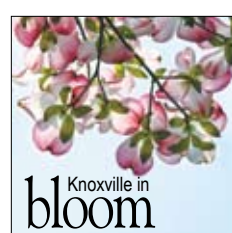




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Hotline bids may be rejected

By Mike Steely
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The two bids to manage Knox County's Fraud Hotline may be rejected by the county Audit Committee as one of the bids is about \$50,000 above the current contract and the other doesn't offer internet reporting.

The current contract with Global Compliance expires in July. Global Compliance has not offered a bid to renew its service. At one point the Audit Committee moved to reject both bids outright in last Monday's meeting, but then decided to wait until the Purchasing Department could review the bids and contact the companies. The hope is that Global Compliance may come back and bid.

When the purchasing unit completes the review, the Audit Committee will hold a special called meeting to decide what to do. If both bidders are rejected, Mike Reeve, the county's Purchasing Officer, said there would be enough time to issue a request for new bids before the new fiscal year begins in July.

The committee also learned that the Purchasing Office has expanded awareness of the Fraud Hotline system with a mass email to all county employees and by sending out posters to county offices and schools.

Chris Caldwell, Finance Director, told the meeting that he has been working with Knox County Schools and is implementing a travel policy the county uses for the school system as well. When questioned by Commissioner Dave Wright, Caldwell explained the school system had a different travel policy.

"We sat down with them," he said, adding that the school administration "really liked" the county policy.

Wright complimented the finance department and the school system for "saving us some money."

Caldwell also told the audit committee that the county may have a budget surplus by the end of the fiscal year thanks to increased tax collection, the hotel-motel tax, and sales tax revenue. He said the two weeks of ice and snow will cut back on revenue for February but forecasts a coming surplus.

Mike Hammond, Knox County Clerk of Courts, and Amy Deering, Courts Financial Officer, reported that a meeting with the state to discuss distribution of some \$2.5 million in undistributed funds has yet to be reset due to a meeting cancelled because of bad weather.

Deering said that no funds are currently going into that account and all money being collected is being distributed to the appropriate county or state agency. She said the old account is frozen.

External Auditor Larry Elmore, with Pugh Accounting, suggested that Deering and the courts' staff now look into the "old" account and see who still owes fines. Deering said they were in the process of doing so.

Bob Thomas, the schools system's Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, told the committee that the system has hired Robbin Lane as Business Manager. She was formerly with Title One and Cumulus Broadcasting. Committee Chairman Joe Carcello asked Thomas

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Inky Johnson launches a bean bag at his team's cornhole board in a match against Ted Hall's team at last Friday's Game on Against Cancer benefit.

Game On Against Cancer

By Garrett Strand

The fourth annual "Game On Against Cancer" benefit was held Friday at Games & Things with all the money raised going to the Thompson Cancer Survival Center. The event featured games, food, music, a silent auction and a big screen theater room to watch the Lady Vols game being broadcast live. The charity featured local celebrity appearances from all three local news stations, a wide variety of radio personalities, music personalities, and sports legends.

During the event, the celebrities challenged guests to take part in many different types of games. Some of the games played were darts, cornhole, billiards, shuffleboard, ping pong and card games.

For those in attendance, this charity allows the community to see the fun and competitive side of local radio hosts, TV hosts, and local celebrities.

One of the many interesting battles that took place on the cornhole boards was between the teams of Inky Johnson and Ted Hall. This battle came all the way down to the wire as both teams made very impressive shots. Inky Johnson was on fire from start to finish as every bean bag he tossed landed on the board and propelled his team to victory. When I asked Inky if he plays Cornhole a lot, he said, "I will start playing more often now."

As the event was ending, Inky stressed how great an impact this event means

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Interviews set for BZA Seat

By Mike Steely
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A second meeting to interview candidates for Knox County's 5th District seat on the Board of Zoning and Appeals Board will be held Thursday, March 12th at the Farragut Town Hall's Conference Room.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker, who held the seat until chosen by the commission to replace Richard Briggs, will interview those interested in the seat. Schoonmaker had served as chairman of the board and that leadership position went to Markus Chady, the 2nd District board member.

The meeting will be held from 5 until 6:30 p.m., and candidates must be willing to serve at least 4 hours per month in meetings at the City-County Building downtown. The term runs until September, 2016. While Schoonmaker's choice will probably be approved by the county commission, other names can be introduced. The position appears on the commission's schedule for the work session on March 16 and the regular commission meeting March 23.

Anyone interested in the position should contact the commission office at (865)215-2534. At last count, two people had applied.

Marc Tucker Lectures TN Lawmakers

By Sally Absher
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Last year Christel Lane Swasey, writing at whatiscommoncore.wordpress.com, did a series on the Top Ten Scariest People in Education Reform. Marc Tucker weighed in at #3.

Who is Marc Tucker? Well for starters, he is known as the "architect of Common Core." And last month, Rep. Harry Brooks invited him to speak to a joint meeting of House Education Committees. Could Harry be worried about the growing push-back against Common Core?

Tucker's testimony to the House Education Committee was hardly his first. He has spoken at countless education conferences, including the Annenberg Institute, the Public Education and Business Coalition, Kentucky's Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, the Aspen Institute, numerous colleges and universities, and has testified to other state legislatures.

First a little background. Marc Tucker has worked for decades to "strengthen the role of the state education agencies in education governance at the expense of local control." He has also worked to alter the actual quality of U.S. education, by insisting kids don't need more than Algebra I to be "college and career ready," for example.

Tucker is the president of the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE). The main funder of Common Core, Bill Gates has paid millions to NCEE to promote these ideas.

Tucker is probably best known for his

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Kindergartners Cloe, Bailey, Harlow and Presley of Daisy Troop 20366 had fun recently during the Girl Scout Cookie Sale and decorated or "blinged" their booth. They are hoping you'll go online and help them become one of only six troops in the nation to win \$500 for their efforts. (Photo courtesy of Jessi Stewart)

Bling Your Booth wants your vote

By Mike Steely
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Girl Scout Cookies may have been the most missed delight during the recent ice and snow storm, but when the cookies arrived, the Daisy Troop in Powell got out and started selling. The little troop sold all the cookies in their special "Blinged" booth at West Town Mall and then at Food City in Powell.

Jessie Stewart has a daughter in the Kindergarten-age troop. She's one of four girls who crewed the booth and her mom says they all had a really good time.

"We sold all our cookies at West Town but another troop was good enough to let us have cookies for the sale at Food City," Stewart said.

Now the girls are hoping that cookie lovers and troop supporters will help them win \$500 from the National Girl Scouts by voting for their booth online.

"It's a Girl Scout world-wide contest," Stewart told The Knoxville Focus, explaining that a person can go online and on Facebook and vote once an hour.

"This is the first year for the troop and I know they had lots of fun and sold all the cookies," she said. You can vote at <http://bit.ly/1AGvgqX> or go through Jessi Stewart's Facebook Page and click on the photo, it takes you to that site. You may need to type in "Powell, TN" or "Rebecca, Powell, TN." Stewart's Facebook page is under "Jessie Sellers Stewart."

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Focus on the Law

Habeas Corpus

The Latin phrase "habeas corpus" roughly translates "you shall have the body." The phrase is tossed around on television in news-magazines, legal reality shows



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

deal with the Ku Klux Klan, in the Philippines in 1905 to handle a local revolt and in Hawaii during World War II.

The habeas petition is a civil action brought by the person

being detained or imprisoned against the State agent holding that person in custody. Habeas corpus is mainly used by state or federal prisoners after they have been convicted to challenge the legality of the application of laws leading to their detention. "Other uses of habeas corpus include immigration or deportation cases and matters concerning military detentions, court proceedings before military commissions, and convictions in military court." https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/habeas_corpus

Federal statutes provide specific authority to federal courts to grant habeas corpus relief to federal prisoners. Before requesting federal habeas corpus review the petitioner must be in custody when the petition is filed and a prisoner held in state government custody must have exhausted all state remedies, including state appellate review. Decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court have reaffirmed that the federal courts have authority to grant habeas corpus relief to state prisoners. State courts do not have this authority over federal prisoners but they, of course, have habeas corpus authority over state prisoners. Section 29-21-101 of the Tennessee Code Annotated enumerates the grounds "any person imprisoned or restrained of liberty, under any pretense whatsoever" may seek a writ of habeas corpus. It is worth noting that this section limits the right to habeas corpus relief in certain circumstances where a guilty plea was entered.

The need for habeas corpus was understood to be so important and so fundamental that it is addressed in Article I, Section 9, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution. "The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the Public Safety may require it." President Lincoln, with the approval of Congress, suspended the writ of habeas corpus during the Civil War. Congress has suspended it in South Carolina in 1871 to

Last week's Board of Education meetings brought a bit of good news for teachers,



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staff, and advocates of strong public schools in Knox County. For KCS teachers and classified staff,

the Board unanimously approved the first reading of Board Policy GBRHB, Sick Leave; and Policy GCRG, Leaves and Absences of Classified Personnel.

Policy GBRHB adds the two days of bereavement leave approved under the KCEA-negotiated Memorandum of Understanding, and brings the BOE leave policy in line with industry standards. Previously, KCS employees had to use sick leave when a loved one died.

Policy GGCRG extends bereavement leave to classified employees (non-teachers), as suggested by Amber Rountree during January's mid-month meeting.

In support of strong public schools, Rountree proposed renewing the KCS Board Resolution opposing Vouchers. As the legislative session heats up in Nashville, there is concern that a Voucher Bill could pass, robbing public schools of tax dollars and redistributing them to private schools. Karen Carson suggested making the resolution more specific by listing specific examples, and proposed the following language:

"Whereas proponents argue that vouchers give students a choice in education but fail to realize that Knox County School affords many excellent choices for all students including magnet programs at the elementary, middle and high school level; STEM programs at each level, a Career Technical high school, an International Baccalaureate high school, and the Paul Kelly Volunteer Academy in the Mall with alternative hours. Each of these schools is open to all students throughout the County. The Knox County Schools also has a successful Community Schools Program. Per the liberal transfer policy of the Board of Education, students may also attend other traditional public schools within the district; and..."



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Brenda Owensby speaks during Public Forum at last week's Knox County Board of Education meeting.

The resolution was approved 8 to 1. Doug Harris was the lone "no" vote. Harris is a well-known proponent for the Chamber of Commerce and School Reform crowd, and their misguided belief that the problem is "failing schools" and "bad teachers." This ignores the real problems, which include poverty and lack of parental involvement and support. Taking public dollars away from public schools does absolutely nothing to fix these problems; it just destroys the community neighborhood school.

Dr. McIntyre asked the board to consider an Inclement Weather Contingency Plan. With just one "snow day" remaining and another 1-3" of snow and ice in the forecast, he asked the Board to grant him the authority to convert March 13, a scheduled student holiday/in-service day, to a regular school day IF NEEDED. He said TN DOE Commissioner Candice McQueen indicated she may issue "waivers" for schools exceeding their inclement weather days, but did not know how quickly, or even if, KCS would be granted a waiver. The Board approved the contingency plan.

Monday's work session meeting had a few other interesting items of note including discussions on standardized test procedures and the teacher survey.

Rountree explained that while she understands that there is no "opt out" for Tennessee or even at the federal level, there are parents who want to "refuse the test." She said that there was not a consistent policy for the recent TCAP writing assessment; some parents were told they had

to keep their child home all day, others were told they could return to school after lunch, and some were told their child could be present but had to remain in the classroom during the testing, and not even read a book.

Lauri Driver, KCS Supervisor of Assessment, said, "We don't allow books in the testing environment because we don't want to have children to have an incentive to hurry through the test so they can read their Harry Potter book." She said she has been doing this for 12 years, and last year was the first time she saw students refuse the test.

Lynne Fugate reminded the board that the BOE implements state policy and cautioned against making a policy in opposition to state policy.

