

Hopson Elected as KCEA President

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Lauren Hopson, the founder of Students, Parents and Educators Across Knox County (SPEAK) and a teacher advocate who has been outspoken concerning Superintendent James McIntyre and school policies, has been elected by fellow Knox County Education Association (KCEA) members as their new president.

Hopson challenged current President Tanya Coats

and will become leader of the association in July. Both candidates had offered a slate of candidates for the three top offices and Hopson's slate also won. The ballots were sent by school email to KCEA member two weeks ago and the results were announced late Tuesday.

More than 700 members of the association voted, or about 38% of the membership, up from less than 10% in the previous election two years ago. President Coats

said the participation was good and the association is building capacity.

Hopson's elected team includes Amy Cross Cate as Vice President and Linda Holtzclaw as Secretary; all three teachers were members of SPEAK.

President-Elect Hopson said, "I am honored that so many teachers chose me to represent them. It is important that professional educators have a loud collective voice so that they can take back control over our

profession and advocate for their students."

"A strong association means a better living environment for our kids. It seems my work with SPEAK during the last year gave teachers hope that I could help our association change the environment in our schools for the better," Hopson told *The Focus*.

President Coats said, "With both my integrity and my reputation on the line I can say that I have done my best to advocate

for all educators in Knox County."

"Some believe that I am too soft and unaggressive to speak up for educators or that I am ineffective. These beliefs are truly unfortunate as well as disheartening. It warms my heart to know that there are colleagues willing to step up and represent all educators across Knox County," she said.

"What we must remember collectively, however, is that no one person can be

an active advocate for all educators by themselves; it is going to take a positive attitude and a unified effort in order to educate students, engage parents, and empower schools."

In her campaign statement Hopson said she will advocate for teachers and students at local, state and national levels and "challenge policies that are detrimental to school climate and authentic learning while developing solutions."

McIntyre presents his 'State of the Schools'



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent of Knox County Schools, gave his Fourth Annual State of the Schools Address last Tuesday.

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Last week, Dr. McIntyre gave his Fourth Annual KCS State of the Schools address. There were several speakers in addition to McIntyre, including BOE chairman Mike McMillan, Bearden High senior and BOE student representative Adam Hasan, South-Doyle High senior Brandon Duplantis, Inskip Kindergarten teacher Amy Slay, and West Valley Middle principal Renee Kelly.

Many in attendance at Austin East Magnet said the highlight of the evening was the dance performance by the Austin-East Dance Company. The dance was choreographed by Samiya Allmon, a talented junior at Austin East. It is refreshing to see these rare glimpses of artistic expression in the midst of unrelenting ELA and mathematics standards and assessments.

Adam Hasan introduced Dr. McIntyre, noting that he was named as

a "fellow in the Broad Superintendent's Academy, and the Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship." Look up those organizations.

McIntyre's address might more accurately have been called the "State of the Fools" address. KCS is getting a lot of mileage from the 2020 Strategic Plan, "Excellence for Every Child" (This is the plan that the previous BOE approved in an "emergency vote" last August). McIntyre cited major portions of the strategic plan just one week prior while testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

And after some introductory remarks about the Super Bowl, the Patriots, and Vince Lombardi, he repeated much of his Senate Committee testimony on innovation with the repetitive monotony reminiscent of "Groundhog Day." For anyone watching from home (the event was streamed live on CTV), there were

ample opportunities to win at the "rigorous" and "robust" game of McIntyre Bingo.

But centralized, top down policy buzz words repeated over and over do not necessarily make good policy. The KCS website says that "Specifically, he announced seven community conversations that will address key initiatives." Is it really honest to call them "community conversations" when McIntyre has already decided what the outcomes will be? Does he think the people of Knox County are fools?

McIntyre's "community conversations" cover the following key initiatives:

- Task Force on Disparities in Educational Outcomes. The last time Knox County had a task force on educational disparities, a number of city schools were shut down. The task force meetings should fall under the Sunshine Law. Citizens need to

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Town Hall updated on Fountain City Lake

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The Fountain City Town Hall held a community meeting last Monday at the Lions Club Building at Fountain City Park to begin planning for the Honor Fountain City Day in May and to hear from the city on the restoration of the lake there.

"Don't call it a pond," one audience member called out at the beginning of an update report on Fountain City Lake.

The Fountain City Park, including the lake, is not owned by the city but included as a city park that is maintained by the Lions Club. The city got involved last year when the club asked for help in algae control and water loss in the lake. Mayor Madeline Rogero pledged funds to help and the city council approved her expanded budget.

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Wallace Road Apartments Approved

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Although about 25 people showed up with the backing of 1,000 on a petition in opposition, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved the request of Paul Murphy for 75 "high end" apartments on just over 15 acres on the southwest side of Wallace Road.

The five-building complex would contain 76 "boutique" style apartments and is subject to restrictions placed by the MPC staff, including saving some existing trees. The MPC staff said that the new development would not add significant traffic and add only about 12 children to the local school system.

Bo Sutton spoke on behalf of the opposition and said that traffic would increase by 24% and that the Wallace Road intersection with Northshore and Nubbin Ridge Road were dangerous. He said the apartments were not compatible with the neighborhood and that much of the proposed area falls into the Ridge Top slope guidelines.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., representing Paul Murphy the developer, said that Knoxville is increasingly becoming urbanized and reminded the planners that the request was not for a zoning change, because the property is already zoned for apartments, but is simply a use on review.

Three apartment buildings will be three stories tall and two will be two stories.

Commissioner Bart Carey said that the character

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Focus on the Law

Estate Planning

Tennessee residents can utilize four legal documents to create a basic estate plan. The first document is the will. In order to make a valid will, a person must be of sound mind



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and at least eighteen years of age. The will must clearly show that person's intent to dispose of his or her property after death. The will may be handwritten by the person making the will. This kind of will is referred to as a "holographic" will. All of the provisions of the will must be in the handwriting of the person making

the will and after that person dies, the handwriting must be proven by the testimony of two witnesses familiar with the deceased's handwriting. A typed will must be signed in the presence of two witnesses who may not be related to the person signing the will nor may they be named as beneficiaries in the will. Under Tennessee law, these witnesses may sign an affidavit attached to the will which eliminates the need to locate these witnesses to testify when the person who signed the will dies.

This is referred to as a "self-proving" will and is typically prepared by an attorney. By having a will you can indicate your desires for the guardianship of your minor children if you should pass away. Having a will can also save your loved ones the cost of having to post a performance bond and the trouble of having to file an inventory with the probate court after you die.

The second and third documents needed for a basic estate plan are two different durable powers of attorney. A power of attorney is a legal document in which you authorize a competent person you trust to act as your agent or attorney. It

is "durable" because it will not be revoked if you later become disabled or incapacitated. A durable power of attorney for health care purposes designates a person to make health care decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so yourself. The person you designate is referred to as your "attorney-in-fact." A durable power of attorney for business matters is also important because if you are unable to manage your finances (like pay your bills), your attorney-in-fact can make sure that whatever you need can be done on your behalf.

The last document you need for a basic estate

plan is a living will. This document establishes your wishes concerning your treatment if you are suffering from a terminal condition with no hope of recovery and where death is imminent. Your feelings about cremation and organ donation are indicated. Most importantly, your desires concerning the termination of artificial life-support systems will be documented so that they may be honored by your family, physician and health care facility.

Depending upon your assets and circumstances, you may need more than just a basic estate plan. There are many more complicated estate planning options

including a variety of trusts and insurance policies. Tax considerations may come into play. If you need help, be sure to contact an attorney to review your individual needs. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. She is a sole practitioner who handles foreclosures, evictions, probate, 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.

Tennessee General Assembly

Considers Education

The 109th General Assembly convened in Nashville on Tuesday, January 13. Education bills of interest in the Tennessee legislature this session include SJR 0080 by Sena-



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tors Bill Ketron (sponsor), Delores Gresham, Jack Johnson, and Jim Tracy. This resolution opposes a "national school board" and supports passage of the Every Child Ready for College or Career Act. Doesn't that sound wonderful?

In the February 2 issue of the Focus, we told you about Senator Alexander's plans to reauthorize No Child Left Behind/ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), now cleverly renamed the "Every Child Ready for College or Career Act." Despite the complete failure of NCLB, Sen. Alexander wants to reauthorize the failed policy.

But that doesn't stop some "conservatives" in the Tennessee legislature

from wanting to support this train wreck. Has Senator Ketron read or studied the 400 page document or the referenced code (an additional 110 pages or so of information)? Did any

of the other sponsors of SJR0080 read Alexander's bill? Or is it another case of "we have to pass the bill to know what is in it?" Gresham, chairman of the Senate Education Committee and a long standing fan of common core standards, received a total of \$25.5K in campaign contributions in 2012 and 2013 from Student's First, Michele Rhee's education reform group. (Rhee is the former wife of Kevin Huffman, the recently departed TN Commissioner of Education). Ketron and Johnson also received donations from Student's First. Jim Tracy's largest campaign contributor when he was running for the U.S. House last year was the Ayers Foundation, which also strongly

supports common core. Follow the money.

The intentions of SJR0080 may sound honorable, but the fact is, Senator Alexander's reauthorization of NCLB will increase federal intrusion in public education. It has provisions to greatly expand charter schools and promote Title 1 portability (federal vouchers), both of which are bad for public schools. Alexander has supported every progressive education reform policy since he was head of the Department of Education under George H. W. Bush. Perhaps Senator Alexander needs to go back and read certain provisions of the ESEA of 1965 as amended by the NCLB Act of 2001:

- Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of the Federal Government to mandate, direct, or control a State, local educational agency, or school's curriculum, program of instruction, or allocation of State or local resources, or mandate a State or any subdivision thereof to spend any funds or incur any costs not paid for under this Act. Source: 20 U.S.C. § 7907(a)

- Notwithstanding any other prohibition of Federal law, no funds provided to the Department under this Act may be used by the Department to endorse, approve, or

sanction any curriculum designed to be used in an elementary school or secondary school. Source: 20 U.S.C. § 7907(b)

- Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, no State shall be required to have academic content or student academic achievement standards approved or certified by the Federal Government, in order to receive assistance under this Act. Source: 20 U.S.C. § 7907(c)(1)

These restrictions are applicable to all programs administered by the federal Department of Education. Source: 20 U.S.C. § 1221(c)(1)

Another bill of note in the current legislative session is the "Process for Rewriting ELA and Math Standards." There is growing resistance to Common Core (and standardized assessments) in Tennessee and across the nation. SB 0005 by Jim Tracy, and HB 0003 by John Forgety, "establishes standards review and development committees and advisory teams comprised of Tennessee teachers, higher education faculty members, and parents to propose world-class, highly rigorous K-12 English language arts and mathematics standards for use in public schools." Roger Kane and Harry Brooks are co-sponsors of the House bill.

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McIntyre promotes his 2020 Strategic Plan

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attend.

- More Personalized Professional Development Resources. Don't worry – the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) is here to help.

- Restructure our Differentiated Pay Plan. There is a myth that merit pay works to incentivize teachers. It doesn't. There are too many things that teachers have absolutely no control over. Like a child's home life.

- Explore a Balanced Calendar. Not all "balanced calendars" are equal. The following morning on 94.3 FM's Rude Awakening, McIntyre used the example 9-3 calendar: four 9-week quarters, separated by 3-week breaks (except for Christmas, kids would be in school for two of those), and a 6 week summer break. That isn't a balanced calendar. That is year-round school. Metro Nashville schools considered a 9-2 calendar, but rejected that due to prohibitive costs. MNPS decided instead on a calendar with four 9 week quarters, a 1 week fall break, a 2 week Christmas break, and a 2 week Spring Break, which saved \$20M over the 9-2 plan. Parents, get ready. Your child's principal will be "facilitating a school community conversation" about the potential advantages and disadvantages of year-round school.

- Develop a Budget that Reflects Our Ambitious Goals. He should have added, "And then mock and ridicule County Commission

when they refuse to raise taxes to fund my soaring, Parthenon Group-inspired budget." Because that is what he's done in the past.

- Continue Utilizing Our Teacher Advisory Committee. When you hand-pick your committee knowing they will agree with you, it's so much easier to work with them.

- Implement a Comprehensive Student Assessment Inventory. This is a brand new initiative to "carefully evaluate the student testing portfolio in our school system." And, ta-da – Knox County will be receiving a \$40K grant from Achieve, Inc. to conduct this assessment inventory. For those of you who don't know, Achieve, Inc. was one of the major players in writing and pushing Common Core standards. Governor Haslam is on the Board of Directors. Connect the dots.

The event was sponsored by the Knox County Council PTA, Great Schools Partnership, and Knox County Education Association (KCEA).

The Focus learned later in the evening that KCEA, which represents approximately 2000 of the 4000 KCS teachers, voted for a change in leadership. SPEAK founder Lauren Hopson was elected president, along with Amy Cate, VP, and Linda Holtzclaw, secretary. Other familiar SPEAK members elected include Mark Taylor, Julie Smalling, Sherry Morgan, and Dave Gorman. See Mike Steely's article for more on the KCEA election.



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Publisher's Positions

No Surprise About 'Insure Tennessee'



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Governor Bill Haslam is surprised over the defeat of his "Insure Tennessee" program inside a committee in the State Senate. I'm not the least bit surprised.

Evidently the governor doesn't talk to many people outside his own circle.

The legislature is overwhelmingly Republican these days and the cries of horror by much of the news media and the business establishment is predictable, if not amusing. The news media, for all their scorn for FOX, has their own

left of center bias. The business establishment was all for "Insure Tennessee" because it poured money into their own pockets. The Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Hospital Association, and the Tennessee Business Roundtable all endorsed the governor's proposal. Nary a surprise in the bunch. Some even recalled the Tennessee Business Roundtable had endorsed an income tax for Tennesseans.

The cries of outrage and horror have been loud and long. Still, some acknowledged many Republicans share a distaste for Obamacare, but not one news article I saw independently acknowledged President Obama's now infamous statement, made during his weekly address on June 6, 2009, "If you like the plan you can have, you can keep it. If you like the doctor you have, you can keep your doctor, too. The only change you'll see are falling costs as our reforms

take hold."

Considering that those statements were not true for many Americans, just why would it surprise Governor Haslam there was an inherent distrust of another government health care program?

Some media outlets have vindictively tried to emphasize the insurance provided some state legislators. Some don't feel legislators should qualify for health insurance in any event. Most of those people share one attribute in common: they almost universally favor giving any government benefit or service to just about anyone, except for a middle class working American, for free.

Of course NOTHING is ever free.

TennCare had become a complete disaster and it was a Democratic governor, Phil Bredesen, who trimmed it and reformed it. Governor Bredesen made it more manageable once again. The cost to the state

had become beyond burdensome; it had become a gaping pit with a voracious appetite.

There are howls from folks about the billions of federal dollars that would come to Tennessee to pay for the program, but that lasts for two years. After that, Tennesseans start picking up a portion of the tab. And as the price tag escalated, the money would have to come from either new taxes or take it away from some other priority.

