedent at the time of decedent's death; 9. The personal representative of the estate of the decedent; 10. The person in

the classes of next degree of kinship, in descending order, under the laws of descent and distribution to inherit the estate of the decedent; 11. If the disposition of remains of the decedent is the responsibility of the state of a political subdivision of the state, the public officer, administrator or employee responsible for arranging the final distribution of decedent's remains; or 12. In the absence of any person listed in 1-11, any other person willing to assume the responsibilities to act and arrange the final disposition of decedent's remains, including the funeral director with custody of the body. Any person who does not exercise the rights of disposition within 72 hours of notification of

the decedent's death or within 168 hours of the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, forfeits that right and it passes to the next person in accordance with the above section. 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.

RTI2 Benefitting Some Students But Not All

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One topic of discussion during the four hour January mid-month Board of Education meeting was the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI2). We applaud KCS for admitting that the RTI2 universal screener, STAR Renaissance, provides "detailed information on individual students, comprehensive instructional reports for teachers to inform instructional decision making, and growth reports to track student progress." During the discussions last fall about eliminating the highly age-inappropriate SAT10 for grades K-2, one would have thought that we were returning to the dark ages and teachers would have no way to assess students, and parents would never know how their child was doing in school.

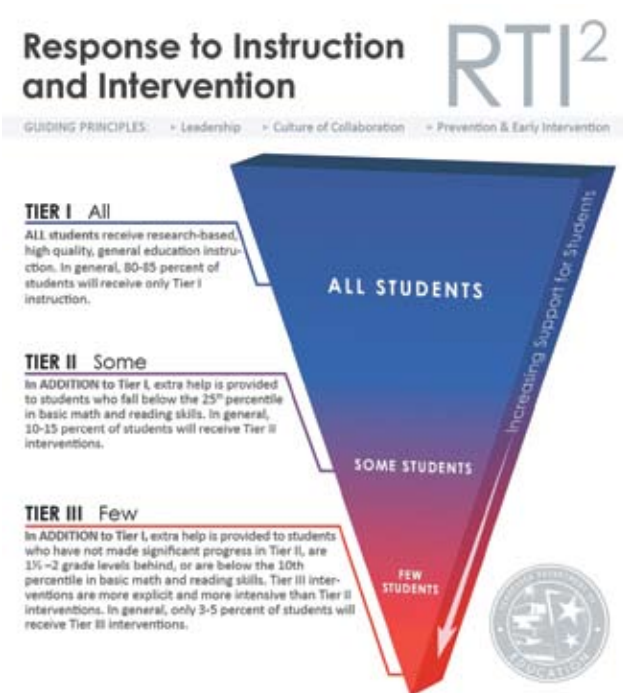
Response to Intervention (RTI) was implemented in KCS elementary schools over 7 years ago to provide instructional support and intervention for struggling students. RTI2 refines that as response to instruction and intervention, with "high quality differentiated instruction for all students; research-based intervention for some students, and focus on Tier 1 (general education) instruction first."

According to the Tennessee RTI2 model (see figure), the majority of students will fall into Tier I. Students that score between the 11th and 25th percentile will be referred to Tier II. Students that are at the 10th percentile and below will be referred directly to Tier III.

Data are collected using a universal screener (STAR Renaissance) conducted three to four times a year. The RTI2 team uses this data to determine the needs of all students. For students in Tier II and III, progress is monitored every two weeks. There are a minimum of 8 data points (or 16 weeks of biweekly progress monitoring) to progress out of a Tier.

The RTI2 process is what is used now for identification of students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs), which is why "minimum data points" are required. A "lack of response to intervention" must be shown before a student qualifies for a SLD.

BOE member Amber Rountree called RTI2 a "wait to fail" intervention model, a term many parents have used. BOE member and former Special Education teacher Traci Sanger said she would call it a "wait to not make progress" model. Either way, there are valid concerns about RTI2, as two parents



voiced in public forum.

Jennifer Nagel, the parent of a daughter with dyslexia, began by saying, "I do think RTI is a good thing when we are talking about using it for early intervention. In kindergarten and first grade it is working. STAR is finding the kids that are struggling and they are being put into interventions and parents are seeing progress being made."

But, she adds, "Where I have my concerns is that we are using this to delay the help students need in the older grades. We are still making them wait and show very little progress, and this process is taking a full year."

She especially took issue with the statement that the RTI2 process is now used to identify students with

specific learning disabilities. She pointed out that RTI was intended to strengthen the general education classes, never to identify SLDs. Several recent articles have echoed this concern.

Former special education teacher and author Nancy Bailey wrote in livingdialogue.com, "RTI raises many concerns. Some parents worry that RTI winds up denying children with learning disabilities services...some parents don't think they can request an evaluation, or they are led to believe it isn't necessary."

Douglas Fuchs, a researcher at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education, was quoted in Chalkbeat Tennessee saying, "The implications of doing it (RTI2) not completely well is that children with serious

learning problems will not get the intensity of intervention that they need, and they will languish and they will fall further behind"

In fact, IDEA law specifically states that "The screening of a student by a teacher or specialist to determine appropriate instructional strategies for curriculum implementation shall not be considered to be an evaluation for eligibility for special education and related services..

Nagel told the Board of Education, "IDEA law states, 'in determining whether a child has a specific learning disability, a local educational agency may use a process to determine if the child responds to scientific, research-based intervention as a part of the evaluation procedures. Additional requirements for SLD evaluation include evaluations and information provided by the parents, current classroom-based, local or state assessments and classroom based observations and observations by teachers and related service providers.'"

Nagel's daughter Lea has been in RTI-based intervention since first grade. In Voyager intervention during first and second grade, her reading scores fell from the 35th percentile at the end of first grade to the 15th percentile a year later. Nagel said, "What that would tell anyone is that after two years of the same intervention, it clearly wasn't working."

Now in the third grade, the STAR assessment put Lea in the 4th percentile. She was put in Tier 3 intervention using SPIRE, an Orton-Gillingham reading method that helps most dyslexics. Her December STAR assessment showed she gained one point, to score in the 5th percentile of third graders. "That is not progress. That is staying stagnant," Nagel said.

On the STAR math assessment, Lea scored in the 3rd percentile. But the STAR manual says the math portion can be read aloud, so that was done, and Lea jumped to the 57th percentile. Lea is good with math. She struggles with reading.

Nagel is frustrated. She, and Lea's teachers, know her daughter is struggling. But because of RTI, she has to struggle for 10 more weeks. Why? Nagel answers, "Because the manual says so. The manual says the purpose of immediately placing a student in Tier 3 is to increase the intensity of the intervention, not shorten the duration.

But the manual is only a guideline. Other counties, such as Williamson Co, are writing their own RTI2 guidelines. Nagel says, "Knox County...can be trail blazers in the proper way to do RTI if we just think about this with common sense."

While Nagel is upset with RTI2 impeding her daughter's progress to a Special Education evaluation, parents of

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Publisher's Position

KCEA Election Important for Future of Teachers



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The Knox County Education Association will soon be having an election to determine who will lead the teachers organization for the next year. The outcome may not be important to the average citizen, but it could hardly be more important to educators.

Tanya Coates is the incumbent and is seeking to win reelection; she is being challenged by Lauren Hopson, who has made a name for herself by being

an outspoken advocate for children and teachers. In fact, Ms. Hopson has raised numerous issues important to teachers, always in a polite way, of course, that should have been done by Ms. Coates.

Coates has chosen a low-key, administration-friendly conciliatory approach and has barely been noticed on most occasions. Whatever influence the KCEA once wielded has largely melted away due to changes in state law. Like an old and toothless tiger kept in a cage, teachers have been helpless as their rights have been whittled away systematically and they have been subjected to a data-driven agenda largely imposed upon them by Jim McIntyre. The data only seems to matter when it's good. When it's bad, he tries to find fault with the process.

For all his talk of cooperation and the myriad of "great conversations"

McIntyre claims to have had with one and all including teachers, the superintendent's record is one of little real accomplishment in this area. In fact, in many of his evaluations by board members, better communication was the top area listed that he needed to improve.

Backed faithfully by the News-Sentinel and the Chamber of Commerce crowd, McIntyre's failings have been frantically whitewashed by his supporters, yet they have not quite managed to wipe away the less than appealing personal image of a superintendent who is anything but a team player. McIntyre rules like a rank tyrant. With the recent elections, his majority on the Board was lost and then tottered to a bare majority of one.

The Sentinel recently praised McIntyre for being forthcoming in releasing

statistics pertaining to the third grade reading program funded by the country through a recommendation from mayor Tim Burchett. However, the Sentinel neglected to mention that even they had chide him to provide the information the Mayor wanted to determine if the tax payer was getting a good return on their investment.

With the 2016 elections approaching, Doug "High Tax" Harris has repeatedly stated he will not seek reelection, which proves beyond a shadow of a doubt he's smarter than he looks. Tracy Sanger will have a record to run on and she has so far been another rubber stamp for McIntyre and that might prove to be a liability in her reelection campaign. Of course, it would surprise no one if Indya Kincannon returns to the country and convinces herself that her endlessly babbling voice was missed. Karen Carson will likely face

the most serious challenge of her long career and her own bullying personality should make her very vulnerable to opposition. Mike McMillan seems like the only member of the Board who can be easily reelected, if he chooses to run.

The KCEA election is every bit as important as the coming Board of Education races. Teachers have seen their rights melted down like scrap iron because they've not been proactive in many instances. All too often viewed by the public as a vocal and greedy union, teachers had better wake up and realize the face they as choose is every bit as important as the voice heard by the public.

Compared to the go along and get along Ms. Coates, Lauren Hopson is poised, eloquent and effective. She is also fearless, a quality teachers need right now like flowers need the rain. Hopson has been carrying,

oftentimes without any help from her fellow educators, much of the load of the past couple of years.

If teachers think elected officials and the public are going to rise up to protect and defend them, they are sadly mistaken. If they are content with their current lot, they would do well to retain Ms. Coates. If they want to shake things up and have a tireless and forceful advocate, they would be wise to elect Lauren Hopson.

For educators, the choice is between one who has never really challenged the dictatorial McIntyre and one who has questioned the superintendent to the point of distraction.

We will see if teachers want to remain relevant to the process. Sitting on one's hands and hoping for the best will not accomplish anything for teachers.

Don't Fix it, Repeal It

No Child Left Behind, that is.

Tennessee's senior senator Lamar Alexander is making quite a name for himself these days on the topic of education. Alexander, the new chairman of the Senate's education committee,

released a draft bill last month reauthorizing NCLB, which according to the Washington Post, "implies that Obama's Education Department has overstepped its authority."

Interesting that Alexander would talk about the federal overreach in education, when back in 1989, he gave a speech to the Governor's Conference promoting the "New American School" which would "serve children from age 3 months to age 18." Who is overstepping their authority?

Alexander's bill (S. 1101), Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), is also known as the "Every Child Ready for College or Career Act of 2015." In typical Washington D.C. fashion,



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the draft bill is 387 pages long, and is sure to get longer.

It is also interesting that the top lobbyists for S. 1101 are Alliance for Excellent Education, National Alliance for Charter Schools, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, NEA, AFT and Amazon. Strange bedfellows in Washington these days.

Speaking on the Senate floor last month, Alexander said, "The department has become, in effect, a national school board," an analogy he used frequently in his senate campaign last year.

Some critics of Common Core are hopeful that this bill will abolish Common Core as it gives states more freedom to choose their own academic standards. But do not be misled by the rhetoric.

Karen Bracken, head of Tennessee Against Common Core, points out that "If Alexander really wanted to fix this mess he would repeal NCLB and not reauthorize a law that

was a failure the day it was written... This bill will not repeal Common Core. This bill will not fix anything, but it will expand charter schools and that makes [education privatization advocates] Gates, Walton, and Broad very happy"

Alexander is also a huge supporter of Teach for America, and school choice/vouchers.

Last year, Alexander rolled out a sweeping voucher bill. According to a WaPo article from March 4, 2014, "Sen. Lamar Alexander...said low-income students would be better served if instead of funding public schools, the government sent that money to their families to spend at public or private schools."

While Alexander touts the bill's intent to return decision-making about curriculum and assessment back into state and local hands, the devil is in the details. The bill has gotten much attention in print and online media, including a piece in last week's Knoxville Focus written by Alexander himself.

Education historian and activist Diane Ravitch, former advisor to Lamar

Alexander when he was head of the Education Department under President George H.W. Bush, penned an open letter to Alexander about the reauthorization of NCLB.

Ravitch wrote, "... There is certainly an important role for the federal government in assuring equality of educational opportunity and informing the American people about the progress of education. But the federal role today is taking on responsibilities that belong to states and local districts. The key mechanism for that takeover is annual testing, the results of which are used to dictate other policies of dubious legality and validity, like evaluating teachers and even colleges of education by student test scores."

But like most of the coverage of Alexander's bill, Ravitch's letter concentrates on testing. Anita Hoge, lecturer, educational researcher, and parent, has studied Alexander's nearly 400 page bill in detail (link and link). She says that only about 14 pages of the bill discuss the options

for testing, which is the main focus of the current hearings and testimony.

Hoge points out, "The teacher accountability, and evaluations of teachers based on how their students perform on state tests, is still in the bill." And there's a whole lot more buried in those 387 pages, much of it related to ESEA and Title I.

