

School Board Debates, Approves FY16 Budget



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Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre and Deputy Law Director David Buuck debate legality of Broad Academy Grant Agreement

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Last Monday, the Board of Education considered Dr. McIntyre’s proposed General Operating Fund (\$441.5M), Capital Fund (\$19.15M for next year), and School Nutrition Fund (\$28M) budget recommendations for FY 2016. The budgets have been “iterative,” with revisions announced almost weekly. McIntyre announced the latest revision on Monday – the administration had “turned over every rock” and managed to find \$75K to partially fund the \$280K AVID program. This will pay the dues, training

and materials, but left the personnel expense up to individual schools. While this was good news for most AVID schools, it was a major disappointment for Cedar Bluff Middle School. CBMS lost three related-arts teaching positions in the budget, including that of AVID teacher Betsy Barkow. CBMS is a small school, and there are no teacher positions to reallocate. CBMS students have been among the most passionate about saving the AVID program. Citizens of Hardin Valley and Gibbs have been actively pursuing middle schools for their communities, neither of which currently has a middle school.

Last week Dr. McIntyre announced his recommendation for the Hardin Valley middle school, and a new elementary school for the north-central sector. While renovations and expansions have been needed in that area for many years, a new elementary school was not on the radar. Not accepting defeat, 8th District BOE member Mike McMillan proposed adding up to \$30M for a Gibbs Middle School to the Capital Fund budget, with the caveat that the school would be financed by the county. According to Director of Finance Ron McPherson, KCS already

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: PART 1

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One of Knox County’s best kept secrets is the Community Schools program. As the battle between public schools and the corporations that wish to privatize them heats up, this article provides the background and philosophy of the Community Schools Initiative in Knoxville. In coming weeks we will highlight three of the schools, and their communities, to illustrate how this program fosters success – for the student, the family, and the community.

Community schools have been experiencing significance growth over the last 10 to 15 years as various reforms – from Clinton’s Goals 2000 to Bush’s No Child Left Behind to Obama’s Race to the Top – have done little to increase student achievement and close the opportunity gap for at-risk students.

The current trend of fixing “failing schools” with charter schools or vouchers is counter-productive. These solutions fail to recognize that it is not the schools, nor the teachers, that are failing. Generational poverty and the destruction of the family support system (through divorce, incarceration, etc.) have more to do with the student’s success or lack thereof than school-related factors. Taking a child out of his neighborhood school and putting him in a charter or private school for 7 hours a day does little to fix the challenges he faces during the other 17 hours. Additionally, both

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15th Vestal celebrates history of South Knoxville

“History Revival” is the theme of the 15th Vestal South Knoxville Arts and Heritage Festival, sponsored by the Candoro Knoxville Arts & Heritage Center, which will be held Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the grounds of the Historic Candoro Marble Company off Martin Mill Pike in Vestal. Free shuttle rides will be provided by Premier Transportation and South Knoxville Alliance; parking for the shuttle is available at the Disc Exchange and additional

shuttle stops. “Vestal started as a way to celebrate the rich heritage of the area and provide a site for enhancing community identity and fostering cultural renewal,” explains Vestal organizer Chelsea Voelker. To honor that founding vision, this year’s attendees will experience the area’s history through stories, images, photographs and artifacts, which have been collected by neighbors and natives. One particular honoree will be one of

Vestal’s strongest story-bearers, Dobber Doyle (aka “the Vestal Voice”), who recently passed away. Art displays on the festival grounds will depict the industries that formed Vestal, provide information on each of those (especially the marble industry) and specifics on the abundance of the land’s natural resources. A hand-skill station will connect guests of all ages with the disappearing skills of wool spinning, woodworking,

blacksmithing, and pottery, as well as seed saving and composting. The “history revival” will take place alongside a wide array of local craft persons and food vendors, community organization booths, two stages of music all day, children’s activities, special guest storytellers, cake walks, an all-ages square dance, and the traditional Mothers’ Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, visit CandoroMarble.org.

E-911 Radio Dilemma – Hire a Consultant

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Following the recent controversy and discussion about Open Meetings and the Tennessee Sunshine Law, the Knox County Emergency Communication District (E911) Board seemed to be a bit more organized Wednesday with appearances in person by County Mayor Tim Burchett and City Mayor Madeline Rogero. Until last month the mayors had

been sending their representatives to the board meetings but the question of how a chairperson was selected and the failure to second a motion to contract with a communications company brought both top elected officials to the meetings. With input from both mayors, the board voted to search for a consultant to decide what to do about purchasing new radios and whether to operate

independently or join the regional system. The board set aside \$25,000 to fund a consultant, who would be hired and report back in July. The Tennessee Valley Regional Communications System serves 10 counties and is based out of Chattanooga. If the Knox County system decides join the regional system, a lot of updating and upgrading of equipment would be needed. A new radio

system might permit all the emergency agencies to contact each other. Mayor Rogero made a point of saying that the original bid that was recommended is “still on the board” and said that creating an upbuilt independent local system or joining the regional emergency system will both require updating equipment, radios, etc. The board talked about naming three people to an ad hoc committee to look

at the situation choices, apart from the yet-to-be-hired consultant, but Sheriff J.J. Jones objected to the idea that doesn’t include “users” of the current or future radio system. “We’re going down the same road again,” the sheriff said, explaining that the user group was being overlooked again. Mayor Burchett amended the motion to include two “user group” members and one member

appointed by each mayor, putting a total of four people on the committee. Whether the ad hoc committee can meet in private or will be subject to the state’s Sunshine Law was then in question, with E-911 attorney Don Howell saying they would be exempt and city attorney Charles Swanson saying the law applies to even that special committee.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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SPEAK to host two more showings of Documentary “Standardized.” Do you have questions about standardized testing and its impact on your students, our schools, teachers, and community? According to co-chairman Dave Gorman, SPEAK is excited to announce that next week we will have two opportunities for you to see the documentary “Standardized”!

From the website www.standardizedthefilm.com: “For decades, standardized testing has been a part of public education. Within the last ten years, however, education reform has promoted even more testing. Test scores, mistakenly viewed as effective assessments of student ability and teacher/school effectiveness, are anything but. STANDARDIZED sheds light on the invalid nature of these tests, the terrible consequences of high-stakes testing, and the big money that’s involved.”

The first showing will be on Tuesday, April 21 from 6-8:30pm and the second showing will be on Thursday, April 23 at the same time. Both showings will take place at the Union Hall building, located at 1415 Elm Street, Knoxville 37921.

We will have light refreshments and the movie lasts about an hour. We’ll also have time for discussion, sharing, and connecting with others who share your concerns.

We had close to 40 community members show up last month at the Bearden Library when we first viewed “Standardized”. Since then we’ve seen more and more interest here in the topic and we know that many more of you wanted to attend. We hope you’ll be able to join us on the 21st or 23rd!

Calendars don’t teach children. Save Tennessee Summers (STS) is a statewide coalition of parents, teachers and community members, formed in 2008 to reverse the ever-earlier start to the school year. Some of you may remember the “School is cool but not in August” stickers.

STS is one of about 30 state organizations operating under the Coalition for a Traditional School Year, a nonprofit, grass roots coalition of parents, teachers, administrators and businesses concerned about the negative impact of the early August school start date and the year-round school calendar have on our children, families, and teachers.

The Coalition is dedicated to providing grass roots assistance across the nation to families and teachers who are fighting

bloated school calendars and year-round school in their area. Visit their website at www.schoolyear.info/first.html.

Tina Bruno, head of the Coalition, said the increasing number of schools that have dropped the year round calendar and returned to a traditional calendar cite two reasons: cost, and lack of academic benefit. She has offered to help Knox County parents who would be willing to help contact school board members, the mayor, and the paper in opposition to the proposed year round calendar.

The group is not opposed to a week-long fall break, but is concerned about revising the calendar to provide “interventions” when the research does not show academic benefit and high costs. To learn more visit the Facebook page “Save Tennessee Summers”!

Knox County Schools Summer School Goes Virtual. The application for virtual summer school for students who attended grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 during the 2014-2015 school year is now available.

All classes will be taken online with the exception of Driver’s Education. Every student will be required to attend class from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon for the first 10 days. IF adequate progress is shown, the student may then choose to complete coursework from home or any remote location with internet access. All students will return to school to complete the end-of-course test. If the student fails to show continued progress while working from an off-site location, he/she will be required to return to school to complete work.

Meanwhile, Tom Humphrey reported last week that the TN Virtual Academy lost the first round of the lawsuit to block the shutdown of the school due to poor academic scores. Families of three children with disabilities filed suit in March.

From Humphrey’s story, “The school allows students to stay home and do schoolwork on their computers. The virtual school is run by the Union County School system, but students from anywhere in the state can enroll. Union County contracts with Virginia-based corporation K12 Inc. to provide the curriculum to the students. Critics of the virtual school have called it a failure and a drain on taxpayer money.”

TN Virtual Academy ranked among the worst-performing schools in terms of academic gains since it opened in 2011. Last year former Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman ordered the school closed.

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pays around \$33M each year to service the current debt, with \$11M coming out of the General Fund.

All budgets were ultimately passed by the board, but not without considerable discussion on a few line items. Public forum speakers Kim Waller and Lauren Hopson reminded McIntyre that the collaborative conferencing (PECCA) agreement signed in December included a 4% raise for teachers, and asked why he did not bring his proposed reduction of a 3% raise back to PECCA.

Brenda Owensby had a number of suggestions on how to further cut spending, and pointed out that for every 13 teachers, there is an administrator making 3 to 4 times the average teacher salary. You can watch these 5 minute speeches on the [SaveOurSchoolSystem](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ug3t3U3t3t3) YouTube channel.

There was also a heated debate between the Board, McIntyre, and David Buuck of the law department, thanks to careful due diligence and research by Amber Rountree and Patti Bounds.

Rountree asked why the Broad Academy grant agreement didn’t come before the board for approval. Who granted the superintendent unilateral authority to approve such contracts without Board approval?

Buuck said his department only saw the agreement a few weeks ago, when Rountree and Bounds separately asked him to look into it. He said there are indemnity clauses in the agreement that are not legal, or enforceable.

McIntyre defended not bringing the agreement before the board, saying KCS policy DM states that “The Knox County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept receipt of grant awards with the following exceptions: 1. Where the grant award is new and exceeds \$50,000 over the total grant period...” Buuck said this policy is in violation of state statute, which says that the BOE must approve ALL grants.

On Tuesday, Buuck provided additional details, and a copy of the agreement, to *The Focus*. The superintendent notified the Board that he had hired a BROAD Academy fellow and that the BROAD Academy was going to pay 50% of the salary of \$90,000.00. The BOE was never given a copy of the grant agreement nor was the agreement reviewed

by the law director’s office. It was signed by the Superintendent without Board approval.

This agreement, for the newly created position of Director of Planning and Improvement, dictates the duties of the employee and the time off which must be granted to the employee and that benefits must be paid to the employee. The finance office uses a figure of thirty percent (30%) as additional expense for benefits. Of this amount, BROAD will reimburse the taxpayers \$27,900.00.

The grant is essentially a matching fund grant. BROAD grants \$27,900 and Knox County taxpayers match it with \$92,100.00 (\$90,000 x 1.3 = \$120,000 - \$27,900 = \$92,100). McIntyre must be using common core math to determine that \$27,900 is 50% of \$120,000 (or \$90,000).

This position is the fourth Broad Academy fellow KCS has hired. According to the KCS website, the Broad Foundation pays 50% of the first year salary and 25% of the second year salary.

The taxpayers of Knox County sure got a rotten deal when McIntyre signed this agreement.

Rountree explained the Broad Academy, reading from a Washington Post article: “The California-based foundation, built on the housing and insurance empire of billionaire Eli Broad, has made “transforming K-12 urban public education” a major priority. Its training and placement of top administrators in urban districts across the country and support for charter schools, school turnarounds, merit pay and other market-based reforms have put it at the center of a polarized national debate about education policy.”

Rountree said that these goals do not match the goals of our school system. Broad looks for leaders who are “disruptive.” McIntyre is a Broad Superintendent Academy graduate. Rountree added, “I want to do what is best for the kids in my district, not what some billionaire in California is telling us to do.”

The General fund budget passed 7-2, with Patti Bounds and Amber Rountree voting no; the Capital Fund passed with an 8-1 vote (Deathridge voting no); and the Nutrition fund budget passed unanimously.

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Rogero also asked the E-911 board to develop some standing bylaws even though Howell said the state law creating the body lays out most of the rules. Rogero said that the law that created the group doesn’t spell out how committees are formed. Howell said he would work on some bylaws and City Police Chief David Rausch suggested a committee be appointed to work with Howell on the regulations. County Commission Chairman Brad Anders, Rogero and E-911 Chair

Linda Murawski were appointed.

As the meeting was about to end, a call for public comments was made and Tim York of the University of Tennessee Police Department stood and said “At least one accredited law enforcement agency again have not been included.”

Sheriff Jones suggested adding the UT Police to the user group and there were some brief comments about including other agencies and organizations such as KTA, Schools, CAC, etc.

The next meeting is June 17 at 8:30 a.m.



E-911’s attorney, Don Howell (left) speaks to the board about the Open Meetings law as members, including Mayor Rogero and Burchett, listen.

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When Right prevails



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School Board members deserve credit for approving Gibbs Middle

There's an old adage many of us learned from our grandparents: "It's never too late to do the right thing."

Last Monday night at the Knox County Board of Education's special-called meeting to approve its budget for the next fiscal year, that priceless bit of wisdom proved true once more. Just when it seemed like the Gibbs community would again be abandoned in its long and difficult fight for a middle school, the School Board at last decided to do the right thing, voting 6-3 in favor of a motion

made by Board Chair Mike McMillan to approve the construction of a Gibbs Middle School, to be built simultaneously with the one proposed for Hardin Valley.

McMillan's motion came as an amendment to the capital plan put forward to the Board by Superintendent Jim McIntyre. The Superintendent's proposal was for the Board to approve construction of an elementary school in the north sector of the county, and a middle school for Hardin Valley. Building a Gibbs Middle School was not part of the plan. But as the evening's debate wore on, it became clear that the plan was changing.

After dozens of supporters from the Gibbs community listened patiently to considerable debate on the school system's general purpose budget and capital plan, Chairman McMillan made a motion that the capital plan be amended to include an 800-student capacity middle school for the Gibbs community. Board member Doug Harris seconded the motion, and the debate over a Gibbs Middle School ensued. The opposition emerged immediately.

Board members opposed to the motion questioned whether the numbers supported a middle school in Gibbs, and also suggested

building a Gibbs Middle School would have a devastating effect on Holston Middle (which Gibbs and Corryton students currently travel long distances to attend). But citing the independent study recently done on the school system's capital needs, Superintendent McIntyre said enrollment projections for a new Gibbs Middle School would be in the 700-800 range by 2019, while Holston's enrollment was projected to fall from 800+ to just under 600 in such a scenario. Hardly the devastation suggested by opponents.

Predictably, less than 48 hours after the Board approved the Gibbs Middle School, the daily paper published an editorial opposing the school and giving the same objections the Gibbs community has heard for 24 years: the numbers don't justify it. Same song, second verse. But unlike the School Board meeting, where the numbers were clearly articulated that DO support a Gibbs Middle School, the editorial offered no data whatsoever, but merely exhibited a clear prejudice against the Gibbs community and its ability to flourish and grow, by once again opposing its having a middle school to go along with its high school and three elementary schools.

You will read no such opposition in *The Focus*. We believe in giving credit where credit is due, especially if such credit involves the courage to do the right thing. Monday night, led by Chairman Mike McMillan, School Board members Doug Harris, Terry Hill, Patti Bounds, Amber Rountree, and Tracie Sanger exhibited the wisdom, leadership, courage, and compassion the people of Gibbs have longed to see from their leaders for 24 years.

McMillan's leadership during the meeting on Monday was exemplary. One observer commented that McMillan had "the patience of Job" as he calmly allowed opponents of Gibbs Middle to cite every reason imaginable not to build it. McMillan represents the 8th District, which includes the Carter and Gibbs communities of north and east Knox County. His leadership has been invaluable in the fights for both a new Carter Elementary School, as well as getting a middle school back in Gibbs.