There really are some people out there who need help and I have no objection to them receiving government assistance. What I do object to are people who become virtually wards of the state for a lifetime. You will only ever rarely hear those on the left talk about those who remain the beneficiaries of programs that were never designed to last for a lifetime.

Every parent would like to do as much for his or her

child as he or she materially can; but for those parents who have been successful, there is a fine line to walk before one has spoiled the child and given that child unreasonable expectations.

For those parents who have had to work hard and just scraped by, they are by no means terrible parents simply because they weren't able to give everything they wanted materially to their children. There seems to be a lot of evidence my generation has coddled our children and certainly just about anyone would agree the work ethic in this country is not what it once was.

This was NOT a debate between the compassionate and the heartless anymore than it was a conversation between avarice and virtue. We continue to spend at an astonishing rate in our government; President Obama has raised the deficit more than all his predecessors

combined. We are not taxing Americans to pay for all the new programs and expanding the old ones. That seems to cause some Americans to believe that things are free.

My goodness, we are going need some compassion when that bill comes due and it will.

Any intelligent program must be one that serves the truly needy, lends a helping hand to those who need to get back on their feet, but none should permanently support people to exist on the government dole, insurance or otherwise, for a lifetime.

Credibility, whether in business or politics, is priceless and Governor Haslam should have known after the continuous controversy of Obamacare, that it would be a tough sell in Tennessee.

You can put lipstick on a pig, but it is still a pig.

Is Common Core Only For Common People?

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Is Common Core for "common people" or all people?

There is a lot of evidence to suggest it is merely a program designed by wealthy elitists, almost none of whom send their own children to public schools, for the supposed benefit of the general public.

It really is an odd coincidence so many of the folks promoting Common Core all have two things in common: they are enormously wealthy and they don't send their own kids to public schools. Yet they all seem to know just what ails public education. Not only do they send their own children to private schools, but to schools where Common Core isn't practiced. I suppose that old saying, "Practice what you preach" is no longer fashionable.

Bill Gates, the Microsoft mega-billionaire, has given something like \$75 million from his foundation, and he has been one of the prime movers behind Common Core. Yet Gates sends his kids to the pricey Lakeside School in Seattle, Washington. Gates attended the school himself and there is no mention of Common Core in the Lakeside curriculum. The student to teacher ratio at Lakeside is 9 - 1.

The average size classroom at Lakeside is 16. Even the athletes don't suffer much, as they can recline in the hydrotherapy spa after participating in one of the two dozen or so sports offered by the school.

President Barack Obama sends his daughters to the exclusive Sidwell Friends School; not only is Common Core not part of the Sidwell School curriculum, but neither are many of the other educational reforms mandated by the Obama administration.

Governor Bill Haslam, who did not attend public schools, recently appointed Candice McQueen as Tennessee's Commissioner of Education. Ms. McQueen has testified many times on behalf of Common Core, yet she was quite careful not to implement it at her previous employer, the private Lipscomb Academy. When asked about the discrepancy, Ms. McQueen replied, "We (at Lipscomb) make decisions about what's going to be best within the context of our community."

A bit vague, but at the very least, one can easily understand the inference that Common Core is good for public schools but not a private school like Lipscomb.

Former Senator Bill Frist attended the private

Montgomery Bell Academy and has spent his post U.S. Senate career advocating for the reform of education. He has been supportive of Common Core, just not at his alma mater, Montgomery Bell Academy.

Bill Gates scorns the idea that states should set their own standard for education; he doesn't seem to grasp allowing the federal government to set the standard is that much different, much less an improvement. Basically, one size fits all. The idea with Common Core is to provide every state an even playing field of sorts with the federal government enforcing a universal set of standards to measure how well students are learning.

The tests are certainly exacting; completing the test takes the average student 8 to 10 hours.

Supposedly, Common Core was designed to help students think critically, rather than a mere recitation of what they have memorized. Considering that, the excessive testing - - - tied to teacher evaluations - - - almost forces teachers to teach the test material exclusively. Common Core also discourages reading of literature, almost invariably fiction, to stress reading nonfiction.

Admittedly, private schools have many

advantages the public schools will never have, no matter what reforms may occur. Private schools don't have to accept the myriad of "special education" students; they aren't going to have to maintain what amounts to a hospital facility to care for some students. Private school teachers don't have to memorize an oftentimes lengthy number of "modifications" for every special ed student; instead they are able to teach to the entire class. That is becoming more of a luxury in public schools, especially with Common Core. It makes personalized instruction much harder, as teachers are under intense pressure to improve test scores.

7 + 7 is no longer simple math in some of the tests; evidently it's not good enough to see if the student can add 7 + 7, but now they must contend with "number bonds." For me personally, I never earned a single dollar using number bonds. I doubt anyone ever actually bought a bond by using number bonds, either.

One doesn't use the phrase "math problems," as someone, somewhere determined students were "bored" with the notion of problems and now they have "math situations" to ponder. Nor do students "borrow" in doing math as

we learned to do; now they "regroup".

When it's all said and done, the tests aren't essays with the students having to think either critically or deeply. Finally, it's about memorizing the test material.

I could cite further examples of just how foolish much of this is, but I'd rather not celebrate my next ten birthdays writing this.

Simply exchanging state control for national control is a terrible idea and is a mistake. As a mistake, it ranks right up there with the 12 publishing companies who turned down J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" manuscript. And Ms. Rowling, by the way, did more in writing her books to bring love of reading to young people around the world than any test ever did.

Both the federal and state governments continue to issue mandates without providing the money to pay for the programs they require by law.

The one thing ultra liberals and elitist Republicans have in common is the mentality of the plantation owner; they know what is best for all of us. There is a basic belief the common or average person is ignorant or just plain stupid and we don't really know what is good for us. They know

when and how to increase our taxes to pay for the programs they believe will serve us best.

We've seen that locally with the trifecta of the Chamber of Commerce, the News Sentinel, and school superintendent Jim McIntyre. McIntyre is still singing the same tune from the same song book that the community must somehow "find" the tens of millions of additional dollars he wants to spend.

Where do the bureaucrats like McIntyre find the money they want to spend? Your pocket.

Some wit once said conservatives have no heart and liberals have no brain.

Heart and compassion are good things to have, but the reality is some of these kids need to be able to function in the real world and work for a living. Otherwise, who's going to be left to tote the load and pay the bills?

Common Core is yet another program for all of us common people. It's good enough for the common folks, but not good enough for the children of the aristocracy.

Can you say "hypocrisy"?

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Halls Dry Cleaners adapts to changes

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For a business to survive and prosper in a changing culture is commendable and Chris Mynatt, owner of Halls Cleaners, has found a way to adapt and serve the changing needs of his customers.

Halls Cleaners may well be the oldest independently owned business in Halls. His family's original dry cleaning store was opened in 1958 by his father and Mynatt joined the family business in 1982. Mynatt has 13 full and part-time employees and says that Brenda Payne, the company bookkeeper, has been with the cleaners for more than 20 years.

In recent years he has purchased Robbins Cleaners on North Broadway in Fountain City and Paramount Ulika Cleaners on Broadway near Central

in North Knoxville. The dry cleaning for the three stores is done at the main store at 7032 Maynardville Highway in Halls.

Mynatt has also added something a bit different. Once a week a pickup and delivery service is provided to Tazewell with stops along the way including Maynardville. "We send an email out prior to pickup," he said. That pickup service and the two stores on Broadway gives Mynatt a strip of service along the route. He said most dry cleaning customers in Knoxville live within a 4 mile radius of the stores.

The market and culture has changed since the 1950s as casual dress has become fashionable, but the need for dry cleaning of prom dresses, wedding dresses, and men's white shirts is still needed. Mynatt also provides

alternation services, leather treatment, and the cleaning of some items that customers fear may be damaged beyond repair.

"Many people don't know that we will go out to a house, take down the drapes, clean them and then hang the drapes back up in the home. We've done that for many years," he said.

"Grease is seen by some people to be the ultimate disaster but it's not," he said

"Pets keep us in business," he joked, talking about comforters and other items that have pet stains, adding, "We get pretty good results."

Mynatt said he is able to keep his market share through excellent service and advertising.

You can contact Chris Mynatt online at www.hallscleaners.net. You can



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Chris Mynatt, owner and operator of Halls Cleaners, has adapted his business to the changing needs of his customers, added two additional stores and even does pickup and deliver to Tazewell.

call the Halls Cleaners at 922-4780, Robbins Cleaners at 4919 N. Broadway in Fountain City at 688-2191, or Paramount Ulika

at 7411 North Broadway at 523-7111. The Halls Cleaners is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. and

Saturdays 8-3. Robbins Cleaners is open from 8 until 1 and the Paramount Ulika is open from 9 until 2.

Town Hall updated on Fountain City Lake

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Lots of work has been done to restore the lake but, according to the City Department of Engineers, much more is needed and is planned. Dave Hagerman of the department's Storm Water Engineering division said that a long term contract with Lamar Dunn and Associates will develop a maintenance plan that includes waterfowl and vegetation management.

Future plans include a new mechanical system, which will provide pumps and piping for oxygen distribution in the lake. That's part of phase two of the project.

Phase Three will be more extensive and includes getting the muck out of the bottom of the lake and creating habitat including fish attractor stakes, a sandy and cobble bottom and vegetated refuge areas. The last time the lake was "mucked out" was in 1985. The city is working on State Aquatic Resource Alteration requirements. The final phase will include bids and contract letting for installation of the mechanical system.

The audience commented on the overpopulation of waterfowl there and it was noted that new feed dispensers were now in place with appropriate food. Visitors were again cautioned about feeding bread to the ducks and geese.

The Town Hall discussed plans for the May 25th Honor Fountain City Day including policies on signs, concession prices, insurance, and even securing a train ride for children. The 40th anniversary event will honor veterans and the community. Fun, games, and booths will be open at the Fountain City Park from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., when a keynote speaker will talk and then veterans will be honored at the lake at 4:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Fountain City Lake is seeing an over population of water fowl and visitors are being told not to feed the birds bread. Special feed vending machine are now located there that contain feed that doesn't promote the growth of algae as much as bread.

Wallace Road Apartments Approved

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of the site is well known and that he occasionally drives that way, but he added "Something is going to go there."

Commissioner Scott Smith said, "Apartments' is a scary word. Think about, if it is denied, you could have something worse. This is a reasonable use of the land."

Acting MPC Director Jeff Welch said that there is huge demand for apartments, nationally and locally.

"The market is trying to keep up with demand," he said.

The proposed apartment complex passed unanimously.

Tennessee General Assembly Considers Education

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HB0003 will be heard on Feb. 18 by the newly formed Education Instruction and Program subcommittee. Tennessee Against Common Core's Karen Bracken has this to say about HB0003:

"They are pushing this bill as a repeal Common Core bill...This is NOT a repeal Common Core bill. It WILL NOT repeal CC if passed. There is no mention of repealing Common

Core in this bill but it does say they want to promote College and Career Ready standards (these are the federal buzz words for Common Core). John Forgety is 1000% in support of Governor Haslam and Common Core. This bill was put out months ago in an effort to stop any REAL repeal Common Core legislation when the session started. Another committee is not what we need."

She adds, "What does it

do? It legitimizes Haslam's fake standard review team. This team will spit out Common Core aligned standards because it must. In order for TN to keep its NCLB waiver, they must submit new standards to the US Dept. of Ed for approval. The only standards that are approved are Common Core or CC aligned standards. If they do not align we lose our waiver and millions of federal money. The new standards to be

created by this bill (already being created by Haslam's review team) will not be implemented until 2017-2018."

Many other states have found that their "repeal common core" bills just "rebrand" common core. The fact is these standards are not more "rigorous." They are designed to prepare a student for admission to a non-selective community college, not a four year college or university. What

passes for "rigor" is in reality frustration by forcing children to learn information in ways that is not age appropriate.

Dr. James Milgram, the Stanford Mathematician who refused to sign off on the common core math standards ("The special interest sources were focused on making the math standards as non-challenging as possible... The Core Mathematics Standards are written to

reflect very low expectations") says that "after 4 years of exposure to these fuzzy math standards there is not hope our children will ever regain what they lost."

And this has been proven out by research and data.

Stay tuned for how this bill progresses. The Focus will be covering this and other education bills throughout the 109th General Assembly session.

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Our Neighborhoods

Another Look at South Knoxville

South Knoxville has some beautiful historic homes and buildings and neighborhoods that are proud of their area and the history there.

As you cross the Henley Street Bridge and drive down Chapman Highway into South Knoxville, you might not realize how many things are still changing for the residents there now that the area is reviving and beginning to prosper again.

Here is a look at what is happening for our neighborhoods south of the river.

Taking a hike

The South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, the state's first community to be a Certified Wildlife Habitat, will be partnering with TREK South on Sunday, March 15 to hike the Seven Islands State Birding Park. The idea is to celebrate National Wildlife Week and hikers will be joined by Mac Post of the Harvey Broome Group of the Sierra Club to help identify animals.

TREK South was formed as a hiking group to spread the word about South Knoxville's many parks and wild areas. Their scope has broadened and now TREK South includes parks, businesses, restaurants, historic sites and wild areas.

Seven Islands, Tennessee's newest park on Kodak Road in Knox County has 8 miles of mowed trails that wind up hills and down to the waterfront. Most of the trail is flat and the path loops around the park which borders the French Broad River through wetlands and wooded area.

The South Woodlawn neighborhood has been recognized by the National Wildlife Fund for the creation of an animal habitat and the recognition brings positive attention to South Knoxville. The neighborhood organization is a member of the South Knoxville Neighborhood Coalition.

State of South Knoxville Meeting

Danny Gray, of the South Woodlawn neighborhood, will host a State of South Knoxville meeting on Thursday, February 26 at Flenniken Landing, 115 Flenniken Avenue, at 6:30.

Members of local government are planning to attend the community forum to hear from their constituents. Among those planning to attend are Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, Commissioner Mike Brown, and Knox County School Board member Amber Rountree. "This is the first time that we have brought the city, county and



Candy makers busy preparing treats for the homeless and teachers at Dogwood Elementary School. The annual event draws lots of volunteers at the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church. Photo courtesy of Lisa Griffith.

schools together for a forum to have community questions and input from our district. I hope many of our constituents take the time to come out for a chat. It is near budget time for all three entities, so come out and tell us what you think. You have three elected leaders who work well together and hopefully we all work together to make "South" grow in the right direction," said Commissioner Brown.

"I am really excited to continue to bring government to the people. This is an awesome opportunity for our constituents to hear our vision for the district and to ask us questions about what matters to them the most," said Pavlis.

"South Knox is all about community. In order for our community to flourish, we must all work together on the same team. I'm thrilled to be part of the 'State of South Knox' meeting with Vice Mayor Pavlis and Commissioner Brown, as we take this opportunity to hear from the community about how we can come together and make South Knox even better," said Rountree.

Anyone wanting more information on the meeting can contact Danny Gray at 680-6934 or danlgray@aol.com.