She explains, "Lamar Alexander proposes so-called 'Choice' funding to follow the child to all public, charter, and private schools. How will Federal 'Choice' be funded? Title I. This will enable these federal choice funds to follow the child right into any private and religious school -- with Common Core and Title I mandates attached to him/her."

She adds, "What the above translates into and what it will bring about: The dismantling of our public neighborhood schools, causing them to crash under the weight of 'choice' and Common Core. These purposely financially-broken public schools will be taken over by a charter school authorizer" (such as was passed by the

Tennessee legislature last session).

Alexander's bill contains pages and pages devoted to charter school expansion. Hoge points out that charter schools lead to the destruction of local neighborhood schools, and the re-direction of tax dollars to an unelected, for profit charter school operation. Charter schools do not have an elected school board, but they operate on public funds. Parents and taxpayers don't have a voice about how their taxes are spent.

The public education system, which has been in decline since the U.S. Department of Education was created by President Carter in 1979, is being destroyed by NCLB. Congress doesn't need to fix it, they need to repeal it. And then start the dismantling of the Department of Education. Ravitch is right about the responsibility of education belonging to the states and local districts.

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the turnout was much less than expected.

One KCEA member told *The Focus* that she has completed the voting online and, although it was easy, "it does concern me that KCS has the ability to view the votes or know how many people have voted or not voted."

Twenty or so offices are also on the ballot for KCEA voters. Candidates for Elementary Representative include Ashley Anthony, Patricia Fontenot and Anne Lefler. Candidates for Middle School Representative are Jessica McDonald, Mark Taylor and Michael Weininger. High School Representatives include Julie Smalling and Lisa Thomas.

Candidates for ESP (Education Support

Professional) include Lola H. Allen and Joe Sumter.

KC-PACE (Knox County Political Action Committee for Education) in the First District are Jessica McDonald and Yvonne Wilson. Second District candidates are Charles Coffelt, Aneisha Davis and Patricia Fontenot.

Candidates for the 3rd District are Anthony Hancock and Beth Norton. The 4th District seat is open.

The Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth districts have only one candidate each: Mark Taylor, Sherry J. Morgan, Judy Barnes and Lisa Thomas.

Evelyn Gill and Dave Gorman are candidates for the 9th District.

Candidates for KC-PACE At Large are Trish Russell, Joe Sumter and Heather Wallace.

Superintendent surprises teachers

Monday's packed house of KCEA representatives was surprised to see Superintendent James McIntyre make an appearance.

McIntyre took the podium and talked about a recent Memorandum of Understanding between the group and the school system. McIntyre spoke of the promised 4% raise for teachers that would not be connected with evaluation reports but limited to "certified" employees.

The "certified" category does not include teaching assistants, cafeteria workers, and custodial workers.

He also said the approved MOU agreement gives teachers two bereavement days per year and the pay raise would be automatic unless the budget cannot support it.

McIntyre was asked several questions by the teachers and was called back inside as he was preparing to leave to answer several other questions, many about the pay increase and the system's contributions to teacher retirement funds.

"It was just not a time or place for him to be at this KCEA meeting," one teacher said.

KCEA candidates give statements to The Focus

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students, encouraging parents and empowering schools' is a vision that has come to reality," Coats told *The Focus*.

"I know that I have done the best that I can for all the educators in Knox County. I know there is a lot of work that needs to be done, which I am prepared to do. My hopes and prayers are that the educators of the Knox County Education Association will elect me to continue this mission in supporting educators, teachers, assistants, custodians, bus drivers,

maintenance workers and administrators or anyone that educates students on a daily basis."

"As a competent, organized and trustworthy service leader for education, I will continue to be an advocate for all of us. We must recommit ourselves to be avid fighters for justice in education. In this leadership capacity I will rely on everyone to continue to build a firm foundation of our strong association," Coats said in her campaign hand-out.

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day when the test is given. Others are being told their child can refuse the test and be present at school but must "sit and stare" while their classmates take the test. (They can't read a book, color, or go to the library. They must just sit, for the entire hour).

The TCAP writing assessment is not new. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 have taken this assessment for years. But thanks to Race to the Top and the emphasis on high-stakes standardized assessments, now all students in grades 3 - 11 take the test. (Last year the writing assessment was optional for grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10).

2015 is also the first year that the assessment is administered solely online. But most elementary, and quite a few middle school students, don't have the necessary typing skills. They are quite comfortable with the technology - using the computer to play games, or "Google" information. But typing? How many of you learned to type in the third grade - or even seventh grade?

One parent, who is also a KCS teacher, said, "The time that is spent on preparing for this assessment along with administering it could be spent in far more beneficial ways. I for one am refusing to have my fourth grade KCS student take this unnecessary and developmentally inappropriate test."

But that is not the only reason some parents don't want their children wasting their time hunt and pecking their way through the writing assessment. According to Tennessee Education Matters, "Prior to the administration of the 2015 TCAP Writing Assessment, students will be given an on-line survey with 12 questions."

Questions like, "How often is the following statement true for you? I like to write." Or, "How often do you work to edit or change a previous piece of writing?"

Those are pretty innocuous questions. But what about the last three questions: "Do you have access to a computer outside of school?" "Do you have internet access at home?"

and "How often do you use a computer outside of school for writing assignments (homework, stories, reports)?"

Some parents said they are concerned about the survey, having received calls from the school telling them that as part of the writing assessment, their student "will take a 'survey' that won't impact their teacher."

One parent asked if this is an attempt to get answers to those Tripod-like questions. (Last year there was such an uproar about the

"Tripod survey" that the administration agreed to discontinue it).

It is time for parents to start pushing back on the excessive standardized testing. Washington isn't going to fix this problem, no matter what Lamar Alexander says. Nashville probably won't either.

"Our testing regiment must be as differentiated as you require our instruction to be. A standardized test, by its very nature, makes that impossible." - Lauren Hopson, Knox Co Teacher, BOE meeting 12/3/14



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RTI2 Benefitting Some Students But Not All

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students with a known disability are upset that their children don't have access to evidence-based, progress monitored interventions. Stephanie Anderson says that Special Education is the "most intensive" intervention, but there is no progress monitoring beyond Tier 3.

The definition of SLD per the IDEA law is, "a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or do mathematical calculations, including conditions

such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia."

Anderson said that many children with pervasive disabilities, including her son Jack, fit the definition of SLD and would benefit from the evidence-based interventions offered through RTI2. Anderson requested a SLD evaluation for Jack, which, "KCS has never considered. They just like to wrap him up in the autism box."

Currently in 4th grade, Jack has reading skills that are, his mom says, "up to a seventh grade level in fluency, decoding, word recognition etc. The one thing that is behind is comprehension. He is currently showing third

grade understanding. So he is doing better, but imagine what evidence-based interventions could do for his comprehension."

Anderson asked, "Why is KCS giving this assessment to the kids who walk in with a known disability, allowing none of the accommodations they use every day in school, but using the data from it to guide program and placement decisions? If they were doing it right and permitted the allowable accommodations and used the data for decision making to provide evidence based instruction interventions, they could start actually closing achievement gaps that keep them locked away in SPED."

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Our Neighborhoods

Unique Places Around Our Area

By Mike Steely
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If you're a newcomer or a long-time resident of the area, there are some unique or forgotten places you probably haven't visited. Some may even be in your neighborhood. Winter is a great time to get out and poke around some of these sites and learn things you probably didn't know.

Cavet Station was the site of the massacre of the Cavet family by Chief Doublehead and his Chickamauga Cherokee warriors. The Cherokee were on their way to attack the Federal Garrison in Knoxville when they heard the morning cannon fire there and turned their revenge raid on the Cavets' fortified cabin. When Chief Watts and Chief Bob Bengé persuaded the family to surrender on a promise of safety, Doublehead slaughtered the captives. A family cemetery there is all that remains of the attack.

Underground Knoxville is well known by some and unknown to others. Gay Street's 100 Block is actually accessed, now, on the second floor of the original buildings there. At one time the street was steeper and lots of trouble was there where the railroad tracks were crossed. A bridge was built over the tracks to the Southern Railroad Terminal and the street on the 100 block was raised. Today you can still see the original store and shop entrances along old Jackson Avenue. Most are blocked off with metal fencing but it gives you an idea of what was once there.

Fort Stanley was one of



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Beneath Jackson Avenue and the 100 Block of Gay Street are the original entrances to many of the buildings there. Underground Knoxville was created when the bridge was built to cross the railroad tracks and Gay Street there was elevated.

several Civil War forts built by Confederate and Union forces in the area. Stanley, an earthen fort built by the Northern forces, sits across Chapman Highway from Fort Dickerson and has yet to be cleared and restored.

The **Choto** area of west Knox County is one of the fastest growing residential communities. Parts of Choto stretch along the shoreline of Fort Loudon Lake. The up-scale community is near marinas and boat docks, dining, and will soon have a fire station located nearby.

Farragut's Birthplace is now

recognized with a plaque placed there in 2012. Admiral David Farragut, the child of a Spanish father and Irish mother, went on to become the first Admiral of the United States Navy. His actual birthplace is across the cove from the sign in what is now the Stoney Point Farm development.

Dixie Lee Junction sits on the Knox and Loudon County line. The little community is partially in Farragut and was once a thriving crossroads where the Dixie and Lee Highways split, one heading south and one heading

west. Very little of the original buildings remain there today. The popular Court Cafe Restaurant closed several years ago but was the hub of local workers and citizens for lunch each day with its authentic country-style meals. Another building that has vanished is the old dinner and state show theater.

The Alex Haley Statue and park is located just off Dandridge Avenue overlooking Morningside Park. Haley lived briefly near the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton and made many appearances in Knoxville. His book "Roots"

was a national best-seller and a major motion picture.

Powell, Concord and Fountain City are all unique because each of these communities actually have a "downtown" section with rows of businesses on the streets. The "downtown" portion of Powell will soon be bypassed by the new Emory Road. You could argue that Strawberry Plains has a downtown section but most of it is in Jefferson County. Concord's downtown section, once much larger before the creation of the lake, is now limited to the north side of the railroad tracks. Fountain City has a "downtown" area along Hotel Road and across Broadway. Concord has the remnants of an old downtown area.

Lenoir Museum Cultural Complex at Norris Dam is a working water mill relocated from Union County and rebuilt near TVA's first dam. The complex also has a large barn relocated there from near Morristown and the collecting of displays and antiques from the William and Helen Lenoir family. TVA obtained the buildings and antiques and donated them to the state.

Miller's Lutheran Church is located on Millertown Pike northeast of Knoxville Center Mall. The old church, built about 1811 or earlier, now houses another denomination. The church cemetery is along the north side of the road and contains the graves of many earlier settlers. The Lutherans moved from the building in 1984.

PARC seeking citizen input

By Focus Staff

If you live within the city of Knoxville and have had a negative encounter or a positive one with the (KPD) Knoxville Police Dept., the Police Advisory & Review Committee, commonly known as PARC, wants to talk to you.

This committee is an arm of the city administration that was formed during the Victor Ashe Administration to address some of the community outrage over the deaths of citizens at the

hands of the local police.

Mayor Ashe signed the Executive Order on Sept. 22, 1998, which gave the department the power to receive, investigate, hear cases, make findings on complaints, and to disclose those findings to the mayor and chief of police.

Avis Reid is PARC's executive director and a full-time employee of the city. Thomas Strickland, Jr., is the director and special assistant to Mayor Rogero.

PARC has a seven-

member board, and members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council for three-year terms. Members cannot be employees of any governmental body, except in the field of education.

The board meets quarterly at various locations throughout the city. It last met on January 22 at The Beck Cultural Exchange Center on Dandridge Avenue in east Knoxville. The previous two meetings were held in Mechanicsville and west

Knoxville.

In attendance at the last meeting were only nine private citizens, the bulk of the attendees were city employees or board members: seven PARC members; PARC executive director and the administrative assistant; KPD Chief and six other KPD employees.

There were several routine reports given, in particular, how many complaint cases have been resolved from the previous year. Over 100 cases have been resolved

and only four unresolved. Reid reported "20% of the cases were closed due to lack of follow-through by the complainant."

The topic of citizens reporting and following through with their complaints with the necessary information consumed a large portion of the meeting. It was stressed by Reid and board members the importance of citizen follow-through and admitting that PARC must look for ways to make reporting as simple as possible. However,

Reid expressed that certain information needs to be given to make an investigation possible.

A citizen may call the office of PARC at (865)215-3869 and make a complaint, or come to the office in the City-County Building, and Reid is willing to meet somewhere if the complainant feels more comfortable.

PARC meetings are archived on Community Television of Knoxville's website <http://www.ctvknox.org/> under "city government."

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Commission moves meeting times

By Mike Steely
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In what was expected to be a close vote, the Knox County Commission voted 8-2 to change its meeting times from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The argument for holding Commission Regular Meetings later in the day is that more of the public would be able to attend commission meetings.

Commissioners Mike Brown and Brad Anders voted to keep the current schedule at last Monday's meeting. Commissioner Brown questioned the cost of holding the meeting after 5 p.m., estimating about \$10,000 per year in salaries for security officers and overtime for city employees.