Rountree said she simply wanted to see consistent guidance. She asked how a child refusing the test affects a teacher's individual TVAAS score; since that is something the teacher has no control over. Driver said that last year, students who refused the TCAP were not included in the TVAAS score, so it did not have a negative impact on the teacher.

Carson said "The foundational question is, why is there such an increase in people thinking they want to opt out?" She challenged Rountree's statement that teachers had no control over students wanting to opt out of standardized tests.

Gloria Deathridge said that in schools in her district, teachers and principals sat down with parents and "handled it in the building." She said, "We need to squash it at the lowest level before it gets big...and it

may not blow up."

Where have these BOE members been? This is a huge, growing, national movement. It started last year in New York, which piloted the high-stakes common core standardized test. Over 80% of the students in some New York schools refused the test. It is happening right now across the nation from Florida to Oregon as high stakes common core testing is underway. The horse is already out of the barn.

Rountree also stressed the importance of repeating the same paper and pencil Teacher Survey that was given last year so a direct comparison could be made. Although Tracie Sanger, Fugate and especially Carson expressed concerns about the time and effort required for a paper survey and suggested using an online survey, Dr. McIntyre agreed that it would be useful to do the paper and pencil survey again this year. He said the survey should have basically the same questions as last year.

Speaking in public forum, Brenda Owensby presented innovative ways to improve the paper and pencil survey. She said KCS could use a "bubble sheet" for teachers to mark their responses, to facilitate electronic scoring. Or set up "dummy accounts" so teachers can type in comments, eliminating the need for handwritten notes to be keyed in later. Both of these suggestions protect anonymity of the respondent, which is a major concern of any online survey. And she suggested adding a column where teachers could indicate if their perception was "better," "the same" or "worse" than last year.

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Publisher's Positions

The Next Big Thing: The Balanced School Calendar



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One of the hallmarks of Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre's regime is there's always the "next big thing" right around the corner. Unfortunately, the panacea never really seems to deliver the promised results.

McIntyre's current "next big thing" is the implementation of the "Balanced Calendar". In the charts accompanying this week's editorial, you can see the difference in the traditional school schedule versus that of the balanced calendar.

McIntyre argues by going to the balanced calendar, students will retain more of what they are taught. The balanced calendar is supposed to stop the "summer slide" of knowledge draining out of kids' heads.

There is no hard proof the balanced calendar is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In fact, in many instances it's proven to be something of a very mixed bag. Some school systems that adopted the balanced calendar like Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and

many parts of California have already gone back to the traditional calendar. Research on exactly whether or not student retention is improved is equally mixed.

Professor Esther Fusco, a professor of education at New York's Hofstra University concluded, "But the results are not very significant" when referring to the improvement by students in "high-needs districts" as well as those students who have disabilities. For other students, Professor Fusco said, "I have not seen any study that shows students greatly improve."

Students will be in school roughly the same amount of time; the only thing different is the breaks are divided differently, but for working families the proposed changes could be devastating. It is a fact of life many

teachers work second jobs during the summer; many students work hard during the summer months to earn money to help pay their expenses, buy a car and pay for insurance, as well as save for furthering their educations. For the parents of younger children, it will make getting child care a positive nightmare.

While McIntyre claims a balanced calendar won't cost taxpayers more, that's just not true. There will at least be running the air conditioning nonstop during the summer months, extra transportation costs, and it will be difficult to make repairs on school buildings when classrooms remain full.

A spokesman for the Salt Lake City school district admitted they ended the balanced calendar experiment when a 2011 analysis that similar school systems

operating on a traditional schedule had better test scores. That same spokesman also said Salt Lake City saved money by returning to the traditional schedule.

McIntyre has been spending taxpayer money at an alarming rate. Of course he is masterful in sidestepping real questions and McIntyre's circus poodles on the Board of Education are quietly pondering the notion of suing or threatening to sue the State of Tennessee in a bid to squeeze more money out of Nashville. When Mike McMillan pointed out the only way Nashville can come up with more money is by raising taxes, a few Board members squalled that oh heavens no! They weren't wanting to raise taxes, yet all they could do was murmur vaguely that the legislature could "find" the money. People, make no mistake about

it, the ONLY place government can "find" money is in your pocketbook.

McIntyre sought the largest tax increase in Knox County history and was rebuffed by Mayor Tim Burchett and the Knox County Commission. He has been spectacularly unsuccessful in prying money from the Commission and yet has continued hiring and spending. In essence, what McIntyre and his minions are planning is to use your tax dollars to sue to have the legislature tax you more.

If you have an opinion on this, I would suggest that you pick up the phone to call your Board of Education member. Otherwise, McIntyre and his rubber stamp board members will make the decision for you.

Tennessee's Promise:

Holding Public Schools Accountable

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Senator Todd Gardenhire of Chattanooga has introduced a remarkable bill in the Tennessee General Assembly. The Gardenhire bill refers to Governor Haslam's promise to pay for two years of college; Gardenhire proposes that those students who have to take remedial courses, the school system graduating the remedial student has to pay the cost of the college courses. The Gardenhire bill will do one thing for certain: it will hold school systems accountable.

Superintendent of Schools Jim McIntyre loves data; here's some interesting data: seventy percent (70%) of all Tennessee high school students going on to college require some remedial courses. According to

the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Tennessee's two-year colleges spent \$18.45 million on remedial classes in math, writing and reading so students could go on to do college level course work.

Do you know of any business in the world that would stay in business turning out that kind of product? Do you know of any business in the world that could attract new investors to give them more money to spend? How long do you suppose General Motors car manufacturers would remain in business if 70% of the cars needed repairs immediately after being sold?

School systems love to brag about just how high the graduation rate is every year, but just how many of those graduating students are really prepared to take college courses? With Haslam's "Tennessee Promise" that becomes a very relevant question.

The education bureaucrats will all be against the Gardenhire bill. The kind of data gathering they like requires expanding the bureaucracy and makes them look good, such as inflating the graduation rate. The truth is unless they are inflating the graduation rates and graduating students who are unprepared to take college level courses, the Gardenhire bill won't cost the school systems a single penny.

The State of Tennessee estimates 70% of all graduating high school students need remedial courses. There's some data you'll never hear from McIntyre's publicity machine and the rest of the local press likely don't even know a thing in the world about it, much less report it.

We keep hearing about "higher standards" for our school children, rigorous testing, and McIntyre

can't even open his mouth without carrying on about the "extraordinary learning" going on in the schools. Senator Gardenhire was quoted by the Chattanooga News Free Press as saying, "I have no problem with higher standards for our kids. If the child comes out of our high school and they have to have remedial courses, the local (school districts) have to pick up the tab for that remedial course."

Gardenhire made yet another excellent point. "There are several ways to approach it. You can set higher standards - - call it what you want - - or you can force the LEAS (local school districts) to complete the child's education."

That is exactly right. Education bureaucrats are ready with their excuses, telling us Senator Gardenhire's bill is "punitive" and doesn't take the individual student into account.

It's SEVENTY percent, people! That's one hell of a lot of individuals.

If you wait for the education bureaucrats to fix this problem, America will be covered in moss with tumbleweeds blowing down every Main Street in the country. We will be utterly bankrupt with nothing to show for it, except for a lot of **wealthy** retired education bureaucrats.

It takes a lot of guts to sponsor such a bill and those legislators too cowardly to back the Gardenhire Bill ought to be sent home. At some point, legislators ought to be representing the PEOPLE, not a system.

With the arrival of Governor Haslam's "Tennessee Promise," that promise ought to actually mean something; it ought to be more than sending our kids to the thirteenth grade. A person's first year of college isn't supposed to be one's fifth year of high school.

Frankly, considering that seventy percent of high school graduates in Tennessee have to take remedial classes, we probably ought to pay for their thirteenth and fourteenth grades.

Finding out just how many of our high school graduates aren't prepared to take college courses is appalling and distressing. Senator Gardenhire is right; high schools need to complete the educations of students. Otherwise Governor Haslam's "Tennessee Promise" is squandered on an extension of high school.

For seventy percent of our kids, high school is a five or six year program.

The "Tennessee Promise" isn't the promise we thought it was, but it can be if enough legislators have the guts to support people over systems who are supposed to be educating our children.

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Foxx Trott is stylish and affordable

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Suppose you could buy name brand women's fashion from New York and Los Angeles and get them at really reasonable prices?

"These are pretty things and the prices are really reasonable," the two ladies said last week as they entered Foxx Trott Fashions for the first time.

That's exactly what Foxx Trott owner Charles D. Brown wants to hear. Brown opened recently at 4560 Chapman Highway in South Knoxville and will hold his Grand Opening on Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. During the grand opening Brown is taking 20% off the already low prices to celebrate.

"I buy my fashion primarily from suppliers directly from New York or Los Angeles. I offer women's styles for trendy young women, stylish business and church clothing and we also offer fashionable plus sizes," he says.

"Current trends and fashion at last year's prices," is the store motto.



Charles Brown of Foxx Trott Fashions will hold the boutique's Grand Opening on Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Foxx Trott Fashions is at 4560 Chapman Highway (Big Lots Shopping Center).

He says the fashion at Foxx Trott Fashions is "a little more upscale" than what women might expect, at reasonable prices. He also offers fashion accessories.

"Nothing in the store is more than \$30," he says. Why South Knoxville?

Brown said he looked around the area and found that South Knoxville was recovering from the closing of the Henley Street Bridge.

He said that the area is affordable, the shopping center where he is has been remodeled, and that there is "room to grow" in South Knoxville.

Brown said he became interested in opening the store in South Knoxville after reading a story in *The Focus*.

"I decided the shop would fit in this area as part of the growth and revitalization

project which seems to be a pet project of Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis and Mayor Madeline Rogero," Brown said. He added that Pavlis has been by the store to visit and will be at the grand opening.

The store is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Grand Opening Saturday should draw lots of attention from women looking for name-

brand fashion at very reasonable cost.

Brown said the supply of fashion changes often as he receives styles from well-known brands from both coasts.

Foxx Trott Fashions is at 4560 Chapman Highway (Big Lots Shopping Center). You can call the store at (865) 540-6947.

Game On

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to means to him. He spoke about how he was attending the event in support of his best friend and former Tennessee Volunteer Eric Berry, who has cancer, along with everybody else who is courageously fighting the disease.

"Just when they thought the only thing I could play was Football. I showed up and beat everybody in cornhole in honor of everybody that is beating cancer," said Johnson. "It was a true honor to play a small part of something so great with Thompson Cancer Survival Center/Covenant Health."

The positivity that electrifies the room is what makes this event so great. It is possibly the only time each year where you can see the off-air glowing energy of WATE anchor Theresa Smith as she plays air hockey with a morning viewer. You can watch Hallerin Hilton Hill passionately compete in table tennis with his morning listeners, and then turn around and see Mayor Burchett pull off a trick shot at a pool table. It is an event that brings the stars in the sky back down to earth. Each year, this event becomes more impressive and is a must-go-to social event of the year.

Hotline bids may be rejected

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about the system's compliance with Physical Plant Upkeep funds and Thomas said the system is "is well on our way" to complying with the internal auditor's requirements. He said the system's policies have been changed and those funds will only be used after approval by the board of education and notification of the county Finance Department.

Commissioner Wright asked Thomas if he was aware of any pending "court action related to employees of the Board of Education" and Thomas said he was not.

Internal Auditor Andrea Addis reported that her department is now fully staffed with the hiring of Brooke Webb, formerly with Vanderbilt Mortgage. Addis said her department is working on a 5-year review of county credit card use, a 2015 risk management study, and planning for 2016.

Marc Tucker Lectures TN Lawmakers

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"Dear Hillary" letter, the infamous 1992 letter to Hillary Clinton, which is now part of the Congressional Record. According to Rocky Top Politics, Tucker's plan would change the mission of schools from teaching children academic basics and knowledge to training them to serve the global economy in jobs selected by workforce boards.