Toward the end of the long debate, Doug Harris, who represents the 3rd District, voiced his support for the measure, stating that when he first came on the School Board he was opposed to a middle school in Gibbs. But

after listening to the people of the Gibbs community, and gaining an understanding of the history surrounding Gibbs Middle School, he changed his position. Harris said he truly believes it is the right thing to do for the Gibbs community.

Second District Board member Tracie Sanger followed by expressing how she had wrestled with the issue all week, and how much she appreciated the respectful, positive tone of the emails and comments from members of the Gibbs community. In the end, Sanger said it came down to a three line statement: They have an elementary school. They have a high school. The Gibbs community should have a middle school. With Harris and Sanger on board, it became apparent that a Gibbs Middle School was at last going to be approved by the Knox County School Board.

As the vote began in the 9th District, Board member Amber Rountree, a staunch supporter of the Gibbs Middle School, cast the first 'Yes' vote. McMillan followed, and then Patti Bounds of the 7th District, and Terry Hill who represents the 6th District including Hardin Valley, both voted in favor of the measure. Hill and Bounds had listened intently to the concerns of Gibbs residents, and

have been very compassionate toward the plight of the Gibbs community throughout the recent debate.

By the time the roll call ended, the school system's capital plan had been approved to include a Gibbs Middle School by a vote of 6-3. Supporters from the Gibbs community erupted in a lengthy applause. Quite understandably, some were even in tears. At least six faces were smiling at them from across the room. Perhaps at the release of joy displayed so openly after 24 years of frustration and disappointment. Perhaps simply at the satisfaction that comes when you know you did what was right.

Now the school system's capital plan, which includes both a Hardin Valley and Gibbs Middle School, goes across the street to the Mayor and County Commission for funding. Paying for the construction of new schools is never an easy proposition. Numbers will be crunched and scenarios analyzed over the coming days and weeks. But as light streams through at the end of a 24-year tunnel, the people of the Gibbs community remain confident that a slight variation on an old adage will ultimately prevail.

There's always a way to do the right thing.

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Or a third grader? Find out by taking the new online Tennessee social studies practice test!

A KCS teacher emailed us, "In case you haven't heard, the newest social studies assessment is ready to inflict its terror on students here in Knox County as well as across the state."

According to the TN Department of Education, the field test for the new TCAP Achievement and End of Course social studies/US History test will be given this spring. This is because new content standards for social studies and US History, which were passed by the State Board of Education in July 2013, went into effect this year.

Our teacher correspondent told the Focus, "I teach at the intermediate level and would expect such tests at the high school or even college level and NOT



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in elementary school. I think you'll be shocked by the length of most questions as well as the use of unfamiliar language and illustrations from times gone by. Finally, the 10,000 character (1,760 words) essay is the icing on the cake."

This teacher, who has postsecondary experience, took an intermediate grade level test and lamented, "I only scored a 72%! My students will be devastated by this and will likely blame me for not teaching the correct subject matter. Nothing could be further from the truth." This isn't a first or second year teacher, but a teacher who knows the subject matter, and how to teach it in an age-appropriate way.

We encourage you to try out the practice test, available here: http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/social_studies.shtml.

Click on "Practice Resources and Training," and then at the bottom of the page, select any grade 3 through 8, or US History for high school. All the practice assessments contain 60 multiple choice questions and an essay.

We examined the third grade assessment in more detail. Remember, third graders are just 8 years old.

Many of the questions include maps, charts, graphs, and timelines. Knowing geography, including continents, countries, and cities, and reading and interpreting charts, graphs and timelines are valuable skills, and should be a part of every child's education. But 8 year olds are not just miniature versions of 18 year olds. There is clearly no understanding of early childhood development or education research among the developers of these assessments.

This is one of many questions that seemed beyond the expected

comprehension level of a typical 8 year old:

Read the text and answer the question below: The language of the Han people is what we call "Chinese." It is the most common language in the People's Republic of China. With one fifth of the population speaking the language, Chinese is now spoken all over the world. Within China, there are 55 other ethnic groups. All of these groups, except the Hui and Manchu, use their own language along with the language we call "Chinese." Chinese is usually written with logograms instead of letters. This means that, like in Mayan and cuneiform writing, each character or image represents a whole word rather than a sound.

Which conclusion can be drawn from the information in the text? A. The Chinese language came from India, B. The Han people are the largest cultural group in China; C. The Hui people came from another area outside of China, D. The Chinese language uses

symbols similar to those from Mesopotamia. The correct answer is B.

With the current emphasis on high-stakes reading, math, and language arts assessments, there is already too little time in elementary school allotted for social studies (or science) – often no more than 20 minutes a day. Central Office suggests that teachers start teaching the social studies reading elements as part of their reading block. One suggested book for fifth grade is Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The field test is being given on different dates across the county. Reports so far indicate multiple unforeseen obstacles. Computer issues were numerous - at one school, the server crashed. At another the computers did not have the necessary version of Java software required to run the test.

A teacher giving the test said, "We had nearly 30 students sitting at their computers while we frantically tried to figure out what to do

and how to do it. Our group got through the multiple choice in the morning, went to lunch and recess, and came back to do the written part. Students missed an entire day of instruction, and so did the teachers who were giving/proctoring the test. It was ridiculous." Chalk up another day lost to unnecessary testing, at the expense of real learning.

Parents, the field test of this assessment does not count for a grade. It doesn't measure what has been taught in the classroom or what the students have mastered. Unfortunately, the KCS Social Studies specialist believes that this is a fair test and that children will do well on it, because it was devised by teachers. But remember, we were told repeatedly that common core standards were written by teachers, too, and that simply was not true. This is a great opportunity to exercise your right to refuse the test.



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Frankenberg is the new Judicial Magistrate

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It took a while to replace retiring Magistrate Mark Brown but, after three rounds of voting, the Knox County Commission selected Sharon Frankenberg for the position.

All candidates were suggested by the sitting Judges of the Court of General Sessions, who submitted a list to Commission Chair Brad Anders. Recommended for consideration were Frankenberg, Alexander Brown, Michael Cabage, Dustin Dunham, Rhonda Lee and Patrick Looper. Loretta Cravens' name was withdrawn before the voting.

Frankenberg, of 232 Medford Road, is a 1988 UT graduate in Law and a 1985 graduate with a degree in Psychology and Political Science. She was on the dean's list every year and was on the fundraising committee for the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Memorial. She is also Legal Advisor for the Habitat for Humanity as well as a volunteer, and a member of the Knoxville Association of Women Executives.

The nomination procedure began with asking the First District Commissioner for this nomination but Commissioner McKenzie had something he wanted to say.

"This is a flawed process. The public wants a public vetting and that didn't happen this time," he said. He passed on each vote including the final motion to close nominations and select Frankenberg.

Following his words the other commissioners were called on for nominations and, one by one, each of those suggested were nominated. The commissioners then voted and Frankenberg got five votes with the other votes going to Dunham, Cabage and Looper. The five votes came from Commissioners Schoonmaker, Dave Wright, Bob Thomas, Jeff Ownby, and Charles Busler.

Anders voted for Alexander Brown and Commissioners Brown and Ed Brantley voted for Cabage.

Since six votes are needed to pass, the commissioners voted again and Brantley and Anders joined the others to select the new judicial magistrate.

On the vote to accept the selection and close the session, Brown voted a verbal "No" and, as he had done through the meeting, McKenzie passed.

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charters and vouchers suck limited tax dollars out of the public school system, leaving fewer resources for those children left behind. Claims that "the money follows the child" ignore the fact that unless entire public schools are closed, the fixed expenses remain. In a county-wide system like KCS, students in Farragut or Hardin Valley will feel these effects as much as students in urban schools.

A better solution, used successfully in across the country, is the Community School Initiative, which works to enhance student academic success and to eliminate achievement gaps by meeting students' basic needs. Using public schools as a hub for organizing community resources to improve neighborhood health and safety and student academic success, community schools focus not just on the student, but also the family, and the entire community.

The University of Tennessee piloted a community school partnership with Pond Gap Elementary in 2010. This is known as a "University-Assisted Community School" (UACS), due to the close relationship with UT. Pond Gap is one of the schools we will spotlight in coming weeks.

The success of Pond Gap caught the attention of former pastor, attorney, educator, and author Buzz Thomas, who in 2009 was appointed as executive director of Great Schools Partnership (GSP). The mission of GSP is "to serve as a think-tank, catalyst, incubator and start-up funder

for making Knox County Schools globally competitive." GSP has been instrumental in leveraging and/or creating programs including early literacy initiatives, the TAP Program, summer bridge programs for struggling students, teacher mentoring programs and more.

GSP launched three community schools in 2012-13: Green Magnet Elementary, Lonsdale Elementary, and Norwood Elementary. In 2013-14, the program expanded to include Christenberry Elementary, Sarah Moore Green Magnet Elementary, and Vine Magnet Middle, and this year South Knoxville Elementary joined the program.

A Site Resource Coordinator at each community school works to engage students, parents, community residents and school personnel to determine program and service needs and assets, and works with community partners to coordinate and facilitate the delivery of services through the community school.

Thomas explained some of the differences between UACS (Pond Gap) and the seven GSP community schools. Obviously, Pond Gap has a close relationship with UT, which the other community schools don't have at this time. But he said that one of the goals Bob Ridell, Dean of the UT College of Education, Health and Human Sciences has, is for all of the community schools to eventually be university assisted, allowing the greatest leverage of resources.

Thomas describes Pond Gap as a partner, not a competitor, and adds "we have a warm, collegial, collaborative

relationship with Pond Gap." With more paid staff, they are able to do things that other schools can't. GSP schools have one paid staff member (the site resource coordinator) and a part-time assistant, and therefore the focus is more on aligning community resources.

GSP community schools also have a site steering committee comprised of parents, teachers, and community leaders at each school. Thomas says this is key secret to success of the community school – because each school, and each community, is unique. For example, the Lonsdale community has a high number of Spanish-speaking families, so they offer ESL classes for parents.

But there are many similarities between the UACS and the GSP programs. Common characteristics include family, partner, and community engagement; expanded learning opportunities; health and social support; youth development activities; and tutoring and academic enrichment. The school facility is open for extended hours, and a variety of adult classes and workshops are offered.

Stephanie Welch, VP of Operations for Community Schools, brings her background in public health and nutrition to the GSP program. Promoting physical activity and nutrition is a priority for Welch, and she cites the Kids Can Bike, Walking School Bus, NEAT (Nutrition Education Activity Training), and community gardens among many other programs offered at GSP community schools. She has been instrumental

in bringing partners in to implement these programs.

Thomas describes community schools as "the smartest strategy to come down the pike in a long time, for not just student success, but for family and community success." But a big part of his job is raising money. It costs from \$120K to \$140K per year for each community school.

GSP provides a site coordinator and assistant at each school, meals at some schools, transportation, security, and tutoring. KCS helps with meals, transportation, and security. Mayor Burchett provides \$600K, and Mayor Rogero hopefully will provide \$2-300K this year. Covenant Health is GSP's angel capital donor, giving \$150K per year. GSP is in conversations now with Tenova. Other partners include Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and Knoxville Parks and Recreation, who provide on-site after school care.

The benefits are many. With parent, neighborhood and partner input and involvement, community schools can be a positive center of influence to benefit students, families, and the surrounding community. Research indicates that these benefits include improved student learning, health, and attendance; stronger family engagement; an improved school climate; and safer neighborhoods.

As Buzz Thomas said, "You don't improve the public water supply by investing in Perrier, and you don't improve public schools by funding private schools." Voucher-supporting legislators, take note.

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Our Neighborhoods

Merchants Drive and Jane Merchant

By Mike Steely
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It is common in our area for streets and roads to be named for early families living along the byways. For instance in North Knoxville there is Tillery Lane, Adair Drive, Whittle Springs, and Inskip Road, all named for early settlers and prominent families.

And then there's Merchants Drive. You can call it Merchant's Road, Merchant Road, or Merchant Drive, but the name of the road is a puzzle. Many assume the street, which stretches from Central Avenue west to Pleasant Ridge Road, was named for the large number of merchants, or stores, along the route.

The street's route takes it from Inskip, beneath Interstate 75, past restaurants, motels, shops, and across busy Clinton Highway and past the Norwood Public Library into Norwood where it finally ends opposite the school at Pleasant Ridge. Almost all of the street is developed either with businesses or with single-family homes and apartments. The development of several acres left to the Girl Scouts near Pleasant Ridge



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

It's hard to imagine Merchant Drive was once a railroad spur. As the area developed, the abandoned right-of-way became a major North Knoxville street.

Road continues to be a matter of controversy among neighbors there who oppose a massive apartment proposed for the vacant land.

Lynn Redmon, a longtime Norwood resident and noted political consultant, says that what is now Merchants Drive was originally developed as a

short-line railroad spur.

But there's another and more likely reason for the name Merchant: The Merchant family lived there in the early 1900s. The father and mother Clarence and Donia Merchant created a strong family while operating a dairy farm. One of the children, Jane, was not only special but exceptional.

A family relative, L.L. Merchant, bought land along Sharps Gap Pike in 1910. A year later Clarence Merchant bought 40 acres near Sharps Gap and continued to expand and buy land until 1927. He not only ran the farm but delivered milk in Knoxville.

The family faced hard times during their lifetime, losing land, moving around, and returning to Knoxville finally.

In 1919 Jane was born in Inskip, one of four children. She was a beautiful child but it was soon found that the little girl had Brittle Bone Disease. Often just moving her or picking her up resulted in broken bones. As a result Jane could not attend school and was educated at home, bedridden for the rest of her life.

The parents, and her sister

Elizabeth who became a nurse, cared for Jane. As she aged the family moved several times because of the economy. They lived in Dandridge, Strawberry Plains, and even Union City in West Tennessee. Each place they lived Jane's room was made to look similar to the original room. Her father remodeled the houses to accommodate his daughter even enclosing a porch so she could rest outside.

Her sisters often visited the Knoxville Public Library and brought home books for Jane.

When the family returned to Knoxville, they lived on Emoriland Boulevard and Sunset Trail in Fountain City. In her early years Jane was an avid reader and began to write. At age 17 the bedridden girl's first writings appeared in print in a Methodist women's magazine. For many years thereafter, her poems were published in various national publications such as Good Housekeeping. By 1942 Jane Merchant had become deaf and eventually lost most of her sight. When her father died in 1949 she published a popular collection of poems titled "Halfway Up

The Sky."

While much of her writings took a religious theme she occasionally touched on the humorous and whimsical:

"There is no man but will admit

A pun's the lowest form of wit
Unless of course, he utters it."

Her writings, all from her bed with pencil and paper or typewriter, reflected her family, her faith, and her continued optimism.

Of her father she wrote:

"Your dad's a very stubborn man indeed" our mother said. He said, "A persevering man," but Mother shook her head.

"That's what you call it," she observed. "A man who'll work away till grass is growing where it won't be stubborn, I should say.

"And yet I recon any man who's fully set to win can't tell where perseverance stops and stubbornness sets in."

Over her lifetime she produced 10 books and more than 2,000 published poems. She became a Knoxville and Fountain City celebrity and corresponded with many people. She occasionally had bedside visits from admirers and lived until January 5th, 1972. Jane Merchant is buried in the Brookwater United Methodist Cemetery on Central Avenue Pike, just south of Merchants Drive.

In 1989 Abingdon Press published "A Window on Eternity" by Sarah Jorunn Oftedal Ricketts with a forward by Ruth Bell Graham. Mrs. Billy Graham wrote the book will "stretch your mind and your heart and leave you richer." The author said that Mrs. Graham has suggested Ricketts write the book which tells the life of Jane Merchant.

Thanks to Lynn Redmon, the Norwood Public Library, Jim Tumblin, and the archives of the East Tennessee Historical Society for information for this story.



Crippled since a young child Knoxville's Jane Merchant wrote books and poems and became well known for her work despite being bedridden throughout her life.



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By Mike Steely
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Are you planning to repair those old windows or replace a door to your home in Knoxville? Did you get a permit?

If you own a historic home or a home in a neighborhood with a historic zone designation you might find yourself in front of the Historic Planning Commission. If you apply for a permit to renovate the outside of the house you'd be directed to Kaye Graybeal, the Principal Historic Planner for the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

If you didn't apply for a permit or didn't know you needed to do so you'll probably find yourself facing the Historic planners. That was the situation Thursday as that commission met and heard from the Edgewood Park City owner of 2331 Jefferson Avenue.