Anders said the change in meeting times will cause some confusion and added, "You're going to hear some confusion over zoning times."

Under the newly adopted hours, the zoning hearings would begin at 7 p.m. "or immediately following the

Legislative Session."

Commissioner Sam McKenzie, who championed the idea, said that many people who work during the day would attend the later meeting. He said that the commission often delays some agenda items until later in the meeting so the public can attend.

"It is going to give them (the public) the opportunity to participate," said Commissioner Randy Smith.

Commissioner Jeff Ownby said he was "fine" with the current 2 p.m. meeting hour but added that the constituents he spoke with wanted the later meeting time. He said people wanted to attend after they get off work.

"They want to be part of us and don't have time (to do so) unless it's after work" Commissioner Charles Busler said.

Brown said the vote on the Rules Committee to change the meeting times was not unanimous and that, "We can be as transparent at 2 o'clock as we

are at 5 o'clock."

In other business, the commission debated a resolution to hire a lobbyist in Nashville to "monitor" legislation there. Busler said that the commission should use the Tennessee County Commissioners Association more than it does and take part in three committees in that organization.

"Why we're not utilizing that, I don't know," he said.

Commissioner Ed Brantley pointed out that the city has a lobbyist and that the TCCA represents all the counties in the state and "their base is rural."

The agenda item, originally introduced by Commissioner Amy Broyles who was absent at last Monday's regular session, was postponed until February.

The second and final reading to revamp the wordage authorizing the Internal Auditor to begin conducting an unexpected audit. As written it permits the auditor to ask the audit committee chairperson of the audit



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Commission Chair Brad Anders.

and inform the commission chairman.

Commissioner Dave Wright said the Internal Auditor wanted to conduct an inquiry the action had to wait on approval from the audit committee. He said the "element of surprise" is important.

Commissioner Randy Smith had some hesitation

in giving the power of an audit to "someone who is not an elected official."

Wright also mentioned the beginnings of a look at fire protection in the county and reported on a "meet and greet" of the Fire Coverage Committee. He said the committee needs to set some goals and to add some of the

local utility companies to the committee.

Brantley spoke of the new fire station planned for the Choto/Northshore area and said attention needs to be focused on the most populated areas of the county. Currently there is no county-wide fire department

Chady selected as BZA Chair

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Board of Zoning and Appeals has selected 2nd District member and Vice Chairman Markus Chady to replace outgoing Chairman John Schoonmaker. Schoonmaker, now 5th District Commissioner, was present and called his time on the BZA "one of the most rewarding opportunities in my lifetime."

The BZA, in a split vote, selected Cynthia Stancil over Bill Sewell as vice chair. The vote was 4-3. Although five votes are needed to take action on zoning requests, a majority vote selects officers.

In agenda action, the board voted to grant a variance for Peter Young at 2238 White Frye Lane who is building a house and garage. He asked for a setback along the easement from 45.4 feet to 28.6 feet for a garage and permission to build the garage closer to the front of the dwelling.

The board also granted a request from LKM Properties for a new Weigel's Store at 8414 Middlebrook Pike. Chris

Ooten, Weigel's Real Estate Director, told the board that the corporation plans to tear down a current company store which is next to the proposed site and located in the city. The new store will be just inside Knox County. He said will be a "new prototype" with gas pumps inside the city and the store in the county. He was granted a front setback along Old Middlebrook Pike from 20 to 7 feet.

Dale Fisher's request for lighting up a sign he owns at 7720 Clinton Highway was denied because it was less than 300 feet from a residential zone. Fisher said he bought the sign not knowing it was not illuminated and added that adjacent property owners and trailer park residents have no objection and the lighting might even add a safety factor to that unlit part of the highway.

After some discussion the planners offered Fisher a postponement until next month and reconsideration then if he came back with a light survey but told him they would probably deny his request.

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Tennessee's Reform Governor Austin Peay

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Austin Peay was once one of Tennessee's more famous governors, hailed as perhaps one of the most talented reformers in the state's history. The late governor's legacy is hardly confined to the university named for him in his home city of Clarksville.

Born on June 1, 1876 in Kentucky, Austin Peay was named for his father, who was a farmer. Peay managed to get an education and married Sallie Hurst when he was only nineteen years old and impoverished. Peay had moved to Clarksville, Tennessee to commence the practice of law and by 1900 he was a candidate for the Tennessee House of Representatives. Peay won the election and was only twenty-four years old. Peay was popular enough with his home folks to win a second term in 1902, but did not seek reelection in 1904. Instead, he accepted the chairmanship of the Tennessee Democratic Committee.

Austin Peay was Governor Malcolm Patterson's campaign manager in 1908, but an incident left him disillusioned with politics. Peay was close to Colonel Duncan B. Cooper who had sought out Peay on a fateful day following the bitter 1908 contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Governor Patterson had been challenged by former U. S. senator Edward Ward Carmack in the Democratic primary. The former senator campaigned as the champion of prohibition, while Patterson was both personally and politically "wet". Carmack won majorities in most of rural Tennessee, while Patterson carried the more urban areas. It was a ferocious and close contest and when Carmack lost, he became the editor of the Nashville Tennessean, which was owned by Colonel Luke Lea. Carmack had been a newspaperman prior to his election to Congress and the United States Senate and he excelled in paring away one's flesh in print. Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, although both a friend and employer of Carmack's in the past, was close to Malcolm Patterson and as such, was played in in the pages of the Tennessean. Cooper and his son Robin had searched for Peay, but unable to find him, went about their business and soon encountered E. W. Carmack on a Nashville street. All the men were armed and apparently Carmack was the first to open fire, wounding Robin Cooper, but the younger Cooper proved to be a much better shot than the former senator and Carmack was left dead in the gutter.

Even though Austin Peay was neither present nor participated in the murder of Senator Carmack, the incident left him uneasy and disgusted. He withdrew from politics and concentrated on his law practice and the running of a farm he owned. Peay's disenchantment with politics lasted the better part of a decade. It was a wise decision, as Tennessee Democrats were consumed by infighting, intense factionalization and bitterness. He announced he would run for governor in 1918 and sought the Democratic nomination, but lost to Judge Albert H. Roberts, who won the general election. Roberts' term as governor proved to be a difficult time and he managed to upset just about every special interest group in the state.

1920 was the first election in which women in Tennessee could participate and they helped to administer a thorough defeat for Democrats. Governor A. H. Roberts lost to seventy-two year old Alf A. Taylor, a veteran politician and Republican. Congressmen John Moon, Cordell Hull, and Thetus Sims were swept out of office, either in the primary or general elections and Republicans won each seat. Austin Peay concluded he would run again for governor in 1922 and faced serious opposition in the Democratic primary from one of Tennessee's most famous Democrats: former governor Benton McMillin. McMillin had served in Congress for twenty years before being elected governor in 1898. After having served two terms as governor, McMillin sought repeatedly to win a seat in the United States Senate, but never quite made it. McMillin had again been nominated to run for governor in 1912 by Tennessee Democrats, but he lost narrowly to incumbent Republican Ben W. Hooper. In 1913, McMillin was appointed Minister to Peru, by the newly elected president, Woodrow Wilson. McMillin spent almost the entirety of the Wilson administration in Lima, Peru.

Benton McMillin was seventy-seven years old in 1922 and despite his age, the "Old Warhorse" of Tennessee politics waged an active and energetic campaign. The contest for the Democratic nomination was quite close and Austin Peay won by just over four thousand votes. His majority came from his margin in Shelby County, which was more than seven thousand votes. Peay had the support of E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political machine and it was a



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Governor Austin Peay of Tennessee.

decision the Memphis Boss would come to regret.

Austin Peay went on to win the general election over Governor Alf A. Taylor and Peay entered the governor's office having defeated two of Tennessee's political institutions. Yet Peay faced significant challenges as governor; Tennessee was in debt, the state's educational system was largely in shambles, and there were few good roads. The state's government had also become something of a bureaucratic nightmare with at least sixty-four different departments and agencies, some of which operated outside the governor's control. Governor Peay moved immediately to reorganize state government. The Administrative Reorganization Act reduced the departments and agencies into exactly eight departments; each department would be run by a Commissioner, who in turn reported directly to the governor. The reorganization also allowed the governor to better control the state budget.

Tennessee's budget was largely funded through property taxes and Peay set out to reform tax collection, managing to reduce property taxes for many Tennesseans, while instituting a new tax on corporations. Peay also adopted a "pay-as-you-go" approach to state projects rather than issuing bonds.

Seeking a second term in 1924, Peay again won the backing of E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County political organization with the new University of Tennessee medical school, which was located in Memphis. Still, it was an uneasy alliance as Peay was quite close to former U. S. senator Luke Lea, who was a power in the governor's administration and a Crump rival. Lea owned daily newspapers in Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis and wielded enormous influence. The Memphis Boss loathed Lea and the Colonel returned Crump's dislike in ample measure.

Governor Peay remained popular and beat the Republican nominee by about the same majority as he had won two years earlier.

During his second

administration, Governor Peay decided to address education in Tennessee. The Education Act of 1925 lengthened the school calendar to eight months out of the year and that expansion was paid for by a new tobacco tax. The Act also established a salary schedule for teachers, as well as new requirements for holding a teaching license. Peay managed to increase funding for the University of Tennessee. The genesis for Austin Peay University and the University of Tennessee Martin campus occurred during the second administration of Governor Peay. Peay's reforms also brought Tennessee into the modern age and the little one-room schoolhouses dotted across the state soon began to disappear, while larger, more centralized schools took their place.

Governor Peay did expand state government, creating the State Parks and Forestry Commission and convinced the legislature to appropriate money for the purchase of land in East Tennessee, which became the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. That would substantially increase Governor Peay's popularity in East Tennessee, which was already high.

Austin Peay signed into law the notorious Butler Bill, which banned the teaching of evolution in Tennessee schools. That law became the basis for the Scopes Trial.

Governor Peay decided to run for a third two-year term in 1926 and encountered stiff opposition inside his own party. Many urban Democrats resented the governor program, which heavily taxed the urban areas to pay for improvements in more rural communities. E. H. Crump was dismayed by what he considered Shelby County receiving little for the taxes citizens paid. Nashville Mayor Hilary Howse, who headed the Davidson County political machine was equally upset and determined to dislodge Peay from the governor's chair. Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was growing suspicious Peay intended to get himself reelected in 1926 and

then run for the Senate in 1928. The same thought had occurred to Crump, although the governor denied any interest in running for the U. S. Senate.

One prominent former Peay supporter was eccentric millionaire grocer Clarence Saunders, founder and owner of the Piggly-Wiggly stores. Saunders had fallen out with the governor and was struggling financially. Saunders joined Crump, Howse and McKellar in supporting State Treasurer Hill McAlister in the Democratic primary.

A typical campaign appearance by Governor Peay was that in Blountville on July 11, 1926. Peay used that occasion to chastise many of the state's newspapers that were supporting his opponent in the primary. The governor declared newspapers could be an effective instrument for progress in Tennessee, but lamented, "they won't tell the truth in some instances."

Peay dismissed opposition based on his seeking a third two-year term, saying, "No precedent was ever established in Tennessee regulating the tenure of the office of the governor. The founders of the constitution left the question of tenure of office up to the people of the state."

Governor Peay came to the heart of the matter, telling his audience the opposition to his reelection was merely a cabal of disappointed and dissatisfied politicians who wanted power for themselves.

The governor was careful to point out before his administration, Tennessee had been millions of dollars in debt and under his management, the state enjoyed a surplus.

McAlister pressed Peay hard, but lost narrowly. McAlister had run quite well in Tennessee's urban centers, but Governor Peay was saved by his enduring popularity in East Tennessee. Tennessee's rural communities remained grateful to the governor and thousands of Democrats came out to support him for a third term.

Peay had bragged the Memphis Boss could not defeat him for re-nomination in the Democratic primary and Crump was

shocked by the governor's success. Austin Peay was the first Tennessee governor to be reelected to a third consecutive term since the Civil War.

Yet his third administration would be the least successful of his tenure as governor. Peay was beginning to suffer from heart trouble, which plagued him throughout the last year of his life. Peay's relations with the Tennessee General Assembly had deteriorated along with his health. The governor had difficulty in getting the legislature to go along with his proposals and the session further depleted Peay's strength.

Peay was quite ill for much of his last year in office. In February of 1927, the governor was ailing from a severe case of pneumonia, an oftentimes fatal illness at the time. The governor's son, Austin, Jr., a student at the University of Tennessee, hurried home to be at his father's side. The governor's daughter also came to Nashville to be with her father. Governor Peay had gone to Washington to meet with Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work. While in Washington, Peay caught a cold which developed into pneumonia.

Out of respect for the governor and concern for his condition, the legislature adjourned. Dr. W. R. Fessey released a statement to the press that the governor was "desperately ill", although he tried to reassure folks by saying Peay was "holding his own".

As his fever burned, Peay asked for ice cream repeatedly. The governor was so ill, he became delirious. If the pneumonia was not bad enough, by the middle of February, it was believed the governor had suffered two heart attacks on the same day.