The letter lays out a plan "to remold the entire American system" into "a seamless web that literally extends from cradle to grave and is the same system for everyone," coordinated by "a system of labor market boards at the local, state and federal levels" where curriculum and "job matching" will be handled by counselors "accessing the integrated computer-based program."

Swasey tells us that in 2007, Tucker authored a report which suggested that America had the constitutional authority to develop national standards, tests, and curriculum and tie teacher evaluation to teacher pay, among other non-constitutional ideas. Common Core wasn't drafted until 2010, but Tucker was already busy laying the groundwork.

Swasey also tells us that in 2013, Tucker's NCEE published another report, "What Does it Really Mean to Be College and

Work Ready?" This report ascertains that it's not important under Common Core to have high educational standards in high school. Students don't need more math than Algebra I. Seriously.

Tucker writes, "Mastery of Algebra II is widely thought to be a prerequisite for success in college and careers. Our research shows that that is not so... Based on our data, one cannot make the case that high school graduates must be proficient in Algebra II to be ready for college and careers. The high school mathematics curriculum is now centered on the teaching of a sequence of courses leading to calculus that includes Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus and Calculus. However, fewer than five percent of American workers and an even smaller percentage of community college students will ever need to master the courses in this sequence in their college or in the workplace... they should not be required courses in our high schools. To require these courses in high school is to deny to many students the opportunity to graduate high school because they have not mastered a sequence of mathematics courses they will never need..." Where's the rigor?

The 2013 report also addresses English, making the case that there is no use for traditional high school English classes, with their emphasis on classic literature

and personal writing. In essence, Marc Tucker has actively promoted dumbing down the educational system, while marketing common core as "rigorous" academic standards.

And what words of wisdom did Mr. Tucker have for the House Education Committee? According to Grace Tatter at Chalkbeat TN, the basis of Tucker's presentation was his 2011 book, *Surpassing Shanghai: An Agenda for American Education Built on the World's Leading Systems*. Tatter said Tucker "drew terse exchanges with Tennessee lawmakers... even prompting one legislator to call his ideas 'communism.'"

Surpassing Shanghai examines high-performing school systems in Shanghai, Finland, Japan, Singapore, and Canada. The book concludes that smaller class size, increased school options, and tougher accountability systems haven't worked to improve educational outcomes. The book speaks of the importance of increasing teacher quality and the need to centralize control of schools, ideas that Tucker has long promoted.

One thing many educators agree with is Tucker's claim that charter schools and choice do little to boost student performance - "an opinion," writes Tatter, "that flies in the face of many House member's public stances on education

policy in Tennessee."

He also told legislators that "the only action the United States currently is doing correctly in education reform is implementing academic standards based on critical thinking skills" - careful to never actually use the words "Common Core" - yet still shamelessly promoting his more "rigorous" standards.

Rep. Rick Womick was upset by Tucker's promotion of a centralized approach to education at the expense of local control. He said, "We need to put it back into the hands of our local school boards, parents, teachers, and principals... This idea of bringing everybody under one collective system, that's nothing but communism... centralized control."

Tatter points out that not all legislators were disturbed by Tucker's presentation. She said that Harry Brooks said Tucker's book greatly influenced him, and (newly appointed) State Education Commissioner Candice McQueen also referred to the 2011 book when she spoke earlier this month to legislative education committees. That's the same Candice McQueen who wouldn't think of allowing Common Core standards into the private Lipscomb Academy she headed prior to her appointment.

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Our Neighborhoods

Riding the Rails Into the Past

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At one time, before and for several years after the automobile, the main form of distant transportation in our region was by train. East and west, north and south, a passenger could go to the railroad station, purchase a ticket, and travel by rail. During the railroad heyday there were also short lines, or dummy lines, around Knox County along with trolley service. People commonly used these lines to ride downtown or out to neighborhoods.

Now, with the exception of seasonal local railroads passenger trains no longer exist. Stations for the "big" railroads and the short lines, have mostly vanished. A few of these depots remain here and there across east Tennessee and in Knox and surrounding counties. Remaining stations bring back romantic memories, and stir a longing to preserve the historic structures.

The Corryton Station

If you see the Corryton Railroad Station you might be surprised to learn that it isn't the station, but a great replica of a railroad depot from long ago. The Corryton Community Club built their library to resemble a depot and it sits near the original station site.

The original railroad station in Corryton, during the heyday of passenger service in Knox County. There were several such depots in Knox County at one time. (Picture courtesy of Joe Longmire)

Joe Longmire supplied the following information to *The Focus*: The only reason Corryton was



The original railroad station in Corryton, during the heyday of passenger service in Knox County. There were several such depots in Knox County at one time. (Picture courtesy of Joe Longmire)

designated as a station was because these two railroads joined at this point. The K,CG&L built the station and the M&CG merely paid for the use of it when their trains were there. The station was located within the Y so it had access to both RR's. During the national financial crisis of 1892, both railroads went into receivership. This was the year Southern Railway was founded and they did here as they did throughout the south—bought up all of the lines they could. From this point on, both railroads were one and the same—Southern. The Morristown line was renamed the K&B (Knoxville and Bristol) for its ability to pass through Morristown and join the main Southern line on into Bristol.

In Corryton there was a 1000 foot passing track to allow

passenger trains to go on through while freights had to pull into the passing track. There was also a siding for loading and unloading assorted goods at Corryton. On the Morristown branch there was also a side track but more importantly, the northern leg of the Y was in a cut about 10 feet deep. Empty flat cars would be parked here while loading pulp wood onto them. It was easy to just roll them down to the cars and save having to lift them since there were no cranes or booms around to lift them.

Sundays were a special day around the station. All the townspeople would come down after church and socialize around the station. There was a beautiful flower bed which was lovingly kept up by the local section crew. Sundays were the days lots of

people went to Tate Springs and other springs in Grainger County. For many travelers, this was a day trip. For some from Knoxville, this was a two week vacation. This, coupled with passenger traffic to and from Cumberland Gap, made Corryton a busy place on Sundays and a fashionable place to be seen.

With the growth of the highway system in East Tennessee, rail travel began to decline in the 1920's. This Lumber Company, Longmire's Grocery, Dr. A.D. Simmons, and Corryton Drug Store.

Other former depots

In 1909 the Knoxville, Sevierville and Eastern Railroad was built through Seymour and South Knox County and a station

was constructed and named for the line's chief engineer. Formerly known as Newell's Station (for a pioneer fort or cabin there, not a railroad station) the community became known as Trundle and they took the name of the railroad station.

The tracks ran from Knoxville to Vestal and on to Moreland Heights. From there the tracks ran through King's Gap and on to Seymour and then on to Sevierville. The route was also called the "Old Smoky Mountain Railroad."

In 1884 the railroad was extended through the Mascot community. Nothing remains of the Inskip railroad station except for a piece of platform along Inskip Road just east of Central Avenue Pike. The same is true the station at Heiskell.

The Powell Station, for which the Powell community is named, exists today as the Powell Station Park along Emory Road just west of the little downtown section of that community. The station was built in 1860 on the Knoxville and Ohio Railroad.

There were passenger or freight stations in Strawberry Plains, McMillan, Bearden, Ebenezer, and Boyd.

Obviously the larger train stations exist today in one form or another and those include the historic L&N Depot and the Southern Station, both downtown. Lots of information on these stations is available on the internet.

Our nearby counties also have several existing and historic depots including Philadelphia, Clinton, Etowah, and Loudon.

Tear down the Coliseum?



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

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Recently the city received the final report from the Urban Land Institute which contained several recommendations for Knoxville, some of which are drawing questions and comments from elected officials and citizens.

The Institute made several recommendations involving downtown areas including West Jackson Avenue and the former McClung Warehouse properties, the World's Fair Park, the Henley Street corridor, and the former State Supreme Court building on Henley Street.

Possibly the most controversial of the recommendations suggests that the Civic Auditorium and Coliseum be torn down.

"The panel recommends that the city cut its losses and relocate existing uses within the district to more appropriate locations," the ULI report notes. The report goes on to recommend that the site be used for "a truly mixed-use and mixed-income neighborhood" that would include mixed-income rental and for-sale opportunities.

Relocating the coliseum as a new facility somewhere along Henley Street is also suggested

and the report is drawing a number of comments from Knoxville elected officials. The city staff is reviewing the report and will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 30h at 5:30 to discuss the next steps. Comments on the report can be emailed to ULI@cityofknoxville.org. You can also read the ULI report on the city's website.

Another report on the coliseum, by the Conventions, Sports and Leisure International, is due out later this month. This report is independent of the ULI report.

The *Knoxville Focus* asked all

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Old Giffin School may go to Knox Heritage

By Mike Steely
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Another former school building may be sold to Knox Heritage by the county. The fate of the former Giffin Elementary School, located at 1834 Beech Street in South Knoxville, is on the agenda for the Knox County Commission's workshop meeting Monday, March 16.

The commission is being asked by the purchasing department to approve the sale, for \$1,000, and Todd Morgan, Director of Preservation Field Services Knox Heritage and the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance, told The Focus of their plans.

"As the new owner we would then seek a qualified developer through a Request for Proposals

process. We would make sure protective easements are applied to the property to protect historic architectural elements before re-selling the property," Morgan said.

"Our goal is to seek a developer who can find a new use for the property, save its historic character and make a positive contribution to the neighborhood," he commented.

Giffin School is on Knox Heritage's Fragile 15 list of endangered historic structures.

The school, completed in 1920 and designed by Barber & McMurry, originally had seven classrooms. It was named for Andy Giffin, who had donated the land for the school. An addition was built in 1928 to house the increasing number of

students and more additions added in the 1940s. The school includes classrooms, a gym and a cafeteria. A final addition was completed in 1950.

Until recently Remote Area Medical was housed there but the building remained the property of Knox County.

In other action the commission's work session, which starts at 5 p.m., will look at an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Commissioner John Schoonmaker. At least two candidates have applied but other names may be considered.

The commissioners may also discuss approving a state highway department license agreement for the Knox-Blount Greenway Project Phase One and



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

Giffin Elementary School

two grants for the health department: one a grant contract with the health department for Children's Special Care Coordination for the year and the other from the state for tobacco use prevention. They could

also discuss the method of selling tax delinquent property for less than the taxes owed and fixing the offering sale price and a motion by Commissioner Jeff Ownby dealing with animal care.

Mayor Tim Burchett is on the agenda to address the commission regarding Fair Housing Month and the commissioners will also talk about filling a vacancy of the Judicial Magistrate, seat D.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

This year's \$33.3 billion proposed budget was unveiled by Governor Haslam in February during his State of the State address to a joint convention of the legislature, in which he unveiled major investments in both K-12 and higher education and doubled down on his commitment to create an even friendlier environment for job growth across the state. I chair the House Education Administration & Planning Committee and we have heard from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, University of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute and the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

Over the last several weeks, several state departments

have presented their budget proposals to the various legislative committees within the House. These presentations allow legislators to hear directly from executive branch officials as well as other entities to get important questions answered before voting on the overall state budget, which is typically one of the last items of business before the General Assembly adjourns for the year. While other pieces of legislation make their way through the committee process, the budget hearings will continue until the end of the month, at which point all state agencies and departments will have finished their presentations. House members will then decide whether they believe the proposed budget meets their goal of ensuring taxpayer dollars are being used in an efficient, effective, and fiscally conservative manner.

As well as presentations, our committees are seeing an increase in the volume of bills being presented. The state has had some snow days in the past weeks so we will be working full steam for the remainder of session. I found the way home impassable two times this year and decided to play it safe and

stay in Nashville. During that time I was able to catch up on calls and emails. I appreciate those of you that contacted me with input on how I could work on a piece of legislation or your stance on an issue. Please continue to contact me with your concerns, since I am able to share your input when discussing a piece of legislation.