The owner didn't know he had to pull a permit and was not told by the realtor when buying the house that it is situated in a historic district and, oddly, was not required to be so notified. The home had broken windows and the owner needed to replace the front door and several windows.

He did so but found he had to appear before the Knoxville Historic Planning Commission and ask that the repairs he has already paid for be accepted.

The home was, at the meeting, described as unique, a neo-classic structure with a two level porch. The restrictions called for replacement of the windows to match the original and a similar restriction on the front door, which could be "painted to resemble wood."

"I didn't know," the owner told the group. He said the door was broken and now the broken windows

and the door have been replaced and he said he spent a lot of money doing so.

Kaye Graybeal told him that the windows don't match the original one-on-one windows and the new door is not acceptable.

The request was denied and the comments from the commission included describing the house as unique, maybe one of five in the city, and that there wasn't much the body can do to help the owner. Graybeal then said there architectural salvage parts may be available locally. The owner

said the dismantled windows and doors have been discarded.

In other action the historic planners voted to recommend passing the city's 60 day delay on Demolition Requests for local historic structures. They approved the idea of notifying owners if their property is listed as such. The demolition of homes built prior to 1865 or in Historic Districts is already protected.

The 60 days would give local preservation groups time to talk with owners in an attempt to preserve or restore the homes or

buildings but the owners are not required to discuss the issue if they so wish. If an injunction is not filed against demolition during the delay then a demolition permit would be granted.

The commission also approved the construction of a rear deck at 920 Eleanor Street in the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood and the screening of a rear porch at 1000 Thompson Place in Old North Knoxville.

The Everly Park, Police Advisory and KAT Vans

By Mike Steely
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"This will be one of the happiest moments I'll have standing at this podium. I've come to thank you from the Bearden Council and extend appreciations to several people," Terry Faulkner told the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening.

"And I get to extend the appreciation from Don Everly," she continued.

Over the past year or so several neighborhood groups in West Knoxville have been pushing to have a small roadside lot, the site of a former gas station, turned into a park to honor the Everly Brothers. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers spent two years in Knoxville and attended nearby West High School. Phil Everly died last year leaving his brother Don to receive the recognition the brothers so deserve from Knoxville.

"He said he was honored," Faulkner added. She explained that "one of the Bearden Council members" had spoken with the surviving Everly by telephone and told him the creation of the little pocket park was going before city council.

The resolution, which passed unanimously by the council, authorizes Mayor Madeline Rogero to enter into a licensing agreement with the State of Tennessee for "a Bearden Gateway park in honor of the Everly Brothers."

Work has already begun on the park, located in front of Earth Fare at the junction of Kingston Pike and North Forest Park Boulevard, and

sod was installed recently. The Bearden Council has begun plans for the park that might include benches, an entrance, a permanent stage, and possibly even a statue. Fund raising can now begin publically and an announcement of a dedication ceremony can now be scheduled. Details should be forthcoming.

While the state will continue to own the small parcel the city and the sponsors will apparently plan and maintain the site.

Faulkner said the Bearden Council has worked closely with the city departments of Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and the Public Service Department. She thanked the mayor and the mayor's staff and specifically called attention to the cooperation of one councilman.

"We couldn't have made it this far without Duane Grieve," she said.

"This is a real good example of a pocket park," Grieve said, explaining that when TDOT took over the property to expand the bridge along Kingston Pike the project left "that one piece there." He also recognized the effort to create the "dream of an Everly Brothers Park" on that little piece of land.

In other business the council heard from Robbie Arrington of the Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) who summarized their 2014 annual report. He said the committee received 104 complaints, 14 more than the previous year, and closed 100 of the cases.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The Bearden Council's Terry Faulkner thanks the city for its part in getting the Everly Brothers Park created.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, Arrington said that there are "a lot less racial profiling cases" reported.

"I want to compliment the Police Advisory and Review Committee for the work they are doing," said Councilman Daniel Brown, adding, "Especially given the state of so many shootings that are going on around this country on African Americans."

"I think we in this city are ahead of the game in terms of having a police advisory when so many cities do not," he said.

The council also voted to purchase three paravans, for handicapped riders and others, from National Bus Sales and Leasing and a five-year agreement to purchase 21 total "para-transport"

vans. KAT Director Dawn Distler said the agreement will allow the replacement of the vans over the span of the agreement.

The Megabus, which normally loads and unloads passengers in a special side street at the Knoxville Transit Station, was given permission to use the platform space there while the street below is closed occasionally.

The council also approved, on first reading, the One Year Plan submitted by the Planning Commission and authorized the mayor to accept \$ 20,000 from a Homeland Security Grant to fund a "Rendering Safe Suspicious Device X-Ray System" for use by the bomb squad, in an agreement with Knox County.

Bearden Council's effort for Everly Park

Terry Faulkner, President of the Bearden Council, recalled the effort to get permission to create a little park in memory of the Everly Brothers. She said she appreciated the support of *The Focus* and sent several comments by email.

"City officials, in addition to the Mayor, who have worked with us the last two years are: Tom Clabo, engineering, Joe Walsh, Director, Parks and Rec., and David Brace, Director of Public Service. The key TDOT person who assisted in the process was Steve Bordon, Eastern Tennessee Regional Director.

"TDOT contributed the decorative wall using remaining funding from the railroad bridge project and in addition to that they added a sidewalk on both sides of the bridge (only the north sidewalk was in the original plan). Bearden Council has worked with Steve Bordon and his predecessor in that position, Fred Corum, on every project they have done in this community. They have contributed in every possible way to help us implement the goals of our MPC Pedestrian Village Small Area Plan by adding sidewalks, public transit stops and landscaping: and now have made it possible for us to add a commemorative park in our community to honor the Everly Brothers.

"TDOT has been wonderful and Councilman Duane Grieve's commitment to this project has also been a key to our success.

"This has been a long process and we have worked hard on it. Because we are partnering with the East Tennessee Community Design Center and have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with their organization that they will partner in any news releases that we give re: the project concept design, we cannot reveal any plan or release any prior plans that we had drawn ourselves.

"You listed most of the components that we want included in the park in your article: entrance/ access into the park, a mini-plaza with seating, a small stage, a bronze statue of the Everlys, landscaping and a connection to the greenway. What we are able to do will depend on the amount of money we raise."

Mrs. Faulkner also noted that Grieve donated discretionary funds for the purchase of trees and sod for the park, which have already been placed there.

The Bearden Council is a group that brings local neighborhood associations, business owners, and developers together to discuss and promote their area.



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The Irrepressible “Happy” Chandler A. B. Chandler of Kentucky *Part IV*

Pages from the Past



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Albert Benjamin Chandler had once again defeated the state machine and won election to the governorship by a record majority twenty years after having first been elected governor.

Unfortunately, Happy Chandler's second administration was not going as well as his first. In the years Chandler had served as U. S. senator and Commissioner of Baseball, his successors as governor had instituted many social programs that had driven up the cost of government. Governor Chandler was struggling to find a way to pay for those same programs while implementing his own campaign pledges.

Chandler sought to delay the inevitable; his proposal to the state legislature included almost fifty million dollars in spending in excess of the anticipated revenue. A package of new taxes and increases in others was put before the legislature, including a surtax on the production of whiskey.

It soon became apparent that despite heavy majorities in both houses of the legislature, Governor Chandler could not summon a majority for his own proposals due to opposition inside his own party. The leader of the opposition to A. B. Chandler inside Kentucky's Democratic Party was Senator Earle C. Clements. Himself a former Congressman and governor, Clements had risen in the Senate's hierarchy quickly, becoming Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson's deputy. Clements and his successor as governor, Lawrence Wetherby, had fought Happy Chandler's proposed return to the governor's office in 1955. Clements had selected Bert T. Combs, a judge on Kentucky's Court of Appeals, to oppose Chandler for the Democratic nomination. Those state legislators close to Clements and Wetherby had no intention of cooperating with Governor Chandler to make his administration a success.

Not easily frustrated, Governor Chandler soon concluded to pass his program through the legislature, he required the help of Republicans. Throughout his second administration, Chandler funneled projects and patronage to Republican allies in the legislature to ensure passage of his proposals.

The Republicans also received an unexpected benefit from Chandler's reign as governor. Both of Kentucky's seats in the United States Senate were up for

election. Senator Earle C. Clements' term was set to expire and there was a special election to determine a successor to the late Alben W. Barkley, who had come out of retirement to defeat Republican Senator John Sherman Cooper in 1954. Barkley had died suddenly, literally in mid-speech. Barkley's death in 1956 complicated matters considerably for Kentucky Democrats. Former governor Lawrence Wetherby was selected as the Democratic nominee to run for the four years remaining in the late Senator Barkley's term.

Republicans had been competitive in Kentucky elections, winning the governorship in 1943 and John Sherman Cooper had been elected to the U. S. Senate in 1946, losing in 1948, but winning again in 1952 before losing to Alben Barkley in 1954. President Dwight D. Eisenhower personally pressed Cooper to run for the Senate again in 1956. The immensely popular former general would be heading the Republican ticket and Congressman Thruston Morton had been recruited to challenge Senator Clements. Both Clements and Wetherby faced serious GOP competition in the general election.

Senator Clements' own reelection bid was hampered by Lyndon Johnson's heart attack, which required Clements to linger in the Capitol, keeping him away from Kentucky. Clements did not seem to think his own reelection was in peril, as when he did return to Kentucky, he seemed to campaign more for Lawrence Wetherby than he did himself.

Governor Chandler had not entirely given up his hope of being elected president; he attended the 1956 Democratic National Convention in 1956 angling to be selected as the nominee of his party. Even the governor's closest political friends believed 1952 nominee Adlai Stevenson would once again receive the nomination, but Chandler doggedly believed he could win. He was embarrassed to received fewer than forty votes at the convention and the experience left Happy Chandler quite bitter.

Returning home to Kentucky, the coming senatorial elections provided an ideal situation for Happy Chandler. Governor Chandler and Senator Earle Clements were long time political enemies and each headed a different faction of Kentucky's Democratic Party. Wetherby was closely aligned with

Clements and neither of the senatorial nominees received the support of the governor or his administration. In fact, Chandler quietly threw the weight of his own organization behind the Republicans. Eisenhower carried Kentucky and John Sherman Cooper returned to the United States Senate by beating Lawrence Wetherby by about sixty-five thousand votes. Senator Earle Clements lost to Congressman Thruston Morton by a razor thin margin of some seven thousand votes. The 1956 election had removed Happy Chandler's most influential opposition inside the Democratic Party. It would be sixteen years before Democrats won another senatorial election in Kentucky.

Perhaps the biggest achievement of Chandler's second term as governor was the funding of a medical center for the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Chandler himself later said it was the accomplishment in his second term of which he was the most proud. The medical center would later be named in his honor. As with many governors during the decade of the 1950s, Chandler faced issues involving integration. When several black students in Sturgis, Kentucky prepared to enter the local high school, they found the way barred by some five hundred people. Governor Chandler responded by calling out the National Guard, who arrived with tanks. Still, it took almost three weeks before the situation was resolved peaceably.

At the expiration of his term in 1959, Happy Chandler threw his support to his lieutenant governor, Harry Lee Waterfield, to succeed him. Although having lost his own reelection bid, former Senator Earle C. Clements once again backed Bert T. Combs to run for governor. It was a bitter fight and Bert Combs won by some thirty-three thousand votes. It was yet another bitter disappointment for Happy Chandler.

Governor Chandler's bitterness boiled forth when former President Harry S. Truman journeyed to Kentucky to campaign for Combs and the Democratic ticket. Wilson Wyatt, a former official in Truman's administration, was the candidate for lieutenant governor. Happy did not bother to observe the niceties, failing to welcome the former president to Kentucky. Instead, Happy wrote a letter to Truman, scoring Bert Combs as a liar, among other things.

Unlike 1956, it was not a Republican year in Kentucky and Combs was elected governor easily. After leaving the governor's office for the second time in 1960, Happy kept up his interest in politics and once again hoped lightning might strike at the Democratic National Convention.

Chandler's notion that John F. Kennedy was "too young" to be the standard bearer for the Democrats proved to be both old fashioned and just plain wrong. Once Kennedy was nominated, Happy floated the idea that he would be an ideal running mate for the senator from Massachusetts. Evidently JFK ignored Chandler's advice and chose Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson instead.

It soon became clear that Happy Chandler had not abandoned politics in his native state. Chandler announced he would be a candidate for governor yet again in late 1962. Chandler recruited his former lieutenant governor, Harry Lee Waterfield, to once again be his running mate in the 1963 election. Governor Bert T. Combs, unable to succeed

himself, announced he was backing Edward T. Breathitt to succeed him. Breathitt had held several posts in the Combs administration and proved to be adept at modern politics. Happy Chandler's own political career went back more than thirty years and things were changing. The former governor was as colorful as ever and easily entertained the crowds that gathered to hear him, but Happy Chandler seemed oddly out of place in the most important medium of the time: television. "Ned" Breathitt was not only considerably younger than the sixty-five year old former governor, but handsome and sleek. Breathitt adapted well to television, using conversational tones, while Happy Chandler seemed both outmoded and outdated.

In the past, Happy Chandler had been a master at finding a relatively minor issue and picking at it to successfully enrage voters, whether it be African paneling in the governor's office or a \$20,000 rug. All too often, the charges were not true, but Happy shrugged off whether his accusations were true, replying "people like to hear them." Once again, Happy tried to pick at what he considered wasteful spending, but he finally met his match in Ned Breathitt who charged that Chandler had voted to declare war against Germany, Japan and Italy in 1941, but had promptly resigned his own commission in the Army reserves. Infuriated, Happy tried to explain that he had wanted to go to war himself, but had been told by then Secretary of War Henry Stimson that he could better serve the country by remaining in the United States Senate.

The year 1963 brought the end of A. B. Chandler's political career. Ned Breathitt won the Democratic

gubernatorial nominee by better than sixty thousand votes. Happy did not gracefully accept the verdict of the people and tried to return to the governor's office again in 1967 and 1971.

When he lost the nomination in 1967, the former governor bolted the party to support Republican Louie B. Nunn, who won the general election. It was Governor Nunn who first appointed Happy Chandler to what would be three terms on the University of Kentucky's Board of Trustees.

The 1971 marked Happy's last run for political office. That year the former governor didn't even bother to compete inside the Democratic primary, preferring to run as an Independent.

His days in elected office over, Happy Chandler settled in to a comfortable life at his home in Versailles, Kentucky. Happy remained active until the end of his days and was thrilled when he was inducted into the Baseball hall of Fame in 1982. Chandler was also the subject of a film documentary when he was eighty-nine years old.

Occasionally, Happy Chandler could exercise some influence, as when his endorsement of Wallace Wilkinson for governor helped to determine the outcome of the race. Chandler's time on the Board of Trustees for the University of Kentucky was marred by his use of a racial epithet, which cause quite a controversy at the time. Chandler's subsequent apology and explanation likely only made matters worse.

Still, nobody questioned Happy Chandler's love for the University of Kentucky and the former governor was a familiar sight at sporting events. Usually nattily dressed in a blue blazer and a sweater the hue of blue signifying Kentucky's colors, Happy would totter to center stage and sing his rousing rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" and he could still bring tears to the eyes of his audience, both young and old.

Albert Benjamin Chandler, like all human beings, began to become more and more frail as he aged. He died in Versailles on June 15, 1991 at age ninety-two, less than a month shy of his ninety-third birthday.

Laid to rest in a Presbyterian cemetery near his home, Happy Chandler had lived a full and rich life. More over, for most of his long life, he lived up to his well-deserved nickname and was truly "Happy."



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From State Representative Harry Brooks

The 2015 session is coming to a close, and I believe we have held our last full week of session. It has been a very busy week. Reelfoot Studio artist, Ty Crisp, held an art show in the War Memorial Building Mezzanine on Monday April 13th, and my son Ben helped with marketing for the event.

The House Education Administration and Planning Committee was reopened the week of April 13th, so one bill

and one Senate Joint Resolution could be heard. House Bill 577 would require local education agencies (LEA) to submit the names of school bus drivers to the Department of Safety, and the Department of Safety would have to maintain a database of all authorized persons. The Department of Safety would also be required to notify the LEA if the driver license of someone in the database is suspended or revoked. This bill, after much discussion, was deferred until 2016. While I think this is a very good idea, the Senate will need to begin working on it before it can proceed further in the House. Senate Joint Resolution 107 was a statement of intent and position that said Tennessee opposes a "National School Board." This SJR was passed and referred

to Calendar and Rules Committee.