Candy for Valentine's Day

Volunteers at the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church spent the day prior to Valentine's Day making candy at the church. Lisa Griffith told *The Focus* that the church has been doing so for 10 years. The home-made treats go in Treat Boxes to the KARM Rescue Ministry and the church's adopted school, Dogwood Elementary. The church is a partner in education with the school and the candy is for the teaching staffGriffith said that 25 to 30 people get involved

in the yearly candy making, just one of the church's efforts to help the community. The church is located at 714 Lake Forest Drive just off Chapman Highway.

"The candy is for the homeless and we just want to show love," Griffith said.

"This is a unique ministry, a mission," she said.

The homemade treats included coconut bonbons, chocolate dipped peanut and cashew clusters, and chocolate fudge and were delivered to the teachers at Dogwood Elementary and to KARM.

Those who made and packaged candy included Dave and Madeline Bilbrey, Christie Irvin, Lisa Griffith, Gray Griffith, Ann and Andy Graf, Emma and Carol Vinson, Debbi Potts, Louise Davis, Eileen Wilson and Paige McPherson.

The congregation and many others in the community ordered candy to help to defray the cost of the candy making.

The South Knoxville Neighborhood Coalition

Nine organizations make up the South Knoxville Neighborhood Coalition. These include the South Woodlawn group, Colonial Village, Island Home park, Lake Forest, Montgomery Village, Old Sevier, South Haven, Southside Riverfront and the South Knoxville Alliance.

The Coalition encourages and mentors new neighborhood associations, engages in participation by area residents and businesses in addressing issues, promotes positive relationships between South Knoxville and the city, county, and governing bodies, and supports and promotes educational, recreational, cultural and economic assets of the area.

Neighborhood groups

interested in joining can apply for a Welcome Packet. The Coalition can be emailed at contact@sknbc.org or by calling 309-4661.

South Knoxville Alliance

Made up of businesses and organizations in the 37920 zip code, the South Knoxville Alliance, aka K-Town South, represents on the most unique areas in the city.

The group has joined active business and civic leaders to strengthen the area by promoting the many assets to fellow Knoxvilleians, visitors and guests. You can find the South Knoxville Alliance online and the group maintains a Facebook page.

On March 14 the South Knoxville Alliance will host Knoxville Soup, a fund raising event designed to support creative projects proposed by community members. The soup dinner begins at 6 p.m. and a \$5 donation is greatly appreciated. Attendees will hear presentations of proposed projects designed to better the community and then those present will vote on the proposals. Proceeds from the donations will be awarded to the winning presenters.

The Alliance plans to host Knoxville Soup throughout the year.

The featured trail in the 2015 Dogwood Arts Festival is in South Knoxville and the Alliance is sponsoring several cleanup days before the event. Volunteers will meet Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, March 29 to prepare Chapman Highway and nearby neighborhoods for visitors.

The organization also promotes a monthly cleanup at Fort Dickerson Park the last Saturday of each month, meeting at the

park at 11 a.m.

Want more information about the South Knoxville Alliance? Contact Clay Barry at lowes@clay-barry.com.

The alliance meets the third Monday of each month at various locations and the officers include Debra Bradshaw as Chair, Sharon Davis as Secretary, and Janice Tocher as Treasurer. Directors include Patrick Michael, Aimee Pehrson, Allen Smith and Monte Stanley.

Charter E. Doyle Park

Want an unexpected surprise in South Knoxville? The Charter E. Doyle Park, at 5100 West Martin Mill Pike, is just that.

Located about two miles off Chapman Highway, the 28-acre park has a shelter, playground, lots of open space, and paved and unpaved trails. It also has a Petsafe Dog Park where your dog can run free or play with other dogs off leash.

The park was donated in by the Doyle family and has two tennis courts, a ball field, restrooms, picnic tables with grills, and the Charter Doyle Greenway and Mildred Doyle Nature Trail. It also connects to Mooreland Heights Elementary School.

Improvements are underway

The new \$3.2 million Waterfront Drive, a tree-lined access to the new five-acre Suttree Landing Park is currently underway. Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc. are grading and placing utilities on the locally funded new street. The project will include sidewalks, lighting, street paving, sewer lines and storm pipes. The new 2,988 foot long, two-lane street, will run along the Tennessee River and extend both Barber and Foggy Bottom streets from Langford Avenue to the Waterfront Drive and should be completed in 2016.

Demolition at the former Baptist Hospital is well underway and the final building standing is expected to come down soon to make room for a 315-unit luxury apartment complex there on the south side of Henley Street Bridge. The project began in January, 2014 and the Vol Inn, on the corner of Chapman Highway and Blount Avenue, will be the fifth and final building to come down. The new complex will offer apartments as well as retail space as part of Blanchard & Calhoun's commercial mixed-use master plan.

Fort Dickerson is getting a new entrance and construction is underway in the new realignment project. The G&R Automotive building has been demolished and grading operations along Chapman Highway are in progress. A concrete retaining wall is being built and the project will align Fort Dickerson Road with Woodlawn Pike and include about 475 feet of new two-lane road with a sidewalk.

The new entrance is expected to be complete this summer.

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Not Too Shabby is unique

By Mike Steely
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It's one of those little shops where you immediately feel welcome and right at home. Not Too Shabby, next to Impromptu Home and Garden Accessories at 5901 Chapman Highway, is owned and operated by Jama M. Williams.

Jama told *The Focus* that she decided to open the consignment store on the suggestion of her grandson. She is helping to raise three grandchildren:

Jaeden, 10, Jaeley, 6, and Jaece, 2. All of the grandchildren are connected to the store and Jama says they are really the reason she opened. Jaeley will have her own corner in the store where she will be making children's jewelry, hair bows, and crafts.

Open since November 2014, Jama says she had no idea if she could fill the store but now realizes she's running out of space. She's considering opening a second location nearby

just to sell furniture.

Some of the merchandise at Not Too Shabby includes items Jama owned or created and many are from people who brought items in to sell. There's just about everything you can imagine from jewelry to paintings and furniture to clothing, including Plus Sizes.

"We get several customers from Seymour but wanted to locate inside Knox County. We're getting a lot of consignments now that people know I'm here," she said.

How did she come up with the name of the store?

"I was painting these wooden chairs," she said, pointing to two chairs in a front corner. "When I finished, I looked at them and said 'Shabby!' Then I paused and thought, 'but not TOO shabby.'"

While most items are consigned pieces Jama says she can't resist buying something that she thinks will fit into the shop's décor. Although

located in a small store all of the items are well kept, creatively displayed and neatly organized.

Recently, as she talked with *The Focus*, two shoppers came in saying that they were new to the store and had slammed on their brakes when they saw the sign. Another woman shopping in the store said she often walks there to shop.

Not Too Shabby is the kind of store that has something for just about everyone and you can spend time simply browsing or chatting with Jama. She has excellent taste and a personality that draws customers.

As of March 1, Not Too Shabby will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. She plans to stay open until 7 p.m. during the summer.

You can find Not Too Shabby on Facebook or call 776-1006. Jama says the easiest way to reach her is by emailing her at jamawilliams@gmail.com.



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Jama Williams displays some of the locally made crafts inside Not Too Shabby Consignment. The store features clothing, furniture, jewelry, crafts, and much more.



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Neighborhood Conference and Blighted Houses

By Mike Steely
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As the Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory Council and the city's Office of Neighborhoods met last Wednesday to hear updates and discuss various issues in preparation for the March 7th Neighborhood Conference at the Convention Center.

Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp filled in for Director David Massey who was busy with finalizing details of the event. She told the council members that the event will feature 33 workshops, about 70 booths, speakers, and will focus on young people.

Sharp said that the all-day event will showcase kids that are contributing to their neighborhoods and a request has been made to the Hardin Valley Robotics Club. Other "youth" oriented programs during the conference would include a history project at Vine Middle School, African Drummers, a dance troop,

and a mural created by autistic children.

She said the event will also include a "kid's panel" and feature the story of a girl working with the homeless.

The tee shirt for the Conference has been designed by a Hardin Valley Academy student and the student will be recognized during the event.

Sharp said that volunteers to help in registration during the event are still being sought.

The conference is open to all city and county neighborhood organizations and any resident interested in improving the quality of life. Those attending get a free continental breakfast and boxed lunch and door prizes will also be given. The idea is for people to network with fellow neighborhood leaders, elected officials and government officials.

The Council was also informed that CTV is looking for older residents to appear in a program about the history of neighborhoods. The community television is preparing to launch a new digital audio channel as well with a mix of programming.

CTV is also asking individuals and organizations to submit digital audio recordings that can be presented on the internet.

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The Council then began a discussion about absentee landlords and blighted houses. The continuing problem has been discussed briefly before but will now appear as the main agenda item in their April meeting.

Council member Dennis Owen suggested that landlords be required to purchase a business license for each rental home.

Lauren Rider said, "The issue keeps coming up but we never do anything about it."

Donna Dawnen said the codes need to be enforced.

Councilman Daniel Brown attended the meeting and said that enforcement "is the main thing" but added that a business license for landlords may not be enough to pay for additional enforcement officers.

Rider suggested that city officials charged with enforcing the codes and the Public Officer be invited to the April meeting.

Sharp said that City Finance Director Jim York has been invited to speak to the Council during their March meeting.

Cooper joins Ethics Committee

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Ethics Committee met briefly Wednesday morning for its quarterly meeting and welcomed attorney Jonathan Cooper as a member. Cooper is a UT graduate and has practiced law for 22 years in Knoxville.

Aside from welcoming Cooper the Ethics Committee had no agenda items and adjourned after the approval of the last meeting's minutes.

Chairperson Mae Killebrew-Mosley reminded other members the next scheduled meeting is May 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the City-County Building. She also said that if an

important Ethics matter comes up between meetings, that called meetings may be held.

The Ethics Committee was created in 2007 by the Knox County Commission to receive and investigate violations of policy and to refer matters to the appropriate person or agency for action.

Made up of 9 members, the committee consists of one member appointed by the Sheriff's Office, three appointed by the County Mayor, two appointed by the Ethics Committee, three by the County Commission, one employee of the County Mayor's office and one from the Sheriff's Department.

Governor Thomas C. Rye

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Just after the turn of the century, Tennessee's Democratic Party became almost hopelessly fractured. The candidacies of two men helped to heal the deep divisions inside the Democratic Party in Tennessee: that of Kenneth D. McKellar for the United States Senate in 1916 and Tom C. Rye for governor in 1914.

Thomas Clarke Rye was born June 2, 1863 in Benton County; Rye was the son of a reasonably successful storekeeper and farmer. Young Tom expressed an interest in the law and as was common at the time, “read” the law under the supervision of his uncle, Thomas Morris. Once he had been admitted to the Bar, Tom C. Rye moved to Camden, Tennessee where he commenced the practice of law. It was not long after he had been admitted to the Bar that Tom took a bride, marrying Betty Arnold in 1888.

Rye served as the Clerk and Master for the Chancery Court in Benton County and later lived in Washington, D. C. where he worked as a pension agent. When Tom C. Rye moved back to Tennessee, he relocated to Paris in Henry County and got himself elected district attorney. Rye earned notoriety as strictly enforcing the law, as well as cracking down on bootleggers. The future governor was an ardent prohibitionist and he had no sympathy whatever for those making illegal whisky or moonshine.

The gubernatorial administration of Governor Malcolm Rice Patterson had shattered Tennessee's Democratic Party. Challenged by former Senator Edward Ward Carmack in 1908, Patterson had narrowly been renominated. The ill feelings between Governor Patterson and Senator Carmack went back to 1894 when Carmack had defeated Patterson's father, Josiah, for reelection to Congress. Carmack was himself a strong supporter of prohibition, while Governor Patterson was both personally and politically “wet”.

After his defeat for the gubernatorial nomination in 1908, Carmack returned to his former vocation as a newspaper editor, having been hired by Luke Lea to be the editor of the Nashville Tennessean. Carmack, still seething over his loss, tormented the governor and Patterson's allies in print without mercy. Caramck, encountering Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son Robin on a Nashville street, was left dead in the gutter after shots were exchanged.

Governor Patterson pardoned Colonel Cooper and was seeking a third

two-year term when the Democratic Party in Tennessee came apart at the seams. Most of the state Supreme Court bolted the Democratic Party, announcing they would seek reelection as “Independent” Democrats and promptly formed an alliance with the Republicans. Patterson was stunned when the “Fusionist” ticket soundly thrashed his own slate of regular Democrats. Patterson quickly concluded he could not be reelected and withdrew as a candidate. Democrats urged Senator Robert Love Taylor, perhaps the most personally popular Democrat in the state and a former three-term governor, to run against Fusionist candidate and Republican nominee Ben W. Hooper. The divisions inside Tennessee's Democratic Party were so deep, even Taylor could not beat Hooper in 1910.

Luke Lea immediately took advantage of those divisions and was elected to the United States Senate in 1911 with the support of Independent Democrats and Republicans. Tennessee had just elected its first Fusionist U. S. senator.

When Governor Ben W. Hooper sought reelection in 1912, Democrats were still not united. Benton McMillin, a former governor, was the Democratic nominee to challenge the Republican chief executive, but he had no better luck than Bob Taylor and lost. Just after Hooper's reelection, the Tennessee General Assembly convened and Democrats struggled to maintain control of Tennessee's other U. S. Senate seat. Incumbent James B. Frazier very much wanted to be reelected, but it soon became clear he did not have the votes to win. Once again, a combination of Independent Democrats and Republicans elected a senator, choosing State Supreme Court Justice John Knight Shields. By 1913, the Fusionists had elected the governor and both United States senators.

It was the high tide of the Fusionist movement in Tennessee.

Hooper wanted a third two-year term as governor in 1914, but Democrats had finally coalesced around the candidacy of district attorney Tom C. Rye. Fifty-one years old in 1914, Rye waged an effective campaign and Democrats of every stripe endorsed his candidacy. Rye defeated Governor Hooper, winning 137,656 votes to the incumbent's 116,667 votes.

E. H. Crump, emerging as the leader of the Shelby County political organization, earned some unwanted statewide

attention when Governor Hooper complained he had been defeated by the large vote won by Tom C. Rye in Crump's domain. Hooper believed the vote in Shelby County was fraudulent.

If grateful to Crump for his support, Governor Rye had an odd way of showing it. Crump was anything but a prohibitionist and the governor supported an “Ouster” law, which permitted the removal of any officeholder who refused to enforce the prohibition law. The bill was aimed squarely at Memphis Mayor E. H. Crump, who was notorious for his refusal to strictly enforce prohibition in the Bluff City. Crump resigned before being removed and several other Memphis officials were ousted from office, along with others in Nashville and Knoxville.

Governor Rye was responsible for the creation of Tennessee's State Highway Department, the forerunner of the Department of Transportation. Tennesseans were soon having to register their automobiles and the governor implemented a highway tax to help pay for roads. Rye also supported a tax for the benefit of Tennessee's schools and was one of the few governors who did not suffer for it at the polls for increasing taxes.