It's just two months until the tax filing deadline. Through Free File, all taxpayers who made \$60,000 or less in 2014 can visit www.irs.gov/freefile to prepare and e-file their federal tax returns. In addition, Free File offers a basic e-filing service for everyone, regardless of income. Taxpayers can also use Free File to e-file an extension. Free File is made possible through a public-private partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a non-profit coalition of leading tax software companies. To learn more about the program you can visit www.freefilealliance.org or www.irs.gov/freefile. For the 2015 tax season, Free File has been updated to help Americans navigate tax changes related to the Affordable Care Act - with forms 8962 and 8965 available to all taxpayers.

I hope all of you are staying warm and safe, and checking on anyone that might be alone or in need during the cold weather. Hopefully that was our last batch of severe weather, and I will be in Knoxville on a regular basis from Thursday evenings through Sundays until session ends. It is an honor to serve as your Representative.

KUB Bonds, Greenways, Golf Paths, Police and The Muse

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In what may be one of City Council's briefest meetings, the elected officials agreed to permit KUB to refinance four major utility bonds. Two of the bonds date back to 1949 and 1954. The idea is to reissue the bonds and get a lower rate, about 2.5 to 3.5% as compared to about 4%.

The bonds are for electric, gas, water and waste water funds for a combined total of \$210 million. KUB's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Walker said the issuance would save KUB about \$15.2 million. Councilman Nick Della Volpe asked and was reassured that the city has no responsibility on the bonds.

The council also amended the Operating and Capital Budget to include \$300,000 for paving golf cart paths at the Whittle Springs and Knoxville Municipal Golf Courses. The Whittle Springs paving gets \$513,085 and the Municipal course gets \$358,966.

Jim Hagerman, city engineering director, said that the paved length at both sites is about 4 miles but that the Whittle Springs course has wider paths.

The police department asked and received permission for the mayor to apply for several grants including \$400,000 for an elder abuse prevention program, \$700,000 for a Smart Policing Initiative, \$100,000 for overtime pay for additional patrols against drunk and drugged drivers, \$450,000 for arrest policies and enforcing protection orders, \$250,000 to build a partnership for technical assistance, \$225,000 for the Victims of Crimes Act, \$10,000 for overtime in nighttime seatbelt research with the University of Tennessee. The grant applications go to various state and federal

agencies.

The police department also received \$82,785 in a grant from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police to investigate internet crimes against children.

The Muse at Chilhowee Park was given \$2,500 in Parks and Recreation Department funds to help build the playground there.

The council also approved amending the employees' pension system by adding additional amendments but left out a section dealing with extending lifetime annuities to employee relatives with disabilities. Mayor Madeline Rogero said the city is still interested in those benefits and is looking into it.

The amended pension plan also permits older employees that are nearing retirement to shift their funds to safer investments.

The Fountain City Lions Club was given \$4,600 for maintenance and upkeep at the Fountain City Park on a second and final vote.

The council also voted to accept a lot on New York Avenue to be used for public parking and voted to allot \$1,129,827 to TDK Construction Company for the Marble Alley project. The council also voted to up the contact with Cannon & Cannon to \$315,984 for the First Creek Greenway project.

The Suttree Landing Park was designated for \$3,344,190 to Design and Construction Services, Inc. for construction of that new south-of-the-river park.

The council also authorized the mayor to enter into a license agreement with the state, the city and the county for the proposed Knox-Blount Greenway Project within the right of way of Alcoa Highway at the Buck Karnes Bridge.

Louisiana's Kingfish Huey P. Long

PART ONE

Pages from the Past



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"Always take the offensive - - - the defensive ain't worth a damn."

So said Louisiana's self designated "Kingfish," Huey P. Long. Huey took his own advice and remained on the offensive until the day he was struck down by an assassin's bullet.

Huey Pierce Long remains today one of the most fascinating political figures in America's history. Charlatan, fraud, demagogue, dictator, visionary or messiah; few had neutral feelings about Huey Long. I think it would be fair to say more has been written about Huey Long than any other modern political figure who was not a president of the United States. Long enraptured millions of Americans with his "Share the Wealth" program that promised every family in the United States a home and the equivalent of almost ninety thousand dollars in income annually. Even today, many of Huey Long's all too few recorded speeches hold up remarkably well; clips of Long speaking remain spellbinding, especially if one ignores some of the "Kingfish's" gesturing.

With the advent of television, many of the old fashioned orators passed into the pages of history. It is likely difficult for many readers to imagine, but Huey Long was an extraordinarily adept speaker, just as easily able to move his audiences to raucous laughter or tears. Oftentimes dismissed as a backwoods buffoon, Huey Long was an accomplished attorney, possessed of a shrewd, and calculating political mind and the Kingfish was no clown. Many estimable men and women who knew Long privately noted his intelligence and ability. Huey Long was one of those rare politicians who understood people and possessed an innate ability to intuit their fears, hopes and aspirations.

Huey Long was no ideologue; Long was neither a conservative nor a liberal. Long cast himself as the champion of the common man and woman and his populist message resonated with not only with Louisianians, but also millions of Americans. Huey Long had the ability to

gauge his audience and could speak in coarse and common terms to appeal to the folks in the piney woods, or utilize pitch perfect proper grammar to more educated audiences. Long seemed to have an encyclopedic mind and could extemporaneously speak on just about any topic and once, while filibustering in the United States Senate, regaled his colleagues with his own recipe for "potlikker," the drippings remaining from

cooking greens.

Huey Long spoke long and often about millionaires, greed, and the needs of the many. The Kingfish entertained and enraged one audience by asking how many men owned four suits and not a single hand was raised. Long asked how many owned three suits and then two. Not one hand was raised and the Kingfish then told the audience financier J. P. Morgan allegedly owned one hundred suits or more. Audiences never seemed to notice or care Huey Long himself was sartorially resplendent. Long very well may have owned more suits than J. P. Morgan. Huey Long was exceptionally well tailored and oftentimes wore clothes to be eye-catching or horrifying. The Kingfish wore pink, lavender or lilac shirts adorned with equally colorful ties. Long traveled in luxury automobiles, always accompanied by a plethora of bodyguards due to his fear of assassination, a fear, as it turned out, that was well founded.

Huey Long's audiences were usually rawboned farmers, hard working people who were hard and lean, oftentimes ill clad and ill nourished. Huey could make those leathery faces smile with very real pleasure or roar with anger.

Huey Long always claimed he was not assailing the wealthy, he merely wished to see that nobody was "too rich" or "too poor." Long was brilliant in his ability to illustrate situations in terms that anyone could understand. Huey Long spoke about millionaires John D. Rockefeller, Bernard Baruch, and J. P. Morgan as guests at a buffet where everyone in the country was invited. According to Huey, Rockefeller, Morgan and Baruch left with 80% of the food, leaving the rest to feed everyone else in the country. Long said the millionaires had more than they could spend, eat or wear and ought to bring some of the "vittles" back for others to enjoy. The Kingfish scoffed at the notion he intended to destroy capitalism; he retorted he merely wanted the system to work for everyone.

"We do not propose to say that there shall be no rich men. We do not ask to divide the wealth. We only propose that, when one man gets more than he and his children and children's children can spend or use in their lifetimes, that then we shall say that such person has his share. That means a few million dollars is the limit to what any man can own," Huey Long explained.

It was Huey Long who brought free textbooks to Louisiana for school



Rare autographed photo of Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana

children. It was Huey Long who either built or paved most of the roads in Louisiana. It was Huey Long who promoted adult literacy through night courses. It was Huey Long who piped natural gas into New Orleans, providing heat and comfort for residents, as well as lowering their utility bills. Long's detractors accused him of bankrupting the state when in fact he kept a tight reign on expenditures while building bridges, roads, hospitals, and facilities for education. Long's Louisiana had the third lowest cost for state government even with his providing so many services to his constituents.

Part of Huey Long's appeal and popularity was the fact he would speak the unspeakable. People considered it to be the truth, while some opponents flatly claimed he was at his most persuasive when he wasn't telling the truth.

Huey Long told a surprised conference of educators from Louisiana State University bluntly, "You will find that you cannot do without politicians. They are a necessary evil in this day and time. You may not like getting money from one source and spending it for another. But the thing for school people to do is that if politicians are going to steal, make them steal for the schools."

Huey Long even acknowledged the plight of the Negro in Louisiana, something few other politicians would dare to do. According to Long's biographer, T. Harry Williams, when Dr. Hiram Evans, leader of the Ku Klux Klan, announced he would come to Louisiana to campaign against Long, the Kingfish snapped, "Quote me as saying that that Imperial bastard will never set foot in Louisiana, and that when I call him a son-of-a-bitch, I am not using profanity, but referring to the circumstances of his birth."

Huey P. Long's personal appearance was not stunning. He was a rather odd looking fellow and without the force of his personality, one might have thought him squat and entirely

unremarkable. Instead, Huey was a cartoonist's dream with reddish ginger colored curly hair that had a habit of flying about everywhere. Long had a very wide mouth and a somewhat bulbous nose, which turned up rather like that of comedian Bob Hope. Long's chubby face gave him the appearance of a somewhat malevolent cherub.

Long was quick on his feet and was almost unparalleled as a master of ridicule and invective. Huey Long had a rare ability to nickname his opponents and his nicknames, while always uncomplimentary, had some element of truth and stuck to them like tar. In fact, it was Huey Long who bestowed his own nickname of the Kingfish upon himself. Long was amused by the "Kingfish" character from the "Amos and Andy" radio show and he would snatch up the telephone receiver and bark, "This is the Kingfish speakin'."

Huey Long dubbed the Mayor of New Orleans, T. Semmes Walmsley, "Turkey Head Walmsley". It was as unfortunate as it was apt. Walmsley had a beak of a nose that was impossible to miss and a loose chin. Charles Rightor, a state legislator, who suffered from regular intestinal distress, was christened "Ol' Whistle Britches."

Huey took an interest in Louisiana State University, expanding the campus, pushing to increase enrollment, which tripled. LSU became recognized as one of the best schools in the Southland. Long did not overlook the disadvantaged; he lowered tuition while providing more scholarships for poor students. Recognizing the desperate need for more doctors in Louisiana, Huey Long established the LSU medical school, which was fiercely fought by some, causing the Kingfish to retort, "Raise all the hell you want to, print what you want to. But we're going to have that medical school and every qualified poor boy can go."

Long paid for his building programs and services by

shifting the tax burden from the poor to those whom could best afford it. Oil producers bore the brunt of the taxation to pay for free textbooks; Standard Oil, owned by the richest man in the country, John D. Rockefeller, was livid. Standard Oil was a very real force in Louisiana politics and the conglomerate fought back. Standard Oil financed much of Governor Long's opposition and tried to force him out of office.

Long narrowly avoided being impeached as governor and unable to either defeat or impeach Huey Long, Standard Oil was still able to stall much of Long's legislative agenda. Left with few other options, Standard Oil threatened to leave the State of Louisiana.

"If they got to leave, they can go to Hell and stay there," Huey Long replied.

Governor Huey Long retaliated against Standard Oil by running for the United States Senate. No ordinary politician, Long sought to reestablish his political power in Louisiana and demonstrate he was as popular as ever with the people. A Senate race would not only show he was still popular with the public, but help to consolidate his political power in Louisiana. Running for the U. S. Senate was hardly unusual for any governor, but Long made no secret that he intended to remain in office as chief executive for almost two years until the expiration of his term before taking his seat in the Senate. Long's opponents were aghast and sputtered in outrage at his effrontery. It was a gamble that would have paid off for very few politicians.

Long challenged eighteen-year incumbent Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, whom Huey derided as the "old feather duster" for his wispy goatee.

Ransdell was a rather genteel pro-business Democrat who had been in Congress since 1899.