The House of Representatives passed the annual budget with an 80-12 vote. The budget represents the fiscal responsibility legislators have been talking about since 2010 when Republicans won the majority in the Tennessee General Assembly. The budget of \$33.3 billion dollars included some tax cuts, and really focused on improving Tennessee's education system. There is \$25 million in the budget for improvements to colleges of applied technology. Another \$25 million dollars in the budget will be allocated to fully fund the Complete College Act formula resulting in smaller tuition increases for public college students. Also, \$10 million dollars was provided for need-based scholarships for

college students. Two and a half million dollars will go towards outreach and finding ways for local communities to support adult learners, and another \$2.5 million is going towards the Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support program. One and a half million dollars will establish the Community College Reconnect Grant pilot program which will help establish scholarships for adults who have some post-secondary credit and wish to attend community college. One million dollars will be allocated to establishing initiatives for veterans wanting to attend a two or four year institution. About \$400,000 is put towards the Tennessee Promise Bridge Program, which will bring college students to their campus before fall enrollment. There was a Hall tax cut in the

budget, and it will make Tennessee's tax structure more competitive with other states. Another big accomplishment is \$73.5 million dollars from our budget has been put in Tennessee's rainy day fund bringing it to \$568 million.

The budget accomplished many items which will affect our community. Several million dollars will go to Knox County Schools for salary improvements, and there will be additional dollars to assist with the payment of Knox County Schools health insurance program. The budget also provided funding for a new science facility for the University of Tennessee Knoxville. One million dollars in the budget will be allocated towards improving state zoos including the Knoxville Zoo.

I have been asked to

represent Tennessee at the National Council of State Legislators in Chicago where I will present information regarding educational issues in Tennessee, the United States, and internationally. I always enjoy meeting with other state legislators from around the country as we share common interest and ideas.

As always, I look forward to continuing my service as your Representative. I will be in Nashville on a regular basis Monday - Thursdays until session ends. Please let me know if I, or my office, can be of service to you. I can be reached at my Nashville office at 615-741-6879 or rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov. It is an honor to be your representative.

Trains

Unlike many people, I've never moved far from the place where I grew up. Mother gave us a parcel of land behind her house on which to build the house where we live. Since then, 1978, Ball Camp has changed in so many ways. Subdivisions galore fill fields where we played and boys hunted. Some roads have grown to four lanes while others remain narrow; Ball Camp Pike daily carries thousands of vehicles that race toward destinations but come to standstills when traffic becomes too heavy or when a school bus stops to pick up or deliver children. Even with all of the changes in this rural community, the constant throughout the years is the train.

My first memories of the trains that ran through our neighborhood came as my brother and I played outside. The tracks were across the street behind a field and house, but we always had an unobstructed view. We'd run to the edge of our driveway and watch as the train passed. Our hope was that the engineer in the engine and the conductor in the caboose could see us and return our waves. Seeing special cars was



By Joe Rector
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common. Many trains pulled passenger cars, and Jim and I wished we could take just one trip in them. Cargo of all kinds followed the engines tugged them up the hills or zipped them down straightaways. Coal was on many of them, but the most exciting items were the new cars. Back then, the new designs for cars were kept under wraps until September. Trains ferried new automobiles in partially veiled cars, or the vehicles were covered with tarps.

As we grew older, our friends met us, and we camped out in Chuck Mier's back yard, which was close to the tracks. We'd set up tents, build a fire and knock around for a while. Eventually, we'd settle in for the night, but no matter how tired we were or how ready we were for sleep, the continuous roar of trains not more than fifty feet from our campsite kept us awake.

Sometimes, people would dare to challenge trains. They'd try to "beat" the train in cars. On too many occasions, drivers lost the challenge with devastating results. One tale tells of a car that raced to the tracks, hit them, and became airborne. It

flew toward a store on the other side and clipped a huge sign on a pole.

A moving van tried crossing the tracks, but its trailer's bottom scraped and then caught on the tracks. A group of us was waiting for the school bus to high school, and we ran up the tracks trying to stop the approaching train. It was a foolish attempt, and the engine plowed into the van and pushed it a quarter of a mile down the track. Along the way, someone's worldly possessions were scattered and broken in all directions.

At some point, residents of the community stopped hearing the train. It became so much a part of daily life that the conscious mind didn't register the arrival or the blaring horn that preceded the snaking line of cars. That wasn't the case with visitors to our home. My in-laws made regular trips to our house when Lacey arrived. Our house was small, and they rested on a sleeper sofa. Each morning my father-in-law swore that he didn't sleep at all. The reasons for his insomnia were trains he declared sounded as if they were coming right through the middle of their room. He never got used to the noise of trains.

Today, the trains that run through Ball Camp are more of a nuisance to folks. They run on schedule, but

those times coincide with the ones when schools let out or when folks are trying to get to or arrive from work. A long line of traffic runs both ways on Ball Camp Pike, and clearing the intersection can sometimes take several minutes. Tempers flare as people wait to move and resume their trips.

I don't hear the trains anymore. In some ways, that's sad because it signals that my awe over the simple wonders in life is dulled. When I do wake

up and take time to listen, I can hear a train's horn echoing through the hills of Hines Valley. It's just one more thing that offers

security and contentment to this small corner of the world.

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Eight Farragut High School athletes celebrate at a signing ceremony with coaches, families and friends at the school's auditorium Wednesday.

By Ken Lay

Eight Farragut High School athletes signed to continue their respective athletic careers in college at a ceremony in the FHS Auditorium.

Baseball players Chase Fullington and Jake Blevins, along with volleyball players Emma Milstead and Sarah Lorick, each signed a National

Letter of Intent. Others who signed Wednesday included; Chanah Carter (water skier); Sue-Yun Kim (girls basketball); Natalie Goetz (girls soccer) and Sara Zetterberg (rowing).

Fullington and Zetterberg will both attend the University of North Carolina. Milstead will head to Gardner-Webb. Lorick will play college volleyball

at Mars Hill. Blevins will continue his baseball career at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. Carter, who graduated in December, will attend the University of Alabama. Kim will play basketball at Sewanee, University of the South in Georgia while Goetz will continue her soccer career at Trevecca Nazarene

College in Nashville.

Fullington, a standout baseball player for the Admirals on the 2014 Class AAA State Championship Team, committed to play in Chapel Hill shortly after Farragut claimed its most recent State Title.

"I committed in July," said Fullington, who is one of the top hitters for the Admirals this season.

"I'm excited to have the chance to play for North Carolina. I like the coach there, Mike Fox. He's been there a long time.

"The facilities are top-notch and I look forward to playing for a great program in a great stadium."

Fullington, who also considered offers from Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Duke and Clemson,

also noted that he liked the academic environment at UNC. He will enroll in Chapel Hill as an undeclared major but is leaning toward pursuing a career in sports management.

Zetterberg, who will also compete for the Tar Heels on the rowing team, said that she also appreciated the

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Want to coach at Tennessee? Here's your chance!

By Alex Norman

If you spend any time listening to local sports talk radio you know that there are hundreds, maybe thousands of people out there that could do a better job than Butch Jones and members of his coaching staff at Tennessee.

We know this because the moment a pass is dropped or a punt is shanked or another loss is racked up, the callers are the ones that have the answers to why things went so wrong.

Well guess what... here's your chance to make a difference!

The other day I was on "the Twitter" when I saw a posting from Football Scoop.

Tennessee: The University of Tennessee is seeking to fill a quality control position working with the receivers. Seeking applicants who have coached, or served as a grad assistant working with, receivers in the past. Please send resume and references to director of player personnel Bob

Welton at Bob.Welton@utk.edu.

Yes folks... this is a prime opportunity to show that you have what it takes to make a difference for "Team 119."

Now, you won't be calling plays and probably won't be doing much in terms of on field instruction, but let's face facts... you will be working with the wide receivers. How hard is it to catch a football anyway!

(Just to be clear. I'll be fairly sarcastic in this article. Catching a football while people are trying to hit you so hard your cousin feels the pain would probably be extremely difficult.)

Tennessee is known as "Wide Receiver U" and there is a crop of pass catchers on the roster that has the potential to add to the legacy of Willie Gault, Carl Pickens, Peerless Price, Joey Kent, etc...

If you are hired, maybe you'll be the guy that cuts up video clips to show Von Pearson how he can better use his 6-3 height to reach

the football at its highest point.

If you are hired, perhaps you will be the guy to get through to Josh Malone to harness all that 5-star talent into someone that has a breakthrough 2015 season.

If you are hired, maybe you can find a way to keep Josh Smith and Jason Croom and Cody Blanc from getting injured. Actually, maybe you can follow the entire wide receiving corps around campus and be ready to surround each player in bubble wrap so that ACL's stay untorn, shoulders remain unseparated and ribs unbroken.

Wide Receivers coach and Passing Game Coordinator Zach Azzanni will find your talents in playing football video games so impressive that he asks you to look over the gameplan during Florida week. Maybe you'll suggest something that no one has figured out and be the reason the Vols beat the Gators for the first time in 11 years!

It's possible that Azzanni will

be offered an offensive coordinator job in the near future at another school. When he offers to take you with him and make you his wide receivers coach you need to jump at that chance!

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Hansard inks with Roane State

By Ken Lay

Central High School softball player Jordan Hansard took the next step to making a lifelong dream come true early last week when she signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Roane State Community College.

"This is big for me because I've played this game since I was little and I always wanted to play in college," said Hansard, who cemented her commitment on Monday, April 13 at a ceremony attended by her family, coaches teammates and other friends in

a ceremony at the Central High School Library. "It's great to be moving on and I've had great support from my family and I've had some great coaches."

In Harriman, she'll join former Lady Bobcat Maleah Hipsher. The two were teammates at Central and Hansard said she's looking forward to the reunion.

"Maleah is there and I love the way that the softball is run," Hansard said. "I'm glad that Maleah is there because she's a great catcher and the program is really well-run."

Hansard, who is primarily a center fielder for the Lady Bobcats but can play all three outfield positions, also said that the academic environment appealed to her. She also noted that the opportunity to stay close to home was too good to pass up.

"The curriculum appealed to me, especially the sciences," said Hansard, who plans to major in physical therapy with an emphasis on pediatrics. "I love being near my home and my family."

"I wanted them to get the chance to see me play."



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Central High School outfielder signs a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Roane State Community College. Pictured with Jordan are parents Chris and Pam Hansard and Roane State coach Sue Niemi.

Hart may not be on Serrano's side in difficult times

Dave Hart has a problem.

But Dave Serrano has a bigger problem. Serrano, in his fourth season as baseball



By Steve Williams

coach at Tennessee, is in danger of seeing his ball club fail to make SEC tournament for the third time. Last year, Serrano's Vols barely made the post-season field and were eliminated in the first round.

Making matters worse for Serrano is the fact that he was not hired by Hart.

Interim athletic director Joan Cronan selected Serrano before Hart took over as UT's full-time AD. A coach always feels a little safer -- when things are going tough -- if he's working for a boss who gave him the job in the first place.

In most cases, it also seems to be much easier for the athletic director to fire an employee who was hired by someone else.

I can just hear Hart now:

"Don't look at me. I didn't bring him here."

The small sampling of Hart's hiring and firing ways indicates he might take such a stand. Former AD Mike Hamilton hired Derek Dooley and Cuonzo Martin. Hart fired Dooley and Martin left feeling unwanted.

Hart might have pretended he wanted Dooley to succeed as football coach, but he probably had made up his mind to cut him loose before the team got off the field at Vanderbilt after that embarrassing 41-18 loss in 2012.

The case of Cuonzo Martin should make Serrano sweat more than anything.

Cuonzo led his third team to a Sweet Sixteen run but still was "lowballed" by Hart in a new contract offer. Feeling underappreciated, Martin went all the way across the country to accept California's offer,

and was happy to feel simply wanted.

Hart had plenty of good reasons to support Cuonzo but decided to take

the easy way out, instead of going to bat for the coach against a portion of the fan base that still longed for Bruce Pearl and signed a petition to let the world know.

After letting a good man go, Hart hired Donnie Tyn-dall, and we know how that turned out.

Hart was lucky to end up with Butch Jones and Rick Barnes.

Serrano may not be so lucky in keeping his job.

Like Cuonzo, Serrano may be a good man, but unlike Cuonzo, his results haven't been good enough at this point.

Four seasons is long enough to see if Serrano can cut it. The second half of season No. 4 is just underway, so it's not a lost cause, yet. After all, Tennessee only has to finish 12th out of 14 teams to get to Hoover.

As all coaches deserve, and the players even more so, let the season play out.

There doesn't seem to be as much heat on Serrano as there was on Martin, so that's to Serrano's advantage.

Serrano didn't come here following a tough act. While Cuonzo followed Pearl, Serrano followed Todd Raleigh. That should have been to Serrano's advantage, too. But so far, it hasn't been.

Still, some UT baseball fans are so victory starved, they've changed how they used to feel and long for the days of former longtime skipper Rod Delmonico.

I can just hear Hart now:

"We can't bring back Delmonico. UT doesn't bring back coaches. But what about Phil Garner? I wonder if he would be interested."



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Campbell County center fielder Brandon Miller swings at a third strike from Central reliever Alex Haynes. Miller was one of six strikeout victims for Haynes, who threw two scoreless innings and helped the Bobcats seal a 6-3 win over the Cougars.

Big inning propels Central to baseball win

By Ken Lay

Central High School's baseball team used a big inning to nab a comeback victory Tuesday night.

The Bobcats entered the bottom of the fifth facing a 3-1 deficit against District 3-AAA rival Campbell County and plated four runs to take a 5-3 lead and went on to nab a 5-3 win over the Cougars on Bud Bales Field at Tommy Schumpert Park.

"I think we thought that we were just come out and win this game," Central coach Matt Byrd said. "This was a tough game for us and I knew that it would be because they're well-coached."

The Bobcats may have won the game, but early on they struggled.

Campbell County (6-14 overall, 0-6 in the district) scored a run in the top of the first inning. CCHS starting

pitcher Tate McGhee opened the frame with a double and later scored when Virgil White singled.

McGhee also had a stellar first three innings on the mound as he retired the first nine Central hitters he faced.

The Bobcats (17-6, 6-4) threatened to score in the fourth but left the bases loaded and came up empty

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Eight FHS athletes sign college offers

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academic environment at North Carolina.

"It's always been my dream school," said Zetterberg, a former FHS swimmer, who will major in history with hopes of becoming a high school teacher. "I've always wanted to go to UNC. I like the academics there."

She received a rowing scholarship offer from the Tar Heels despite being involved in the sport for a little more than two years.

"I picked it [rowing] up pretty quickly," Zetterberg said. "I swam for Farragut for two years and then I decided that I wanted to try something different. I lettered for two years in swimming but I'm glad I switched."

Carter, who once played

basketball for the Lady Admirals, signed at the University of Alabama to compete for the Crimson Tide's water skiing team. Her sister Brie, who played basketball at Hardin Valley Academy, is also water skiing for the Crimson Tide.

"My sister is a freshman there and she's a big reason why I chose to go there," Chanah said. "I'm excited and I've always had the support and God has blessed me in this sport."

Milstead and Lorick both played key roles for the Lady Admirals volleyball team. Farragut went 54-4 in 2014 and reached the Class AAA State Championship Match. Both will play college volleyball next season.

Milstead, an undisputed leader for the Lady Admirals, will play at Gardner-Webb while Lorick will go on to Mars Hill.

"I'm really excited," Milstead said. "I really connected with the coach and I loved the campus."

"I wanted to be close enough to home so my family could come and see my games but I wanted to be far enough away so I could live on my own."

Like her high school teammate, Lorick wanted to be close to home.

"I fell in love with Mars Hill," she said. "My family can come to my games. We will play conference games against Carson-Newman, LMU and Lenoir-Rhyne."

"Those schools are all close and I really want my family to get to see me play."

Milstead and Lorick will both major in exercise science.

Kim, a two-year starter for the Lady Admirals basketball team, said she chose to play for Sewanee because it was a small school.

"It's a small Division III school and it was perfect

for me," said Kim, "You could just tell that they were a close-knit team."

"I'm three hours away, so I'm just a phone call or a text away. It's a really easy drive and the academics there were up to my parents' expectations and that was important to me."