Finally, the governor's physicians detected some improvement in their patient. Austin Peay, Jr. returned to medical school in Memphis, along with his sister, Mrs. P. L. Armstrong. The governor's wife, quite naturally deeply upset by her husband's illness, had sat by his bedside for days without sleep. Mrs. Peay was able to rest and the doctor said she would take charge of Peay's care, becoming "governor of the governor". Mrs. Peay announced she would likely take her stricken husband to Florida for rest and was insistent he not overwork, as was his habit. Mrs. Peay said he would maintain regular office hours, but would not be bringing work home during the evenings.

When the legislature passed a bill that would have given them a special bonus, Peay vetoed it. The angry legislators promptly overrode the governor's veto, but they did not reckon with the determination of Austin Peay. The governor sued the Tennessee General Assembly in his capacity as a private citizen and won.

It was his last victory as governor. Only fifty-one years old, Austin Peay died suddenly on October 2, 1927 from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Old home may be saved

By Mike Steely
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Suppose you lived in a neighborhood where a beautiful old home was deteriorating and you wanted to buy and restore it. Now suppose you learn that the city is in the process of ordering it be demolished.

What would you do? Elizabeth Morgan and her daughter, Maseena Battles, appeared before the Better Building Board at the City-County Building Thursday and pleaded with them not to demolish an old home at 5713 Oak Road in Fountain City. Mrs. Morgan said she has an option on the house, now owned by Debbie Tran. Morgan said the house was the home for many years of an elderly woman and the house can be saved.

The city's public officer visited the home back in December and issued an order to the owner to repair it or demolish it. If the order wasn't done the city could demolish the structure and charge the owner. The report said the rear wall of the house was caved in and there was water damage.

Mrs. Morgan said she and her daughter have restored other homes in the area and that the



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This older house at 5713 Oak Road in Fountain City may have been saved from demolition as two women received a 30 day delay so they can make repairs to the structure.

back wall can be stabilized and the home renovated. She said the wall is "pretty well gone" but added there was no water damage inside or in the basement.

She said she has an

option on the house and plans to close the day following the hearing if the board will give her enough time to repair the damage to the long vacant house. She asked for 30 days and another

inspection then.

"It was a gorgeous house," she told the board, adding, "I hope you will partner with us."

While the staff recommended denial of the request it was also

stated that the board has the power to grant a delay, which they did unanimously.

"We want to dive into it," Mrs. Morgan said, adding that they plan to do the repairs and

replace all the windows.

The Better Building Board hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders, holding hearings that may affirm or alter the order. If the property owner doesn't comply with the order the city can repair or demolish, alter, improve, secure, board or vacate and close the structure and bill the owner.

A lien can also be placed against the property to recover city expenses. A property owner can appeal the board's decision to the Knox County Chancery Court.

The board is made up of five members who are city residents; each member is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council and each member serves a 3-year term. The board meets the last Thursday of each month at 3:30 in the small assembly room of the City-County Building.

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Northwest takes 43-game win streak into Middle School tourney

By Steve Williams

A family-type bond combined with plenty of talent carried streaking Northwest to its second straight Knox County Middle School Conference boys basketball regular season championship in 2014-15.

The Rangers, with new coach Sean Green, picked right up where they left off

last season and earned the top seed in this year's Knox County post-season tournament, which opened with first-round games last Thursday and Friday.

Northwest, which got a first-round bye, rode a 43-game win streak into the tourney and was to have played the Carter-Farragut winner in the quarterfinals

this past Saturday.

The tournament resumes Tuesday afternoon (Feb. 3) at Karns Middle School with girls semifinal games at 4:30 and 7 and boys semifinal games at 5:45 and 8:15.

The consolation games and championship games will be played Thursday (Feb. 5) at KMS, starting

at 4:30.

"Our strength is our relationship," stated Northwest's Coach Green last week via e-mail. "After every game, we put our hands together and say 'family,' because that is what we are."

"Of course the boys are talented, but I have seen some talented teams

struggle because they don't play for each other. When we step on that floor it's about us, not individuals. That's what makes us strong."

The Rangers went 13-0 in league play and 21-0 overall. They now have won 29 games in a row against league opposition, dating back to the 2013 Knox

County tournament.

Coach Green, in his first year as a math teacher as well as basketball coach at Northwest, believes the streak has put "pressure" on the players as well as the coaches.

"The boys have to hold up a legacy that this school has had for some years, while

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Beavers sizzle early, extend home woes for Central

By Ken Lay

Home has been anything but sweet for the Central High School boys basketball team this season. The Bobcats have played well on the road, but they haven't won a District 3-AAA home game this season.

Central hoped to end that streak on Senior Night but it didn't happen as Karns played a nearly flawless first half in an 80-62 win in Fountain City.

The Beavers (13-10 overall, 8-6 in the district) came out firing and opened a 48-18 lead by halftime.

The Bobcats (8-18, 5-8) battled back and made things a bit interesting after the break but a 30-point deficit proved too much to overcome.

"When you play at home, you should give your fans a treat," Central coach Jon Higgins said. "We haven't won a [district] game at home and if we'd won just three of those games, then we would be in second place in the district."

While Higgins and the Bobcats haven't exactly enjoyed home cooking this season, the Beavers enjoyed the early part of their stay in North Knoxville Tuesday night.

Beavers' junior guard Josh Coffin came out sizzling as he buried five 3-point jumpers in the opening frame and helped Karns open a 28-12 lead by quarter's end. The Beavers saw their hot shooting continue in the second stanza as they opened.

"Josh really set the tone with those 3-pointers," Karns coach Lee Henson said. "Our defensive rebounding was huge because



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Karns High's Jordan Coffin (20) battles Central's Lonnie Jones for a rebound in the Beavers' 80-62 victory over the Bobcats. Coffin scored 27 points to spark the Karns in a crucial District 3-AAA win.

Central got one shot and they were done."

Coffin wasn't the only hot hand for the Beavers in the first half. Devin Harper also had

a 3-pointer in the first quarter and Fabian Harris nine of his 16 points before halftime.

The second half, however, was a different story for Karns.

The long-range jumpers didn't fall and the Bobcats were able to battle back. Central opened the third quarter with a 13-7

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Jack Jones, a VFL from Day 1

By Alex Norman

No matter who the coach is for the Vols football program, you'll hear things about "building a wall" around the state of Tennessee.

The idea being that there is no reason why the best players from Memphis to Johnson City should decide to play anywhere but the state's flagship school.

From the sounds of things, Vols head coach Butch Jones never had to worry about Murfreesboro Oakland offensive lineman Jack Jones, a consensus 4-star recruit and top five prospect in the state, from committing to another school.

"I'm a Tennessee guy, was born and raised in the state of Tennessee, been cheering for the Big Orange my entire life," said Jones, one of ten early enrollees for the Class of 2015 that are already on the UT campus. "I couldn't see any other place for me to go. That's been my dream to run 'Through the T' so I can't wait for that day... Tennessee offered me and two days later I committed. It was where I wanted to be."

Jones, who won the Class AAAA Mr. Football Lineman of the Year awards in Tennessee in 2013 and 2014, has earned a head start in learning about what it takes to play at the next level.

"I want to get in the swing of things, really want to get a lot stronger in the weight room, get a lot of work in with the coaches," said Jones. I want to learn the new plays, the new technique. Spring practice will be a big benefit as well, because those practice days mean a lot in the development of

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Butler's poise as Georgia point guard impresses Webb coach

By Steve Williams

Marjorie Butler didn't come away with a win, but she made her former high school coach proud.

The Webb School product, who is now the starting point guard for the University of Georgia, played from start to finish in the Lady Bulldogs' 59-51 loss to Tennessee Sunday, Jan. 25, at Thompson-Boling Arena.

In her 40 minutes, Butler, a 5-8 junior, had a team-high six assists, tied for a team-high five rebounds and scored six points on 3-of-6 shooting. She also had three steals and committed only two turnovers.

"I thought Marjorie was very solid against Tennessee," said Georgia Coach Andy Landers. "As a team, we had a little slippage with our press offense, which put her in precarious situations and often times she made the best of those."

"I thought her takes to the basket were critical and came at times when we really needed points. Throughout the season, Marjorie has improved and she continues to do so."

The Lady Vols came into the game ranked No. 5 in the nation, while Georgia was No. 22.

"I got the chance to see Marjorie when they played the Lady Vols," stated Webb Coach Shelley Collier via e-mail. "I was very impressed how poised she was on the court and how well she led her team. She

handled the pressure and was under control for 40 minutes. Playing 40 minutes in college at that level is very tough to do."

"She led her team extremely well! I was very proud of her and very happy for her, knowing all that she has been through. I know she was disappointed that they lost."

"I got the chance to speak with her and hug her neck after the game," added Collier. "Four of my seniors were there with me. Katie (Collier), Molly (Melton), Dasia (Maxwell) and Day (Vance), as well as my eighth grade daughter Casey, got the chance to see her, too. She was very happy that we came to see her."

At least twice Butler gave her team the lead in the second half. Her steal and basket put Georgia ahead 31-30, erasing Tennessee's 30-25 halftime lead. Her assist pass to Pachis Roberts, who hit a jumper from the right wing, put the Lady Bulldogs in front 45-44.

"I thought we did a really good job defending a really strong team," said Butler, looking back on the game. "It was a game of runs so we had to stick to the plan and stay the course and I thought we did a really good job of that."

"We put them on the free throw line too many times and they shot the ball extremely well there, so I think that was really the difference in the game."



Marjorie Butler, Webb School product, has overcome knee and shoulder injuries to become starting point guard at Georgia.

Tennessee, in fact, made its first 20 attempts from the free throw line and finished 20 of 21 at the foul line. Georgia was 3 for 7 at the line.

"It was nice to have people there supporting

me," added Butler, "but in the back of my mind I know I've always got my family and friends supporting me, whether they're there in person or there in spirit. It was more about focusing on the game and trying to get

the win."

Coach Collier noted Butler suffered a season-ending knee injury on Nov. 25, her birthday, in her senior season at Webb, and experienced additional problem with the knee when she got

to Georgia.

"Her knee had not healed right from the surgery and she actually had to go through surgery again," pointed out Collier. "She still experiences a lot of knee pain, but has learned how to manage the pain."

"On top of that, she also had a shoulder injury that she had to recover from while at Georgia. Once again, she handled the adversity to overcome the shoulder injury and has worked her way into a starting position."

Butler suffered the dislocated shoulder in practice two days prior to the season opener of her sophomore season.

Butler has started all 21 games this season and is averaging 29.9 minutes per game, which leads the team. Her outside shooting percentage has dropped off some, but she has improved at the free throw line (79.6 percent) and bettered her assist/turnover ratio (84/51).

The past two years Marjorie, an Exercise Science major, was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. She also was named to the SEC's Community Service team for women's basketball in 2013-14 and nominated for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

The daughter of Danny and Anne Butler, Marjorie was Miss Tennessee Basketball for Division II-A as a junior at Webb in 2011.

Jack Jones, a VFL from Day 1

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a player."

"Jack plays with toughness and the hard edge we strive for and expect in our players," said Tennessee offensive line coach in a release from the UT Sports Information Department. "He comes from a tremendous program that has a football way of life in how they train, which will make his transition to college easier. Jack has shown the ability to play both tackle and guard, and we really value his versatility. We love his overall toughness as he joins our family."

The Vols offensive line took its lumps in 2014, but seemed to find some consistency in the final few games. Overall they are still a very young group. Jones, listed at 6-5 and 300 pounds, is hoping to make an impact sooner than later.

"I really want to come up here and help any way I can, do anything I can for Coach Mahoney and Coach Jones, any way you need me," said Jones. "This offensive line has made a lot of strides this year and they did a great job, as the year developed they got better and better. And I hope that



Jack Jones

continues into next year in getting better and better. If that means getting to play a little bit that's awesome, but I'm here to work. Hopefully I get to play early but it is a mindset that I am here to work and get this awesome line and team better."

Jones added, "You know you get a guy that comes to work every day. I like to say I play a physical game, like to play nasty but I'm gonna be smart and know what I am doing. But really you are gonna get a hard working guy."

Jones was offered scholarships by Alabama, Auburn and Georgia among others. Vols fans should be happy to see that a Volunteer state kid wanted to give his all from Tennessee from the get go.

Farragut moves on with rout of Lady Cherokees, 44-7

By Ken Lay

Farragut Middle School girls basketball coach Susan Davidson warned her team that its opening-round game of the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament against South-Doyle Thursday afternoon could be dangerous.

The third-seeded Lady Admirals listened to their coach and came off the court with a 44-7 victory over the Lady Cherokees at FMS's Bobby J. Henry Gymnasium.

"It's a new season and everybody wants to survive," Davidson said. "These games are dangerous because everybody wants to stay alive. I think South-Doyle gave a lot of effort but I was proud of the way our kids moved the ball and we hit the boards better tonight."

The Lady Admirals may have been the tournament's third-seeded squad but they actually shared the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference regular-season championship with rivals West Valley. All three teams posted 12-1 conference records and drew for tournament seedings. The Lady Wolves received the top seed while Vine nabbed the second spot.

Both West Valley and the Lady Golden Bears had first-round byes



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Farragut Middle School's Sydney Chapman (33 battles a host of South-Doyle defenders in the Lady Admirals' first-round tournament win Thursday. Chapman scored the first eight points of the game.

while Farragut was the highest seed to play a Thursday game against the 14th (and last-place) team in the conference.