He was particularly ill prepared to face a challenge from the relentless Huey Long.

Long beat Senator Ransdell easily, winning more than fifty seven percent of the vote in the Democratic primary. The defeat ended Ransdell's long Congressional career and true to his word, Huey Long remained both governor and United States senator from Louisiana for almost two years. One reason Long chose not to leave the governor's chair was because he refused to vacate the office in favor of a hostile lieutenant governor. Long departed for Washington, D. C. only after installing Oscar K. Allen as governor. O. K. Allen was so accommodating and amiable that Huey's brother, Earl, once derided the governor by saying, "A leaf blew in on O. K.'s desk...and he signed it."

Huey Long was a nominal Democrat, but he never hesitated to criticize either the Republican or Democratic Party. Long once famously compared Republican Herbert Hoover and Democrat Franklin Roosevelt. Huey noted that Hoover was a hoot owl, while Roosevelt was a "scrootch" owl.

Huey went on to explain the difference.

"A hoot owl bangs into the roost and knocks the hen clean off, and catches her while falling. But a scrootch owl slips into the roost and scrootches up to the hen and talks softly to her. And the hen just falls in love with him, and the first thing you know, there ain't no hen."

Huey turned his ability to ridicule on FDR, referring to Roosevelt's having been a guest on millionaire Vincent Astor's luxurious yacht, the Nourmahal.

"Prince Franklin," Huey sneered, "Knight of the Nourmahal, enjoying himself on that \$5,000,000 yacht, with Vincent Astor and royalty, while the farmers starve. Hooray for the President! Let's send him off again."

Roosevelt recognized Huey Long as a legitimate threat to his continued incumbency and considered him one of the two most dangerous men in the country; the other being General Douglas MacArthur. Huey clearly had presidential ambitions and hinted that he intended to run on a third party ticket in 1936 to take enough votes away from FDR to elect the Republican candidate. Huey calculated a GOP president would make things so bad, he could be elected in 1940.

President Roosevelt struck back at Huey and his machine, pressing Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau to have the Internal Revenue Service investigate the Kingfish and his allies.

The colorful Kingfish perhaps summed up his tumultuous life and politics best.

"I was born into politics, a wedded man with a storm for a bride," Huey said.

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Tear down the Coliseum?

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of the city council and Mayor Madeline Rogero for comments involving the ULI recommendation involving the coliseum.

Some replied by email and others called with comments. Here are the comments from the council members.

Daniel Brown

"The ULI report is, at this time, only a recommendation which will be studied with community input. Also the city is waiting on another report focused on the coliseum only. The Civil Auditorium and the Coliseum is a gateway to East Knoxville and the future of that area is vitally important to the city."

Marshall Stair

"I am hesitant to create another huge parcel of land needing a significant amount of private investment to create a mixed-use neighborhood at a time when there are many other areas needing investment such as the McClung site, along Magnolia, the South Waterfront, Cumberland, Downtown North along Central and Broadway, and many other areas in the city. That said, whatever we do needs to make long term financial sense."

Nick Pavlis

"It is a little early to have a definite response. In general I think the facility brings value on many fronts, the Ice Bears, concerts, and on and on. It has wonderful parking and I value it as an asset. Lastly, in my mind, it is the gateway to East Knoxville and we need to continue to invest in East Knoxville, not take away from. Keep in mind that the report could shed light and all can change."

Brenda Palmer

"Before a decision is made about the future of the Coliseum-Auditorium a second study focusing exclusively on the site needs to be completed. A public process for input will take place and no decision will be made on recommendations from any two studies without that public process. ULI had several suggestions in

their study and this site was not the top of the priority list. The James White Parkway serves as a barrier between this part of the city and the downtown area. A key concern for me is whether or not private-public partnerships can be established. While we need to maintain the momentum downtown we have other parts of the city competing for tax dollars, regardless of the source of those dollars."

Nick Della Volpe

Councilman Della Volpe called and told The Focus that the ULI study provided "an interesting outside perspective" and that "much of the report failed to take in the practical reality of the proposals."

"That's what you get with a five day visit; it's like a vision statement. The good news is that it brings a broader perspective."

He said that moving the venue of the coliseum to a Henley Street location fails to consider traffic and parking there. The current location, he continued, offers "lots of ways to get people in and out."

Della Volpe said he hopes the city study of various sites downtown, including the coliseum, should include an engineering and architectural firm.

Concerning the coliseum, Della Volpe said, "You could remodel your way" to make improvements at the current facility.

Mark Campen

"I don't have a comment at this time. I'm still studying the report and there is a public meeting on March 19th. I think if there is a way to update the facilities to increase capacity and attract better and bigger entertainers we should do that and save a lot of money. But if there is more attractive retail and or residential components that the city, the taxpayers, want to see development in place of the aging facility, then we need to seriously consider that as well."

"Who knows what creative proposals may come out of the woodwork, but

most importantly we need to consider what the citizens want since their money will ultimately pay for whatever plan is chosen."

Finbarr Saunders

"I will reserve comments until we have both reports, the ULI and the report on the coliseum. I'm looking forward to the public meeting on the 19th."

George C. Wallace

"The future of the coliseum is all about vision. What is the entertainment vision for Knoxville for the next 50 years? My vision for Knoxville includes being an entertainment hub for the 9 county region; my vision includes increasing tourism; my vision includes expanding cultural and entertainment opportunities. My vision is larger than what can be accomplished in the current facility. The future of the coliseum must be debated and discussed both in the City and Knox County. Funding for a venture that meets my vision will require funding from both city and county."

Duane Grieve

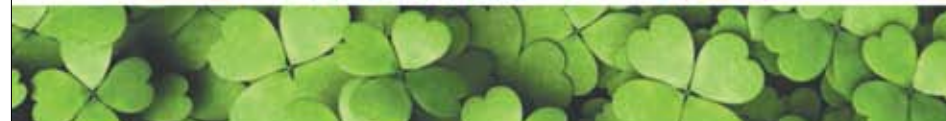
Councilman Duane Grieve told The Focus he has been unable to fully respond because of a death in his family, but added that "I am waiting to see what the consultants have to say about the coliseum's future."

Mayor Rogero

"The ULI panel has given us many exciting and challenging ideas. It's good to get outside perspective and expertise to complement the City's planning efforts and the huge amount of input from local stakeholders."

"Our next step will be a public meeting on Monday, March 30, at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St.

"On March 30, we'll present how we're prioritizing the ULI recommendations, and then we'll gather more public feedback. Anyone wishing to comment on the ULI report - either now or after the March 30 public meeting - can email the City's Office of Redevelopment at ULI@cityofknoxville.org."



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party over the next two years. To become a delegate to the convention you must attend your district meeting where elections for precinct leaders will take place. If you are unable to attend, you must send a letter to the corresponding district leader or KCDP Chair Linda Haney (linc@comcast.net) at least four hours BEFORE the district meeting, stating that you wish to be a delegate.

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Bearden Plays in the State Tournament Run

By Alex Norman

For only the third time in program history, the Bearden Lady Bulldogs were playing in the state tournament.

And they were doing all they could to make the most of the opportunity.

Bearden played in the first game of the entire tournament in Murfreesboro against Dickson County on the morning of Wednesday, March 4th. Due to the winter weather in East Tennessee in recent weeks, and seemingly endless days off of school, the Lady Bulldogs did not enter their Class AAA quarterfinal game with the Lady Cougars as a relaxed bunch.

It was their fourth game in the

last five days.

"The girls were a little sore," said Bearden head coach Justin Underwood. "But when I asked them they said we can rest when we get back."

Bearden led for all but an early minute of the first three periods. However, the game was close throughout. With 6:50 remaining in the fourth, the Lady Cougars would even the score at 34 thanks to a rebound and basket by junior guard Chassity Lea Carter.

The Lady Bulldogs (32-3) responded immediately with a 13-0 run, sparked by two baskets in 23 seconds by junior Anajae Stephney. She finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds in only

21 minutes.

"Anajae was huge for us today and that was (while she was) fighting through foul trouble," said Underwood. "When she is at her best, she is a dominant player and can change a game."

The difference in this game was rebounding. Bearden (31-4) out-rebounded Dickson County 46-26 on the day. On the offensive glass that advantage was 21-7, leading to a 22-4 margin for the Lady Bulldogs in second chance points.

"We have talked all season about the importance of rebounding," said Underwood. "Today was by far our best rebounding especially on the offensive end of the floor. It gave our girls second chance opportunities which really

helped since we were not hitting much in the first half."

As a team Bearden finished the game on a 23-15 run, as the Lady Bulldogs moved on to the semifinals with a 57-49 victory.

"This matches the deepest run in Bearden girls basketball history," said Underwood. "I am so proud of every girl in our program for their commitment to each other and to this season."

Bearden was scheduled to face Oakland in the semifinals on the morning of Friday, March 6th. However, thanks to the inclement weather in the Murfreesboro area on March 5th, the entire schedule was pushed back a day.

"There is no way that we are willing to put any student-athlete's life

in jeopardy in order to try to play a basketball game," stated Bernard Childress, Executive Director of TSSAA. "To us, the safety of the student-athletes, coaches, fans, and anyone attending or participating in the state basketball tournament is first and foremost."

"This year we have had many weather setbacks so I think the kids are used to it," said Underwood. "It gives our girls a chance to rest and get their legs underneath them."

Saturday's semifinal match-up took place after *The Knoxville Focus* went to press. For results on the Lady Bulldogs game against Oakland, please visit www.tssaa.org.



PHOTO BY MISTY LAWRENCE

Carter senior guard Blake Dutton (on the floor) comes up with the ball and looks to make a pass in the Runnin' Hornets' 85-71 win over visiting Greeneville in the Class AA sectional game.

Late rally sends Grace to Murfreesboro

By Ken Lay

Grace Christian Academy's boys basketball team used a huge fourth quarter to punch its ticket to the Class A State Tournament Tuesday night.

The Rams blew open a close game en route to nabbing a 70-45 victory over South Greene in a Section 1-A game at the Dr. Ron Stewart Gymnasium.

The Rams and Rebels were embroiled in a tight contest as South Greene (17-18) kept things close thanks to some hot shooting from beyond the 3-point arc. Five of the Rebels' first-half field goals were 3-pointers and that left Grace Christian clinging to a 27-25 half-time lead.

"I'm extremely proud of our kids," Grace coach Mike Doig said. "South Greene is a good basketball team, especially at doing what they do. They're awfully good from that doggone 3-point line."

"Look at what they did to Cosby and look what they did [in a regional loss] to Hampton."

"Without a big play, they beat Hampton. Hampton had to score late to win that game."

The Rams (23-8) finally manage to gain

separation. Grace turned up the defensive pressure and used its height advantage to open a 43-34 lead by third quarter's end.

Conner Arnold and Luke Shepherd, Grace's post duo combined to score 35 points in the game.

Arnold scored 10 of his 18 points before halftime and Shepherd had 13 of his 17 points over the final 16 minutes to help the Rams punch their ticket to Murfreesboro for this week's Class A State Tournament.

While Arnold and Shepherd were dominant all night, Grace also got some help from a potent supporting cast.

Robby Windham scored 12 points off the bench and reserve wing player Ben Andrews chipped in with eight points. Starting wing player Kobe Kelley scored 12 points.

"Robby did a great job for us off the bench and Ben was huge," Doig said. "Kobe Kelley had a great game for us."

South Greene managed to keep things close. The Rebels finished their season finale with seven 3-pointers. However, South Greene had just two 3-pointers

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Carter's plan for state:

'Just play like we've been playing'

By Steve Williams

Carter High's trip to the state basketball tournament didn't last long enough last season.

The Runnin' Hornets went one and done, losing to Greeneville 67-64.

It turned out Greeneville was Carter's opponent in last week's sectional game, with a berth in the 2015 state tourney on the line.