Meanwhile Goetz, who starred in soccer at Farragut, chose Trevecca because she wanted to continue to pursue her sport.

"I didn't really pick the school because it was close to home," said Goetz, who will play collegiately in Nashville and enroll as a biology major. "I've played soccer all my life and I wanted to get a chance to play in college."

Blevins, who was one of two baseball players to sign Wednesday, said he chose Bryan College because he enjoyed being around the school's coaching staff.

"I just loved the staff," he said. "I wanted to be close to home. This shows that all of my hard work has paid off."

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Idea by dad sparked GCA’s Elwood to state discus title and more



By Steve Williams

A suggestion by his dad led to Rhett Elwood throwing the discus when he was in the 8th grade three years ago. The idea eventually blossomed into a TSSAA state championship. Rhett was skeptical of Robert Elwood’s recommendation at first. “I took it as a joke, and then I went out there and started doing really well,” recalled Rhett, now a junior at Grace Christian Academy. “I didn’t expect it at all. I’ve loved it ever since.” Elwood won the Class A-AA state title last year with a throw of 156 feet, 11 inches, becoming GCA’s first-ever state champion in any sport. Dad’s idea not only took roots in the discus, it is budding into other field events and more for his son. Rhett started training in the shot put last summer and was excited after improving his PR (personal record) by two feet with a heave of 46-6 in a meet at Karns last week. “I just have a passion for field events,” said Rhett. The 6-3, 225-pounder, an all-district performer as a defensive end and tight end on the Rams’ football team, also plans to compete in the decathlon next year as a senior. “I will have to learn how to pole vault, triple jump and hurdle,” he said, sounding very much like he looked forward to the challenge. Peaking even a little further into the future, Rhett said he would like to throw the hammer in college. That’s one of the oldest Olympic events, and basically consists of a 3-foot chain attached to a 12-pound ball. For now, however, Elwood is concentrating on the discus and shot put events and is looking forward to competing in the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet next week (April 27-28) at Hardin Valley Academy.

Elwood has the top mark (153-7) in Tennessee for Class A-AA discus throwers, as of April 16, according to Tennessee Runner’s state rankings. He uses a lot of plyometrics in his training, and explosion exercises for his chest and legs, which also help him in football. On the same afternoon he set a new PR in the shot put, Elwood scratched in the discus. “But,” he said, “things are going well. I’m really torquing it out there. I look to get to 170 feet by the end of the season.” Rhett, however, later admitted he has been in a “slump” in the discus event the past couple of weeks. While he has thrown 170 feet in practice, he hasn’t reached that distance in a meet. This time last year, he had thrown 166-5 – still his PR. In the Sea Ray Relays at UT on April 9, the state high school record in the discus event – the oldest of all the state marks – was erased by Gallatin’s Brett Neelly when he threw 189-1. “We think Rhett has the potential of doing that as well,” said Grace Christian head coach Mike Barlow. “He’s got another year, so we’re excited about that.” Barlow’s confidence in Elwood is based on Rhett’s “attitude” as well as his physical attributes, he said. The KIL meet includes all high schools in Knox County, including Division I Class AAA, A-AA and Division II members. Elwood mentioned Halls’ Cole Patterson, in particular, as one competitor he respects and looks forward to throwing against in the shot put. Patterson has the top mark for KIL shot putters this season, having posted a 56-2¼ effort in the Sea Ray Relays. “I love going to the KIL every year,” said Elwood. “It’s very interesting and fun to do. But the state meet is my main focus.”



Rhett Elwood just started throwing the shot last summer, but the Grace Christian Academy junior is making great strides in the event.



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Leader of Bearden's '75 track champs now coaching Grace

By Steve Williams

Mike Barlow is on the starting line again.

After leading Bearden High to a TSSAA state track and field championship 40 years ago, Barlow is in his first season as head coach of Grace Christian Academy's relatively new program.

"Those were exciting track times back then, with the 1975 state championship at Bearden," said Barlow. "I was excited to be part of that."

"It's just as exciting today to see what the kids are doing. We are very happy to still be part of track and field, and I thank the good Lord for being able to coach these kids."

Barlow was an assistant coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville for a couple of seasons before coming to GCA. He says he and Gillian Johnson, former distance runner at Karns who also ran at Milligan College, are working closely together with the Grace program.

"I'm working with the sprinters up to the half-mile," said Barlow, who went on to become a seven-time indoor and outdoor All-American as a sprinter and hurdler for Coach Stan Huntsman at the University of Tennessee (1976-80). He also ran legs on the Vols' national champion mile relay and distance medley relay teams.

Bob LeSueur coached Bearden in 1975. Prior to the state meet, Central's David Emory, 17-year veteran track coach at that time, was quoted as saying: "Bearden has the best overall team I've ever seen since I started coaching."

Bearden totaled 30 points in the state meet at Nashville Overton. Memphis Washington finished second with 19 points.

Barlow was the meet's top point-getter with 16 points. He took second in the 100-yard dash, running a 9.8 to Michael Harris of Memphis Northside, who was clocked in 9.7.

"I false started and had to hold myself back in the restart,"

Barlow recalled.

Barlow bounced back to win the 440 in 47.7 and the 220 in 21.8.

The Bulldogs also got victories from Louie Delorenzo in the mile run (4:18.7) and Tommy Gouffon in the discus throw (171-8½). Their 2-mile relay team of Steve Prince, Allen Dance, Jim Seymour and Ronnie Brock contributed two points with a fourth place finish.

Barlow still has fond memories of competing in KIL meets and against good East Tennessee competition from Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett.

"My biggest memories are the ones of the teammates I had back then, culminating with the state championship as the greatest memory," he said.

Bearden's girls, also region champs that year, tied for sixth place at the state as Holly Warlick, current UT women's basketball coach, won the 440 in a record time of 58.0.

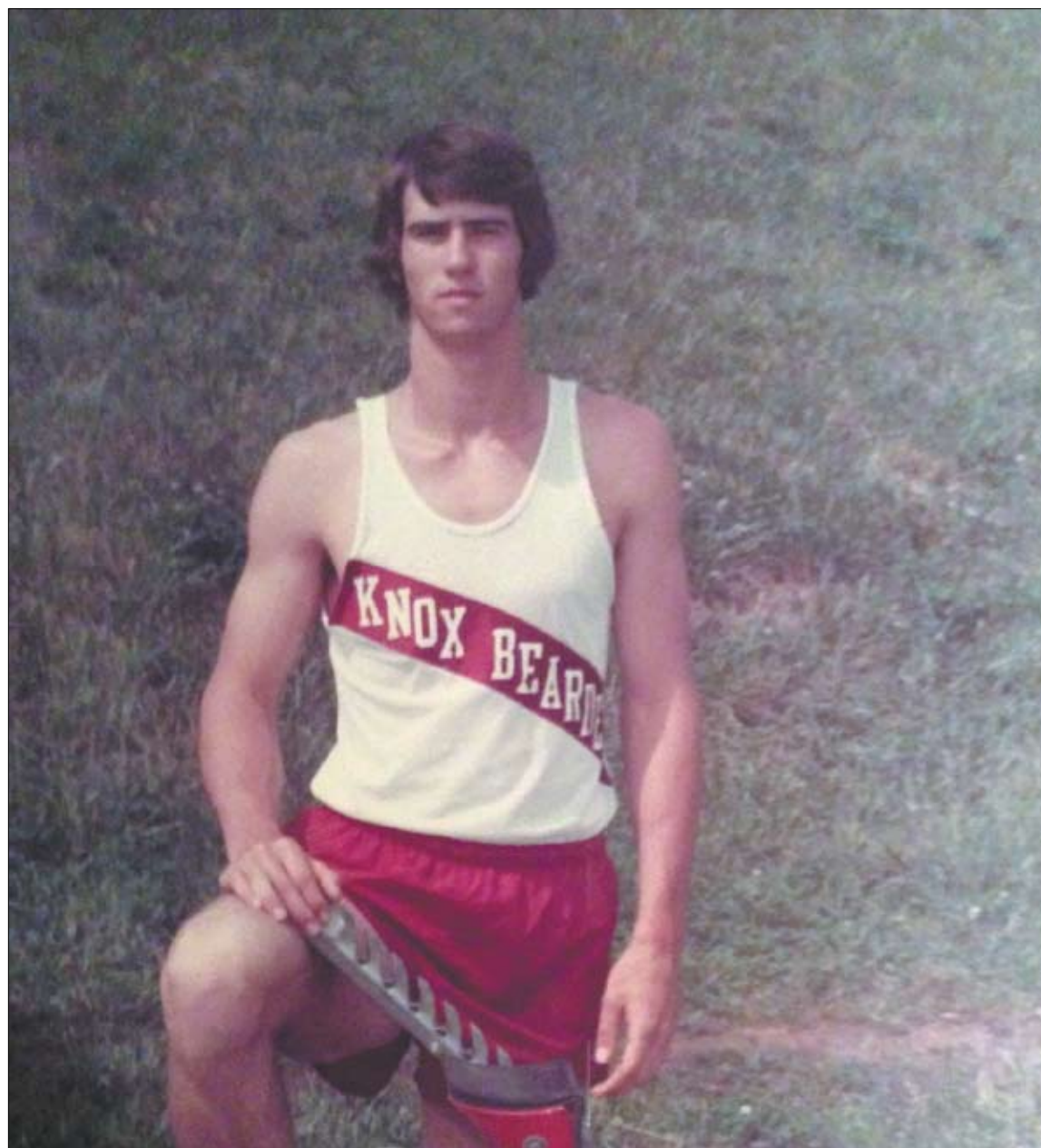
Barlow, who also played football at Bearden, was highly recruited. He said he received 14 offers for "full rides." Other schools he considered most were Alabama, Florida, Clemson and Furman, which had an excellent sprint coach.

"At that time, if you ran track, UT was where to go," he said. "They had a great program. If you played basketball, you went to UCLA. If you wanted to play football, you went to Alabama."

"I just about made the decision to play football at Alabama. I had a scholarship offer to play there. My dad really wanted me to play football in college."

Barlow was a running back and defensive back for the Bulldogs, playing as a sophomore for Coach Jim Smelcher and his last two seasons for Bobby Gratz. He missed his last four games with a broken ankle.

Later in life, Barlow owned Precision Seating Company. He sold that business and now works in sales with Renewal by Andersen, a windows installation and remodeling company.



Forty years ago, Bearden sprinter Mike Barlow led the Bulldogs to the TSSAA state championship.

Mike Barlow is in his first season as Grace Christian Academy's head coach in track and field.

Big inning propels Central to baseball win

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when McGhee got Central's Bass Cooper to fly out to end the frame.

Meanwhile, the Cougars plated a run in the third. CCHS took a 2-0 lead when an RBI single from shortstop Matt Ogden scored McGhee, who singled to

lead off the inning. Campbell County extended its advantage to 3-0 when an error by Central allowed Max Farris to score. Farris had a one-out double before coming home with the Cougars' third run.

The Bobcats got on the board in the bottom of

the fourth inning. Catcher Jackson Greer opened the frame with a double and came home on a sacrifice fly by Bradley Clark. Central, however, squandered a chance to tie the contest when it stranded a pair of runners in scoring position.

Central finally took the lead in the fifth. In that frame, Greer had an RBI double. Clark had a two-run double and Alex Haynes drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to give the Bobcats a 5-3 lead.

Central got another run in the sixth on an RBI single

from Cooper.

Bobcats' reliever Andrew Biddle, who got the win, gave way to Haynes in the sixth. Haynes responded by striking out six (and walking two) over the final two innings.

"Hats off to Campbell County," Byrd said. "They

came in and did a good job they played well and they had nothing to lose."

Byrd also lauded the effort he received from Haynes on the mound.

"This is the first time that we brought him in in relief since I've been here and he stepped up," Byrd said.

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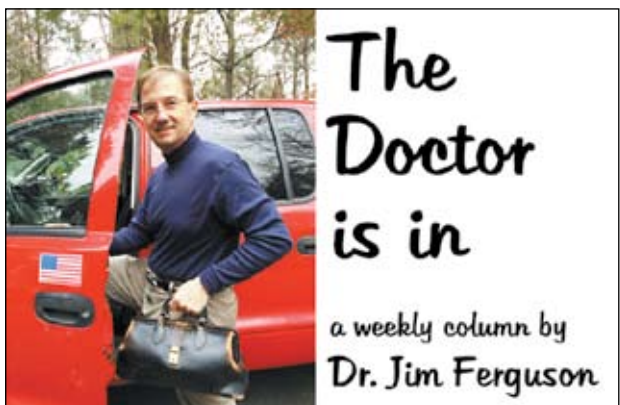
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Miracles

I love rainy spring days, and still whisper the childhood rhyme, “April showers bring May flowers.” Of course if you’re having a picnic or a garden wedding you’d wish for a sunny day, but without rain and water, life as we understand it could not exist. So, I’m glad for the restoring and refreshing rain that produces springtime’s green of new life.

I’m no longer youthful, but I continue to grow, at least in knowledge and hopefully in wisdom. I acquired a head full of facts in my years of formal education which I eventually organized into a compendium of workable knowledge by the end of my medical training. However, I wasn’t very wise then. Now, as I continue adding to my data base, I use knowledge,

tempered by experience, more wisely.

I’ve been watching a young cardinal at my window. She seems to be fascinated with me or at least the inner space she can’t enter. In an instinctual or “mindless” fashion she keeps flying against the window she can’t see, understand or traverse. I feel sorry for the beautiful red male cardinal who watches from a nearby bush as his paramour seeks the unattainable rather than him. Perhaps we humans sometimes chart courses outside our destinies as well. We have chickens on our small farm and the proverbial “birdbrain” certainly applies to them, and perhaps the young cardinal as well. I hope she eventually figures things out.

I suspect the cardinal

and our chickens are smart enough for birds. My dog Jack is smart enough to chase squirrels and find his supper bowl which I fill with nourishing victuals. Humans are another order of life. Our greatest survival advantage is our ability to reason. I see this attribute as a gift from God (read Isaiah 1:18) who longs to “reason” with us.

Scientists believe other animals think, but reasoning is of a higher order. We hear much these days from luminaries like Bill Gates who worries that “thinking” robots will become a threat to humans. Stephen Hawking recently said that artificial intelligence “could spell the end of the human race.” With so much wrong in the world, I’m not threatened by technology, artificial intelligence or bird-brains, except those in Washington.

You may be surprised to learn that human intellectual quickness peaks in our twenties, and then declines thereafter. Many new theories or discoveries occur in the fertile minds of youth rather than in more “seasoned citizens.” However, don’t despair. Those of us in middle age or more may not discover the physics of relativity or quantum mechanics, but we are wiser now

because of the school of hard knocks. Life’s lessons more than balance losses of quickness in our thinking. I can testify that I had a reasonably quick mind as a twenty-something, and I received a good education. However, I had little wisdom then. I just hope our millennials and X generation folks figure it out before they vote more disasters into office.

Dualism is an ancient concept of opposites. In fact, I think it is a fundamental relationship of all things. If I can imagine anything, I can conceive of its opposite. Consider these examples of opposites: up/down; left/right; matter/anti-matter; yin/yang. I can even conceive of an absolute good I call God. And I can conceptualize the opposite of good we humans refer to as evil. We even personify the opposite of God as the Devil.

During the Babylonian captivity, the monotheistic ancient Hebrews encountered the notion of dualism. The eastern religion of Zoroastrianism was prevalent in ancient Babylon, and imagined a cosmic struggle between good and bad. The generational enslavement of the Hebrews came to be understood as not the work of God, but actually the work of God’s opponent,

evil.

It seems that patterns have surfaced in my thoughts and writing. This is not unprecedented because I have done connected essays before. I once did a three part travelogue describing my “bucket trip” to the Adriatic. Other series have focused on medical issues such as aspects of a doctor’s examination. Perhaps I just need more space in the Focus to elaborate and connect my thoughts. Nah! I believe longer stories are not in style in our culture of headlines, sound bites and fast food.

Physics and philosophy have been my focus lately. Both disciplines seek wisdom. Nothing is more emblematic of applied physics than my iPhone. The ability to interact with the Net and satisfy my curiosity is wondrous. During the day I depend on my hand held computer to keep me informed and help me connect and care for my patients. However, at night I still love the feel of a book in my hand. I like to make margin notes when I’m reading something substantial, though unashamedly, I also read for fun. Science fiction is my “trash” reading rather than Nora Roberts.