Tom C. Rye sought a second term in 1916, which was also the first year Tennesseans popularly elected their first United States senator. Luke Lea was a candidate

to succeed himself, but drew strong opposition from former governor Malcolm Patterson and Memphis Congressman K. D. McKellar. Rye did his best to avoid entangling himself in the complicated Senate race, as both Senator Lea and Governor Patterson had strongly supported him in 1914. Lea and Patterson were polarizing figures in Tennessee politics and McKellar ran more as a “harmony” candidate, one who could appeal to every faction inside the Democratic Party. Neither Lea nor Patterson paid much attention to McKellar's candidacy and just about everybody was shocked when McKellar won the first round of balloting, carrying East and West Tennessee. Lea was eliminated in the first primary and McKellar repeated the feat in the run-off election, carrying East and West Tennessee to defeat Patterson and earn the right to face former Republican governor Ben W. Hooper in the 1916 general election. Senator Lea had expected an open endorsement from Governor Rye and was deeply disappointed when he did not get it.

Governor Rye and Congressman McKellar stumped the state and posters urging the election of the Democratic ticket appeared all over Tennessee. President Woodrow Wilson, Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, Governor Rye, Congressman McKellar, and Colonel B. A. Enloe

comprised the Democratic ticket in Tennessee and the Democrats handily won the election. Governor Rye defeated his Republican opponent, John W. Overall, with 146,758 votes to 117,817. McKellar, facing the more popular Ben W. Hooper, won 143,718 votes to the former governor's total of 118,174 votes.

President Wilson despite having campaigned on the slogan “He Kept Us Out of War”, soon led the United States into World War I. More than 80,000 Tennesseans took part in the war and only the number of Tennesseans fighting in the Civil War exceeded that of those in Europe fighting in the World War.

Governor Rye signed into law Tennessee's first real primary election law and henceforth candidates would be selected by voters inside party primaries.

Tom C. Rye could have sought a third two-year term in 1918, but instead he opted to challenge the last remaining Fusionist in office, Senator John Knight Shields.

Rye was still popular and had every expectation of defeating the crusty Senator Shields. Rye was from West Tennessee, while Shields was a native of Republican dominated East Tennessee. Senator Shields had quietly backed the senatorial candidacy of Kenneth McKellar in 1916 and his junior colleague proposed to return the favor in 1918. McKellar learned that President Wilson, who disliked John Knight Shields, intended

to send a letter for public consumption to Tennessee stating the senator was no friend to Wilson. Senator McKellar realized if the president sent any such letter, Shields would lose the primary election to Governor Rye.

McKellar managed to convince the president not to send the letter and had little difficulty in convincing his friend E. H. Crump to back Shields's reelection bid. Shields very narrowly won renomination and was easily reelected in the general election.

Tom C. Rye accepted the verdict of Tennessee Democrats and returned to Paris and began practicing law once again. Rye was offered the post of Chancellor for the Eighth Judicial District in West Tennessee and accepted. The former governor remained on the bench until 1940 when he decided to retire. Rye summoned another former governor from West Tennessee to his office, Gordon Browning. Rye told Browning he was ready to retire if Browning would run for Chancellor to succeed him. Out of office and humiliated in the 1938 election, Browning agreed to run and Tom C. Rye ended his career in Tennessee politics.

Governor Rye lived another thirteen years, remaining in Paris, Tennessee until his death on September 12, 1953 at age ninety.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Governor Tom C. Rye

Remembering School Lunches

I enjoyed my years of education. During elementary school and college, I worked hard to earn good grades. In high school, however, I never allowed classes and their

workloads to interfere with my education. Sure, some parts of the school years weren't so wonderful, but overall, those years were good ones. Some of my fondest memories of the time center on school food.

At Ball Camp Elementary before the fire in 1963, we kids couldn't wait to march downstairs to the old cafeteria. All morning aromas from there drifted into our classrooms until our stomachs growled and our hunger reached critical mass.

The food was what I call



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country cooking. We had some kind of meat with meals, along with vegetables. Potatoes were a staple, and so were greens and peas. Pinto beans and white beans were served up a

couple of times each week. Cornbread also was prepared at times. Back then, we even had fried okra, something that would have the health department closing down the entire school these days.

Sometimes students would work up enough courage to walk up to the counter to ask for seconds. They might get another helping of potatoes or peas, and if no extra food was available, the cooks handed out slices of white bread. Kids didn't leave the lunchroom hungry

back then.

In first grade, we had milk break. The cartons contained lukewarm milk, and some students would pull out snacks from home, usually saltine crackers smeared with peanut butter. During the afternoon "play period," students lined up to buy ice cream. The standards were Fudgesicles, Brown Cows, Creamsicles, and banana popsicles. Ice cream never tasted better than after running and playing with classmates.

Shortly after I began high school, I took up smoking. That meant that 30 cents of my 50 cent lunch money was spent on a pack of Winston's or Kool's. Still, on Fridays I managed to scrape up enough change to buy the best lunch of the week. That day fish patties were served. In addition, a big scoop of mashed potatoes

and a heaping spoonful of green peas filled the plate. One, or two if we were lucky, homemade rolls sat balanced on the side of the plate. For dessert, a homemade cinnamon roll so big that it hung over the edge of the plate waited. Heck, on Friday's, I skipped my smoke break in order to hurry to the lunchroom and get in line.

Most of my college food was either bologna and cheese sandwiches or meals that my dear, sweet sister-in-law Brenda prepared. However, in the mornings, I would travel to the student center on the Tennessee Tech campus and buy a cup of coffee and two doughnuts with chocolate icing. They almost dripped with grease and were still warm. I can still taste them. The other special treat I savored was a hotdog from a vending machine. It was cold and

wrapped in a thick piece of bread. On top was mustard and relish. I'd tear away the wrapper and eat the thing just as it was. I couldn't have been any more satisfied with a steak.

At some point, school lunches changed. President Reagan declared ketchup a vegetable for school food. The federal government has stuck its nose into nutrition and developed lunches that are bland and as tasteless as the Styrofoam trays on which they are served. Salt is forbidden, as are desserts. Still, squares of nasty-tasting pizza are offered to kids. Kids throw more food into the garbage than they eat, and many pack lunches at home. For the prices that school cafeterias charge, students and teachers should be served meals equal to those offered at Chili's or O'Charlie's.

Perhaps the food that is in my mind tasted so good might not have been that great. To a young child, everything new is "the best." I gladly recall those delicious foods that my schools served. They were consumed with delight and no concern about cholesterol or salt or fat grams. And rarely was there a scrap to dump into the garbage can.

Thanks to the many people who sent along emails and social media posts about my dog Snoop. I'm awed at the kindness of folks. Snoop once again has taught me a lesson: people are good and understanding. I appreciate your reading my work and sharing stories of your losses of beloved pets and similar feelings.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

The week of February 9th started with Governor Haslam's State of the State address. Governor Haslam's address covered his proposed budget which focuses funds towards education reform.

I want to expand on an

initiative Governor Haslam mentioned in his State of the State address called Tennessee Reconnect. Tennessee Reconnect is a Drive to 55 initiative that aims to help provide Tennessee adults with the opportunity to go back and receive a diploma or certificate from a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT). Drive to 55 is the goal to have fifty-five percent of Tennesseans outfitted with a college or technical degree or certificate by 2025. There is a Tennessee Reconnect Grant that will cover adult students' tuition and mandatory fees at TCATs, if they apply for the grant by May 1, 2015. There are twenty-seven TCATs across Tennessee,

and all provide technical and professional skills that prepare students for the professional world.

Another program that has money allocated in the proposed budget is the Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support (SAILS). It will address remediation in high schools.

There is \$400,000 in the proposed budget to start the Tennessee Promise Bridge Program which will give first-generation college students the chance to go to their college campus before fall enrollment. If you are involved in Tennessee Promise make sure to meet with your mentors, because if you don't it may un-enroll you from the program.

The budget also has room to continue assisting in payment of the AP exam cost for a number of high schools in the county including South Doyle High School, Gibbs High School, and Carter High School.

Two years ago the Speaker of the House imposed a fifteen bill limit, including major resolutions, for each member of the House. Thursday, February 12th, was the deadline for every representative to turn in their bills and resolution, so everyone has been working hard to check and double check they submitted every bill they want to sponsor. The week of February 17th when the House session calendar comes out there will be more bills marked on

it than there were this week. Usually county commissioners have a number of resolutions regarding legislation, but this year not as many have been presented.

Throughout the year there are a number of state advisory boards and commissions that are a part of state government. If you have an interest in serving on any of these boards please contact me. By way of example, we have a cosmetology board that determines the policies and rules of being a cosmetologist.

I have had many different visitors at the legislature in the past week including physician assistant students from across the state and students from the University

of Tennessee, Knoxville involved in student government. Of the student visitors many were constituents from my district, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I look forward to continuing my service as your Representative. I will be in Nashville on a regular basis Monday – Thursdays until session ends. My Nashville office will be staffed to take calls at 615-741-6879 or 800-449-8366 ext. 44556. I can be reached by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov or if you would like to receive updates by email you can sign up at <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/lyris/h19s.html>. It is an honor to be your representative.

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South-Doyle's Bruce could grow into RB position at UT

By Steve Williams

Kendall Bussey's decommitment from Tennessee two days before National Signing Day may have increased Jocquez Bruce's chances of being a future running back for the Vols from a numbers standpoint.

"They are signing Joc as a slot receiver, but Coach (Butch) Jones has said all along that if they can get him at about 200 pounds, which is doable, then he could possibly be moved to running back," stated Clark Duncan, Bruce's high school coach at South-Doyle, via e-mail last week.

Bruce was a "blue shirt" in the UT football recruiting process.

"This (blue shirt) is something Coach Jones and I talked about months ago, dealing with local kids that would allow them (Tennessee) to be able to bring in more signees and still be able to do the official visit without it being a true official visit because of proximity," explained Duncan. "Joc was always on board with it."

Bruce, as a "blue shirt", will count on UT's recruiting numbers for next year. But he'll be on full scholarship, on the roster and eligible immediately when he walks on campus this fall, stated Duncan.

Bussey, a 5-8, 205-pounder from New Orleans, signed with Texas A&M.

Bruce, reportedly 6-0, 170, was a standout on offense and defense, playing running back, receiver and defensive back as South-Doyle reached the Class 5A state quarterfinals this past season.

The Knoxville area had several major college signees. That list included West running back Nathan Cottrell and Webb School middle linebacker Brant Mitchell, who will be future teammates at Georgia Tech.

West's Class 5A state championship team also had outside linebacker Noah Hoxie to sign with Air Force.

Catholic athlete Jordan Anderson signed with Brown University, a member of the Ivy League.

Wake Forest signed Farragut lineman Nathan Gilliam.

FUTURE BUCS: Twelve local players will be headed to East Tennessee State University's new program, including Webb's Brock Beeler, who committed to the Buccaneers in football and baseball.

MOST SIGNEES: West, South-Doyle and Grace Christian Academy each had seven players to sign on National Signing Day. Fulton, the Class 4A state champion, reported six signees and Division II-A state champion Webb had five to either sign or commit.



Jocquez Bruce with his high school coach, Clark Duncan

Gibbs 'cranks it up' to end season for Lady Beavers

By Ken Lay

Chris Bray issued his Gibbs High School girls basketball team a halftime ultimatum Wednesday night and his squad responded.

"At halftime, I told the girls that they needed to crank it up and they did," Bray said after the Lady Eagles notched a 50-37 win over Karns in the first round of the District 3-AAA Tournament at Central High School.

Gibbs held a slim 20-17 halftime lead as the Lady Beavers successfully employed a triangle-and-two defense against Haley Cavalaris and Elizabeth Allen.

"Haley was frustrated," Bray said. "Karns was running a triangle-and two against her and Elizabeth. Those are our two top scorers and they've seen that gimmick defense a lot this year."

Cavalaris found her groove in the second half as she scored eight of her 12 points after the break. Allen had just four points in the contest but Brittany Blankenship provided the offensive punch that the Lady Eagles (8-19) needed after the break.

Blankenship, who scored 11 of her game-high 19 points in the third quarter, came out hot in the frame. She drained three 3-pointers in the period, including one that gave the Lady Eagles a 32-23 lead with 3 minutes. 50 seconds remaining in the quarter.

"Brittany Blankenship came out in the second half and hit some big 3-pointers for us," Bray said.

Gibbs finally got a cushion by the end of the third stanza as it held a 41-29 advantage.

The pesky Lady Beavers, who ended their campaign with a record of 5-21, battled valiantly before Cavalaris finally shook loose. She scored the first two buckets of the fourth quarter to give the Lady Eagles a 45-29 lead with 6:58 remaining in the game.

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Head Coach Butch Jones and new offensive coordinator Mike DeBord.

UT hires Mike DeBord

Mike DeBord Brings Experience, Fit with Jones to Tennessee

By David Klein

Combining many years of both college and NFL coaching experience and a comfort level with Head Coach Butch Jones, new University of Tennessee football Offensive Coordinator Mike DeBord met the media Friday in a joint press conference with Jones.

DeBord coached at Michigan for two stints, 1992-1999, and 2004-2007. He was an offensive line coach in his early years and served as offensive coordinator from 1997-1999. The Wolverines won a national title in 1997 as DeBord was named the National Assistant Coach of the Year by the Sporting News. DeBord took the Central Michigan coaching job in 1999, but went just 12-34 in four seasons before resigning to come back to Michigan

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Mike DeBord to Knoxville, Better Late Than Never?

By Alex Norman

It's always interesting how one decision can have a ripple effect.

For Tennessee's football program, it was the decision in 2008 by head coach Philip Fulmer to hire Dave Clawson as offensive coordinator that was the start of the downfall of the Vols.

Fast forward seven years and you can't help but wonder... what would have happened if Fulmer hired former Michigan offensive coordinator Mike DeBord

instead?

"We had just beat Florida in the Capital One Bowl, and our staff was really excited and Lloyd Carr had already announced he was going to retire, so I had great excitement about that," said DeBord. "I didn't do anything about a job until that game was over. Then, I was very fortunate to get a call from Coach Fulmer to come in and interview and I did that. It didn't work out at that time and I understand and that's just the way it is."

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Haskell ‘glad’ he took Vine coaching job this season

By Steve Williams

David Haskell hadn’t planned on coaching basketball this season. He would be teaching health and physical education for the second year at Vine Middle Magnet Academy. Haskell’s son, Connor, would be coming to Vine with him for his eighth grade year and first in public schools after having been home schooled.

As for basketball at Vine, Haskell had just planned on watching Connor play on the boys’ team.

Assistant Principal Clarence Swarengen, however, asked Haskell to consider coaching Vine’s girls team. Mind as well, you’re going to be here anyway, Swarengen told him.

Haskell had been assistant boys coach to Jody Wright at Fulton High for 13 years (1989 through 2002) and after that he was the Whittle Springs Middle School boys head coach for a couple of seasons. He even coached the boys and girls teams at Whittle Springs one season. But he had been out of coaching for quite a while, helping his wife, Lisa, raise a young family.

Haskell eventually said yes to Swarengen’s request.

“I kind of got talked into it, and being here 7:30 to 7:30 everyday is not real easy,” said Haskell with a laugh last week.

“But I’m glad I did it.”

Haskell’s Lady Golden Bears went on to capture the Knox County Middle School tournament championship with a 38-36 win over West Valley in the finals on Feb. 5.