But second-year Carter coach Joby Boydstone wasn't looking for revenge in the rematch. He was seeking something more significant.

"Going into this game, Coach said,

'It's not revenge, it's a reckoning,'" recalled senior star Jordan Bowden after the game. "So we had to go in there and win, and play defense just like we play."

Bowden admitted he wasn't sure what his coach meant by "a reckoning." He just went out and played.

And play he did.

The 6-4 Bowden put on quite a show, scoring 33 points that included four dunks, to lead the Hornets past the Greene Devils 85-71 before a packed gym at Carter.

And Coach Boydstone got the

results he had hoped. Validation that his team was state tourney worthy.

Carter (27-7) will shoot for state honors again this week at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, starting with a Class AA quarterfinal game against the Haywood Tomcats (32-2) of Brownsville Thursday afternoon at 3:45 (EST).

"We still have a few errors to clean up, like defense help side, but I think we played a good offensive game (in the sectional win), feeding the ball, attacking when we had the numbers,"

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Fulton looks to duplicate last season's soccer success

By Ken Lay

When Larry Johnston begins his eighth year as Fulton High School's boys soccer coach, he'll see his team answer some questions early.

But that's nothing new for the Falcons. Last year, Johnston's squad was a mystery to him when it opened the season against Rockwood.

"We're pretty much in the same boat that we were in last year," Johnston said. "Last year when we played our first game at Rockwood, their coach asked me what kind of team I had and I told him, 'I'll know after I play you.'

"We haven't had any scrimmages and we've only been on the field twice because it was either too cold, raining or snowing."

Last season, it all worked out for the Falcons, who played Rockwood for the District 3-A/AA Tournament championship.

Fulton lost that match to the Tigers but went 15-3-1 and had its best season in school history.

The Falcons will open their 2015 season at home against the Tigers on March 10.

Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m. at Bob Black Field and again, Johnston will discover what kind of squad he

will have.

"We have a lot of talented players but those players will have to learn to play organized high school soccer," Johnston said. I feel like we have talent but whether or not we can put it together and win some ball games remains to be seen."

Fulton has four returning starting seniors including Damon Lawson (goalkeeper), Eric Ramirez (defender), Eric Tuyisonge (midfielder) and Andres Sandovat (forward).

"Those are the four starters I have back and they're our four captains," Johnston said. "There's your

senior leadership."

Leadership will be one of Fulton's strengths, but depth and inexperience will be areas of concern for the Falcons.

"Depth and experience will be areas of concern for us," Johnston said. "I have 15 players and if we have some injuries, I'll be down to 12 players."

The coach said that Fulton boasts a talented crop of newcomers led by sophomore defenders Jonathan Gomez and Kevin Muate-Meraz and freshman midfielder Wilson Bendigito.

Red Devils must answer questions on baseball field

By Ken Lay

The 2015 baseball season starts today (March 9) for Halls High School and the Red Devils will begin to answer some questions for longtime coach Doug Polston.

Polston, who begins his 28th season guiding the Red Devils, was hoping that he would have some answers a bit earlier but Mother Nature had other ideas.

Halls hasn't had much practice time thanks to the inclement weather that has bashed the Knoxville Area recently.

"We start the season [today] and we haven't been able to practice for two weeks," said Polston, who will lead his team into battle when it hosts Anderson County in a key early-season District 3-AAA game against Anderson County at 5:30 p.m. "We've been on the field four times since Feb. 9 and we haven't practiced since Feb. 14.

"That's tough and it's really tough on the younger kids who don't understand our system. I've had a couple of younger pitchers who have regressed back. They were throwing the ball really well. But they haven't thrown in two weeks. The weather has been hard on everybody."

The Red Devils were 17-15 in 2014 and expectations appear quite modest for Halls this season.

"I just want to see us get better in every game," Polston said. "We have a lot of question marks.

"We have a little more depth than we've had in the past and I have a good young crew coming in and I'm hoping that those younger kids can push the older kids and make them better."

Top returners for Halls include: Jonah Cook (senior, first baseman); Logan McMahan (senior, outfielder); Bleu Butcher (senior, left-handed pitcher and outfielder); Jonathan Wyrick (senior, pitcher/third baseman); Dylan Gresham (senior, outfielder); Zach Ross (senior, catcher); Bryce Hodge (sophomore, shortstop); Braden Hudson (senior, pitcher); Blake Lawson (senior, outfielder) and Dalton Langston (junior, second baseman/pitcher).

Former Red Devils' ace Andrew Sylvester graduated last year and his departure leaves a void on the mound. Polston said that he's looking for either Butcher or Wyrick to emerge as the No. 1 starter for Halls.

"Pitching depth is our major concern," Polston said. "Butcher and Wyrick both had a good summer."

Polston knows that he must have consistent pitching if the Red Devils are to compete for a district championship.

"You don't have any days off in our district at all," Polston said. "I'm hoping that our strengths will be hitting and defense."

Heartbreaking loss ends Farragut's season

By Ken Lay

In two days Farragut High School's girls basketball team experienced the ecstasy and the agony of high school basketball.

Unfortunately for the Lady Admirals the agony will last a little longer as their season came to an end with a 35-33 loss to Morristown West on Monday, March 2 at the Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium in the sectional round of the state playoffs.

Farragut, which won the Region 2-AAA Tournament when Jaiden McCoy hit a late shot to beat rival Bearden a day earlier, saw its season come to an end when Morristown West's Jasmine Williams made the game-winning bucket with 1.8 seconds remaining in regulation.

The loss stung third-year coach Jason Mayfield but couldn't quite dampen a successful season for Farragut, which lost its fifth consecutive Section 1-AAA game.

"I'm really proud of these girls," Mayfield said. "They have a lot to be proud of.

"They've won two straight region championships. Farragut has lost this game five years in a row and this is hard. One day, we'll get over the hump but it didn't happen today."

The game was a defensive struggle as the Lady Trojans (30-5) and Lady Admirals (24-9) struggled to find any consistent offense.

Farragut's defense was especially stingy in the second quarter. Trouble was: the Lady Admirals scored just four points in the frame. Senior Kristen Freeman gave the Lady Admirals a 14-12 lead late only to see Morristown West's Abbe Craine bury a half-court jumper as time expired to give the Lady Trojans a slim 15-14 advantage at the break.

"I told the girls that there was nothing they could do about that," Mayfield said. "I told them to just keep playing."

They did.

The defenses continued to steal the show but the Lady Trojans did enough to open a 29-26 lead by the end of the third quarter.

Morristown West scored first in the final frame when Sidney Newsome converted a free throw. McCoy answered and pulled Farragut to within 30-28 with 7 minutes, 12 seconds to go.

Miranda Burt then gave the Lady Admirals a 31-30 lead with 5:22 left.

After both teams endured long offensive droughts,

Abby McKinnish gave the Lady Trojans a 33-31 lead with a long-range jumper with 3:10 to play.

A little more than a minute later, Freeman knotted the game at 33. The contest stayed tied until Williams scored the game-winner and ended Farragut's season in a battle that resembled last year's loss in the sectional to Jefferson County.

"This was eerily similar to last year," Mayfield said. "We lost the same way to Jefferson County.

Farragut's Burt led all scorers with 11 points in an emotional win for the Lady Trojans, who clinched their second consecutive trip to Murfreesboro.

"Our kids just made plays," said Morristown West coach Johnny Galyon, who has guided the Lady

Trojans to five Class AAA State Tournaments in his 16 seasons. "This is not my first rodeo even though I'm acting like it is. I feel bad for Jason because he's such a great guy."

The win culminated a turbulent and emotional week for the Lady Trojans. A Morristown West assistant suffered a heart attack earlier in the season and that left Galyon in tears after a hard-fought victory.

"We had an assistant coach have a heart attack and the girls won this game for her," Galyon said while fighting back sobs. "I can't say enough about these kids.

"We have a young team but they fight hard. We only have one senior on the team."

Blayke Shultz led the Lady Trojans with 10 points.

Lady Bulldogs look for success on the diamond

By Ken Lay

As the 2015 high school softball season looms, Bearden High School coach Leonard Sams has some lofty expectations.

"If the breaks go our way I look for us to maybe make a deep postseason run," Sams said. "Leadership will definitely be one of our strengths and our team chemistry is extremely strong."

Familiar faces are many for the Lady Bulldogs, who went 26-12 last season. Bearden returns all of its starters from the 2014 squad.

Top returners include: Dana Steinbacher (senior, pitcher); Alaeni Ray (a senior shortstop who has committed to the University of Tennessee); Harly Hennen (senior, center fielder); Rachael Goodson (senior, right fielder); Kierstyn Freeman (senior, first baseman); Maxey House (junior, catcher); Kelly Bozich (senior, catcher);

Sadie Coons (sophomore, second baseman) and Cassidy Heemsoth (sophomore, second baseman).

Those returners will provide a solid nucleus for Bearden, which is scheduled to open its 2015 campaign on Tuesday at Heritage in a crucial early-season District 4-AAA tilt in Maryville.

The Lady Mountaineers will be a tough foe. They had a late-season run last year and will again be one of the district's top teams along with Bearden, Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Maryville and William Blount.

The league, as always, will be one of the most competitive in the state but Sams said his team will likely be in the mix if it gets a few breaks.

"Last year, the breaks went against us," he said. "If the breaks would've gone our way last year, then we might've ended up at

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A Natal Star

A new star has appeared in the heavens, and nothing will be the same for us again.

Astrology is a pseudo-science which believes the orientation of heavenly bodies when we're born determines our character and personality. I'm a scientist and I don't believe in astrology. However, seeing Josie, my newborn granddaughter, causes me to question empirical science. This tiny "earthly star" melts my heart and drives me to my proverbial knees. The Wise Men were astrologers and followed the natal star of the Christ child to Bethlehem. They traveled more than a thousand miles to kneel before a baby who would change the world. My daughter's hospital room was just across town and far grander than a manger. None the less, I imagined the manger scene as family and friends

(shepherds of children) and sometimes wise men, all paid homage to this new beacon of hope.

Josie took her own sweet time, arriving almost a week "late" by the doctor's calculations. Modern medicine does a much better job predicting due-dates than in times past. Formerly, our calculations were extrapolated from the mother's last menstrual period. Now, the baby's intrauterine development and milestones can be accurately observed with sophisticated ultrasound technology. Obstetricians can even measure declining amniotic fluid levels which can signify an "overdue" baby, raising the risk of fetal distress.

I must confess, the spiritual side of me now chafes at the term fetus. I rarely look up medical definitions these days, but I recently did so. Science defines a

human embryo as gestational life during the first two months after conception. Then the medical term fetus is used to define a human organism from three months till birth. Folks, Josie was a baby the day before she was born, and the weeks and even months before she was delivered.

I understand that in the past an unborn was considered not human. And the ancient Greeks held that even male children (and all women) before manhood were sub-human. Even Ezekiel Emanuel (Rom's brother) doesn't make this claim, though some today feel more comfortable aborting a fetus instead of an intrauterine baby.

When does human life begin? Is it at the moment of conception when there is a full complement of human DNA? Or is the "embryo" only proto-life, destined to become fully human sometime later - perhaps after the teenage years? Until such time as scientists, philosophers, theologians and ethicists can define the point of transition when proto-life becomes a sentient human being with God given rights, I must side with the sacredness of life.

We come from water. Science holds that life on earth began in the sea or its tide pools. I thought

about Josie, recently afloat in a salty sea just like my ancient ancestors - and me sixty-four years ago. In the first trimester (first three months) of life organs like the brain are formed and the heart begins to beat and pump blood. The organs and systems undergo further development in the second three months of intrauterine life. The last trimester is largely a time of growing strong enough to survive outside the womb's warm and nurturing salt sea. I wondered what Josie was thinking when her mother's water broke and labor contractions forced her ashore into a "brave new world." From the delivery-room picture of her furrowed brow, she might say that "it's been a rough day."