The Lady Admirals made sure that they weren't going to suffer an embarrassing opening-round loss early. Farragut's Sydney Chapman scored the game's first eight points of the game and gave the Lady Admirals an 8-0 lead with 4 minutes, 29 seconds remaining in the opening quarter. The home team went on to open a 15-2 lead by quarter's end. The Lady Cherokees got their only two

points of the inaugural frame and the first half on a field goal by reserve guard Kamaya O'Neal.

From there, things would only get worse for South-Doyle, which was shut out in the second stanza and endured a long scoreless streak. The Lady Cherokees' scoring drought ended late in the third quarter when O'Neal converted a pair of free throws and starter Isabella McAnally made a field goal.

Farragut, which led 39-6 after three quarters started strong and put up an admirable finish.

"I told the girls that

they really had to come out and start strong," Davidson said. "I was [also] really proud of the way some of our sixth and seventh-graders played."

Farragut's Morgan Carbaugh scored a game-high 15 points. Chapman had eight (all in the opening quarter). Bri Tokes scored six and Madison Hodge added four for the Lady Admirals, who advanced to Saturday's quarterfinals at Karns. (Results were not available at press time).

O'Neal scored five points for the Lady Cherokees.

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Moss to play basketball at Bryan College

By Ken Lay

When South-Doyle High School basketball player Sam Moss made a visit to Bryan College he felt right at home, And Bryan College will be his future home. Moss made that official recently when he signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the school in

Dayton, Tennessee. He'll be close to home but said that wasn't a factor in his decision. "I just wanted to play basketball and they were the only people to offer me," Moss said. "I already knew people who were going to school there, so it felt like home."

Moss, who aspires to be an accountant after college, said he found Bryan's small campus to be to his liking. "I like small campuses," he said. "I can just walk to class. "I like people and I wanted to go where I could get a good education." Moss is the first

basketball signee this season. He does, however, have a pair of teammates who have made football commitments. Guard Brody Rollins recently committed to play football at Gardner-Webb and Joc Bruce has committed to play football for the University of Tennessee.



Nick Barnard recently became the first athlete in L&N STEM Academy history to earn an athletic scholarship. He will play golf at Walters State Community College, where he will major in Pre-Engineering.

Barnard makes history at L&N STEM

By Ken Lay

Nick Barnard said he always dreamed of playing college golf but admits that he didn't think it was in his future.

But it will be. Not only will he pursue golf in college, but Barnard became the first athlete at L&N STEM Academy to sign a National Letter of Intent to play a collegiate sport.

"Golf was passed down in my family," said Barnard, who recently committed to play golf at Walters State Community College. "I've played competitively since I was in the sixth grade. It's great to be the first athlete here to sign to play in college."

"This has been fun and it's been really great to have the opportunity that I've got. I've had two great coaches here in Mark Smith and Mark Waxmonsky. They are great coaches and they are responsible for teaching me work ethic."

When Barnard began searching for a college, golf was the furthest thing from his mind.

"This all started with Tennessee Promise and that [a two-year stay in community college] is free," Barnard said. "Then I looked

at the [Walters State] golf team and saw their scores and I know that I can put up those kind of scores."

Barnard then tried out for the Governors, who won a National Championship in 2014. He decided to sign there. He will major in Pre-engineering. He's undecided about his career goals. But he is happy to be playing golf.

"Golf has been passed down in my family," he said. "I love the game. My grandfather played 27 holes a day when he was in the Air Force and he was one shot away from playing in the Air Force Invitational."

"My dad has played all of his life."

Barnard, who resides in East Knox County, said it was a priority to stay close to home.

"I love the East Tennessee area," he said. "All of my family lives here and it's a 35-minute commute to [Walters State] from where I live. I love East Knox County."

Away from golf, Barnard enjoys basketball and baseball. He currently coaches two teams in the Carter Youth Basketball League.



Central pitcher Nick Stamps signs to play at Walters State with members of his family alongside.

Stamps signs with Walters State

By Ken Lay

Central High School pitcher Nick Stamps will play college baseball at Walters State Community College in 2016. He made it official when he signed his National Letter of Intent Thursday at Central High School. After his senior season at Central, Stamps will play at one of Tennessee's tradition-rich community college programs. "They really have a great history and I thought that it would be the best opportunity for me to

further my career," he said. "I had an offer from Hiwassee but once I visited Walters State, I knew that that was where I wanted to go. "They have a great setup. They have apartments by the field and it's a short walk across campus to class. They have a great coaching staff and I'm looking forward to playing for them." Stamps will enter college as an undeclared major and noted that the small class size at a community college appealed to him. He also said that he wanted

to stay close to home. "I wanted to be close to home. I wanted to be close to my family so they could see as many games as possible." With his college decision behind him, Stamps, a four-year player for the Bobcats, is now eagerly awaiting the 2015 season that begins in March. Central is looking to compete for a District 4-AAA Championship. "We're shooting for district," Stamps said. "That's our goal."

All-Knox County Middle School Basketball Teams 2014-15	
Boys	Girls
Trey Davis 13 (Holston)	Annaka Hall 11 (West Valley)
Teahzjawn Hodge-Harper 13 (Northwest)	Larriana Bullard 10 (Vine)
Dashaun McKinney 13 (Northwest)	Ja'Niya Bussell 10 (Cedar Bluff)
Jaiohn Foster 12 (Vine)	Sydney Chapman 10 (Farragut)
Kordell Kah 12 (West Valley)	Zariah Clark (Z) 10 (Carter)
DeMarcus Nelson 12 (Bearden)	Jakhyla Davis 10 (Northwest)
Cartez Campbell 11 (Karns)	Tytiara Spikes 10 (West Valley)
Jaden Gibbs 11 (Farragut)	Bailey Trumm 10 (Halls)
Jonah Miller 11 (Powell)	Morgan Carbaugh 9 (Farragut)
La'Ron Dixon 10 (Northwest)	Annastacia Anderson 8 (Karns)
Jamal Rorex 8 (Holston)	Jordan Heifner 8 (Carter)
Trent Stephney 8 (West Valley)	Thomajah Bishop 7 (Vine)
Nigal Davis 7 (Northwest)	Kyeisha Dalton 7 (Bearden)
Roman Robinson 7 (Northwest)	Jade Mullins 6 (Holston)
Jonathan Rynes 7 (Carter)	Dinniya Smith 6 (Bearden)

Beavers sizzle early, extend home woes for Central

Cont. from page 1 surge and pulled to within 55-31 midway through the third stanza on a basket by Quamier Reed. The Bobcats kept fighting and Reed's bucket early in the third quarter pulled Central to within 67-52 with just over five minutes remaining in the game. "Our kids didn't quit and that's what you like to see," Higgins said. "Karns shot the ball well in the first half but we kind of helped them with our porous defense.

"Our guys are still learning. This is not a total loss for us because these are learning points for us and this was still a pretty good ball game." Lonnie Jones gave the Bobcats an offensive spark in the second half as he scored 22 of his 27 points after the break. Henson said he saw a different Central squad after halftime. "They came in having played a lot of games and I think they were a little

fatigued," Henson said of the Bobcats. "We're not used to playing with a lead and Central came out [after halftime] and picked up the intensity and we knew they would." Coffin had 27 points and shared high-scoring honors with Jones. Harper added 20 points for the Beavers and Harris finished with 16. Reed had 12 points for Central and Matt Randolph finished with 10.

Northwest takes 43-game win streak into Middle School tourney

Cont. from page 1 (assistant) Coach (Austin) Clow and I are dealing with not being the coaches who ruin the streak," stated Green.

"I think we all do well with handling the pressure by remembering that this is something that is supposed to be fun. We try to enjoy our time together as a team. That alone helps with the pressure. We are proud of them for the way they handle themselves."

Northwest returned four starters from last season - point guard Nigal Davis, shooting guard Teahzjawn Hodge-Harper, forward Roman Robinson and power forward Dashaun McKinney. All four are now eighth graders. Power forward La'Ron Dixon, a seventh grader, completes this season's starting five.

Top reserves are seventh grader Edward Lacy and

Jordan Gillispie, an eighth grader. Remaining Rangers are Larry Beal Jr., Armoni Hicks, Demias Munsey and Deonte White.

The Rangers' closest tests this season, said Green, came against Vine in an exhibition game and Alcoa in the Eagleton tournament. "Both games were very intense for me since we had been winning so comfortably," said Green. "Alcoa was a 15-point win and Vine a 14-point win. They are both tough and we'll coached teams."

Heading into the tourney, the Northwest coaches put their team on alert.

"I think the boys are really fired up," said Green. "We tell them that everyone is coming for them, and they will not be the same teams that they saw in the regular season. They know to respect every team."

Green doesn't believe his

team has peaked. West Valley, 12-1 in league play, is the boys' No. 2 seed.

In girls play, West Valley, Vine and Farragut each finished 12-1, and the Lady Wolves drew the No. 1 seed.

Josh Ballard is in his first season as West Valley girls coach, after coaching at Cedar Bluff.

SEASON AWARDS: A presentation of season awards will be made following Tuesday's 5:45 game.

The Highest GPA Awards will be presented to Halls (cheerleaders and girls basketball) and West Valley (boys basketball). The Sportsmanship Award will go to Gresham. The All-Knox County boys and girls teams also will be introduced.

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Karns High's Amonie Yarbrough scores a basket in the Lady Beavers' 55-40 victory at Central Tuesday night. Yarbrough had 15 points against the Lady Bobcats.

Big second half propels Karns past Central

By Ken Lay

Over the past several seasons, wins have been hard to come by for the Karns High School girls basketball team. Recently, however, the Lady Beavers have nabbed three consecutive victories. Karns High's latest win was a 55-40 decision at Central Tuesday night in a District 3-AAA tilt. The Lady Beavers and Lady Bobcats were locked in a tough battle early

before Karns used a big second half to claim their third consecutive win. "That's three in a row for us," Lady Beavers' coach Jack Witt said. "We've toughened up. Last year, if we were in a situation like this, we would've folded. We won two games last year and this year, we're sitting on five. This is fun to watch because these girls believe in what we're doing."

Karns has discovered a balanced offensive attack during the three-game winning streak. "The good thing about this is that over this three-game stretch, we've had three different players lead us in scoring," Witt said. On this night, Karns (5-17 overall, 4-10 in the district) had two players score in double figures as Annie Grace Pope finished with 19 points (including

four 3-pointers) and Amonie Yarbrough finished with 15 points (including nine after halftime). The Lady Beavers also got seven points from Trinity Fisher and six from Lindsey Hitch. Karns fell behind early before storming back to take an 11-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. From there, the Lady Beavers never trailed again. They had a 17-11 lead before a 3-point shot

from Central's Stephanie Childress buried a 3-pointer to pull the Lady Bobcats (0-21, 0-13) to within 17-14. Karns then closed the half on a 10-4 run to open a 27-18 lead at the break. Childress kept the Lady Bobcats within striking distance early as she scored 10 of her 11 points over the first 16 minutes. Chalia Eldridge led Central with 12 points.

Knox County Middle School Basketball Tourney seedings, Final standings

These standings reflect tournament seedings:

Boys

- 1. Northwest 13-0
- 2. West Valley 12-1
- 3. Holston 11-2
- 4. Powell 9-4
- 5. Vine 9-4
- 6. Bearden 7-6
- 7. Karns 6-7
- 8. Carter 6-7
- 9. Farragut 5-8
- 10. Whittle Springs 5-8
- 11. South-Doyle 4-9
- 12. Halls 2-11
- 13. Gresham 1-12
- 14. Cedar Bluff 1-12

Girls

- 1 West Valley 12-1
- 2. Vine 12-1
- 3. Farragut 12-1
- 4 Bearden 9-4
- 5 Cedar Bluff 9-4
- 6 Halls 9-4
- 7 Carter 7-6
- 8 Northwest 6-7
- 9 Karns 5-8
- 10 Powell 3-10
- 11. Whittle Springs 3-10
- 12. Gresham 2-11
- 13. Holston 2-11
- 14 South-Doyle 0-13

Vols don't need new offensive coordinator to bog things down

Tennessee couldn't be in a better position to hire a new offensive coordinator. Ten out of 11 offensive starters will be returning, the football program is on the upswing and Butch Jones has another nationally ranked recruiting class ready to contribute in a big way. Take a



By Steve Williams

number, OC candidates. The Vols even have a quarterback now that's perfect for Jones' zone-read attack. Thank you Josh Dobbs. Yep, this offense is ready to hum. We don't need a new OC to bog things down. I wouldn't change a thing. In fact, I would require the new coordinator, whoever that turns out to be, to learn the "language" the offense used this past season under former OC Mike Bajakian, who resigned to become quarterbacks coach for Tampa Bay in the NFL. The worst thing that could happen is to make everybody else learn the new OC's "language." Why risk slowing things down by making your returning offensive personnel have to stop and think when a play is sent in or an audible is called? The faster this type offense operates, the better it is. The new OC has plenty of time to get comfortable with the language already in house, and there's time for him to add a new wrinkle or two and make the usual changes that occur in off-season. Just don't go back to square one.