I also prefer Newspapers to on-line publications. I realize that those like me are giving way to the new order, and soon all newspapers will be on the Net rather than in print. The world is changing rapidly forcing me to also publish my new book in an electronic version for those with Kindles and such.

April 15th 2015 was especially exciting for me not because I saw the first lightening bug or because it was tax day. On the 15th my book was published and a box of them arrived at my home! Now, I can shamelessly promote this fruit of my labors.

I don’t have Simon and Schuster behind me, just the Knoxville Focus who will co-host my book signing party at First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike on Sunday afternoon May 17th from 3-5:30. Come and join us on a sunny – I hope – spring afternoon at my Church’s beautiful covered Pavilion on the Tennessee River across from the old UT agricultural farm. Have some lemonade, get a signed collection of my essays and savor a day the Lord hath made.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Street Hope TN fighting DMST

By Focus Staff

What do you know about DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking)? It may surprise you to know that in Knox County the average age of a child involved in sex trafficking is age13. The most active counties in Tennessee are Knox, Coffee, Davidson, and Shelby.

Recently, The Knoxville Focus interviewed Julie Sanders, executive director of Street Hope TN, an organization formed from a group of churches across Knoxville to learn about the trafficking of children in Tennessee and the nation.

Street Hope TN got its start after learning from Street Grace of Atlanta about DMST and the “urgent need for a faith-driven response,” said Sanders. Three years ago this summer, Street Hope TN changed its name from Fresh Grace, a spinoff of

Street Grace to Street Hope TN.

It was immediately clear that Julie Sanders has passion for fighting DMST. She took a circuitous route to east Tennessee. She was an elementary school teacher in Ohio and Pennsylvania, a college professor at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio, an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist university of arts, sciences, professional, and graduate programs.

From that she was a missionary in the Philippines. This was where she got a full exposure to sex trafficking. In 2004 she and her husband came to West Park Baptist Church. Julie Sanders is married and mother of two children. She became executive director of Street Hope TN in September 2014.

Street Hope TN has three primary goals:

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Street Hope TN Executive Director Julie Sanders presents awareness to students at Bearden High School.

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A Starry Night. It was a Van Gogh-inspired evening of elegance, with a heavy dose of “fun party atmosphere” mixed in at the Gresham Foundations annual Spring Soiree on Saturday, April 11. “A Starry Night” was held at the Knoxville Museum of Art, where Gresham supporters enjoyed Judge Tim Irwin’s band – The Chillbillies, dancing, and delicious food and beverages. There was a Silent Auction and a real auction, featuring Fountain City Auction’s Hobie Humphrey and Greg Lawson.



Rosie's World

In Psalms 139: 14 it is noted that David said, “I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” What beautiful words, but, sad to say, the ending doesn’t always turn out that way. Due to modern technology, I, as an octogenarian, am proof that our bodies can be “made over” to a certain extent. I have “new hearing ability,” “new seeing ability”, and “new teeth” all

of which were acquired over the years. I’m thankful that I didn’t have to get new knees..... yet. I pray, however, that this old heart will last a few more years, I’m a little leery about getting a new one of those. My niece last Christmas gave me a beautiful book called, “My Daily Psalms and Prayers.” Let me give you the paragraph that was written for last February 1st. “Along with the psalmist Lord, I thank you. You have blessed my life richly, and I live each day in gratitude. Each breath I take is a gift from you. Each move I make stems from the power you bestow. All I am and all I have belong to you. Accept the expressions of my heart as songs of praise to you, my great and loving Lord. Let my

entire life be an offering to you.”

Every day there is a thoughtful paragraph which says in few words what I am feeling, much better than I can express.

On TV I see many miraculous stories of wounded soldiers, disabled persons, even little children who are able to live nearly normal lives because of artificial feet, legs, hands and other body parts. Which brings to my mind that God is still making sure we are “wonderfully made”! How great Thou art!

Thought for the day: We learn as much from sorrow as from joy, as much from illness as from health, from handicaps as from advantage, and indeed perhaps more. Pearl Buck

Send comments to: rose-merrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.

The God of Our Salvation

When the Bible speaks of the “sinful nature” or “flesh” (sarx – in Greek), it means God is left out of the picture, and when this happens, desires take over. These desires grow and they must be



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

satisfied. In the old life, the old age, we lived by

our sinful desires (Ephesians 2:1-3). Whatever they wanted, we indulged. It is fairly easy to blame our sin on someone else. The comedian, Flip Wilson, coined the phrase, “The devil made me do it.” Interestingly, the Bible talks more about human sin than the devil being the cause for evil in the world. Only three times in the Old Testament is the devil mentioned. There are more references in

the New Testament (ten references by Paul to Satan and eight to the devil), but the devil’s standing is limited. The danger here is that the more we emphasize the devil, the less we emphasize human depravity. It is a way for us to escape the blame.

The New Testament shows us that it is not the devil for which we need a solution. Our own individual sin and this evil age are the problem. Satan is definitely a threat, but we must guard against getting too wrapped up in discussion over his

ways. The devil is not omnipresent like God. God and the devil are not cosmic equals wrestling for power. The devil tried to thwart God’s plan, but he couldn’t do it then nor can he do it now.

Satan tempts people, but we make the decision. We are the ones who make the choice, just like Adam and Eve in the Garden; so we each have chosen to follow our own desires and society has applauded that choice. Due to this choice, God’s wrath is the consequence.

Because of our sin,

we are objects of God’s wrath. I encountered my mom and dad’s wrath at times growing up. It wasn’t uncontrolled outbursts of anger. It was controlled, but it was wrath and it wasn’t pleasant on my end, or should I say my tail end. But I’m thankful for that. Due to their love for me, they couldn’t let my disobedience go without notice. God is no different. He has a constant displeasure and reaction against sin.

Human beings by nature are sinful in this old age. No one can escape sin. But the idea of total depravity does not mean we are worthless. All are created in the image of God. I remember a time as a youth that it seemed like I couldn’t do anything right.

I was getting in trouble all the time. I began to feel worthless. That is a lie. No one is worthless. Even the vilest of sinners is not worthless. Each person has redeeming value. God’s love never runs out and is available even to the most unloving of humanity.

Salvation is a gift we didn’t do anything to deserve. By grace we have been saved (Eph. 2:8). And we are saved to do good works (Eph. 2:10). Living a godly life is possible by God’s Spirit whom lives in the believer. We are members of Christ. We have a new identity. Thank you God for your gift of salvation!

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Georgia and Johnny Johnson Celebrate 50 Golden Years!

One look at the anniversary invitation unlocked a treasure-trove of memories, taking me back to the time our father's youngest sister was married.

Georgia Major and Johnny Johnson met at C. M. McClung & Company where they both worked. On April 3, 1965, they were married at Fairview Baptist Church in Corryton. I was a junior bridesmaid. Weeks before the wedding, our father was hospitalized with a heart condition. The late Ron Warwick's black-and-white photograph of the wedding party became my parents' only link to the family wedding they could not attend.

Georgia and Johnny celebrated their golden day with family and friends on Sunday, April 12, at Salem Baptist Church in



By Ralphine Major
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Halls. On display was Georgia's beautiful wedding gown which was made by her sister and matron of honor, Katherine Major Ward. Katherine made several of the bridesmaids' dresses, including mine. They were pretty pink satin! There was also an original copy of "The Grist," McClung's employee newsletter, with the couple's wedding photograph. On hand was Eddie Osborne, a co-worker and master pianist who provided the music for the wedding. Several of Georgia's high school classmates came--many from out of town--to help celebrate the joyful day. They included Wanda Shaver Williams, Dorothy Stormer Prater, Barbara Idol Sanders, and Janice White Kivett. One glimpse of these ladies made me think back to when I first met them. As a child, I was delighted when Georgia Ann (named for her father, George, and mother, Anna) brought friends home with her. Our family lived directly across the road, and I stayed right on the heels of the "big" girls.

Johnny spent most of his career in sales with Creswell Office Supply, Acuff Office Supply, and Evans Office Supply. In 2000, he established Johnny Johnson Cleaning Service and worked at several locations for the United States Postal Service until he retired in 2008. For more than twenty years, Georgia worked for prominent Halls Optometrist Dr. Dennis Crowe. She teamed up with Betty Henry to form B&G Catering located in the Gibbs Community and eventually worked in the business full-time. Georgia retired from B&G in 2004

after eleven years. It was fitting that B&G catered the golden event with a gorgeous anniversary cake, punch, and tables full of mints, nuts, and lots of delicious fruits!

These days the Johnsons enjoy spending time

with their three adult children and their spouses---Kim (Mark) Karnes, John (Vanessa) Johnson, and Elizabeth (Billy) Johnson. Georgia and all three children graduated from Gibbs High School, and all of them still live in the

Gibbs Community except Elizabeth, who lives in Georgia. The Johnsons are proud grandparents to six precious grandchildren---Nicole, Cora, Sara, Bailey, Jesse, and Jack.



Picture of Johnny and Georgia Johnson provided by John Johnson

UT Veterinary College Offers Conference for Backyard Chicken Owners

An Opportunity for Experienced or New Chicken Owners

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine (UTCVM) will host "Backyard Chicken Owners' Seminar" on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The seminar begins at 8 a.m. and lasts until 4:15 p.m. The conference will be held in Hollingsworth Auditorium in the Ellington Plant Sciences Building on the UT agricultural campus on E.J. Chapman Drive. A tour of the Avian Ward at the UT Veterinary Medical Center will be held immediately following the seminar.

The seminar is designed for those who have owned chickens for years or are new to raising chickens. Dr. Cheryl Greenacre, a UTCVM professor and specialist in avian and exotic companion mammals, is excited about the seminar. "This is a unique opportunity to meet experts in all aspects of chicken care from infectious diseases to showing poultry." Greenacre is the current president of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and recently published

Backyard Poultry Medicine and Surgery: A guide for Veterinary Practitioners.

Speakers include board-certified faculty of the veterinary college. Topics include basic chicken care, biosecurity, common diseases, parasites and egg handling.

The cost for the seminar is \$38 for adults and \$18 for children younger than 18 years. This fee covers lunch and refreshments. Visit <https://vetmed.tennessee.edu/ce> to download a brochure and registration form or to register online. Advance registration by April 24 is requested to ensure adequate food and supplies. The cost increases to \$40 and \$20 for on-site registration. For more information email cvmce@utk.edu, or call (865)974-7264.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halls Republican Club

The Halls Republican Club will meet on Monday, April 20, 2015; fellowship and snacks will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell, located at 1819 Dry Gap Pike just off of East Emory Road, across from Brickley-McCloud Elementary School.

Rachel Cross, who is with Americans for Prosperity, will be giving us information on that group and what her plans are to work with the Republican Party. Hannah Freeland, who is from Teen-Pact, will be speaking about the camp and her fundraising efforts.

Historic Cemetery Tour

Knox County Potter's Field was established as a proprietary cemetery before the Civil War. A number of plots were sold before the cemetery became bankrupt, and Knox County bought the remaining space to be used as an indigent cemetery.

Burials ceased in the mid-1930s as the cemetery had reached capacity. Eventually the grounds grew into an urban forest incased in impenetrable brush. Several years ago the City of Knoxville began clearing out the brush.

Today the entire cemetery is accessible. Local historian Joe Stephens will be conducting a free historical tour of the Potter's Field at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. In the event of inclement weather the tour will be held the following Saturday,

May 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The cemetery is located at 305 South Kyle Street. For more information please contact Joe Stephens at JoeStephens10@hotmail.com.

Lincoln Dinner

The Annual Knox County GOP Lincoln Dinner has been scheduled for Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at Rothchild's Conference Center, with guest speaker Haley Barbour. He served two terms as the Governor of Mississippi and six years as the Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

NAMI Knoxville Workshops

If someone in your family has a mental illness, the nonprofit NAMI Knoxville (National Alliance on Mental Illness) wants you to know that you are not alone, that you can cope and move forward.

It does this via With Hope in Mind, a free eight-part course for families and friends of people with mental illness. The workshops will be held in Conference Room A at St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Broadway, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays May 4-June 22.

The course covers diagnoses, new medications, coping skills, resources, and how to better communicate with someone who has bipolar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, schizophrenia or other mental disorders.

Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, contact Martha Coppock, 865-525-

2574, or Gerry Segroves, 865-523-7284.

Spring Art Show

An exhibit featuring new art pieces by members of the Art Guild of Tellico Village (AGTV) will take place May 1 - May 3 at the Tellico Village Community Church, located at 130 Chota Center in Loudon, Tennessee. All artists, aspiring artists and art enthusiasts are invited to attend.

Visitors will be treated to over 175 original works in a wide variety of mediums, showcasing the many talents of new and veteran guild artists. Both two dimensional and three dimensional artwork will be on display - from painting, drawing and photography to sculpture, jewelry, pottery and fabric art.

The show will open with a reception on Friday, May 1 from 7-9 p.m. Refreshments and live music enhance the evening while guests have

the opportunity to meet with the artists and learn what inspires their work. The exhibit continues on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 3 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. There is no charge for the public to attend the opening reception or the exhibition.

Used book sale

Friends of Sevier County Library System is sponsoring a used book sale Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25 at King Family Library, 408 High Street, Sevierville.

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Fruit, Wild Rice and Spinach Salad

6 cups fresh spinach, torn
2 cups cooled, cooked wild rice
1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
1/4 cup shelled sunflower seeds
1/4 cup white balsamic or cider vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons snipped fresh basil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 cup raspberries
2 oranges, peeled and sectioned

In a large salad bowl combine spinach, rice, grapes, and sunflower seeds. For dressing, in a screw-top jar combine vinegtar, oil, honey, basil, salt and pepper. Cover and shake well. Pour atop spinach mxture; toss to coat.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Evelyn T. Carter
DOCKET NUMBER 76117-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **1st day of April, 2015**, let-
ters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Evelyn T. Carter**
who died Feb 10, 2015, were issued the undersigned by
the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,
having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her
estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Mas-
ter of the above named court on or before the earlier of the
dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be
forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publica-
tion of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of
this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the
date that is four (4) months from the date of this first pub-
lication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **1 day of April, 2015**

Estate of Evelyn T. Carter
Personal Representative(s):
Robert A. Carter; Executor, 5511 Dogwood Road, Knoxville,
TN 37918

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Jerri-Ann Tabor
DOCKET NUMBER 76109-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **31th day of March, 2015**,
letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Jerri-Ann**
Tabor who died Mar 3, 2015, were issued the undersigned by
the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,
having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her
estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Mas-
ter of the above named court on or before the earlier of the
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ceived the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior
to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first
publication as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **31th day of March, 2015**

Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor
Personal Representative(s):
Michael J. Hall; Executor, 8129 Paradise Drive, Powell, TN
37849

PUBLISH: 04/13 & 04/20/15

65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Joann Acuff
DOCKET NUMBER 76025-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **8th day of April, 2015**, let-
ters administration in respect of the **Estate of Joann Acuff**
who died Jan 23, 2015, were issued the undersigned by
the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox
County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,
having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her
estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Mas-
ter of the above named court on or before the earlier of the
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to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first
publication as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **18 day of March, 2015**

Estate of Joann Acuff
Personal Representative(s):
John Christopher Acuff; Administrator, 1716 Kemper Lane,
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Branden Bellar; Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 192, Carthage, TN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Ioma C. Patty
DOCKET NUMBER 75548-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **27th day of**
March, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the
Estate of Ioma C. Patty who died Sep 6, 2014, were
issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master
of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Ten-
nessee. All persons, resident and non-resident,
having claims, matured or unmatured, against his
or her estate are required to file the same with the
Clerk and Master of the above named court on or
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(2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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publication of this notice if the creditor received
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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four
(4) months from the date of first publication as de-
scribed in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date
of death
This the **27 day of March, 2015**

Estate of Ioma C. Patty
Franklin Cassidy, Jr.; Executor, 8541 Bud Hawkins
Rd, Corryton, TN 37721
Scott B. Haun; Attorney At Law, 5344 N. Broadway,
Ste. 101, Knoxville, TN 37918

PUBLISH: 04/13 & 04/20/15

65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
James Chrisley Mooney
DOCKET NUMBER 76071-2

Notice is hereby given that on the **20th day of**
March, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the
Estate of James Chrisley Mooney who died Aug 24,
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tured, against his or her estate are required to file
the same with the Clerk and Master of the above
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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four
(4) months from the date of first publication as
described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date
of death
This the **20 day of March, 2015**

Estate of James Chrisley Mooney
Erin Mooney Keith; Administratrix, 2714 Shipetown
Road, Mascot, TN 37806
D. Scott Hurley; Attorney At Law, 205 Mohican Street,
Knoxville, TN 37919

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Jerri-Ann Tabor
DOCKET NUMBER 76109-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **31th day of**
March, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the
Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor who died Mar 3, 2015,
were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and
Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County,
Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resi-
dent, having claims, matured or unmatured,
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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four
(4) months from the date of first publication as
described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date
of death
This the **31th day of March, 2015**

Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor
Personal Representative(s):
Michael J. Hall; Executor, 8129 Paradise Drive,
Powell, TN 37849

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75 FORECLOSURES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **May 4, 2015 on or about 11:00AM**
local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Ten-
nessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth
herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GREGORY S TREN-
THAM AND TRACY J TRENTHAM, to NORMAN B. JACKSON, Trustee,
on January 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 200502040061830 in the real
property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: GOLDMAN SACHS MORTGAGE COMPANY

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sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and
encumbrances of record:

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ROAD, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DE-
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DEG. 53 MIN. WEST 124.38 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET, CORNER TO
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ING PROPERTY OF TRENTHAM THE FOLLOWING THREE CALLS AND
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INET P, SLIDE 351C, IN TUE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE.