Since we come from water, it has acquired much symbolism. An obvious example is Christian baptism. Interestingly, baptism predates Christianity. In Judaism, mikvah denotes the practice of ritual immersion which was integral to prayer and study. I find it noteworthy that Jesus began his ministry with baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptizer.

Water covers 71% of the earth's surface and is necessary for life, at least as we know it. Scientists continue to look for signs

of water on Mars as they search for life beyond the earth. We wonder if we're alone in the universe, comprised of more than 1018 suns/stars besides our own. This represents a vast sea of possibilities, where planets with water and life might exist. We've found more than 700 exoplanets circling distant suns, but none of these are like our earth as famously photographed by Apollo 8 in 1968 (Google earthrise). Science fiction has speculated that life might be constructed on a silicon base rather than carbon, or float like gas bags in a hydrogen/helium atmosphere like Jupiter's. The SETI project, described in the movie Contact, searched for radio signals of life elsewhere in the cosmos, but to date we remain alone. (Most of us reject notions of aliens at Roswell, New Mexico.)

Our Josie-girl literally glows like a star in the heavens. John Boehner might be proud of Josie's "tan," but he'd be misguided. Josie has the soft glow of neonatal jaundice. The liver of newborns is still immature and often has difficulty clearing the metabolites (heme) of red blood cells. Furthermore, neonates have more red cells than adults, and their fetal hemoglobin doesn't last as long as the mature oxygen-carrying hemoglobin infants

soon acquire. Together these cause a greater load on the newborn liver. And surprisingly, breast feeding can contribute to elevated bilirubin levels and neonatal jaundice because an unknown factor in breast milk causes increased intestinal absorption of bile pigments derived from heme breakdown.

We tend to take pregnancy with labor and delivery for granted, and usually things go well. However, we shouldn't ignore the potential for complications which can be sudden and dramatic. I've observed that labor and delivery can transform a healthy young person into a life threatening condition - in the blink of an eye. I may be offending some, but I believe an experienced obstetrician and modern care are important for a safe delivery and monitoring fragile newborns afterwards.

I think pictures are sometimes worth more than words, especially when those words come from a "sometimes wise" man. So I will step back and introduce you to the "Star." World, this is Ms. Josie Johnson. Protect her with your prayers that she may grow up to be a seeker of wisdom and the stars.

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

Free Vegetarian Tasting and Health Fair on March 15

A free vegetarian tasting and health fair will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2015, from 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Local restaurants and food vendors will provide free samples of their vegetarian and total plant-based (vegan) cuisine. Other local vendors will sell health-related products. The fair will also feature live cooking demonstrations at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Medical professionals and lifestyle educators will also be present for free consultations. The fair is free and open to the public and no registration is required. Donations will be accepted on site. For more information, visit knoxvilleinstep.com or healthytasteofknoxville.com.

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

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Have you struggled with weight gain? Do you want to reduce and potentially come off your meds? How about feeling a whole lot better as you step into spring? Then come join us! The South Knoxville Senior Center is presenting a FREE four-week series of 1 hour motivational and educational classes plus wellness tests beginning March 13 through April 3, from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. each Friday.

Presented by Picture Wellness, you'll learn the healthy way to lose weight and prevent weight gain. CDC certified Healthy Life Coach Maurice

Saliba offers "Simple Wellness Solutions," including sharing information about preventing the development of diabetes. A group of 600 men and women in Bradley County can happily testify to the wonderful guidance of Saliba, many having come off of dozens of medications, regaining mobility, sleeping better, feeling better, and as a group losing over 10,000 lbs in just twelve months!

Included will be specifics on how to grocery shop, create your own diet plan, and the simple how to's of cardio and resistance training exercise.

Plus FREE glucose testing, blood pressure testing, and swabbing to find out which medications do and don't work best for you.

"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. So come learn how to move, eat, drink, and sleep better for a healthier, happier you and every day!

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Old Time Cold Cures

Everywhere I go this winter, I run into folks who are wheezing and sniffing and sneezing and coughing. This year seems to have brought with it plenty of snow, frigid tempera-



By Joe Rector
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tures, and COLDS. The television is bursting with advertisements for medicines that will knock that cold out quick. I remember some of the things my parents used to battle our colds and pains that came with them.

Any Baby Boomer remembers the treatment for a chest cold. Vicks Vapor Rub sold millions of jars to families throughout the 1950's and 60's. I remember feeling punk from those types of colds. The wheezing was audible, as were the rattles from the congestion. Mother would come into my room at bedtime with the Vicks. She'd open up my pajama

top and cover my chest with a gooey coating of the stuff. Then she'd button up my top. For good measure, she'd swipe below my nose with a generous portion of the goop. My night was spent in fitful sleep as the clothing stuck to my skin. The next morning, I did feel better but dreaded the coming night when the nasty stuff would be applied again.

When ear aches accompanied colds, we boys would be up all night with piercing pain. When wash cloths heated in water failed to stem the ache, our parents would have us stand close to them. They'd take a long, deep pull from a cigarette and gently blow the smoke into the hurting ear. A cotton ball kept the smoke in the ear, and immediate relief allowed children

and adults to catch a few hours of sleep.

Mother made a cough remedy that her parents had used years before. She took a jar of honey and added lemon and horehound candy. The concoction was heated in a sauce pan until it blended into a thick syrup. She'd come to our room with a tablespoon and pour two helpings of it down our throats. It did help, but the memory of the taste of the horehound candy still turns my stomach.

Nothing is much worse to me than a stuffed-up nose. As a kid, I'd stick a finger-full of Vicks in my nose. At other times, I'd get a wad of toilet paper, wet it, and stuff it up my nose for a couple of minutes. For serious colds, Mother sometimes would put drops in my nose, something that first brought on tickles and then choking. All I wanted was enough relief to fall asleep. Then I could become a "mouth

breather."

For those hacking coughs, Daddy stepped in. He'd leave the house for a few minutes at night. After he returned, I could hear him opening the silverware drawer in the kitchen. His heavy footsteps echoed down the hall until he reached the bedroom. Daddy flipped the light switch and came to my bedside. He'd say "Open up." I'd obey, and he'd pour a generous spoonful of whiskey into my mouth. When I swallowed, he turned and left. The stuff burned like the fires of hell down my throat, but miraculously, the coughing subsided enough for me to rest. When I had those coughs, my first move was to cover my head with blankets and cough into my pillow; I'd try anything to keep from having to take a shot of whiskey for a cough. These days, I'm much quicker to give the remedy a try, whether a cold is raging or if I feel

one might possibly be on the way in the next week or so.

These days, modern medicine has given cold sufferer shelves of remedies. The products are promoted through million dollar ad campaigns. Some products promise "sleep-at-night" results while others declare they can help folks with a cold get through the day with little discomfort. I don't know about others, but I never had a cold with "cute" mucus in my head, nose, or chest. In fact, any time the color green is used in a discussion of colds, the words "infections" and "antibiotics" follow closely. We can take one of the old remedies or spend a bundle on medicines from the store; however, the fact is that with or without them, a cold will last 7-10 days. Cold medicines are there only to offer a bit of comfort while they run their courses.

KUB utility upgrade to close section of Main Street

A utility upgrade will close a block of Main Street in downtown Knoxville between Monday, March 9 (weather permitting), and Tuesday, March 31.

KUB and its contractors will be closing Main Street between Gay Street and State Street while improvements are made to the utility infrastructure in that block.

The closure of this block of Main Street will prevent a direct connection from Main Street onto James White Parkway. But through mid-March, the intersection at State and Main will remain open, so eastbound motorists on Main Street wishing to access James White Parkway can opt to drive around the utility work by turning right onto Gay Street, left onto Hill Avenue and left onto State Street in order to turn right onto James White Parkway.



Rosie's World

The Love of God

be covered, thus the wearing of a

white bonnet was part of their everyday ritual. The men also abided by certain rules that seemed very unorthodox to most people but were very closely followed. All in all, they were a very committed group of loving, kind, friendly people whose main purpose in life was to help others and live according to God's word.

Their church services were also plain and simple--no organ or piano music, but, oh, how they loved to sing! Their beautiful voices belted out

hymns, a cappella, and also in different tones of sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. Many, many songs have remained in my memory and I'm going to include one here that was one of my favorites. It was called, "The Love of God" and was written by Frederick Lehman. "The love of God is greater far,

Than tongue or pen can ever tell, It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell.

The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win.

His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure, The saints' and angels' song."

I skipped the second verse, but here is the third verse.

"Could we with ink the oceans fill And were the skies of parchment made,

Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky."

Frederick Lehman tells us that verse 3 "had been found penciled on the wall of a patient's room in an insane asylum after he had been carried to his grave" While it is only supposition that he was the one who adapted the

Jewish author's poem to leave us these well known lines, if the account is true, it shows in any case that he highly esteemed the message.

When life brings its harrowing times, remember this beautiful hymn. It will leave a moment of peacefulness and contentment that the world cannot compare.

Thought for the day: Do all the good you can, in all ways you can,, as long as ever you can. John Wesley.

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

Sharing the Gospel

When you are passionate about sharing Jesus, you will do unusual things to reach those who are far from Christ or to help those who are hurting. Remember the story of the paralytic who needed to be healed by Jesus (Mark 2:1-5)? Four buddies took their paralyzed friend to Jesus in a crafty way. They removed the roofing above where Jesus was teaching and lowered their friend down so Jesus might heal him. What devoted friends who were willing to do whatever it took to see their friend healed by Jesus.



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

saw a man who had been crippled his entire life. He was carried to a spot where he begged. The beggar recognized Peter and held out his cup, hoping to get some change to buy some food. That is when God started using Peter's limitations. If Peter had a few dollars on him, it would have been easier to toss

a few bucks in the cup and move on to the prayer meeting. But because he didn't have what this man wanted, he was able to give the man what he needed, physical healing (Acts 3:1-10).

You have what you need. Don't let excuses get in the way. God has given us everything we need and then some in order to make Jesus known to this world.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3).

You have everything you need.

But you say, "No, I don't. I don't have the car of my dreams or the house of my dreams or the spouse of my dreams." Maybe you are dreaming about the wrong things. If you don't have something you think you need, maybe it's because God wants you to see something you have never seen. What we really need is not found in the things the eye can see.

Ask God to give you spiritual vision to see the needs of people all around you and the courage to respond to those needs as you are able. God will not give you more than you can handle. You may not have the money to meet a need, but you have a listening ear and a compassionate heart to share the love of Christ and pray for this person.

There are so many ways you can share the gospel. Think outside the box, like the apostle Paul who declared, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Cor.

Church Happenings

Church of God of Knoxville

55 Alive, the senior group from First Lutheran Church, will meet at 12 noon on Thursday, March 12 in the Meeting Room. At 12:30 a hot lunch will be served, \$8.00 per person. Reservations are required. The guest speaker, Douglas Rodenbeck, will speak at 1:00. His presentation is timely, "How the Money System Works. The event is open to the public. The church is located at 1207 N. Broadway. Please call (865) 524-0366.

Seymour United Methodist Church

Our active Youth program generally gathers each Sunday afternoon, but check latest schedule with director, Steven Mees.

The weather badly affected us all last week, but we recovered to have the Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes done

last Sunday, as the Lenten season begins, leading up to the horrors, then joys of Easter.

Have you checked out the church's new secure Realm website? It has many convenient features you can likely make good use of.

This Wednesday of March 4th, the regularly scheduled fellowship meal will begin at 5:15 p.m. Small group studies on various topics will meet at 6 p.m. following the meal.

Looking ahead, SUMC is again planning a "Springfest" celebration, welcoming in the community for various activities. Watch for further details as that time approaches.