“To see the smiles on those girls’ faces and to see them achieve something like that and that they haven’t achieved before is huge,” said Haskell, looking back on the season that



PHOTO BY CLARENCE SWEARENGEN

Players, cheerleaders and coaches celebrate the Vine Lady Golden Bears’ Knox County Middle School basketball tournament championship Feb. 5 at Karns Middle School. Vine defeated West Valley 38-36 for the gold basketball.

included 20 wins and only one loss.

Coaching also helped Haskell get through a tough time in his life earlier this winter as his mom died unexpectedly on Dec. 17.

Joan Haskell, 79, passed away while on a cruise with David’s younger sister.

“With it happening right in the middle of basketball season, it was kind of hard to stay focused. But in a way, it (coaching) was therapeutic, too. It kind of kept me busy.

“Really touching for me,” added Haskell, “(was that) all the Vine parents were

so supportive. I was very touched by all their condolences and sentiments they sent.

“Everybody, including the girls, was really sweet and I was blessed by that.”

Looking back on the low-scoring title game, Haskell said Radashia Bailey making three 3-point shots was a key factor in the win, particularly since West Valley’s 1-2-2 zone was packed in to take away Vine’s inside attack.

Bailey, a seventh grader, had started in place of injured Camiah Wilson.

Haskell also pointed out

West Valley took a 15-7 lead in the second period after defensive standout Thomajah Bishop went out of the game with her second foul. Bishop was put back in at the 3-minute mark before halftime and that’s when Vine went on a run.

A 3-point shot by Bailey put the Lady Bears ahead 18-15.

MVP Larriana Bullard was all over the court for the champs. Just when it looked like she might be tiring, she got her second wind.

“It almost looked to me like our girls just willed

themselves to refuse to lose,” said Haskell.

After the title win, Haskell praised Josh Ballard, the West Valley coach.

“We beat them in the regular season at our place in a game that was closer than the score. It’s so hard to beat a good team twice and Josh Ballard is probably the best girls coach in Knox County. I think he does a great job. He’s a young guy, really knowledgeable about the game and fundamentally his girls are so sound.”

Vine’s lone setback, a 14-point loss at Faragut early in the season,

motivated the Lady Bears, noted Haskell, who said he also has “a lot of respect” for Susan Davidson, Faragut’s coach.

It’s uncertain if the Vine girls have won a county championship prior to this season.

“The only girls banner in the gym is a runner-up banner from 1998,” said Haskell. “I don’t know if they’ve ever won a title before this year, to be honest.”

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from 2004-2007, where he coached again as offensive coordinator in 2006-2007. Michigan played in a bowl game every year during DeBord’s tenure.

DeBord also has NFL

coaching experience. He left Michigan to coach the Seattle Seahawks’ offensive line from 2008-2009 and coach the Chicago Bears’ tight ends from 2010-2012.

Butch Jones was the offensive coordinator at Central Michigan when DeBord was there, and the two are close friends. DeBord replaces Mike Bajakian, who took the Tampa Bay Buccaneers’ quarterbacks coach position.

I wanted an individual who could walk into a room and fix the problems, fix the problems of the entire offense and know what they’re looking for,” Jones said. “I wanted a teacher of fundamentals,” he added. “I wanted an individual who can work with positions.”

DeBord mentioned offensive similarities and differences between Tennessee’s offense and the offense at Central Michigan. “I believe in tempo, when Butch and I worked together at Central Michigan, we were a no-huddle, fast tempo team,” DeBord

said. “Tennessee runs a similar quick pace tempo.”

“What will change,” DeBord said, “is that we’re going to be a one-back spread offense. We were multiple (at Central Michigan), we used two backs and one back.”

In addition, DeBord said there will be some NFL plays mixed in. “There’s going to be little wrinkles that we had from my NFL experience.”

DeBord mentioned the love he has for the college game as a factor on why he took the offensive coordinator position.

“I’m the happiest I’ve ever been,” DeBord said. “I get to be a football coach and a coordinator at the college level. My true passion is to coordinate an offense,” he emphasized.

Drawing contrasts between the NFL and college football, DeBord said

he loves the personal relationships he develops with college players. “Pro football is business. You don’t get involved with them as far as a personal relationship,” DeBord said. “What I truly missed in college coaching, was taking any young man and helping them walk out and be a man when they left. That’s a process, making them a better person, making them a better student, helping them become a better football player, all those things.”

“Because of Butch, because of the coordinating position, and the working with college student athletes, was why I wanted to be here,” DeBord said. “Also too, Tennessee football, where it’s at and where it’s going, I wanted to be a part of this.”



Jones and DeBord met at one of his son’s basketball’s games in Michigan. Jones was in the area recruiting at the time and came to the game because he knew Central Michigan’s quarterbacks coach and his

son. DeBord got introduced to Jones, and they went to the top of the bleachers to talk football. The two have maintained their friendship since then. “When I went to Central Michigan, I knew who my top offensive coach was going to be, and that was Butch,” DeBord said. “It’s always been a great relationship,” he stressed.

DeBord leaves a position at Michigan, Olympics Sports Administrator, which he has held for the last two years. He helped to coordinate teams such as the cross country teams, track and field teams, tennis teams, and field hockey.

Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady had high praise in a statement upon UT’s hiring of DeBord. “Mike was my offensive coordinator in college and helped me develop as a quarterback. He has great knowledge in offensive football and quarterback development, and he will do an outstanding job at Tennessee.”

“At the end of the day, Mike was the right fit,” Jones said.



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Historic Night at Gibbs

On a rainy Friday night, January 23, 2015, the Gibbs Eagles took on the Central Bobcats in boys' basketball. It was a night for another "boys" team, as well. Gibbs honored its 1964-65 team that put the small, rural school in the lime-light and record books--- 50 years ago!

The still photo by Dan Andrews captured the spirit of the historic night as the team who once filled the gym gathered at center court. From left to right: Stanley Butler, the senior who was relied on for his dribbling and ball handling;



By **Ralphine Major**
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Les Spitzer, senior jump-shot shooter, team captain, first scholarship player from Gibbs, and Carson-Newman standout; Gene Cantley, the youngest player and only sophomore on the team; Lynn Miller, senior who had good speed and a good shot; Steve Wright, senior with a one-handed set shot that went straight through hitting the bottom of the net; Mike Graves, junior who played on the team with his brother, Ron, and came up with his share of rebounds; David Widner, senior known for his head and shoulder fake shots and tipping in others' missed shots; Ron Graves,

senior who set solid screens for his teammates and had a soft touch when making a basket; Head Coach Bob Dagley whose unique style and personality guided the Eagles to a 31-2 record and District 6 Championship; and Charlie Ballard, steady and dependable junior and one of the super subs who helped lead the '66 team to another title.

Noticeably absent in the picture is Tommy Everette, the tall junior center who became the first All-American from Gibbs while playing at Carson-Newman. The former school principal was instrumental in helping to organize and coordinate the historic night, but was unable to attend due to sickness. Our thoughts and prayers are with him



1964-65 Gibbs team by Dan Andrews

for returning good health. Scott Dozier, team manager, was also absent. Steve Wilson, junior and long-range set shooter, and Dickie Dunn, team manager, are deceased. I am honored to share the memory and this moment with *Focus* readers.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Karns High's Lauren Sutton and Gibbs High's Charley Ann Medley battle for rebounding position as the Lady Beavers' Savannah Pope releases a shot in the Lady Eagles' victory Wednesday night in the District 3-AAA Tournament at Central High School.

Gibbs 'cranks it up' to end season for Lady Beavers

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Karns pulled to within 45-32 when Lexie Austin scored at the 6:24 mark but Blankenship answered before Karns had turnovers on its next two possessions. Blankenship then salted things away with a bucket that made it 49-32 just past the

midpoint of the final quarter. Allen added a late free throw before the Lady Beavers' Lindsey Hitch hit a late 3-pointer to make it closer. Savannah Pope led Karns with 12 points while Keely Bradley finished with eight.

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Central's strong effort ends Powell's season

By **Ken Lay**

Central High School's boys basketball team has had a rough go at home this season --- until lately.

The Bobcats finally won a District 3-AAA home game in their regular-season finale against Powell on Friday, Feb. 6 and on Tuesday night; Central repeated that feat when they pulled off a 58-46 upset of the Panthers in the opening round of the district tournament.

"I thought we played well out of the gate," Central coach Jon Higgins said. "Our guys gave a great effort and they deserved to win.

"Our defense in the first half, especially in the middle of that first half, was the best defense that our guys played all season. That effort that we had during that 10-minute stretch was the best we've had. Our guys did the things that they had to do to win in the postseason."

The Bobcats (10-20) were hot early. Lonnie Jones scored 11 points in the first quarter and buried five 3-pointers in the opening frame to help the eighth-seeded Bobcats open a 24-10 lead. After that, Central rebounded, played tough defense and knocked down timely shots en route to advancing to the tournament quarterfinals. Central played Anderson County Friday night but results were unavailable at press time.

But Tuesday was a night to shine for the Bobcats, who opened a 35-15 lead late in the second quarter.

Mike DeBord to Knoxville, Better Late Than Never?

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DeBord made those comments at his introductory press conference at Tennessee. His hiring as the Vols new offensive coordinator now... in 2015... brings up all those memories.

"Coach Fulmer called me about a year later after that, and since that time, he and I have really become great friends. We've already texted since I've been here and he can't wait to see me and talk and I've really gained a friend out of that, and a guy that is a heck of a football coach. So, there was a lot gained that way."

Clawson's offensive system was a disaster from the start in 2008. An overtime loss to a dreadful UCLA team in the season opener was a sign that there would be no easy answers. Jonathan Crompton couldn't pass, Arian Foster couldn't run, the offensive line couldn't block... the "Clawfense" was a major reason why the Vols went 5-7 and Fulmer was fired.

That led to 14 months of Lane Kiffin... then three years of Derek Dooley.

Tennessee head coach Butch Jones appears to have righted the ship with two consensus top 5 recruiting classes, but the expectation level for the Vols is growing to levels not seen in quite a while in Knoxville. It won't be good enough in the eyes of many Tennessee fans to just be competitive in the SEC. The Vols are a hip pick to win the Eastern Division in 2015.

That makes DeBord's hiring to replace Mike Bajakian so crucial, and why Jones was not willing to hand the keys of his offense over to someone that he didn't know well. Jones and DeBord worked together at Central Michigan. When DeBord was head coach at CMU from 2000-2003, Jones was his running backs coach in 2000, and then his offensive coordinator from 2001-2003.

Now the roles are reversed, and the stage is much bigger than in those days back in Mount Pleasant, Michigan...

"I wanted trust and I wanted character," said Jones. "Everything in life

Powell, which ended its season with an 11-14 record, scored the final four points of the half to pull to within 35-19 by halftime.

In the second half, Central never led by less than seven points. The Bobcats led 48-35 at the end of the third quarter.

Smith scored 18 points despite being plagued by foul trouble. Markees Underwood scored six of his 14 points over the final eight minutes to help the Bobcats maintain the upper hand. Central's Matt Randolph scored 12 points in the contest.

Underwood scored the first four points of the fourth quarter (all from the free throw line) to help the Bobcats open a 52-35 advantage with 5 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the game. Robert Emory added a field goal a short time later to expand Central's advantage to 54-35.

Powell's Conley Hamilton then scored the next five points to pull the fifth-seeded Panthers to 54-40. He, however, fouled out at the 3:27 mark when he was whistled for an offensive foul.

Underwood's shot with 2:37 left gave the 'Cats a 56-40 lead and the game was sealed.

Powell's Brandon Brown scored a game-high 22 points and kept the Panthers in the game. Hamilton added 13 points but it wasn't enough to overcome a large deficit on a night when Central played one of its best games of the season.

is about trust. Everything in life is about character. I wanted an individual who I knew that I could trust."

Jones will rely on DeBord to further develop quarterback Joshua Dobbs, who still has two years of eligibility remaining. The Vols 2014 season changed after they pulled his red-shirt and inserted him into the Alabama game. If the Vols are going to make a move on the SEC, the relationship between DeBord and Dobbs will help them get there.

"First of all I think he (Dobbs) is a great person. When I came in to interview, I think this was smart on Butch's part... I actually was able to sit down with him and talk with him," said DeBord. "I found out right away how much passion he has for football. I'm really excited about working with him."

The hiring of DeBord has received its fair share of criticism from a vocal segment of Vols fans. It's up to DeBord to prove them wrong in 2015... and maybe get them to think about what might have been in 2008...

Gibbs baffled in season-ending loss to Dragons, 67-58

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School basketball coach Timmy Meade couldn't find an explanation for why his team's season ended Wednesday night.

"Tonight, it was a little bit of everything and I don't know what the answer was," Meade said after the Eagles suffered a 67-58 season-ending loss to Clinton in the opening round of the District 3-AAA Tournament at Central High School. "We started the district [season]

hot and we beat some good teams but we've been in a little bit of a funk lately. We've been that way for a while and we've never really gotten out of it."

The Eagles (11-17) matched the Dragons' intensity early but Clinton (7-15) used a modest rally to open a slim 15-9 advantage by first quarter's end.

After opening that lead, the Dragons never trailed again. Clinton built a 27-17 lead just before halftime only to see the Eagles' Keith

Ownby drain a 3-point shot as time expired. Ownby's long-range jumper pulled Gibbs to within 27-20 at the break.

When the Eagles find their shooter's touch, they can be dangerous. Gibbs can score in bunches from the outside and if center Mark Thomas is on his game, the inside-outside combination can be lethal for opponents and Clinton coach Chris Lockard knew this.

"I think the key to

the game was stopping Thomas," Lockard said. "Gibbs can really shoot and if Thomas gets going and they get seven, eight or nine, 3s, it can really get you in trouble."

"We did a good job on Thomas. My son, Cole and Elijah Powers guarded him and they did a great job on him."

Thomas scored just eight points for the Eagles. But that was only part of the problem for Gibbs. The Eagles struggled to mount

a sustained offensive attack all night. No Gibbs player managed to score in double figures.

Wayland Price, Nick Ammons and Ownby all scored nine points while Thomas and DeSanta Smith scored eight points each for Gibbs, which trailed 40-33 at the end of the third quarter. The Eagles managed to pull to within 46-42 when Mullins converted a free throw midway through the final stanza.

But the sixth-seeded

Eagles never got any closer because Clinton, the tournament's seventh seed, made its free throws down the stretch.

The Dragons made 15 of their 17 fourth-quarter foul shots. JaQuan Thomas scored nine of his game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter. He was 9-for-10 from the free throw line in the final stanza.

Tyler Thackerson had 14 points for the Dragons while Gavin Shelton finished with 11.

Halls wins regional wrestling meet

By Ken Lay

Halls High School closed out the home portion of its wrestling schedule on a high note on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Red Devils, who were hosting the Region 2-AAA Wrestling Championships, had seven region champions and won the tournament.

Chris Nielsen (106 pounds), Trey Lepper (126), Matthew Gold (138), Joe Fox (145), Sirrel Robinson (152), Colton McMahan (160) and Tanner Huff (195 pounds) all won titles for the Red Devils. Halls sent four more wrestlers to the State Tournament, which was held Feb. 12-14 at the Williamson County Convention Center in Franklin.