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Tax ID: 019-06303

Current Owner(s) of Property: GREGORY S TRENTHAM AND TRACY
J TRENTHAM

The street address of the above described property is believed to be
8510 Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37938, but such address is not part of
the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any
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SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET
ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE
ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PUR-
CHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE
GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

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

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

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

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

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2007, executed by TRINA NANELLE REED, conveying certain real property therein described to LEGACY TITLE AGENCY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 19, 2007, at Instrument Number 200707190005842; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-H1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-H1 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 **May 14, 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. ONE (1) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 13TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FRONTING 100 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF MICHAEL STREET, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF MICHAEL STREET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY WRINKLE; THENCE WITH THE WRINKLE LINE, SOUTH 58 DEG. 20 MIN. WEST, 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 35 DEG. 40 MIN. EAST, 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 58 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST, WITH THE PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY AULT, 150 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF MICHAEL STREET; THENCE WITH SAID LINE OF MICHAEL STREET, NORTH 35 DEG. 40 MIN. WEST, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SET BACK LINES AND EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD. Parcel ID: 071PF-007 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **201 MICHAEL ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**. 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): TRINA NANELLE REED OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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2015-04-20 2015-04-27, 2015-05-04

75 FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Alicia D. Howard executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated February 28, 2011 and recorded on March 1, 2011 in Instrument No. 201103010051784, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **May 28, 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 Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee and being known and designated as all of Unit 14, Cascade Villas Condominiums, as shown in Master Deed of record of record as Instrument Number 200702070063943; as amended at Instrument Number 200704160084208; 200705160093775; 200705230096061; 200707170005190; 200707180005211; 200709040020265; 200802150061106; 200805140085496 and 201003150058418, all in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to the terms, conditions, provisions, and restrictions as contained in Master Deed of record of record as Instrument Number 200702070063943; as amended at Instrument Numbers 200704160084208; 200705160093775; 200705230096061; 200707170005190; 200707180005211; 200709040020265; 200802150061106; 200805140085496 and 201003150058418, to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, existing easements and to all conditions as shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Together with an undivided interest in common elements as the Grantee is entitled to take under the terms, conditions, and provisions of aforesaid Master Deed.

Being the same property conveyed to Alicia D. Howard by deed of record as Instrument Number 201103010051783 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 091OF-00100X

Address/Description: **2130 Fig Tree Way, Knoxville, TN 37931**.

Current Owner(s): Alicia D. Howard.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, David P Rudder and Martha B Rudder executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated May 30, 2007 and recorded on June 4, 2007 in Instrument No. 200706040099256, 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 **May 5, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 3R, The Quarry at Keller Bend Subdivision, as shown on plat of same of record as Instrument No 200502110063791, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

This conveyance is made subject to all applicable restrictions, easements etc of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Being the same property conveyed to David P Rudder and wife Martha B Rudder by Warranty Deed dated April 8 2005 and recorded as Instrument # 200504120081118 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Parcel ID Number: 154MA-003

Address/Description: **9519 Fortress Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922**.

Current Owner(s): David P. Rudder and Martha B. Rudder.

Other Interested Party(ies): Internal Revenue Service; Capital-Mark Bank & Trust; and Gary Douglas Enterprises, LLC.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument No. 201010050021067, Serial No. 704322710; Instrument No. 201304190068726, Serial No. 933445213; Instrument No. 201009070014792, Serial No. 694575410, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds. Notice of the sale has been given to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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

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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Heirs of Clyde H. Beeler, Single

Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested

in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that

certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee,

by Clyde H. Beeler, Single, dated January 20, 2012, and recorded

as Instrument No. 201201310041769, in the Register's Office for

Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'-

clock A. M. on APRIL 29, 2015, at the front door of the City &

County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly

Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell

at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar

of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the

equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed prop-

erty conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee,

within the 35th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and

being known and designated as Lot 8, Block L, Villa Gardens Third

Revision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet B,

Slide 88-C (Map Book 14, page 152), in the Register's Office for

Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is

hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Clyde H. Beeler

and wife, Wanda L. Beeler, by William Eugene Monday, Jr. and

wife, Florence S. Monday, by Warranty Deed, dated February 22,

1963, and recorded in Deed Book 1222, page 669, in the Regis-

ter's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and being the same

property passing to Clyde H. Beeler as the surviving tenant by the

entirety of Wanda L. Beeler, who died July 31, 2003. Reference

is made to Affidavit recorded as Instrument No.

200911040031798.

THIS conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions,

building set-back lines, all existing easements, and to all condi-

tions shown on the recorded map

The street address of the above described property is

believed to be 4504 Greendale Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918; Con-

trol No. 049PD-008, but such address is not part of the legal de-

scription of the property sold herein and in the event of any

discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale

should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have

the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder

is able to comply, or re-advertise and sell at a second sale.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to

another day certain without further publication, upon announce-

ment at the time set forth above.

Said sale will be made subject to superior unpaid liens,

claims and taxes, if any.

Said sale will further be made subject to the, "Helping

Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009."

Said sale is being made upon the request of Home Fed-

eral Bank of Tennessee, the owner and holder of the indebtedness

secured by said Trust Deed due to the failure of said makers to

comply with all provisions of said Trust Deed.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY IN-

FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

By: M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Insertion Dates: April 6, 2015

April 13, 2015

April 20, 2015

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **May 18, 2015 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Court-house, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by TIMOTHY JENNINGS AND DAWN JENNINGS, to EQUITITLE, Trustee, on May 25, 2006, as Instrument No. 200606050102121 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-KS6

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

SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF

LOT TWENTY-NINE (29), GATE WOOD SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET K, SLIDE 63-A (MAP BOOK 90-S, PAGE 1), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DAWN JENNINGS AND HUSBAND, TIMOTHY JENNINGS BY DEED FROM DONALD RAY MASSEY, JR. AND WIFE, TERN SUE MASSEY, DATED 04/21/04 AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200405110103943 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION WAS TAKE FROM PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SET-BACK LINE, EXISTING EASEMENTS AND TO ALL CONDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1902, PAGE 192 SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Tax ID: 038CD-029

Current Owner(s) of Property: TIMOTHY JENNINGS AND DAWN JENNINGS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **4476 NORTHGATE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 15-000511-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS, LORI LIANE LONG,
Substitute Trustee(s)

PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404

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EMAIL: TNSALES@MWZMLAW.COM

Insertion Dates: 4/20/15, 4/27/15 & 05/04/15

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms

and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 25, 2007, executed

by STANLEY R. SWAGGERTY AND KATHY SWAGGERTY, con-

veying certain real property therein described to PARK PLACE

TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Of-

fice of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 4, 2007, at Instru-

ment Number 200706040099224; and WHEREAS, the beneficial

interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned

to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability

Company 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 Reg-

ister's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, no-

tice 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 **May 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the

North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street,

Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest

and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following de-

scribed property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SIT-

UATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY,

TENNESSEE AND IN THE 25TH WARD OF THE CITY OF

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 20

IN JOUROLMON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE,

TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED

AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE 82-1/4 FEET FROM THE

SOUTHERN EDGE OF HAWTHORNE STREET AT THE WESTERN

EDGE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET; THENCE WEST 50 FEET TO A

STAKE ON THE EDGE OF LOT NO. 21, SAID STAKE BEING A

POINT 83-3/4 FEET FROM THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF

HAWTHORNE STREET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE

LOT NO. 21 AND 56-1/4 FEET TO AN ALLEY; THENCE EAST

ALONG THE LINE OF SAID ALLEY 50 FEET TO THE WESTERN

EDGE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET; THENCE ALONG THE PARAL-

LEL TO THE EDGE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET 57-3/4 FEET TO

THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL MAT-

TTERS APPEARING ON PLAT OF RECORD AS RECORDED IN

PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 109-A, AND PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 56,

AND ANY RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS OR SETBACK LINE,

ANCILLARY THERETO, AS RECORDED IN SAID REGISTER'S

OFFICE. Parcel ID: 108EB-005 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street

address of the property is believed to be **505 CAMBRIDGE ST,**

KNOXVILLE, TN 37920. 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): STANLEY

R. SWAGGERTY AND KATHY SWAGGERTY OTHER INTER-

ESTED 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 confir-

mation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be re-

scinded 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 under-

signed will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Prop-

erty is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties

of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS

LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFOR-

MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Joshua E Hugo and Anne Sutherland Hugo executed a Deed of Trust to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, Lender and Shapiro and Kirsch, LLP, Trustee(s), which was dated April 14, 2011 and recorded on August 24, 2011 in Instrument No. 201108240010283, and modified by document dated August 1, 2014 and recorded on October 21, 2014 in Instrument No. 201410210022300, 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, PNC Bank, National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 30, 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:

All that certain parcel of land situated in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, State of Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being an irregular lot, fronting 230.17 feet on the Southeastern line of Hidden Brook Lane, and being known and designated as all of Lot 17, Unit 2 Bell Air Plantation, a subdivision to Knox County, Tennessee, as shown by plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet N, Slide 201-A and 201-B, recorded August 17, 1994, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua E. Hugo by Quit Claim Deed dated October 13, 2005, from Laura Mary Hugo of record bearing Instrument Number 200511150043315, recorded November 15, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, in compliance with the marital dissolution agreement entered as part of the Final Judgment for Divorce between Laura Mary Hugo, Plaintiff, and Joshua Ethan Hugo, Defendant, under Docket Number M05-0160108-3, Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 020OA017

Address/Description: **6054 Hidden Brook Lane, Knoxville, TN 37938.**

Current Owner(s): Joshua E. Hugo and Anne Sutherland Hugo.

Other Interested Party(ies): First Tennessee Bank National Association.

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Arnold L Harbolt and Patricia A. Harbolt executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Platinum Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Broadway Title, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated June 8, 2009 and recorded on June 16, 2009 in Instrument No. 200906160082722, 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, CitiMortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 30, 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 being known and designated as all of Lot 32 of Mountain Shadow Subdivision, as shown by map of the same of record in Map Book 65-S, Page 59, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Arnold L. Harbolt and wife, Patricia A. Harbolt by Deed dated June 9, 2004 of record in Instrument # 200406110114027, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is subject to any and all restrictions, easements, setback lines, conditions, plat of record, and encumbrances of record in the Register's Office for the aforesaid county.

Parcel ID Number: 030HA032

Address/Description: **6701 Larvik Court, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Arnold L. Harbolt and Patricia Harbolt.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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File No.: 14-03915 FC02

Insertion Dates: 04-06, 04-13 & 04-20-15

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

John Myer executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc., Lender and OIG Title Agency, Inc, Trustee(s), which was dated April 13, 2010 and recorded on April 30, 2010 in Instrument No. 201004300068176, 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, CitiMortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **May 14, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

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

Situate in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and being without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 2, Wolfair Subdivision, Unit 1, as the same appears of Record in Map Book 58-S, Page 30, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which Map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Parcel ID Number: 019PA-026

Address/Description: **4329 York Road, Knoxville, TN 37938.**

Current Owner(s): Estate of John Myer.

Other Interested Party(ies): Hallsdale Powell Utility District.

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

277 Mallory Station Road

Suite 115

Franklin, TN 37067

PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484

File No.: 15-04650 FC01

Insertion Dates: 04-20, 04-27 & 005-04-15

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried
Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

Midland Credit Management, Inc., Assignee of ASPIRE Visa

Discover Bank issuer of Discover Card

MRC Receivables Corp.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried, dated December 10, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200212120052153, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'clock A. M. on MAY 12, 2015, at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District One (1) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 12th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 2, McMillan Heights Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, 2nd Unit, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet B, Slide 342-B, (Map Book 20, page 60), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of Jim Sullivan, dated November 22, 2002, RLS No. 1306.

BEING the same property conveyed to Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried, by Richard and Robert Pasley, all the Heirs and Devises of William C. Pasley, by Warranty Deed, dated December 10, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200212120052152, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1029 Wilder Place, Knoxville, 37915; Control No. 095BJ-022, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

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

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

Said sale will further be made subject to the, "Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009." Notice of Right to Foreclose was provided pursuant to TCA §35-5-117.

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

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

By: _____

M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Insertion Dates: 04-13, 04-20, 04-27-15

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Charles E Garrett II and Deborah D Garrett executed a Deed of Trust to Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee(s), which was dated October 23, 2008 and recorded on November 19, 2008 in Instrument No. 200811190032918, 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 **April 28, 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 the City of Knoxville, District Number 6 of Knox County, State of Tennessee:

Without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 3, Block E, Gulf Park, Unit 2, as shown on the map of the same of record in map Book 43-5, Page 12, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee. To which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Wade B. Nance, surveyor, dated March 30, 1999, bearing Drawing Number A-19197.

Being all of that certain property conveyed to Charles E. Garrett A/K/A Charles E. Garrett, II, and wife, Deborah D. Garrett from Timothy C. Scott and wife. Leigh Anne B. Scott, by and through her attorney in fact Timothy C. Scott by deed dated 03/31/99 and recorded 04/05/99 in Book 2321, Page 577 in the land records of Knox County, Tennessee.

\\Parcel ID Number: 119HC003

Address/Description: **9528 Mobile Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Charles E. Garrett a/k/a Charles E. Garrett, III and Deborah D. Garrett.

Other Interested Party(ies): Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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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File No.: 13-27316 FC02
Insertion Dates: 04-06, 04-13 & 04-20-15

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

This is notice that there has been a default in the payment of the debt originally due Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray as secured by Deed of Trust dated March, 2006, from Judith A. Dill to Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, as Trustees, recorded April 6, 2006, as Instrument No. 200604060083917, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Whereas, on April 16th, 2015, Derek L. Spratley, of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, was appointed and designated as Substitute Trustee by Instrument No. 201504160055931, filed in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust in regard to the March, 2006, Deed of Trust.

The Trust Deed provides that if default is made in the payment, the Trustee shall, at the request of beneficiary, proceed with the sale of the of the property at public auction. The request for such sale has been made by Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray. The Notice of Right to Foreclose has been properly furnished as required by T. C. A. 35-5-117. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee under the Trust Deed, the following property will be offered for sale at public auction and sold at the front door of the City County Building, being the northernmost entrance from Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, to the highest bidder on **May 14, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.**

The property being sold is more particularly described as follows:

SITUATE in District No. Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being within the 39th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated a part of Lot 23R-1-B, WALLACE & MCCLELLAN FARM SUBDIVISION, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet O, Slide 48-B, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the southern right of way line of Murray Drive, said iron pin being located. in a northwesterly direction 392.4 feet; more or less from the point of intersections of Metler Drive with Murray Drive, said iron pin marking a corner to property now or formerly belonging to Howerton (Deed Book 2222, Page 668); thence from said beginning and with the line of Howerton, South 34 deg. 00 min. West 138.86 feet to an iron pin in the line of Part of Lot 23R-1-A; thence with said line, North 49 deg. 15 min. West 83.59 feet to a calculated point on a manhole; thence continuing with the line of part of Lot 23R-1-A, North 26 deg. 29 min. East 129.93 feet to an iron pin in the southern right of way line of Murray Drive; thence with said right of way line, South 56 deg. 08 min. East 100.00 feet to an iron pin, the point of BEGINNING, according to the survey of Robert H. Waddell, RLS #1479, whose address is 1114 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated August 12, 1998, and being Drawing No. S-17,384-B.