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Where Christ is Making a Difference in Our Lives and in Our Community

"I Love Reading Day" at Norwood Elementary School recently. Every student got a free book of their choice. Left to right are Elizabeth Jordan and Seaton Pritchett of Pi Beta Phi at UT. Kneeling are fifth grade students Gynessa Kirkpatrick, Blake Loftis, K'Aunna Brown and Ashley Longoria. On the right are Librarian Mickey Chapman and Site Resource Coordinator Liz Capparelli Thacker. (Photo by Mike Steely)



311 for Businesses

By Mike Steely
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"Some call it the 311 for businesses," said guest speaker Patricia Robledo at the Tuesday morning meeting of the East Knoxville Business and Professional Association. As Business Liaison for the Office of Business Support in Knoxville, she spoke with the association about the many duties and activities of the office.

Created by Mayor Madeline Rogero a couple of years ago, the office's purpose is to improve relationships with businesses, interact on various issues and help the city become more responsive. Similar to the Office of Neighborhoods, the office also has a Business Advisory Council made up of business owners.

Robledo, formerly of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said the Advisory Council is looking for members and urged the audience members to apply.

She said that much of her work this past year has been with the mobile food vendor program. She also said that

the office receives calls from people looking to start new businesses or expand existing businesses. The callers often ask about zoning and sign regulations.

Robledo said that the city's Business Guide online is a good starting point for anyone planning a new business.

"Sometimes the last thing they do is get their business license," she said, adding that finding the guide is as simple as using www.cityofknoxville.org/biz.

"It's not like I know everything but I can get people to the table to talk about it," she said, adding that the office often coordinates with groups like the Chamber, Health Department, Police Department, Historic Zoning, and the Knoxville Urban League.

She said she has been working with a brewery for location in the city and said that the restaurant business in Knoxville is "becoming really exciting."

Business questions can be asked of the Office of Business Support by calling 215-3155 or emailing Robledo at probledo@cityofknoxville.org.

I Love Reading Day at Norwood

By Mike Steely
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Do you remember getting your first book ever? The first that truly only belonged to you?

For some children their first book, especially a book they pick out, can be very special. Norwood Community School made all of the students there "book owners" during the school's "I Love Reading Day" recently.

Liz Thacker, the Site

Resource Coordinator for Norwood Community School, and Librarian Mickey Chapman saw class after class enter the library to select books. Every five minutes or so a different class came in, were directed to the table with books for their age group and grade, and each child found a book of their very own.

The students then went to a desk and wrote their names in their book. During the day more than 600 children picked

up a book of their selection.

"We did this during the students' 'encore time' so they did not miss any of their curriculum time," Thacker said

Thacker said the event, the first of its kind at Norwood, was created in conjunction with Phi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Tennessee and First Book. Thacker said holding the event the day before Valentine's Day gave a special gift to each student.

Ten-year boat slip agreement passes, but...

By Mike Steely
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The proposed ten-year agreement between the Knox County Sheriff's Department and Volunteer Landing Marina saw several questions from the Knox County Commission last month about the cost and long-term lease before passing.

The new arrangement would increase the cost of rent from \$165 a month to \$700 per month but will give the sheriff's department a prime location on a new dock there.

The new lease also calls for an upfront payment by the county for the entire 10 years, totaling \$84,000.

Attorney John Owings represented the marina and the owner, David Kiger, and said the agreement is "a negotiated lease that protects the county in a number of ways" and added that the long-term lease might cause the commissioners "some heartburn."

He said the lease has some "outs" for the county and fees repaid from that point forward would be refunded.

"I think the best way to look at it is that it is a 10-year month-to-month lease," Owings said. He said the slip is located at the entrance to the marina.

"This is a slip that would lease for \$1,000 a month," he added. "We want to make that available to the county and we also want to make one available to the city for its use."

Commissioner Sam McKenzie said, "I'm not really concerned whether the city or county has the prime boat slip. What makes this one better?"

Owings said the current slip being used by the sheriff's department is "all the way down at the end of the dock, which plays into response time." He said the current slip is the "least expensive slip that we have."

He said the proposed slip could contain a boat lift, leased from an outside agency, and the sheriff's office could construct a storage compartment there.

Commissioner Randy Smith asked how many emergency responses launched from the current slip location last year. Sheriff J. J. Jones said the department takes part in all of the water events and other happenings downtown. He said the slip is there in case of emergencies but did not detail any emergencies launching from there.

"Why in the world would we pay \$84,000 up front?" asked Commissioner Ed Brantley.

Owings said, "Because it's a reduced rate." He called it a substantial savings if you looked at it over ten years. He repeated that the

agreement was a "negotiated lease amount, negotiated between us and the Knox County Sheriff."

"It seems to me that for \$84,000 we could build a pretty good boat house out here behind the jail," Brantley said.

"What happens if there's a bankruptcy?" Chairman Brad Anders asked. Owings answered that the lease would terminate and those provisions are part of the agreement.

The discussion was tabled until the end of the agenda at which Kiger was present and addressed the commission.

"As the sheriff said, this isn't an emergency whether it's a quarter of a mile or an eighth of a mile (to the slip from the parking lot) and I don't think that's germane to the conversation," McKenzie said. He said he had heard nothing that "would give us the bang for the buck."

"It's unusual and ties the hands of other commissioners going forward," he said.

"The concern I have is the long-term upfront payment," said Anders. "The price doesn't concern me over 10 years but the upfront payment startles me."

Owings said that he's been there 15 years without a financial issue and Anders clarified that he was talking about a possible catastrophic event that might leave the county without recourse.

"We don't have any guarantees we could get our money back," Anders said.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker asked Sheriff Jones if hauling gear from the parking area to the new slip was worth an extra \$500 per month. The sheriff said that the current slip has seen some damage to the boat from floating debris. He said "it's a long walk" for someone carrying diving gear.

The sheriff said the new slip location is "ideal and best fits our needs."

Anders called for a roll call vote to approve. The vote was 5 to 4 with Smith, Brantley, and McKenzie voting "No." Anders paused before voting and asked the law director if there was any protection for the county in the agreement and was advised that there was not in case of a bankruptcy. Anders then offered a substitute motions to allow the county to have 10 days for a refund if the commission decides to opt out of the agreement after giving a 30-day notice.

"With that amendment I'm going to vote yes," Anders said.

"If we walk out I want the check back in 10 days," he added.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of
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DOCKET NUMBER 75946-3**

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This the **11 day of February, 2015**

Estate of Gladys Ruth Carey

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of
John Edward Sanders, Jr.
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Estate of John Edward Sanders, Jr.

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Denis M Hastings; Attorney At Law, 5308 E. Sunset Road, Knoxville, TN 37914

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Estate of Marilyn H. Terry

Personal Representative(s):

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2003, executed by ROBERT N. BUCKNER AND TINA M. BUCKNER, conveying certain real property therein described to EVERGREEN TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 25, 2003, at Instrument Number 200311250056745; 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 2003-6 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. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 45TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4, BLOCK C, HUNTING HILLS WEST, UNIT 4, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 51-S, PAGE 1, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 21, 1998, BEARING WORK ORDER NO. 98-03-35. Parcel ID: 092PA-015 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2308 BLACK BEAR RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923**. 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): ROBERT N. BUCKNER AND TINA M. BUCKNER OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2013, executed by ALICE BYRD, 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 February 7, 2013, at Instrument Number 201302070051830; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc. 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: LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN THE 8TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING LOTS 69 AND 70 AS SHOWN BY REVISED MAP OF THE MARTIN SHEA ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 71 OF SAID ADDITION, ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE OLD CLINTON ROAD; THENCE WESTWARDLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE OLD CLINTON ROAD ABOUT 37 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF REYNOLDS STREET (NOT NAMED IN THE MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD); THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF REYNOLDS STREET 93 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE LINE OF LOT NO. 68 OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE SOUTHEASTWARDLY WITH THE LINE BETWEEN LOTS NOS. 68 AND 69 A DISTANCE OF 143 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN ALLEY; THENCE EASTWARDLY WITH THE LINE OF SAID ALLEY 50 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 71 OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE NORTHWARDLY WITH THE LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS 150 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE BEGINNING POINT. Parcel ID: 094GF-004 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1800 REYNOLDS ST, 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): ALICE BYRD 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 October 19, 2006, executed by JAYME M. LINDSEY, conveying certain real property therein described to T. LARRY EDMONDSON'S OFFICE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 31, 2006, at Instrument Number 200610310037486; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes 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 **April 2, 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: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF POWELL, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED INST # 200408090012046, ID# 047GF-002, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 37, AZALEA GARDENS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 60-S, PAGE 56, METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY. Parcel ID: 047GF-002 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7909 TRESSA CIRCLE, POWELL, TN 37849**. 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): JAYME M. LINDSEY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Steven T. Hutchins executed a Deed of Trust to Curtis Mortgage Company, Inc., Lender and William H. Curtis or Gordon C. Curtis, Trustee(s), which was dated December 22, 1997 and recorded on December 23, 1997 in Book TB 3333, Page 111, 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, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (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 17, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described according to the survey of Wade B. Nance, Surveyor, dated November 24, 1997, bearing Drawing #A-17634, as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at an existing drill steel at marble monument in the southern right-of-way of Thorngrove Pike, said monument being located in a southeasterly direction 3,896 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of the southern right-of-way of Thorngrove Pike and the centerline of Fawver Avenue; thence with said right-of-way of Thorngrove Pike, South 75 deg. 04 min. 37 sec. East, 108.56 feet to an existing iron pipe, corner property of Wanda B. Smith (Deed Book 1738, Page 1); thence with the line of Smith, South 00 deg. 17 min. 54 sec. West, 147.53 feet to an existing iron pin; thence continuing, South 76 deg. 30 min. 35 sec. East, 112.42 feet to an existing iron pin in the line of property of Raymond Terry (Deed Book 2099, Page 440); thence with the line of Terry, South 04 deg. 44 min. 12 sec. East, 250.38 feet to an existing pipe at set stone, corner to Lot 18, Riverdale Heights Subdivision (Map Book 47-S Page 50); thence with Lot 18 and with a fence, North 78 deg. 26 min. 24 sec. West, 208.86 feet to an existing pipe at marble monument, corner to property of James Clifford Sands (Deed Book 2151, Page 241); thence with the line of Sands, North 04 deg. 07 min. 17 sec. West, 410.44 feet to an existing drill steel at marble monument, the point of beginning, containing 1.50 acres, more or less.

Note: The acreage mentioned in the legal description is only for the convenience in identifying the tract conveyed herein; neither the grantor nor the preparer of this deed make any representation as to the acreage conveyed.

Being the same property conveyed to Grantors by warranty deed dated December 22, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 2272, Page 313, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 097 111

Address/Description: **6110 Thorngrove Pike, Knoxville, TN 37914.**

Current Owner(s): Steven T. Hutchins.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 7, 2009, executed by VIRGINIA H. LAMBERT, conveying certain real property therein described to LENDERS TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 14, 2009, at Instrument Number 200904140065721; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for the SROF-2013-S3 REMIC Trust I. 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 **April 2, 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 34TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 16, BEDFORD OAKS ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET B, SLIDE 40-D (MAP BOOK 13, PAGE 122), REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BY SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH, SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 21, 1994 AND BEARING WORK ORDER NO. 94-06-40, TO WHICH MAP SURVEY SPECIFIC REFERENCE ARE HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THERE IS ALSO CONVEYED AS 1/25 INTEREST IN A LOT MEASURING 74.6' X 123' LYING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BEDFORD OAKS ADDITION, WHICH IS RESERVED FOR A PARK GIVEN IN EACH DEED. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION WAS TAKEN FROM THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD WITH NO NEW BOUNDARY LINES SURVEY HAVING BEEN COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS, AND TO ALL CONDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP. Parcel ID: 058ED-025 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **704 KESTERSON ROAD, 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): VIRGINIA H. LAMBERT 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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