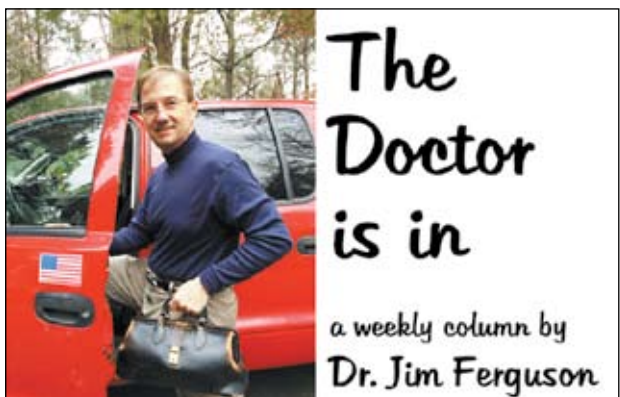
SIGN HERE: One of the biggest days of the football year is Wednesday, Feb. 4. National Signing Day. Who are you most anxious to see don the Orange and White? I'm looking forward to checking out those two big defensive tackles - Kahlil McKenzie (6-3, 335) and Shy Tuttle (6-3, 320). Defensive end Kyle Phillips of Nashville Hillsboro, running back Alvin Kamara from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and wide receiver Preston Williams out of Hampton, Ga., also will be interesting to see.

Will Coalfield-grown Zach Stewart (6-4, 295) be able to help in the offensive line? He was UT's first commitment in the Class of 2015. There's a history of Tennessee guys making strong Vol blockers. Zach could be the next chapter. Can the Vols land Drew Richmond (6-5, 310) at the finish line? McKenzie is working hard to flip the Memphis University School 5-star offensive lineman from Ole Miss to Tennessee. That's encouraging news.

DATES TO CIRCLE: For the fun of it, circle these two dates on your calendar: Feb. 17 and Feb. 23. That's when the Vols and Lady Vols will have a chance to shock the college basketball world. Kentucky comes to Knoxville first, a Tuesday night 7 o'clock tipoff. Six days later, the UT women will go to Columbia, S.C., for a Monday night, 9 o'clock start. As of this writing on Friday afternoon, Kentucky and South Carolina are both 20-0 and ranked No. 1 in the nation. Stranger things have happened. By the way, the Lady Gamecocks will play Geno and those Lady Huskies at Storrs, Conn., on Feb. 9.

DRE UPDATE: The little point guard from Lonsdale that could (I love you Cuonzo, but you blew this one) is in his senior season at the University of Minnesota. Dre Mathieu, Central High product, earned Big Ten honorable mention last season. This winter has been colder for the Golden Gophers. They started Big Ten play with five straight losses, then split their next four conference games to drop to 13-9 overall and 2-7 in the league. Five of the six Big Ten losses were by five points or less, including a 74-72 overtime loss to Ohio State. Dre is averaging 29 minutes per game and has 111 assists, 47 turnovers, 48 steals and an 8.4 scoring average. He and the Gophers will have two cracks at Wisconsin, the Big Ten leader, down the stretch. If Tennessee doesn't make the Big Dance this year, I'd like to see the Vols play Minnesota in the NIT. Dre would probably like such a matchup, too.





Basics

I’ve often wondered if someday I’ll run out of things to write or say. After all there are only so many body parts to explain, places to go or stories in one’s brain.

I find my interests have shifted rather than changed over the years. History interests me more now than politics, perhaps because it teaches me the mistakes of the past which we are again making in today’s politic. I find philosophy (defined as a love of and search for wisdom) more compelling than reality TV or the lives of Hollywood stars. And listening for God seems more profitable than listening to “dear leader.”

Fortunately, medicine still interests me even though the medical-industrial-complex it has become, does not. Some readers have criticized me for writing about things outside my credentials, even though this is an opinion column. It is true that my formal education

emphasized the sciences in general and medicine in particular. However, my education didn’t stop after I received my degrees; I discovered that it had just begun.

The Founders of our country were recipients of a liberal education. This concept is different than the term “liberal” bandied about these days. A liberal education was one which “cultivated a free human being,” empowering students with “broad knowledge, transferable skills and a strong sense of ethics.” It was hoped a liberal education would give students the tools necessary to become critical thinkers and make up their own minds instead of parroting dogma or group think. These days it seems our educational system is too often driven by politics, political correctness and its own bureaucratic needs. We must not allow educational technocrats to short change this generation of future citizens.

I received a liberal education, though its non-science components emphasizing history, religion and philosophy came after medical school. You could say I am partially self-taught; and my education continues. I am blessed because somewhere along the way I acquired the desire to learn and the tools for critical thinking. Perhaps this comes from a questioning spirit like the disciple known as “doubting” Thomas. Jesus wasn’t angry with this, oh so human, individual. He showed him his wounds and Thomas believed. Finding answers can be done, even without a don, and academic plaques on a wall may not reflect wisdom. Abraham Lincoln was largely self-taught and no slouch of a thinker. And Lincoln didn’t have the Internet, the greatest educational tool in the history of mankind, to aid him.

I’ll define ethics as a person’s basic or foundational principles. Ancient Greeks like Plato were interested in ethics and how men should best live. Plato’s student Aristotle would later write his Nicomachean Ethics, discussing how men could best live and build a society. A compilation of these ancient philosophies are known to us as the Cardinal virtues, or the correct principles on which to build a life or a society. These are common sense, courage, justice and moderation.

Five hundred years after Aristotle, the Apostle Paul, no slouch of a philosopher, would add to these basic principles the Theological virtues of faith, hope and love (I Corinthians 13). I see Paul’s wisdom in the Theological modifiers of the first set. Collectively these are the best principles to promote morality.

I live at the apex of Maslow’s cultural pyramid, and as a result I can prattle on about ethics and morality, and even explore scientific interests because I don’t have to forage for sustenance fourteen hours a day. Lately, I’ve been interested in tinnitus, but apparently I’ve been interested in this before because I found a previous essay on this topic and the hearing organ known as the cochlea. So, I decided to write about what’s new regarding tinnitus, the ringing in my ears.

My curiosity is often picked by a regular feature of The NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine) entitled Clinical Implications of Basic Research. Some have problems with governmental research grants which sometimes seem to fund ridiculous topics. Senator Tom Coburn publishes a list of the most “foolish” investigations each year. You should understand the motivation of some researchers and how they are funded. The pithy phrase, “Publish or perish,” helps us

comprehend the competition in academia. Furthermore, like commissions from wealthy patrons to Renaissance painters, modern researchers must explore topics that are PC and where there is “consensus” to obtain funding and their livelihood. However, there are things pointy-headed scientists can teach us.

Noise-related hearing loss is common and has been considered irreversible. Damage to the delicate cells that line the cochlea also produces hyperacusis (sensitivity to noise) and tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Together, these cause difficulty in understanding what others say, especially in areas like noisy restaurants. I can attest to this from personal experience.

Sound waves play across the ear drum and move it back and forth like a trampoline. This movement is translated to the ossicles of the middle ear which drive the oval window of the cochlea like a piston. The pumping action produces waves in the fluid-filled cochlear (inner ear). These waves move delicate hair-like projections of nerve cells and produce an electrochemical impulse which is transmitted to the brain and interpreted as speech or bird-song.

Disruption can occur anywhere along this pathway. A frequent injury

comes from loud noises which damage the cochlear nerve cells, even at levels previously considered safe. Researchers have discovered the synaptic (connectional) relationship between cochlear nerve cells and spinal nerve cells which is diminished by damaging noise. Furthermore, researchers have found a repair gene which codes for a nerve growth factor called neurotrophin 3. This growth factor promotes recovery of the connectional loss from noise damage.

I recall a Star Trek movie where Dr. McCoy injected Captain Kirk with medication to correct Kirk’s nearsightedness. Might we someday request an injection of a specific nerve growth factor to regenerate damaged spinal nerves or repair damaged neural connections in the ear, correcting hearing impairment and the blasted ringing in my own ears? Presently, this is science and perhaps a bit of futuristic fiction. But, if you doubt the possibility, consider the words of the write Ray Bradbury, “Anything you dream is fiction. Anything you accomplish is science. The whole history of mankind is nothing but science fiction.”

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

Tennova Healthcare Offers Free Heart-Health Screenings

Tennova Healthcare is kicking off American Heart Month in February with free heart-health screenings at 12 locations.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. The key to preventing heart disease is managing your risk factors, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or high blood glucose. Avoiding unhealthy habits like smoking and living a healthy lifestyle that incorporates good nutrition, weight management and physical activity can also reduce your risk for a life-threatening heart attack or stroke.

To learn your risk factors for heart disease, attend one of the following Know Your Numbers events:

February 17
Hollingsworth Center
JA Biztown Facility
2135 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd., Clinton

February 18
Tennova Cardiology of Lenoir City
125 Town Creed Road E., Lenoir City

February 19
Turkey Creek Medical Center
10820 Parkside Drive, Knoxville

February 24
Tennova Health & Fitness Center
7540 Dannaher Drive, Powell

February 25
Physicians Regional Medical Center
900 E. Oak Hill Avenue, Knoxville

February 26
Tennova South
7323 Chapman Highway, Knoxville

March 3
Newport Seventh Day Adventist Church
125 Headrick Drive, Newport

March 11

Jefferson Memorial Hospital
110 Hospital Drive, Jefferson City

March 12
Carter Senior Center
9036 Asheville Highway, Knoxville

March 18
Burlington Branch-Knox County Public Library
4614 Asheville Highway, Knoxville

March 19
Lakeway Regional Hospital
726 McFarland Street, Morristown

March 25
LaFollette Outpatient Rehabilitation Center
2221 Jacksboro Pike, LaFollette

The simple screening involves one prick of the finger. Participants will receive their cholesterol

panel and glucose reading in less than seven minutes. Eight-hour fasting is required.*

Appointments are required. Call 1-855-TENNOVA (836-6682) by February 15 to register for the free screening.

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I'm Proud of My Daddy

Church is always a place where memories come flooding. I sit there and recall so many things, from my Mother seated in the second pew and praying for strength as she served as the only parent for three teenaged boys to children's programs filled with songs and to the weddings that brought my two brothers and their wives together. Today, my daddy was the one on my mind. I remembered him and realized just how proud he made me.

I remember Daddy attending church with us whenever he was off on Sunday. He put on his suit, tie and white shirt and struggle to fit dress shoes on his swollen feet. Daddy always smelled like Old Spice, and he made sure



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we boys were dressed up too. One of his rules was that we polish our shoes for church, and we completed the task Saturday nights.

On occasion, Daddy served as an usher. He'd greet people and help some find seats. He never was an out-

going person, but something changed when he was at church, something that made him feel better about himself and ready to reach out to others.

Another thing he did as an usher was take the collection. I remember him walking toward the altar all serious and focused. He worked with the other men and passed the plates through the pews, and then he walked back down as the congregation sang the doxology. I was proud

of my Daddy on those Sunday mornings.

Daddy's life had always been a tough one, but he never forgot about others. He helped several times a year to pass out food baskets. Daddy never came home happy; instead, he'd tell Mother how sad it made him to see other families with so little. He looked for ways to help others: buying a family a truckload of coal for heating, dropping off extra food to a hungry family, and giving a little money from the small amount that his family had. I was proud of my Daddy for caring so much.

My dad didn't go far in school. He quit after the sixth grade and began working to help his parents. For the rest of his life, he always felt that he didn't measure up to others and thought of himself as not being smart.

However, I remember him sitting at the kitchen table in the mornings. He had a green mug filled with coffee so thick it crawled from the cup along with his Winston cigarettes and an ashtray with a brass elephant. Daddy scribbled and figured and budgeted better than any CPA could have done with so little money. Somehow, he managed to pay the monthly bills, buy food, pay for a life insurance policy, and give a little to the church. I was a proud of my Daddy for being the smartest man I'd ever known.

Daddy began feeling bad and visited doctors who told him he suffered from allergies or ulcers. Eventually, the right doctor looked at him once and told him he had lung cancer. From April to August of 1965, Daddy made trips from home to the hospital. With each passing day he

weakened. However, he talked often to us boys and told us how things would be different when he got better. He promised that we'd take vacations and spend more time together. For young boys, those words were the hope that we grabbed onto until he passed. I was proud of my Daddy for being brave in the face of our fears.

My son will be 30 in a couple of weeks, and my daughter is a couple of years older than that. I've tried to be a good daddy and suppose that sometimes have been successful. However, I don't think I'll ever be able to be as good as my dad was for those few short years. What I do hope is that on a couple of occasions my kids have watched me and felt a twinge of pride. I also wish that my daddy had known how proud of him I was and am.

NCG Announces Poetry Contest Winners

Good Stewards of Our Earth

By Derek Harrison

In the beginning the Heavens and the Earth were created as the Artwork of God, The Home and Dwelling place of Humanity which was fallen and flawed, Formed indescribably in only Six Days which proved God's deity, While being watched over and Fortified by the Sovereign Trinity, God then called on Humans to claim Dominion over Animals and Plants, From the Fish swimming in the Sea to the Hard-working Ants, From the Gigantic Redwood to the Compactness of the Apple Tree, He gave us Power over Earth and then Set us free, We need to Take care of this Precious Terrain, For it is Unique in God's eyes and not at all plain, We should love it and protect like as of the Lord, To lose our temporary home the Earth we cannot afford, Clean up the Ground from all of the Filthy trash, Recycle Plastic, Cardboard and bottles in a flash, We should love and take care of Earth like God would, Because God is the one that once

The 2014 winners of the National Council of Garden Club Poetry contest theme entitled "Good Stewards of Our Earth" have been determined.