"I'm really pleased with the way that we performed in the region tournament," Halls coach Shannon Sayne said. "Our goal was to qualify 14 and we qualified 11. "We came up a little short of what we wanted but I'm still really pleased. The guys who came of short were one match away so

they were right there."

In the 106-pound weight class, Nielsen pinned Pablo Canales in 2 minutes, 49 seconds. The Red Devils' Tolliver Justice finished second in the 113-pound weight class. Gibbs High's Phillip Maxwell won a decision in that match to claim the championship.

In the 126-pound weight class, Halls High's Lepper pinned the Eagles' Noel Leyva in 5:29.

At 138, Gold earned a major decision over Matthew Maxwell (Gibbs). At 135, Fox defeated the Eagles' Angel Leyva 5-3. At 152, Robinson defeated Bearden's Max Grayson 6-2. Halls High's Colton McMahan won the 160-pound championship when he pinned Clinton's Christopher Hooks in 56 seconds.

Gibbs' John Lawson III claimed the 182-pound title with a 4-3 decision over Halls' Tyler Kalish. At 195, the Red Devils picked up the championship when Tanner Huff won a 7-5 overtime decision over Anderson County's Gabe

Merritt.

At 285, Jonathan Davis of Gibbs outlasted Halls' Walton Elkins in a 4-3 thriller that was named the tournament's outstanding match.

Bearden senior Zach Patterson won the 120-pound championship with a pin of Landon Adizima of Gibbs.

The top four regional finishers qualified for the State Tournament. Halls won the regional championship with 242.5 points. The Eagles were second (173); followed by Bearden (139.5), Anderson County (122), Hardin Valley Academy (99), Powell (76), Clinton (69), Karns (42.5), Farragut (30) and Central (24).

Other state qualifiers included: Bearden's Teo Lopez (who finished third in the 106-pound division); the Red Devils' Eric Brady (who finished second at 132); the Eagles' Hunter Fortner (second in the 170 pound division); Powell's Josh Neely (who finished second in the 220-pound weight class) and Tyler Henry (Hardin Valley), who finished third in the 113-



Gibbs High's Jonathan Davis battles to escape from Halls High's Walton Elkins while Red Devils' coach Shannon Sayne looks on in the Region 2-AAA 285-pound Championship Match. Davis won a 3-2 decision in the bout that was the tournament's Outstanding Match.

pound class.

Farragut sends two to State: FHS wrestlers Garret Broda (160 pounds) and Ryan Coke (170) will make the trip to Franklin. Both finished fourth in their respective weight classes. Coke lost the 170-pound consolation championship to Bearden's Jacob Gerkin.

A pair of area wrestlers tangled in the 120-pound consolation final as Karns High's Ethan Asno won the third-place match over

Hardin Valley Academy's Kameron Isbell.

In the 132-pound consolation championship, Beardens's David Garabrandt beat HVA's Ian McNitt. At 138, HVA's Nick Moore defeated Bearden's Isaac Courett to claim third place. In the 152-pound division, Gibbs' Elijah Lawson was third while Powell's Eli Bishop took fourth.

In the 195-pound division, Powell Jacob Cagle was third and Bearden's

Wesley Goltry finished fourth. At 215, HVA's Charles Chappell took third and Joel Witcher claimed fourth.

Powell's Devin Pincombe (215 pounds), Hardin Valley's Jacob Jackson (182) and Chase Matlack (126) and Bearden's Shaun Gambino all posted fourth-place finishes while Central's Foster Dickerson took third in the 160-pound division.

Battle of Seymour, February Frenzy and Cats and Dogs

For the first time ever, Seymour High and The King's Academy will play each other in football this coming season. Seymour High will host both the 2015 and 2016 season-opening contests between the Eagles and Lions.

"They're probably the two closest schools in the state (in proximity)," said Gary Householder, former longtime Seymour football coach and the school's current athletic director. "I can't imagine two schools being any closer. They're just a quarter of a mile apart."

Seymour is a Class 4A school and The King's Academy is a Division II-A member of the TSSAA.

The King's Academy approached Seymour about playing the game.

"They've been wanting to play us for a long time," said Householder.

"We saw how they beat Lenoir City in a bowl game last season and believe it'll be a good matchup."

The Seymour stadium, which bears Householder's name, seats 2,500 fans. "I think the game actually will bring a big draw," said Householder. "Marc Weekly (TKA athletic director) said it was a packed house."

"Of course, we're used to playing in front of a full stadium."

Matt Lowe, former Powell coach, took over the football program at The King's



By Steve Williams

Academy in 2013 and his Lions have made great strides. Jerry Cooper will be starting his second season as head coach at Seymour.

Will this new matchup become a rivalry?

"I don't know," said Householder. "We'll have to wait and see."

No word yet on if White Star Market, a popular market and deli located between the two schools on Boyds Creek Highway, will host a High School Game Day Show prior to the first Battle of Seymour.

FEBRUARY FRENZY: I first heard that nickname used by former Austin-East girls coach Vanetta Robinson-Kelso about this time a few years ago. She referred to it as high school basketball's version of the college game's March Madness.

Most Division I district tourneys are currently nearing championship and consolation games. The top four teams in each district advance to regional play, which is scheduled to start Thursday for girls and Friday for boys. Higher seeded teams host first-round region games.

According to the TSSAA website, Oak Ridge will host this year's Region 2-AAA semifinals and finals, while Fulton will host the Region 2-AA semis and finals. Girls' region semifinal games will be Monday, Feb. 23, and boys region semifinal

games will be Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Those are my two favorite dates in February Frenzy, because they are high-drama elimination contests. If you don't have a dog in the fight, and just want to see some good prep basketball competition, these are the two nights to be there.

Other regional hosts will include Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in Region 1-AAA, Loudon in Region 3-AA and Harriman in Region 2-A.

The top two teams in each region qualify for the sectional round. Sectional winners get a berth in the state.

CATS AND DOGS: Oak Ridge was ranked No. 1 and Bearden No. 2 in the state in Class AAA in The Associated Press' final regular season poll for boys. The Wildcats were 25-2 and the Bulldogs 26-2 heading into their respective districts.

Fulton, which lost a thriller at home to Oak Ridge in a big-time regular season finale, was 22-3 and No. 5 in Class AA. Grace Christian Academy (18-8) was ranked No. 10 in Class A. Webb School (27-5) was No. 5 in Division II.

On the girls' side, the Webb Lady Spartans (24-4) were ranked No. 2 in the state in Division II. Bearden (26-3) got enough votes for No. 7 in Class AAA.

Defending state champion and unbeaten Elizabethton is No. 1 in Class AA. Oliver Springs' Lady Bobcats (23-6) came in No. 9 in Class A.

FOR PETE'S SAKE: This season's Super Bowl was one of the best I've seen over the years, but Pete Carroll's controversial play call in the closing seconds was the worst ever. He gave away a Super Bowl victory.

Second down and just a yard away from the goal line, with New England ahead 28-24, I would have lined up the Seattle offense in a power formation, with quarterback Russell Wilson under center and given the football to running back Marshawn Lynch.

I've heard some people say it would have been a great call if Wilson's pass had been completed for the winning touchdown. But that's not the point. Carroll's call was a much higher-risk play than a running play.

And Malcolm Butler's game-clinching interception for New England brought to light the old saying that three things can happen when you throw the football and two are bad.

The Seahawks still had a timeout too, if Lynch didn't get it in on second down.

Heck, even a Wilson rollout or bootleg would have given the Seahawks a better chance to score or not turn the ball over.

Carroll once was head coach of the Patriots, but his Super Bowl XLIX call was the best he ever made for the Pats.

I'd like to just say the Butler did it, but not this time.



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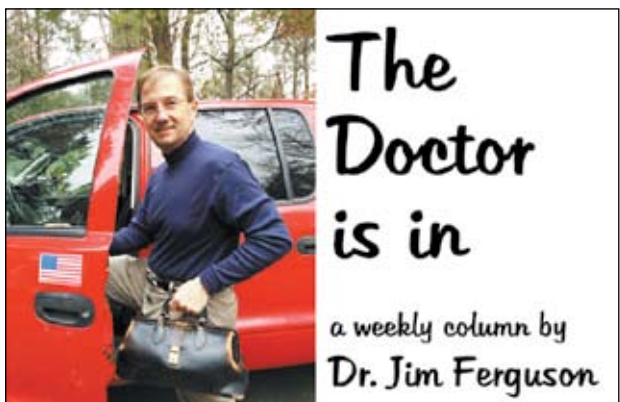
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History

“Religion is the key to history.” Lord Acton (1834-1902)

One of the problems with a weekly periodical like the Focus, is that I'm always behind the latest controversy and news cycle. However, that may be a good thing because my column has to be more reflective rather than a knee-jerk reaction to the latest kerfuffle. And controlling my tongue/pen has its advantages.

I usually write on Wednesday afternoons rather than playing golf, as most people think doctors on Wednesdays. I have a confession regarding this week's essay. I started early because I needed to ventilate after Obama again bashed my religion at the National Prayer Breakfast.

The President makes much of the Christian excesses that occurred during the Crusades of almost a thousand years ago. And at the same

time he feels compelled to repeatedly defend Islam, whose abuses are a current and clear present danger. He even refuses to call the murders in a Paris Kosher Deli on the Jewish Sabbath Islamist terrorism. Even the terrorists said they were looking for Jews to kill, but Obama won't speak the words or tell the truth.

Our president is a politician and perhaps unschooled in history – or chooses to ignore history and reality all together. This is obviously a problem for our nation and the world. The Founders of our country held that the purpose of a liberal education was to make you a better person. So, in this spirit I offer dear leader, and others, a historical perspective and enlightenment.

ISIL refers to the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. The Levant is an area most of us think of as Palestine or ancient Canaan in the

Bible. Around 1350 BC the Hebrews, led by Joshua, crossed the Jordon River and entered the land of the Canaanites. They conquered those diverse people of the Levant region and eventually established the Kingdom of Israel around 1000 BC with leaders such as King David and Solomon.

The northern part of the Kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC and the southern Kingdom of Judah fell to Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC leading to the “Babylonian exile.” Eventually, the Hebrews returned to their ancient homeland, but were conquered by Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC, and again by Pompey and the Romans in 63 BC. The final expulsion of Jews from their homeland came in 70 AD after a series of wars with Rome, and they did not return to Israel and the historical Roman province called Syria Palaestina until 1948.

Though the Romans banned Jews from Judea, an offshoot of Judaism, Christianity, flourished despite extreme persecution. And by the 4th century AD the Emperor Constantine recognized that Christians were better citizens than pagans and he stopped Christian persecution all together. In 380 AD Christianity was made the official religion of the Roman Empire. The

historian Will Durant would later observe that “Christ conquered Caesar.” It just took three hundred years.

In 610 AD Mohammed would have his visions, and his new religion would sweep out of the Arabian Peninsula to conquer the Levant, northern Africa and Spain. In fact Mohammedism crossed the Pyrenees invading the southern part of France, a region called “Province” by the Romans. If it weren't for Charles Martel's victory over Muslims at the battle Tours in 732 AD, we might all be speaking Arabic. Islam retreated to Spain, and was finally driven out of Spain by Ferdinand and Isabella at the end of the 15th century.

Muslim incursions into Eastern Europe continued during the Middle Ages, and Emperor Constantine's City, Constantinople, fell to Islam in 1453. If not for a Venetian fleet's naval victory over an invading Muslim fleet in 1571, and another victory by German and Austrian forces over a Muslim army outside Vienna in 1683, we might yet again be speaking Arabic.

In 1095 Pope Urban II called for a crusade to liberate the Holy Land (Levant) from the Muslim invaders. The Crusaders were successful and held Jerusalem and the surrounding territory for two hundred years, but were eventually over

powered and defeated, returning the Holy Land to Mohammedism.

Yes, excesses have been associated with perversions of Christianity, notably the Inquisition, which was used to rob Jews in Spain of their land and wealth and to enforce orthodoxy (right beliefs). The Inquisition was also used against other Christians in the Counter-Revolution, a response to the Protestant Reformation begun by Martin Luther in 1517. But, to equate the historical and geopolitical misuse of Jesus Christ's message to Islam's warlike fourteen hundred year history is a distortion of truth which many have recently challenged.

I gladly leave this contentious (boring?) subject, having ventilated and done what I could to challenge the latest “big lie.” The Lord through his prophet Micah said we are to “act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.” The Apostle Paul said we are to “speak the truth in love.” And John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, echoed the Hindu philosophy of ahimsa, advised us to do no harm to others.

But what happens when we confront evil such as ISIS/ISIL? Gandhi opposed what he saw as British injustice in India. His passive resistance movement shamed the British and led to India's

freedom. Martin Luther King adopted Gandhi's passive resistance and shamed our nation to end segregation and separate, but equal, Jim Crow laws. I doubt the Judeo-Christian ideals of justice and equality would be respected by ISIS/ISIL, the latest face of radical Mohammedism. I again challenge you to Google Churchill and Mohammedism.

Perhaps the Islamists will carve out their own territory and leave everyone else alone. Obama hopes so. History says differently. Maybe the Islamists will get tired of killing Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and the “bad” Muslims that believe differently than ISIS' leader, al-Baghdadi. After all, the Romans got tired of killing Christians, but this modern incarnation of evil is a different animal.

The notion of a “just war” has been debated by students of the Bible and luminaries like Cicero, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. The rules of war were even formalized by the School of Salamanca – as if rules of warfare are possible. You should read about these issues because apparently, we're going to war again – as if it ever ended.

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

South Knoxville Senior Center Teams Up To Create Healthier Senior Citizens

If you've struggled with your weight, want to come off your meds and feel better, the South Knoxville Senior Center has the program for you!

The South Knoxville Senior Center is partnering with Picture Wellness to create a free community weight loss and diabetes prevention program to help combat chronic health conditions.

CEO Maurice Saliba offers “Simple Wellness Solutions,” a motivational and educational service to help people lose weight and reduce the risk of disease, such as diabetes.

In 2008 and 2009, Saliba helped 600 people

in Bradley County lose more than 10,000 pounds combined through his business, which targets people with “high-risk” health concerns.

“The Knox County Senior Centers are committed to helping seniors lead healthier lives. We are pleased to partner with Picture Wellness to ensure that more seniors have access to a free, top quality wellness program”, said Janet Word, Coordinator at the South Knoxville Senior Center.

The definition of healthy living is often limited to diet and exercise. According to Saliba, it shouldn't stop there. “Being healthy is so much more than just

watching what you eat and exercising,” said Saliba. “We offer a structured program that helps you to form healthier habits and ensures that you maintain your healthy habits long-term.”

There will be multiple programs starting throughout the year. A program consists of four weeks of motivational and educational information. Topics will cover:

- The four pillars: Drinking, eating, exercise and sleep
- Recipes, diet plans and learning the in's and out's of the grocery stores
- Exercise. The

difference between resistance training and cardiovascular

- Diabetes prevention. Q & A regarding the program

Our goal is to help individuals reduce and possibly eliminate medications by changing their lifestyle.