First Baptist Powell Academy participated and the contest was judged by Rachel Chapman retired school teacher and Ruth Lamb, current member of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs Advisory Board.

The 20 entries showed creative thinking and were reflective of God's creation with which we are entrusted. In addition,

the entries communicated an effective approach to preserve this enormous responsibility.

The 2014 winners are as follows: (1st) place Derek Harrison, (2nd) Kenleigh Davis (3rd) Dominic Lewing and Honorable mention to Dakota Chaffing.

A very special thank you to Mr. Matt Mercer, Head Master of First Baptist Academy, and to the English, and Science teachers that participated.

Kathy Pearson, Jr. Coordinator and Norwood garden club member directs the contest, and



Pictured, Left to right, Kenleigh Davis, winner Derek Harrison, Head Master Matt Mercer of First Baptist Academy, Dominic Lewing and Dakota Chaffing.

Norwood Garden Club contest. Congratulations helps to promote the to our winners.

Jesus and the Gospel

Have you ever wondered why the early Christians labeled the first four books of the New Testament "the Gospel"?



By Mark Brackney,
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of Christ

The reason is because they share story after story about Jesus and the power of God at work in and through Him. Each of these four books (The Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the very same story. Technically, it is not correct to say we have four different Gospels, rather, we have one Gospel told in four different versions. To call them "gospels" as we now do is to imply that there are more than one gospel.

The authors of these first four books of the New Testament did not see themselves as biographers of Jesus. They saw themselves as witnesses to the one gospel as they communicated the story of Christ. Everything about these books focused on Jesus. So the "gospel" is to tell the story of Jesus.

One of the unique features about these four books is that they spend much time on the final week of Jesus' life. Mark's gospel, for example, spends almost fifty percent focused on Jesus' last week (Mark 10-16). Mark's gospel flies through the first nine chapters to get us to the last week of Jesus' life. This is very gospel like according to Paul's definition of the gospel (death, burial, resurrection, and appearances of Jesus - I Cor. 15). In fact, each of the four Gospels emphasize the death,

burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 19-28; Luke 18-24; John 11-21).

A key component of the gospel is that "Christ died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3). The word "sin" actually occurs forty-one times in the Gospels. In fact, in the first gospel, we find in the opening statement who Jesus is and the reason He came. "She [Mary] will give birth to a son, and you [Joseph] are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The Hebrew word Yeshua, translates to "Jesus." Yeshua means "YHEH is salvation." Joseph and Mary are naming Him "Savior." Jesus saves people from their sins.

Before someone is ready for salvation, they need to know what they are being saved from. Sin is real, something that we have all faced and continue to

face. We needed to be rescued from sin and Jesus is the answer. "The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29). Jesus came for our sins. Matthew points out at the Last Supper Jesus saying: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (26:28).

Jesus was all about forgiving sins. The story of Jesus saves. Jesus went to the cross for our sins. But the gospel does not stop at the cross. Paul said that apart from the resurrection we are "still in [our] sins" (I Cor. 15:17). Without the resurrection, the cross is nothing more than an instrument of death. But Jesus conquered death and will come back again for His people.

Church Happenings

55 Alive Meeting

55 Alive Seniors from First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, will meet on Thursday, February 12 in the Church Meeting Room, 1207 N. Broadway beginning at noon with a hot luncheon. The cost is \$8.00. The speaker will be Chris Plugger, a Lutheran Bible Translator and Missionary, who will speak on his life in Petauker, Zambia. The public is invited and reservations are required. Please call (865)524-0366.

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Inside Flea Market at Christus Victor Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 7 from 8:00 - 4:00. Crafters, rummage, sweet shop, concessions, raffles, and more!

Dante Church of God

Dante Church of God will be distributing boxes

of blessings (food) on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until boxes are gone. Anyone who would like to come and receive a box of blessings is invited.

You must be present to receive a box of food. One box per household. For more information call (865)689-4829

Seymour United Methodist Church

Tuesday, February 3 brings the monthly gathering of the "Soul Sisters" women's fellowship and service group at 6:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled fellowship meal will be held this Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th, at 5:15 p.m. Please make your reservations on Sunday's attendance slips or by noon Tuesdays. Following the meal, there will be various small group studies beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Need a "Christian based" child care program? Contact our director, Susan Cook, for hours and days of operation, costs and other details.

The Reverend Ronnie L. White will sing, play piano and preach at Grace Baptist Church in Seymour located at the corner of Boyd's

Creek and Smothers Road in Seymour.

Pastor C. M. "Cotton" Kelly said that Reverend White will preach at both the morning and evening

services. Morning services start at 10:30 and the evening service starts at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and hear this outstanding evangelist.

Rev. White played and sang with the Southern Gospel Quartet from 1966 to 1973. He was in finance and banking for 16 years having studied at Vanderbilt University and took many seminary extension courses. He started his ministry at Shelton Grove Baptist Church

in Sweetwater in 1978.

He has served at several churches since and currently is the Pastor at Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church in Kodak. He also served as the Director of Missions for the Sevier County Association of Baptist from 2001 through 2007.

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Beaufort is nice in fall and winter

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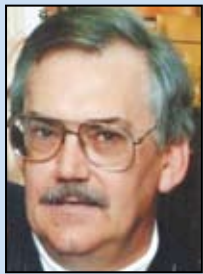
Beaufort, S.C., is north of Hilton Head Island and south of Charleston.

The little town is a more affordable vacation spot than some of the other east coast beach resorts. My wife and I have been there several times, always camping, and we are always finding places, houses and scenes we like.

Oddly enough the little town is pronounced "Bu-fort" in South Carolina while Beaufort, N.C., which we've also visited, is pronounced "Bo-fort."

During the main tourist season you can find fresh seafood in and around the town, everything from fresh shrimp and oysters to various salt water fish. Even in late fall, we found fresh shrimp and the boats deliver it daily to the local docks. We noticed that parking can be a problem

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

on a busy day and it took us a while to find a place to pull in and walk down-town.

Hunting Island State Park is just beyond Beaufort, has full hook

ups except for sewer, and almost all of the sites are on or near the long Sandy Beach. The sound of waves can rock you to sleep. The stretch of shoreline, complete with lots of shells, driftwood, and sand dollars, leads to the Hunting Beach light-house. Nearby is a small museum and long fishing pier. Wi-Fi is also available now for campers, although we found the signal pretty weak.

We enjoyed walking out on the beach after dark and star watching. It's pretty dark there and on a clear night you can see lots of twinkling lights in the open sky.

Just beyond the beach is Fripp Island, an upscale community sitting on the end of the peninsula.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

"The Big Chill" was filmed at this house in Beaufort, S.C., just one of the many, many movies made in the small coastal town.

Parts of "The Prince of Tides" were filmed on the beach there but most of that movie was filmed in Beaufort, even the parts that were supposed to be New York City.

If you're a movie buff, you'll love Beaufort. The Vietnam scenes in "Forrest Gump" were filmed on Hunting Island; "The Great Santini" and "Something to

Talk About" are among the numerous movies filmed in the community.

My favorite place for movie scenes is the Tid-alholm House at the end of Laurens Street, where "The Big Chill" was filmed. I can still remember the characters in the movie tossing a football around in the lawn there.

Beaufort has most of

the downtown shops you'd expect as a tourist hotspot, plus a nice waterside walk and dock downtown. Just outside town, away from the causeway, are the national chain stores and franchise restaurants.

South of Beaufort a few miles is Paris Island Marine Base and Port Royal, another little coastal town with its own beauty

and a noted tower for miles of viewing.

We visited the area over Thanksgiving and found you should plan ahead if you're camping. We thought Beaufort would be almost empty but found it pretty crowded with tourists.

HISTORIC HAUNTINGS

On Saturday February 28, historic Ramsey House at 2614 Thorn Grove Pike in Knoxville will be introducing to the public, for the first time, the results of the paranormal investigation by Haunted Knoxville Ghost Tour's J-Adam Smith and captured on video by Patrick Watson of Maple-tree Productions.

In this award winning presentation you will see the long awaited results that may put to rest all the speculation as to whether Historic Ramsey House is haunted. "For years," said Director Judy LaRose, "there have been reports of spiritual or ghostly sightings by passer-bys, neighbors, visitors and even some of our own board members and staff. We felt it was time to put the rumors to rest by having a Paranormal Investigation."

The half-hour video documents the investigation along with the history of the home and family. There

will then be a half hour tour led by J-Adam Smith discussing the details of paranormal investigating. We think you will find this as exciting and fascinating as we did.

This fundraiser will start with a VIP session at 5:30pm. It will include a brief history of Ramsey House and the Ramsey family. J-Adam Smith along with Lindsey Whatley will be presenting Ghost Hunting 101. You will learn the ins and outs of the Ghost Hunting business, the equipment used and how to interpret the results. You will view the film and tour the house with the Ghost Hunting team. Admission for the VIP session is \$35 and includes a copy of the DVD for you to take home. The number of guests for this tour is limited.

Admission for the additional tours is \$25 per person to include a viewing of the film in the Visitor's Center and a tour of the home with J-Adam.

'Beat the heat' before spring with special spay campaign for cats

Warm weather to stay may be weeks away, but Young-Williams Animal Center's Spay/Neuter Solutions wants pet owners to "Beat the Heat" by spaying your cat before her heat cycle to prevent unwanted litters this spring.

Animal shelters commonly refer to spring-time as "kitten season" because that is when they receive the largest influx of unwanted litters that overrun adoption capacity.

That's why Young-Williams Animal Center is offering a special "Beat the Heat" campaign sponsored by PetSmart Charities, the largest provider of funds for animal welfare efforts in North America. Through the "Beat the Heat" campaign, the center's Spay/Neuter Solutions will offer \$20 spay surgeries for female cats during the month of February.

Spay and neuter surgeries are the most effective way to reduce the homeless pet population. The

procedure is safe for kittens as young as eight to 10 weeks old, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Spaying a female cat before the first heat cycle improves the health of the pet by reducing the risk of certain reproductive cancers and infections.

"Female cats can have as many as three litters a year, and kittens can breed as young as four months old," says Dr. Lisa Chassy, director of Young-Williams Animal Center's Spay/Neuter Solutions. "Hopefully our 'Beat the Heat' campaign will serve as a gentle and timely reminder to cat owners to sterilize their cats before they go into heat this year."

The special \$20 rate is even less than the center's normal low-cost sterilization fee of \$45 for cats and \$70 for dogs and is available to residents of Knox and surrounding counties. Pet parents must mention the "Beat the Heat" campaign when scheduling

appointments.

This campaign is based on availability, and appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Surgeries can be scheduled at either the Young-Williams Spay/Neuter Solutions Clinic at 6400 Kingston Pike or on the Spay Shuttle. To make an appointment, call 865-215-6677.

The Spay Shuttle is a mobile spay/neuter surgical clinic funded by a grant from the Aslan Foundation to increase public access to low-cost surgeries. The Spay Shuttle visits communities identified as high-risk for stray pickups and owner surrender to the shelter based on data from Knox County and City of Knoxville Animal Control, as well as Young-Williams Animal Center.

In February, the Spay Shuttle will operate at the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 3 - Knox County Health Department
- Feb. 4 - Fountain City

Library

- Feb. 6 - Alice Bell Park
- Feb. 10 - Chilhowee Park
- Feb. 11 - Charter E. Doyle Park
- Feb. 13 - Victor Ashe Park
- Feb. 17 - Knox County Health Department
- Feb. 18 - Adair Park
- Feb. 20 - Milton Roberts Recreation Center
- Feb. 24 - Chilhowee Park
- Feb. 25 - Sam Duff Memorial Park
- Feb. 27 - Teague Clinic, Knox County Health Department

PetSmart Charities' "Beat the Heat" campaign provides nearly \$600,000 to spay/neuter clinics to fund affordable, high-quality spay and neuter surgeries for 17,488 female cats across the country during the month of February.

Young-Williams will provide 140 "Beat the Heat" sterilizations for \$20 in February. Please call 865-215-6677 to schedule or visit www.young-williams.org for more information.

Family Fun Day at the KMA

The Knoxville Museum of Art hosts a free Family Fun Day Saturday, February 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event focuses on Black History Month and the upcoming 25th anniversary of the museum in the Clayton Building. This fun-filled day is packed with art-making activities, artist demonstrations, face painting, continuous entertainment on stage, and docents in the galleries.

Children of all ages can create art at one of the

many art-making stations inspired by current exhibitions Higher Ground: A Century of the Visual Arts in East Tennessee and Currents: Recent Art from East Tennessee and Beyond.

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Audition Announcement

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Bulbs in Containers

Knox County Master Gardener Lynn Carlson will be giving a presentation with an emphasis on summer bulbs at Humana Guidance Center, 44438 Western Avenue, Knoxville, TN from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 5. Included will be demonstrations of bulb structure, good container planting practice, and a discussion period. This free event is open to the public. For more information, contact Humana at (865)329-8892.

Center City Democrats Meeting

The "Center City" Democrats District 1 meeting is Monday, February 2, at St. Joseph House of Prayer, 1300 University Avenue, off Western Ave near downtown. The topic of this meeting will be again on black history since February is Black History Month. Rev. Pastor Middlebrook will be the featured speaker whom was at Selma on the bridge with Dr. Martin Luther King, himself. All are welcome. The meeting will start at 6:15 p.m.

Democratic Women's Club Meeting

Established in 1928, the Knox County Democratic Women's Club is the oldest in the United States. The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. New members are always welcome! Call 742-8234 for more info.

Fountain City BPA Lunch Meeting

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting is coming up on Wednesday, February the 11th at Central Baptist Church! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Andrew Hartung with CEaton Tax & Business Services will speak on "A Federal Tax Update - Major changes impacting your 2014 Business and Individual Tax returns."

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (arrive between 11:45 - 12:00 to sign in and begin lunch)

Foothills Craft Guild Calls for Artists

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

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

Halls High School 40 Year Reunion

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

Karns Republican Club Meeting

The Karns Republican Club will meet Tuesday, February 3, in the Karns Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Liz Albertson from the Metropolitan Planning Commission, who will present the Northwest Sector Plan for Knox County.

Knoxville Civil War Roundtable Meeting

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable February Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 10, 2015 at Buddy's Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. The speaker will be Myron J. Smith, Author and Professor at Tusculum College who will speak on "Six Navy Captains on Western Waters". Dinner is at 7 PM with a cost of \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. The lecture cost is \$3. RSVP for dinner by noon, Monday, February 9, to 865-671-9001.

Romance book sale

Friends of Sevier County Library System are sponsoring a Love 2 Read Romance Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at King Family Library, 409 High Street, Sevierville, in advance of Valentine's Day. Romances and books in many categories, including fiction, non-fiction and children's books, will cost \$1 or less.

Proceeds benefit King Family, Seymour and Kodak Friends of the Library groups. For more information call King Family Library, (865)453-3532.

Missing Dog

Asha is a Siberian Husky. She is has bright blue eyes and gray/white/black fur. She went missing on January 10, 2015 in the Norwood and Pleasant Ridge area. Please contact the owners at (865)201-5766 or donnaj.bakerl0@yahoo.com.



Baked Eggplant

1 peeled eggplant, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
Cooking spray
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 (8-ounce) package presliced mushrooms
1/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided
1 jar marinara sauce
2/3 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese,
1/4 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
Preheat broiler.
Arrange the eggplant slices on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray; broil 3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned.
Preheat oven to 375°. Heat a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium heat; add onion and next 4 ingredients (onion through mushrooms). Cover and cook 7 minutes or until tender, stirring mixture occasionally. Increase heat to medium-high; uncover and cook for 2 minutes or until liquid evaporates.
Spread half of mushroom mixture in bottom of a 1 1/2-quart round baking dish coated with cooking spray. Arrange half of eggplant slices over mushroom mixture; sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Top with 1/2 cup tomato sauce and 1/3 cup mozzarella. Spread remaining mushroom mixture over mozzarella; top with remaining eggplant slices. Sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon pepper; top with remaining tomato sauce. Cover and bake at 375° for 1 hour. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup mozzarella and Parmesan. Bake, uncovered, 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Let stand 10 minutes.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

Jedidiah C. McKeehan
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Substitute Trustee
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Insertion Dates: 01-19, 01-26, 02-02-15

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel ID Number: 154BC 044
Address/Description: **1849 Poplar Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37922.**

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

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

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
277 Mallory Station Road
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Insertion Dates: 01-26, 02-02, 02-09-15

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kenneth R. Bailey and Pamela J. Bailey executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for U.S. Bank National Association, Lender and LSI Title Agency Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated March 25, 2010 and recorded on April 1, 2010 in Instrument No. 201004010061979, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

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

The following described property:

Situated in district No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City o Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 17, Evergreen Court, as shown on the Plat of the same Record bearing Instrument No. 200405250108182, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which Plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same parcel conveyed to Kenneth R. Bailey and Pamela J. Bailey from S and S Builders of Knoxville, Inc., by virtue of a Deed dated 03/28/2006, recorded 03/29/2006, as Instrument No. 200606290081197 County of Knox, State of Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 038ND017
Address/Description: **6812 Audrianna Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Kenneth R. Bailey and Pamela J. Bailey.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
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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 March 5, 2009, executed by JASON B. PHILLIPS AND AMY L. PHILLIPS, conveying certain real property therein described to MATT B. MURFREE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 200903110056886; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust 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 **March 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. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 38TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT 66 IN BLACK OAK CREST REVISED ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 16, PAGE 139, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT FRONTING 100 FEET ON THE NORTH-EAST SIDE OF OAK CREST ROAD, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G.T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 24, 1976. THE DESCRIPTION SHOWN IS THE SAME AS THE DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN DONE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN BOOK 771, PAGE 395, SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE, AND ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY. Parcel ID: 068DJ-010 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **417 OAKCREST ROAD, 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): JASON B. PHILLIPS AND AMY L. PHILLIPS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2006, executed by NAKOMIA JOSEPH AND TIMOTHY A. JOSEPH, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBBIE L. MCLEAN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 25, 2006, at Instrument Number 200609250026817; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-RFC1, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 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 5 KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 26 OVERBROOK ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 150 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS IF COPIED VERBATIM. LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 1240, PAGE 264 IN SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE. SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREON. Parcel ID: 094HL-012 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2501 KEITH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. 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): NAKOMIA JOSEPH AND TIMOTHY A. JOSEPH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SUNTRUST BANK, CITY OF KNOXVILLE 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 **March 2, 2015 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GEOFF HAMPTON AND EILEEN L HAMPTON, to EAST TENNESSEE TITLE, Trustee, on August 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 200609070021694 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

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

Tax ID: 040 069

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

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

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, GLOBAL IRS OFFICE

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

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 14-005047-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS, LORI LIANE LONG,
Substitute Trustee(s)
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Insertion Dates: 01-26, 02-02, 02-09-15

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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 18, 2007, executed by ANNA CHADWICK AND GARY CHADWICK, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M. WILSON, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 7, 2007, at Instrument Number 200706070100588; 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, Ruben 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, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 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 THREE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 21ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING ALL OF LOT 62, INGLEWOOD ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 6, PAGE 26, CABINET A, SLIDE 189-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR A MORE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY. Parcel ID: 094G-A-024 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1716 BEAUMONT AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. 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): ANNA CHADWICK AND GARY CHADWICK OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel ID Number: 081FQ 010

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

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

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

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

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

Parcel ID Number: 080 K F 00902

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

Current Owner(s): Nikki L. Brinkley.

Other Interested Party(ies): .N/A

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

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

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

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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 February 2, 2007, executed by CHARLES R. ROBERTSON, JR., conveying certain real property therein described to ASPEN TITLE AND ESCROW, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 13, 2007, at Instrument Number 200702130065479; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HOLDERS OF THE HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE2 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 **March 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. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 18TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 128, BLOCK 12, LINCOLN PARK ADDITION SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 266-B (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 59), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. Parcel ID: 081CD-005 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **620 CHICKAMAUGA AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. 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): CHARLES R. ROBERTSON, JR. OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: RAB PERFORMANCE RECOVERIES, LLC. ASSIGN. OF FIRST BANK OF DELAWARE The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

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

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

Tax ID: 069NE-006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 14-003678-670

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE KNOX COUNTY CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

CAROLYN A. MYNATT,
PLAINTIFF

VS

ARABELLA JULIETTE GREGORY BROWN,
ALEXANDER GREGORY, JR., MELVIN
EUGENE GREGORY, EDNA JANE GRE-
GORY
DeVAUGHN, LULA DOGAN McKEE AND
JESSIE DOGAN, AND HEIRS AND ANY
KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF AL-
BERT
DOGAN,
DEFENDANTS

LOCATION: Situate in District Eight (8) of
Knox County, Tennessee and being an im-
proved lot carrying street address 8613
Three Points Road, Knoxville, Tennessee
37924 and CLT Tax ID #041-266 more
particularly described in Instrument
#201304050065161 and Deed Book 562,
Page 194, less the portion taken by the
State of Tennessee in Deed Book 1587,
Page 326, all of which are recorded
in the Register's Office for Knox
County, Tennessee and which are incorpo-
rated herein by reference.

The above sale is being made pursuant to
authority in the Order entered October 10,
2014 in the above cause which is also in-
corporated herein by reference.

Date & Time: Friday, March 6, 2015 at
11:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: City-County Building
within the corridor of the Main Street en-
trance near the Large Assembly Room,
North Entrance, 400 Main Street,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The
term, "cash," means ten percent (10%)
down on the day of the sale with the bal-
ance to be paid in full to the Clerk and
Master within thirty (30) days from the date
of confirmation of sale. For the balance of
ninety percent (90%), the Clerk and Mas-
ter may take a note from the purchaser,
without interest, payable within thirty (30)
days from the date of confirmation of sale,
and may retain a lien on the property sold
as further security.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:
865-215-2555

HOWARD G. HOGAN,
CLERK AND MASTER

Insertion Dates: 02-02, 02-09, 02-16-15

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Richard Dale Sanders II

IN RE: Natalie Leann Howe vs Richard Dale
Sanders II

NO. 188798-1

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

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

This 14th day of January, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN

Clerk and Master

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02/09/2015

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: Erica Megan Billings & David Lewis Harris

In Re:

Darby Stephen Billings-Harris

Docket # 1-739-14

In the Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee,
Div. I

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

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

THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

/s/ Catherine Shanks.

CATHERINE SHANKS

Circuit Court Clerk

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02/09/15



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In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the
following cars will be sold on February 17, 2015 @ 2:00
PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road
Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2002 NIS XTERR	4T1BF30K24U584969
5N1ED28Y02C579603	1998 LEX ES300
2005 HAU TRAIL	JT8BF28G9W5028149
16HCB08135G071753	2000 VOL S80
1973 HON 350	YV1TS90D4Y1068137
CB350F1055074	2001 CAD STS
2004 SAT ION	1G6KY54901U178396
1G8AF52F24Z112098	2001 GMC JIMMY
1988 CHE CAPRI	1GKCS18W61K109143
1G1BU51H5JA101098	1998 TOY 4-RUN
2008 JEE COMPA	JT3GN86R5W0064164
1J8FT47068D784129	1998 FOR CONTO
2005 NIS MURAN	1FAFP6635WK307080
JN8AZ08T95W329930	1999 DOD CARAV
1996 JEE CHERO	2B4GP44G6XR311499
1J4GZ58Y2TC385862	2005 FOR FREES
1994 CHR TOWN	2FMZA51615BA03009
1C4GH54L1RX307724	2000 PON GRAND
1998 AUD A6	1G2NE12T4YM877720
WAUBA34B2WN064889	2000 NIS ALTIM
1989 TOY PICKU	1N4DL01A4YC136521
JT4RN82P6K0003117	1999 MER C28
2002 FOR MUSTA	WDBHA29G5XA742487
1FAFP42X72F150104	1997 CHE S-10
1995 NIS ALTIM	1GCCS14X6VK168094
1N4BU31D9SC240610	2006 NIS ALTIM
2003 FOR FOCUS	1N4AL11D06N447903
3FAFP31313R133036	2007 CHEV AVAL
1994 VOL PASSA	3GNFK12337G155821
WVWJF4318RE007762	
2001 NIS FRONT	
1N6ED27T51C371660	Publish: 02/02/15
2004 TOY CAMRY	

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Rutledge Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date
of sale.

2006 EZ TRAIL	ZZ1110870292
1T9GF32215L847073	2000 NIS FRONT
1988 FOR F150	1N6ED26T4YC313583
1FTDF15N0JLA15835	1992 VOL GOLF
SEA JET S	3VWDB21G1NM004045
ZZN399918101	1991 DOD CARAV
ALL BOA 170320873	2B4FK253XMR226610
1996 NIS PICK-	BOM JET S 0H0548ZU
1N6SD11S4TC320540	YAM WAV
1990 MER SABLE	YAMA2816L596
1MECM50U2LG631120	2012 THU
2000 FOR F150	BOAT/TCT14517183G
2FTRX17W9YCB11220	2002 PON SUNF
2003 CHE CAVAL	1G2JB524727134644
1G1JH12F737163740	SEA XP ZZNH967DE797
1995 JAG VDP	KAW STS
SAJXK1744SC738888	KAW74506B696
1995 PON FIREB	2002 VOL PASSA
2G2FS22S2S2228456	WVWTH63B22P114971
JET SKI ARJ04672B898	1997 HON ACCOR
2002 CAD SLS	1HGCD560XVA049067
1G6KS54YX2U230126	
1995 TAY LAWN	
4AVT16207S1000400	Publish: 02/02/15
1988 BOM WAVE	

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization -
Technical Committee Meeting, February 10, 2015.
The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organiza-
tion (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday,
February 10, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the
City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN.
Topics to be considered: Presentations on the Long
Range Mobility Plan update, Air Quality Conformity Analy-
sis and transit funding; and other business.
If you would like a complete agenda, please contact MPC
at 215-2500 or see the TPO web site at
www.knoxtrans.org. If you need assistance or accommo-
dation for a disability, please contact MPC at 215-2500
and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any rea-
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