The class will meet every Friday in March at 11:00 a.m. at the South Knoxville Senior Center, 6729 Martel Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920. For more information please call (865)573-5843.



Betty Reeder and Sue Hatfield look over a flier about Simple Wellness Solutions, a program that the South Knoxville Senior Center is helping to sponsor to get more seniors healthy.

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Hereafter

I'm reminded of an older woman whose preacher came to visit her. He told her that at her age she should be thinking about the hereafter. She told him, "Oh, I am, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement. I ask myself, now...what am I here after?"

The older I get, the more I find myself thinking about my eternal home. Perhaps it's because of aches and pains in my physical body as I age. More likely it is the aches and pains of my spiritual body as I look forward to a place where sin and the struggles of this life are no longer present. Keeping our eyes on the heavenly prize that we will be awarded one day can motivate us to live our lives today fully for the praise and glory of God.

My son, Stephen, is about to wrap up his basketball season. For twelve years

I have had the privilege to either coach him from the bench or cheer from the stands as he competes on the hardwood. All of that is about to come to a screeching halt as he graduates from high school this year. This change in life reminds me of the temporal nature of all things. We plan, train, practice, compete, study, earn degrees, begin careers, find life mates, have children, retire, and then die – pretty much in that order for most people. After we are gone, life continues on. While the certain changes in the seasons of life might be depressing to some, it actually is a good thing to consider. Recognizing our mortality should cause us to focus on the life we have today on what is most important. How awful it would be to get to the end of our lives and only discover then what really matters.

With whatever remaining time God gives us to live, we want it to matter. And what should matter more in our lives than loving God and loving others (Matthew 22:37-39)? The greatest legacy we can leave behind as we journey into the hereafter is not how large of a

house we owned or the amount of our 401K. What matters is how we lived by the power of the gospel.

Living out the gospel in our lives creates life and blessings to those our lives intersect with. Relationships are what really count and will continue into our eternal home. I am sometimes asked as a minister if we will know each other in heaven. My response is, "Why wouldn't we?" The people we loved and who loved us on earth will be those we will continue to love and be loved by in heaven. After Jesus' resurrection, which is a foretaste of our future resurrection, He ate, fellowshiped, and spent time with those He loved. Moses, Elijah, and Jesus were together one afternoon when Jesus was transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17).

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. Make sure you are ready for the hereafter. It is coming. Don't be caught off guard. Keep your eyes on the prize and enjoy the journey along the way, for soon we will be home.

VMC Hosts the Seventh Annual Carry the Torch

The Volunteer Ministry Center's Carry the Torch Knoxville 2015 event will feature New York Times best-selling author Sue Monk Kidd. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Knoxville Convention Center. The Honorary Chair of the event is Mayor and City Councilman Dan Brown, who represents the Sixth District on Knoxville's City Council. Brown served as Knoxville's Mayor in 2011.

"VMC is honored and excited to have an author of Kidd's status as the featured speaker at the 2015 Carry the Torch luncheon," said VMC's CEO Beth Ogburn. "From her breakthrough novel, 'The Secret Life of Bees' in 2004 to her latest best-seller, 'The Invention of Wings', Sue's words have touched the hearts of millions of readers for their themes, meanings and inspirations."

In her lectures, Kidd talks about the themes and meanings in her work. She also discusses the inspirations for her stories and characters, the experience of becoming a writer, "Southern-ness" in her literature, and the intersection of writing, creativity and the soul.

"Carry the Torch is one of the most important fundraising events each year for VMC. I encourage all groups and organizations to become part of the Carry the Torch luncheon this year to not only raise funds but also to raise awareness of the many factors surrounding the issue of homelessness," Ogburn added.

Table sponsorships and other sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Mary Beth Ramey at



Sue Monk Kidd

(865)524-3926, x 229 or visit carrythetorchknoxville.com. Donations to the event can be made online at vmcinc.org.

The mission of the Volunteer Ministry Center is to facilitate permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and to provide services to prevent homelessness. Funded by generous donations from the community, VMC programs are based on accountability and include the Bush Family Refuge dedicated to the prevention of homelessness, the Resource Center which uses a case management model to help the homeless into housing, the VMC Dental Clinic, and Minvilla Manor which provides 57 units of permanent supportive housing. To help VMC fulfill its mission, please donate at the link on the website, www.vmcinc.org.

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Pastor Darryll Rasnake

invites you and your family to join the congregation at noon in the Chapel and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

For more information, please call the church office: 690-1060. Website: www.beaverridgeumc.org.

Seymour United Methodist Church

This Wednesday of February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, leading toward Easter. A special worship service will follow the regularly scheduled fellowship meal at 5:15 p.m. Please make

your reservations on Sunday's attendance slips or by noon Tuesdays. Small groups will not meet this particular Wednesday.

On Friday, Feb. 20, the youth that have signed up for the ski trip to Cataloochie, will depart at 3 p.m. and return late that night. Contact Steven Mee for details.

Also, that same Friday, the "Scrapbooking" fellowship group will meet from 6 – 10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Janelle McBride.

This coming Saturday, Feb. 21st, all are invited at 9 a.m. to help with some outside gardening chores around the church, as a part of the "Groundskeepers" fellowship group. Contact is Dave Manners.

Decent usable shoes are being collected by the youth through Feb. 22 for "Soles for Souls" for mission work in Guatemala.

April 18 is set aside for annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show. Contact Bobby Jennings, and a 2nd Springfest is being planned for a date to be announced.

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Rosie's World

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This day is celebrated on February 2nd every year according to folklore. If it is cloudy when the groundhog emerges from its burrow then spring will come early. If it is sunny it will supposedly see its shadow and run back into its burrow and winter weather will persist for six more weeks. According to groundhog day organizers the rodent's forecast is 75-90% correct.

In Punxsutawny, Pennsylvania groundhog lodges celebrate the holiday with social events in which food is served, speeches are made and players perform skits. All this at day-break.

The Pennsylvania German dialect is the only language spoken at the event, and those who speak English have to pay a penalty, usually in the form of nickel, dime, or quarter with the money put in a bowl in the center of the table. Punxsutawny Phil, is the star attraction and already

recognized and received widespread attention as result of the 1993 film, "Groundhog Day."

In Alaska February 2nd is observed as Marmot Day because few groundhogs exist in that state. But I'm positive that the New England states and a lot of northeastern states are woefully aware of Phil's prognosis of seeing his shadow in 2015. As I am writing these words snow flurries are lazily falling down then disappearing. When will it be our turn? I know, many people are secretly glad we're not having to put up with Phil's dire predictions, but, I, for one, would welcome just a little snowfall. Such as the one we had on February 14th--I forget the year.

Why do I like snowstorms? Perhaps because they bring back memories of traipsing through the snow and building snow people. Because life takes such a lazy turn for a few days, everything is quiet and serene as it gently falls to the ground. Gives one time to reflect and get away from the busy chores of the outside world.

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Forecasts abound on the internet.

But, I, Punxsutawny Phil, am still your best bet.

Yes, a shadow I see, you can start to twitter,

Hashtag: six more weeks of winter."

Don't worry! spring will be here before you know it!

Thought for the day: You know

to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans.

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

The 'Looking Back' Project Continues at Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event

The Tennessee State Library and Archives continues the successful "Looking Back" project during the 2015 Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event at the East Tennessee Historical Society, 601 S. Gay St. in Knoxville, Tenn.

As part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, a team of professional archivists, curators and conservators from the Tennessee State Library and Archives will be on-hand 2-6 p.m. EST April 30 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST May 1 to digitize privately-owned Civil War manuscripts, artifacts, and photographs from Tennessee citizens and visitors free of charge.

"The interaction with people who bring in their items is just fantastic, enabling us to image thousands of privately-held documents, photos and artifacts and share them with a wider public," said Dr. Wayne Moore, assistant state archivist.

The goal of the "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee" project is to digitize records and artifacts from all 95 counties in Tennessee and promote public interest in

Tennessee's Civil War history. The files are maintained by TSLA and will become part of a virtual archive to be used by the general public as well as K-12 teachers and students.

Many of the digital records are featured in an online exhibit titled, "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee <http://tn.gov/tsla/cwtn/>." Those interested in participating should refer to the schedule www.tn.gov/tsla/cwtn and call 615-253-3470 or email civilwar.tsla@tn.gov to make a reservation.

More than 6,000 people from around the world are expected to attend the four-day events surrounding the 2015 Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event, "Reconstruction Tennessee," April 30-May 1 in Knoxville.

The signature event is jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, Tennessee Historical Society, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Knox County Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, East Tennessee Historical Society, and Visit Knoxville.

Veterans look at Agent Orange

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville will be the site of a seven state conference from March 26th through the 29th as some 300 veterans from Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia assemble at the Hilton Hotel.

The George C. Duggins Regional III Conference, sponsored by the Tennessee State Council of the Vietnam of America, will focus on Agent Orange and linked diseases affecting veterans, their children and grandchildren in a continuing battle and the continuing battle against Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD and the increasing number of veteran suicide.

Barry Rice, President of the Tennessee State Council, will speak along with Rich Gill, President of the Knoxville Vietnam Veterans Chapter, along with both county and city mayors, Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs, and Sara McVicker, regional Veterans Affairs director, and Vietnam Veterans of America president John Rowan.

Honored during the conference will be actress and activist for Vietnam Veterans Jennifer O'Neill.

"Opportunities are still available for Knoxville businesses and organizations to contribute and have their support for all veterans to be proudly displayed," says Rice.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halls Business and Professionals Meeting

The February membership meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at noon at Beaver Brook Country Club. The February program is a "Salute to Scouting." The program will present highlights of the Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations. The Girl Scout presentation will be made by Bradi Sewell, Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians, Resource Development Coordinator; and the Boy Scout presentation by Casey Norwood, Great Smoky Mountain Council, BSA, Director of Field Operations. Lunch is \$10.00, payable at the door.

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, March 5, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Halls Breakfast Club at Tennova Fitness Center
Tuesday, March 17, noon - HBPA Monthly Membership Meeting at Beaver Brook Country Club
Good Friday, April 3, 7:30 a.m., HBPA Annual Prayer Breakfast at Beaver Dam Baptist Church (Ticket Required)

Knox County Republican Party Meeting

The Knox County Republican Party will be having their biannual reorganizational meetings. These meetings will be at their polling precincts on February 26, 2015 (unless otherwise scheduled by the precinct chairman). If you would like to be a delegate, be there by 7:00 p.m.

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee will meet on Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30 a.m. in Oak Ridge at Kern United Methodist Church in their Family Life Center, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave.

The guest speaker for this month is Kelly Frere, Elder Law Lawyer. She will be speaking about Elder Law and Miller Trust and Making Payments on Long Term Care. A light lunch will be provided by our friends from East Tennessee Personal Care.

For more information please contact Karen Sampsell at (865) 482-4867 or email: pk_hopeisalive@bellsouth.net. See our web page: www.pkhopeisalive.org.

Powell Republican Club Meeting

The Powell Republican Club will meet Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Shoney's on Emory Road and I-75. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with Knox County Trustee Ed Shouse speaking.

Williams Creek-Five Points meet and greet

A meet and greet gathering for a new neighborhood organization, the Williams Creek-Five Points Neighborhood Association, is being planned for Thursday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m. The new association will meet at the Alliance House of Knoxville at 3020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue. Breaunah Holloway invites residents of the neighborhood to attend.

East Tennessee Endangered Heritage Nominations Sought

The East Tennessee Preservation Alliance (ETPA) is now accepting nominations for the East Tennessee Endangered 8, a listing of the eight most threatened historic sites in our region. The goal of the list is to educate property owners, the general public and local leaders about the plight and value of these significant historic resources. Nominations are due by March 2, 2015 and the selected Endangered 8 will be announced on April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Historic Westwood in Knoxville. Nomination forms are available online at www.knoxheritage.org/ETPA.

Each year the East Tennessee

Preservation Alliance presents a list of endangered heritage sites in our region. For 2015, the list will be limited to eight properties in order to ensure proper focus on finding successful solutions for their preservation. Preservation strategies will be developed for each property included on the list. Such strategies may include working with current property owners, prospective new owners, government officials, citizens, local historic organizations and businesses to find the preservation solutions needed.

The April 17 announcement will mark the sixth year for highlighting

endangered historic places selected by the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance from nominations received from both ETPA board members and the general public. In 2014, the Alexander Inn/Guest House in Oak Ridge was removed from the endangered list following the launch of a successful redevelopment effort scheduled to be completed in spring 2015. All nominations for the Endangered 8 should be coordinated with an ETPA board member representing the county of the nominated site. To find a board representative in your area, please contact the ETPA office at (865)685-5958.



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Additional grated lime peel, if desired
Lime slices, if desired

In medium bowl, mix strawberries and 2 tablespoons of the powdered sugar.

In small bowl, mix cheesecake filling, 1 teaspoon grated lime peel, the lime juice and remaining 2 tablespoons powdered sugar.

Spoon cheesecake mixture into 6 (6-oz) glasses or ramekins. Sprinkle with crumbled cookies. Top with strawberries. Garnish with whipped cream, additional lime peel and lime slices. Serve immediately.

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Mary Ruth Hall Grimes
DOCKET NUMBER 75917-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **3rd day of February, 2015**, letters administration in respect of the **Estate of Mary Ruth Hall Grimes** who died Dec 12, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the **3 day of February, 2015**

Estate of Mary Ruth Hall Grimes

Personal Representative(s):

Ira Grimes, Sr.; Administrator, 1316 Iroquois Street, Knoxville, TN 37915

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
H Gerald Ballard
DOCKET NUMBER 75867-2

Notice is hereby given that on the **26th day of January, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of H Gerald Ballard** who died Jan 4, 2015 , were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **26 day of January, 2015**

Estate of H Gerald Ballard

Personal Representative(s):

Donald Eugene Rackard; Executor, C/O R Deno Cole, P.O. Box 57, Knoxville, TN 37901

Deno Cole; Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 57, Knoxville, TN 37901

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Michael Wayne King
DOCKET NUMBER 75916-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **3rd day of February, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Michael Wayne King** who died Nov 7, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **3 day of February, 2015**

Estate of Michael Wayne King

Personal Representative(s):

Bonnie King Long; Co-Executrix, 519 Miller Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920

Carolyn King Neubert; Co-Executrix, 513 Miller Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Mary Bunch Miracle
DOCKET NUMBER 75914-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **3rd day of February, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Mary Bunch Miracle** who died Dec 2, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **3 day of February, 2015**

Estate of Mary Bunch Miracle

Personal Representative(s):

Mary Dixon; Executrix, 223 County Road 282, Niota, TN 37826

Michael L. DeBusk; Attorney At Law, 5344 N. Broadway, Suite 101, Knoxville, TN 37918

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
David S. Smith
DOCKET NUMBER 75913-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **2nd day of February, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of David S. Smith** who died Dec 23, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **2 day of February, 2015**

Estate of David S. Smith

Personal Representative(s):

Mary A. Smith; Executrix, 1804 Stone Harbor Way, Knoxville, TN 37922

Lauren S. Brown; Attorney At Law, 110 Cogdill Road, Knoxville, TN 37922

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Sarah C. Henderson
DOCKET NUMBER 75911-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **2nd day of February, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Sarah C. Henderson** who died Dec 7, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **2 day of February, 2015**

Estate of Sarah C. Henderson

Personal Representative(s):

James D. Henderson; Co-Executor, 2200 Bainbridge Way, Powell, TN 37849

Cheryl H. Hale; Co-Executor, 4112 Schaad Rd, Knoxville, TN 37921

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Gertrude Foust
DOCKET NUMBER 75793-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **29th day of January, 2015**, letters administration in respect of the **Estate of Gertrude Foust** who died Dec 2, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **29 day of January, 2015**

Estate of Gertrude Foust

Personal Representative(s):

Linda Ridgway; Administratrix, 8542 Foust Dr, Knoxville, TN 37924

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
David Allan Ballinger
DOCKET NUMBER 75901-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **29th day of January, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of David Allan Ballinger** who died Sept 15, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **29 day of January, 2015**

Estate of David Allan Ballinger

Personal Representative(s):

Daiesha Ballinger; Executrix, 5800 Wilkerson Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Edith P. Justice
DOCKET NUMBER 75888-2

Notice is hereby given that on the **27th day of January, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Edith P. Justice** who died Jan 12, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **27 day of January, 2015**

Estate of Edith P. Justice

Personal Representative(s):

Sheila G. Swann; Executrix, 820 Colonial Estates Way, Knoxville, TN 37920

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Michael Cavin Rush
DOCKET NUMBER 75891-2

Notice is hereby given that on the **28th day of January, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Michael Cavin Rush** who died Nov 15, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the **28 day of January, 2015**

Estate of Michael Cavin Rush

Personal Representative(s):

Laura L Rush; Executrix, 444 River Plantation Rd, Crawfordville, FL, 33327

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

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Gladys M. Paul
DOCKET NUMBER 75905-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **30th day of January, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Gladys M. Paul** who died Nov 20, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the **30 day of January, 2015**

Estate of Gladys M. Paul

Personal Representative(s):

Larry W. Hughes; Executor, 4103 Raven Rd, Knoxville, TN 37918

Robin M. McNabb; Attorney At Law, 625 S. Gay Street, Suite 160, Knoxville, TN 37902

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2006, executed by GUISTINO DE CELESTINO AND SHERRY L. DE CELESTINO, conveying certain real property therein described to SOUTHEAST TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 9, 2006, at Instrument Number 200605090093957 and re-recorded May 19, 2006 at Instrument Number 200605190097082; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC2, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, 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 NO. EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 31, SPRINGPLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 37-S, PAGE 19, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF HUBERT BODENHEIMER, SURVEYOR, TENNESSEE LICENSE NO.1003, OF ACUFF AND COLLIGNON & ASSOCIATES, 311 LYNN DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 37918, DATED APRIL 23, 1993. Parcel ID: 0600A-021 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5409 SPRINGPLACE CIRCLE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): GUISTINO DE CELESTINO AND SHERRY L. DE CELESTINO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF HSBC CARD SERV (III) INC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., LAKEWOOD CAPITAL, LLC ASSIGNEE OF CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A., PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC ASSIGNEE OF CAPITAL ONE BANK, N.A., GAULT FINANCIAL, LLC ASSIGNEE OF CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A. The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 5, 2008, executed by SABRINA NIKOL RICHARDSON AND FREDRICK KEVIN RICHARDSON, conveying certain real property therein described to KAREN REALE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 9, 2008, at Instrument Number 200809090017262 (modified at Instrument Number 201304180068341); and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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 19, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING LOT 5, OF THOMPSON PLACE, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET O, SLIDE 308C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF CENTURY SURVEYING, JAMES LOVEDAY, RLS # 1982, DATED OCTOBER 26, 2000, JOB NO. 00383. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL ZONING REGULATIONS, BUILDING RESTRICTIONS AND SETBACK LINES, IF ANY, EASEMENTS AD RIGHTS OF WAY FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MAD SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, 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: 118FD-005 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1118 MORTONS MEADOW ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37932**. 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): SABRINA NIKOL RICHARDSON AND FREDRICK KEVIN RICHARDSON OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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, 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 of 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.

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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, 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 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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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 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, 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 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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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Anne Rosemary Strader and Jerry Strader executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for IServe Residential Lending, LLC, Lender and Crump, Richardson, & Young LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated September 26, 2011 and recorded on October 7, 2011 in Instrument No. 201110070019170, 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 19, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

A certain piece or parcel of land in the Second Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being all of Lot 15 in Fretz' First Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee as shown by map of said addition, which is of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee in Map Book 7, Page 60, to which specific reference is hereby made. Said property lies on the northern side of Cecil Avenue, fronts 50 feet thereon, and extends back in a northerly direction between parallel lines 140 feet to the southern line of an alley. Said premises are improved with a dwelling house which is known and designated as #627 Cecil Avenue. Being the same property conveyed to A.B. Baughman (et ux Neva Marie Baughman) by Joseph Marland et ux by deed dated February 3, 1947, which is of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee in Deed Book 733 Page 455. See also Deed Book 661, Page 363 and Will Book 17, Page 47 in the Office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Rosemary B. Strader from Rosemary B. Strader, Executrix of the Estate of Neva Marie Baughman, dated 10/27/92, recorded in Book 2087, Page 374, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Subject to such limitations, restrictions and encumbrances as may affect the premises.

Subject to any applicable governmental zoning ordinances or subdivision regulations in effect thereon.

Parcel ID Number: 082HB037

Address/Description: **1927 Cecil Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.**

Current Owner(s): Anne Rosemary Strader and husband, Jerry Strader.

Other Interested Party(ies): Branch Banking and Trust Company.

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 TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Coralee M. Smith, a/k/a Coralee Smith

Rodney L. Smith

Ricky L. Smith

Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Coralee M. Smith, a/k/a Coralee Smith, a Single Person, dated December 8, 2010, and recorded as Instrument No. 201012170037479, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about **11:00 o'clock A. M. on MARCH 17, 2015**, at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 18th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being designated as Lot 10 and Part of Lot 11, Block 18, Edgewood Land and Improvement Company's Fourth Addition, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet A, Slide 266-B, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Said lot and portion of lot lying adjacent, forming one boundary, having a combined frontage of 75 feet on the Southeast side of Chickamauga Avenue, and described as BEGINNING at an iron pin in the Southeast line of Chickamauga Avenue, distant in a Southwesterly direction, 400 feet from the point of intersection of Chickamauga Avenue with Oswald Street, and marking common corner of Lots 9 and 10; thence South 12 deg. 30 min. East with the dividing line between Lots 9 and 10, 162 feet to an iron pin in the Northwest line of an alley; thence with said alley, South 77 deg. 30 min. West 75 feet to an iron pin; thence North 12 deg. 30 min. West 162 feet to an iron pin in the Southeast line of Chickamauga Avenue; thence with Chickamauga Avenue, North 77 deg. 30 min. East 75 feet to the point of BEGINNING, as shown by survey of Batson & Himes, dated January 27, 1971.

BEING the same property conveyed to Curtis Franklin Smith and wife, Coralee M. Smith, by Ruth H. Hayes, Widow, by Warranty Deed, dated February 9, 1971, and recorded February 10, 1971, in Deed Book 1446, page 757, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being the same property passing to Coralee M. Smith, as the surviving tenant by the entirety of Curtis Franklin Smith, who died October 18, 2004. Reference is made to Affidavit recorded as Instrument No 201012170037478, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Coralee Smith, a/k/a Coralee Milligan Smith, died intestate in Knox County, Tennessee, on February 11, 2014, leaving as her only children and surviving heirs, two (2) sons - Rodney L. Smith and Ricky E. Smith. Estate probated in the Probate Division of the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Estate File No. 74830-3.

THIS conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building set-back lines, all existing easements and to all conditions shown on the recorded map.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **928 Chickamauga Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917**; Control No. 081CF-005, 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 herein shall control.

In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply, or re-advertise and sell at a second sale.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set forth above.

Said sale will be made subject to superior unpaid liens, claims and taxes, and to rights of tenants in possession, if any.

Said sale will further be made subject to the, "Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009."

Said sale is being made upon the request of Home Federal Bank of Tennessee, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Trust Deed due to the failure of said makers to comply with all provisions of said Trust Deed.

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

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE
M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Insertion Dates: 02-16, 02-23, 03-02-15

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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, 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 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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SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by certain Deed of Trusts executed October 13, 2004 and October 12, 2009 by Mark L. Rice and wife, Karen O. Rice to Thomas R. Underwood, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the office of the Register of Knox County, Tennessee, in Register's Instrument No. 200410180032252 and 200910190027460, in the said Register's Office, and the undersigned having been appointed Successor Trustee by instrument recorded in Register's Instrument No. 201501090036853 for the enforcement of the provisions of the Deed of Trust recorded at 200410180032252 and acting as the authorized agent for the enforcement of the provisions of the Deed of Trust recorded at 200910190027460, 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 , **March 4, 2014 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 Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 29th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 40, in View Park Subdivision, Unit 1, as shown on the map of the same recorded in Map Book 24, page 137 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Said premises are improved with dwelling designated as 509 Panorama Drive, Knoxville, TN 37920. This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map. 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 Successor Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: Mark L. Rice, Karen O. Rice, Knox County, Knoxville City. 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 Successor 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 Successor Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose.

Jedidiah C. McKeethan

Successor Trustee

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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 December 13, 2006, executed by KIMBERLY R. SHEHAN AND MICHAEL P. SHEHAN, conveying certain real property therein described to KNOXVILLE TITLE AGENCY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 20, 2006, at Instrument Number 200612200051389; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, in trust for registered holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF2 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 19, 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. TWO (2) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FOURTH AVENUE IN FOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE, AND UNINCORPORATED SUBURB OF KNOXVILLE, AND BEING ALL OF LOTS EIGHTEEN (18), NINETEEN (19), TWENTY (20) AND TWENTY-ONE (21), IN BLOCK THIRTY-EIGHT (38) OF FOUNTAIN CITY; EACH OF SAID LOTS FRONT FIFTY FEET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FOURTH AVENUE AND EXTEND BACK THEREFROM IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 145 FEET TO AN ALLEY. SEE PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 299D, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION BEING THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN OBTAINED AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ALL CONDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP AND IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 299D, IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE. Parcel ID: 058FG-045 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **517 BALSAM DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): KIMBERLY R. SHEHAN AND MICHAEL P. SHEHAN OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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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NOTICE OF
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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2009, executed by TERRI LYN NOLAN, conveying certain real property therein described to ASPEN TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 200908110011633, as modified by Loan Modification Agreement at instrument number 201308120010482; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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 North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATE IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND BEING ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK E, OF CONCORD HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET E, SLIDE 187A (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 63-S, PAGE 12) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. SAID PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH DWELLING DESIGNATED 10725 FARRAGUT HILLS BOULEVARD. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS, AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 1582, PAGE 1010, MAP CABINET E, SLIDE 187-A AND IN INSTRUMENT NO. 199908260016479 AND 200001140003139, KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE. Parcel ID: 1430A-002 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **10725 FARRAGUT HILLS BLVD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934**. 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): TERRI LYN NOLAN OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: BAPTIST HOSPITAL-WEST 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, 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 of 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.

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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 7, 2005, executed by STEVEN S. JONES AND TAMMY WORLEY JONES, conveying certain real property therein described to BRIAN K. WARREN, EXECUTIVE REAL ESTATE TITLE INS.-10544-1, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 14, 2005, at Instrument Number 200507140004556; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-BC5 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 19, 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 THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 36TH WARD OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS TWO (2) AND THREE (3), BLOCK 32, FOUNTAIN CITY ADDITION, ALSO KNOWN AS FOUNTAIN CITY COMPANY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET A, SLIDE 299D (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 9, PAGE 73), REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF, SAID LOTS HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 100 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FENWOOD DRIVE, FORMERLY SIXTH AVENUE, AND EXTENDING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 140 FEET TO AN ALLEY. Parcel ID: 058FF-055 & 058FF-056 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2606 FENWOOD DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): STEVEN S. JONES AND TAMMY WORLEY JONES OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. 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 March 8, 2006, executed by WALTER R. DIRL AND CYNTHIA YVONNE MANNING, conveying certain real property therein described to MID-SOUTH TITLE CORPORATION, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 10, 2006, at Instrument Number 200603100075552; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to 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-BC4 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 NUMBER SEVEN OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS 72, SUMMER ROSE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 8, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200408180014930, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. Parcel ID: 049KF-081 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5009 IVY ROSE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): WALTER R. DIRL AND CYNTHIA YVONNE MANNING OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., d/b/a America's Servicing Company 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 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2004, executed by MATT DOSDALL AND BRANDI DOSDALL, conveying certain real property therein described to LOUIS HOFFERBERT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 22, 2004, at Instrument Number 200410220034088; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-4 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 THE EIGHTH (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 7, BLOCK E, BROOKFIELD ACRES, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 43-S, PAGE 52 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH, SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 21, 1997, BEARING WORK ORDER #97-05-24. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SET-BACK LINES AND ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD. Parcel ID: 030P-A-029 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6528 SPRINGVIEW DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): MATT DOSDALL AND BRANDI DOSDALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 29, 2010, executed by TIMOTHY A. GROVES, JR. AND RAINA GROVES, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 14, 2010, at Instrument Number 201010140023470; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **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: LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 14, PINE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET K, SLIDE 251-C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. Parcel ID: 144KA-014 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1344 PINE SPRINGS RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922**. 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): TIMOTHY A. GROVES, JR. AND RAINA GROVES OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: PINE SPRINGS II HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 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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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Unknown Heirs of Lillie Mae Smith
IN RE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage
Company vs Unknown Heirs of Lillie Mae Smith

NO. 188487-2

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Unknown Heirs of Lillie Mae Smith, 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 Unknown Heirs of Lillie Mae Smith, it is ordered that said defendant Unknown Heirs of Lillie Mae Smith file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Maria N. Yoder an, Attorney whose address is 1521 Merrill Drive, Suite D220, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of January, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Amber Douglas

vs.

Billy Douglas

Docket # 133197

In the Fourth Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Billy Douglas is 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 Billy Douglas.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by Amber Douglas, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Jeremy Yuill, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P.O. Box 541, Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.
THIS THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

s/s Mike Hammond

MIKE HAMMOND
Clerk

s/s Theresa Sibley

THERESA SIBLEY
Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Sam's Automotive. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and consent to dispose of said vehicle at public auction on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917

2002 Kawasaki Vulcan
JKBVNAP192A002442

1998 Nissan 200 VIN-
1N4AB42D1WC503409

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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 GREGORY

DeVAUGHN, LULA DOGAN McKEE AND
JESSIE DOGAN, AND HEIRS AND ANY
KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALBERT

DOGAN,
DEFENDANTS

LOCATION: Situate in District Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee and being an improved 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 incorporated 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 incorporated 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 entrance 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 balance 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 Master 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:
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HOWARD G. HOGAN,
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