BEING the same property conveyed to Judith A. Dill, unmarried, in Instrument No. 200206140103081, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The above described property, which has a street address of **638 Murray Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912**, will be sold for cash, and in bar of the right and equity of redemption, and in bar of all homestead and other rights, all of which are hereby waived and surrendered. The property is sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances and unpaid taxes. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust set forth above which is incorporated in this notice the same as if copied verbatim. Other parties in interest, in addition to Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, include the City of Knoxville (taxes) and Knox County Trustee (taxes).

The right is reserved to allow cash to be paid in a timely manner, to sell to second highest bidder on default of highest bidder or to adorn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication upon announcement at any time set for the above sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information will be used for that purpose.

THIS 16th day of April, 2015

Derek L. Spratley
DEREK L. SPRATLEY
ATTORNEY FOR TRUSTEE
448
N. Cedar Bluff Lane #356
Knoxville, Tennessee 37923
(865) 740-1601
Insertion Dates: April 20, 2015
April 27, 2015
May 4, 2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Sarah B. Thomas, Unmarried
Jennifer Domoracki, Unmarried
Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

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Discover Bank
MRC Receivables Corp.-(CRG)

Assignee of FCNB/Spiegel

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Sarah B. Thomas, Unmarried, and Jennifer Domoracki, Unmarried, dated August 25, 2000, and recorded as Instrument No. 200008280014240, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about **11:00 o'clock A. M.** on May 12, 2015, at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 10, Block D, Middlebrook Acres, Unit 1, as shown by map of the same of record in Map Book 49-S, page 33, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Sarah B. Thomas, Unmarried, and Jennifer Domoracki, Unmarried, by Christopher C. Monroe and wife, Wanda Monroe, by Warranty Deed dated August 25, 2000, and recorded as Instrument No. 200008280014239, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **1053 Roswell Road, Knoxville, TN 37923**; Control No. 105MF-010, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

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

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

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

Notice of Right to Foreclose was provided pursuant to TCA §35-5-117.

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

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

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Published:
April 20, 2015
April 27, 2015
May 4, 2015

65 COURT NOTICES

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Citifinancial Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF
vs
Frank L. Folsom, Jr.; James E. Bradley; Gregory L. Bradley; Lisa Bradley; Janet Bradley; the unknown heirs, in any, OF THE ESTATE OF DALE S. BRADLEY
NO. 189128-1
In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

TO: All Defendants and anyone claiming an interest in the property located 6345 Bowstring Trail, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee 37920.

Under the authority contained in Sections 21-1-203 through 21-1-205 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, it has been ORDERED by the Court that, unless you appear and defend this action within 30 days after last day of publication a default judgement may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 14th day of April, 2015.
s/s Howard G. Hogan
HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

PUBLISH: 4/20/15, 4/27/15, 5/4/15 AND 5/11/2015

65 COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Karen Louise Shiffer Harmon
vs.
Jacob Christopher Harmon
Docket # 132665
In the Fourth Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Jacob Christopher Harmon is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Jacob Christopher Harmon.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by Karen Louise Shiffer Harmon, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with Brent R. Watson, Plaintiff 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2001, Knoxville, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.
s/s Mike Hammond
MIKE HAMMOND
Clerk
s/s Theresa Sibley
THERESA SIBLEY
Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: 04/20/15, 04/27/15, 05/04/15 AND 04/11/15

65 COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Jamie Leann Piety
vs.
Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller
Docket # 131520
In the Fourth Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by Jamie Leann Piety, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with R. Brandon White, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 216 Phoenix Court, Suite D, Seymour, TN 37865 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.
s/s Mike Hammond
MIKE HAMMOND
Clerk
s/s Theresa Sibley
THERESA SIBLEY
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make reservations for the luncheon. Invitations are available at the Art Center or can be mailed or emailed to your friends and relatives at your request. Tables for up to eight people are available. Credit cards will be accepted at the event!

The musical entertainment at the May luncheon will be by "The Ben Maney Trio." The Live Auction will be conducted by Ken "Fabulo Frenzini" Clayton and Charles E. Williams, Jr. Gourmet sandwiches will be provided by Jeff Patin of the Creamery Park Grill on Hotel Avenue in Fountain City. Salads and desserts will be provided by various FCAC members

and by the Fountain City Art Guild. A cash bar will be on site.

Both a Silent and a Live Auction will feature framed original paintings, photography, pottery, exquisite handmade jewelry, one week of classes at John C. Campbell Folk School, hand painted chairs, a Bob Meadows handmade book collection and much, much more.

Ladies and gentleman alike are invited to attend. Ladies frequently wear hats to the event. Table hostesses compete for prizes for the best theme and the best decorated table. The luncheon tables and auction items are under large tents provided by

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Honor Fountain City events announced

By Mike Steely
steelym@knoxfocus.com

Fountain City Town Hall's Jamie Rowe announced the program details for Honor Fountain City Day which will be held Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. Rowe spoke to a large crowd at the Town Hall's membership meeting last Monday.

"This year our theme is '40 Years of Remembering Our Veterans and Honoring Our Community,'" she said. The Town Hall organization sponsors the event each year at the Fountain City Park with the support

of local merchants and contributors. Local citizens are honored and the Man and Woman of the Year are announced during the celebration.

"We really have a lot of fun on that day," she said, adding that this year the Tennessee Wind Symphony and Tricky Nicky the Magician will perform at the Gazebo. The Zoomobile will be there for the day with animals and the event will also feature baton twirlers, crafts booths, and a free train ride for children.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett will be

the keynote speaker at 3 p.m. The event this year opens at 9 a.m. and fun, games and food are available until 2:45. "Honoring our Veterans" takes place at the Gazebo from 4 until 4:30.

Town Hall Board Member and Fountain City historian Dr. Jim Tumblin spoke briefly about Fountain City's History and he and Rowe introduced the design of the new Honor Fountain City Day Tee Shirt which depicts the Town Hall 40th Anniversary and an illustration of the heart

shaped Fountain City Lake. Tumblin stressed that no one should call it a "Duck Pond" and a small drawing of a duck is on the tee shirt holding a sign saying "It's A Duck Pond."

Tumblin spoke and presented a slide show of the early days of Fountain City through the boom in the 1880s. He said that what is now Fountain City Park was once a destination for downtown city dwellers who could ride the "Dummy Line" railroad and spend the day or a weekend at the site.



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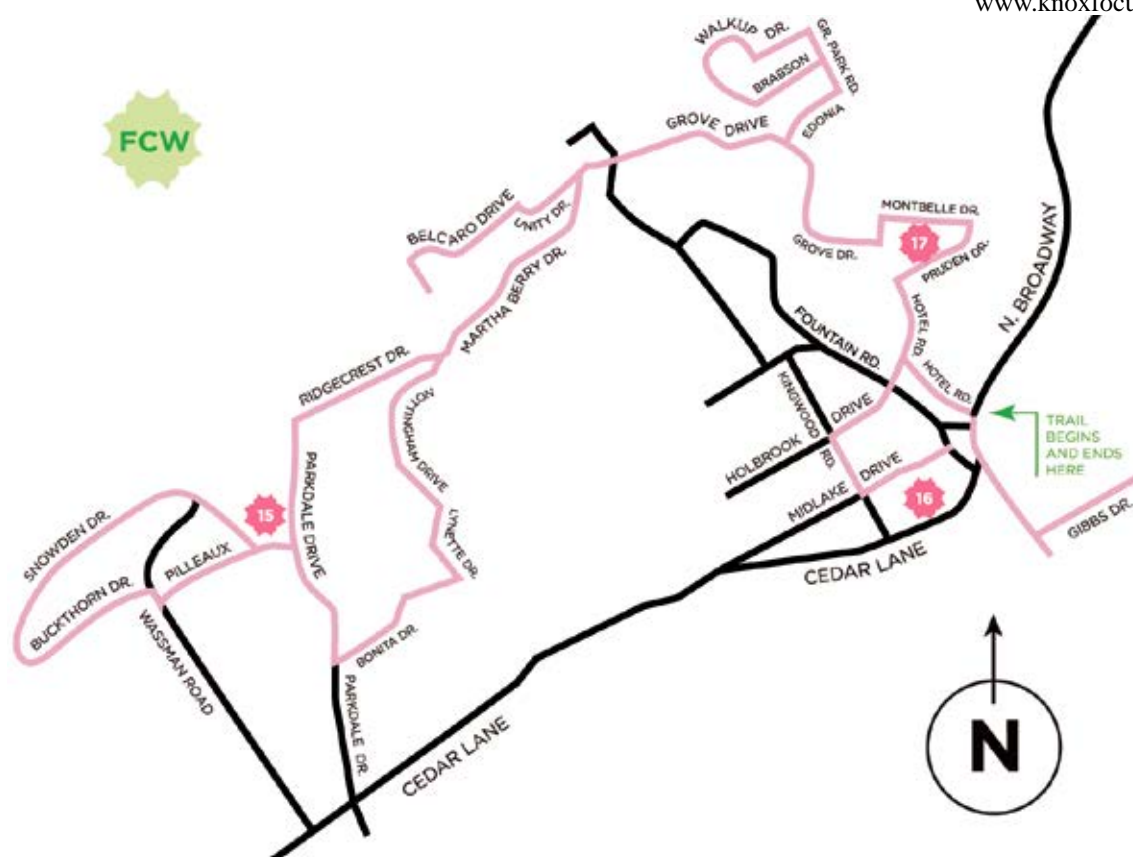
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FOUNTAIN CITY DOGWOOD TRAIL I

Welcome to the Panorama Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail, that begins and ends in a historic area. On the right is Fountain City Park, maintained by the Lions Club. Behind the park is a steep cliff where the clear spring for Fountain City's name bubbles out of solid rock.

In the 1890s the area around this spring developed into a popular resort. Gresham Junior High School (on the left) occupies the site of a large hotel that was surrounded by cottages and annexes. Vacationers reached the resort from Knoxville on a dummy-line railroad with open side cars pulled by a miniature steam

engine. By the time the hotel burned early in the 1900's, Fountain City had grown into a prosperous community connected to downtown Knoxville by an inter-urban trolley line.

By way of Pruden Drive (on the right) is Fountain City Elementary School with an abundance of white and pink dogwood trees. By way of Gresham and Edonia Drives, the Trail comes up to Grove Park. Now a left turn on Walkup Drive affords the first glimpse of a panoramic view from Black Oak Ridge across the city to the distant Smoky Mountains. After circling the large white frame house built by C.H. McClung in 1912, take a second look at the

view from Brabson Drive. Grove Road and Unity Drive lead to "Belcaro", an imposing Italiante villa built in the 1920s by Judge Hugh L. McClung. A very sharp right turn brings the Trail onto Martha Berry Drive, where the glorious panorama reappears.

Beyond Ridgecrest and wooded Parkdale drives, the route skirts the western brow of Black Oak Ridge on Snowden and Buckthorn Drives. Charming homes framed by dogwoods continue into heavily wooded valley known as Sherwood Forest. Nottingham Road climbs up to rejoin Martha Berry Drive. Feast your eyes once more on the Great Valley of East Tennessee and the

Great Smoky Mountains on the far horizons.

Grove and Gresham Drives wind down from the heights to the early day resort. Holbrook and Kingwood Roads bring the Trail to Midlake Drive.

Look for the one-of-a-kind stone well with a peaked roof on the left.

Ahead, at the end of this street, is the heart-shaped Fountain City Lake. This was the end for the little train in the 1890s and for

20th century street cars.

The Panorama Trail bears left around the lake to the end at Broadway. Turn right to reach I-75, I-40 and downtown via I-275.



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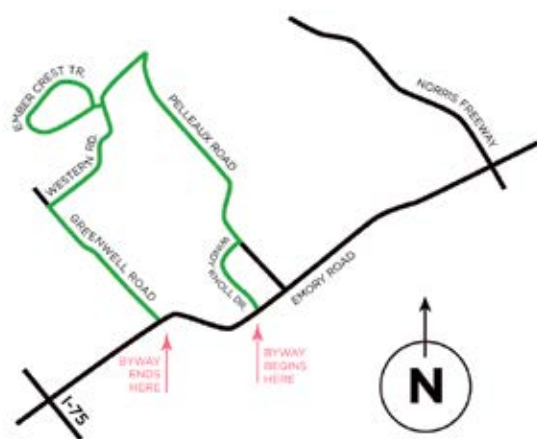
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FOUNTAIN CITY DOGWOOD TRAIL II

Welcome to the Garden Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail, where spring comes a little later and lingers longer. Because of Fountain City's high elevation, dogwood blossoms often are just opening here when other Trails have passed their peak.

The Garden Side of the Trail begins on Gibbs Road, noted since the early 1920s for its double row of bright

pink dogwoods. (There are native pink dogwood trees in Knoxville's woodlands but are very pale in color. Pink and red dogwoods have been commercially developed by grafting the wild pink on white dogwood rootstock.) At the end of this street, the Trail turns left onto Jacksboro Pike.

Stone columns mark the right turn into Harrill Hills, where clouds of white blossoms overhang colorful

plantings of azaleas and wisteria, with an occasional dark red maple tree for contrast and emphasis. On Dogwood, Crestwood, and Briarcliff Roads, wildflowers carpet the shady glens. Look for violets – blue, purple white and particolored – wild blue phlox, may apples and trillium.

Leaving Garden Drive, the Trail climbs halfway up the steep side of Black Oak Ridge

to enter Beverly Acres, where handsome houses blend into their forest setting and acid-loving azaleas flourish in the rich woodland loam.

The lovely "weeping dogwood" is unique to the Knoxville area. Its slender, pliant branches sweep down from the top of the trunk. Whenever it chooses to grow, a weeping dogwood must be left undisturbed. It cannot be transplanted.

A right turn from

Garden Drive onto Briarcliff leads into an area of concentrated beauty known as "Fantasyland." Beneath white canopies of dogwood blossoms, dooryard gardens glow with candytuft, tulips, iris (Tennessee's state flower), narcissae, and perhaps late daffodils. Go slow on Forrest Lane, between masses of brilliant azaleas in unusual shades.

The route continues

on Garden Drive to North Broadway, where a charming garden triangle is planted and maintained by the Fountain City Council of Garden Clubs.

The Fountain City Dogwood Trail continues on the other side of the highway. Turn left on Broadway to the stoplight at Hotel Avenue, where signs mark the entrance of the Trail's Panorama Side.



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Sofas and More is a big surprise

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You will be surprised at the size and selection you discover when you walk into to Sofas and More just off Maynardville Pike in Halls. The family-owned store has all types of home furniture, from mattresses and bedroom items to sofas and dining room pieces, and all at a lower price than you might expect from such a large store.

Founded 20 years ago this August by the England family, Sofas & More is owned and operated by Jo Ann England and her

son-in-law, Jeff Bayless.

"This is our home, in Halls, and we're very glad to be part of the community," Bayless told *The Focus*. He said the majority of the company's 12 employees have been there several years and are like family. The store's sales team is knowledgeable about its furniture selection, and the store is known widely for its dedication to customer service.

Bayless said his wife, Raychel, is a teacher at Sequoyah Elementary. The couple has two children and Raychel also helps out at the store.

"We're big enough to care for the needs of our customers but small enough to get to know them. About fifty percent of our business is from repeat customers and we have people coming here from Tazewell, Maynardville, Halls, Fountain City, East Knoxville and even West Knoxville."

"Every year we're seeing more and more customers. Our specialty is custom orders that we can deliver in as little as 21 days. But if someone can't wait and wants an item today, we can do that too. If we don't have it in our warehouse, our

customers have the option of buying right off of our showroom floor," he said.

The store has name-brand furniture for bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms, and children's rooms. It also offers accent pieces and lamps. The store likes to emphasize its American-made products, many of which are manufactured in Tennessee. Some of its top brands are La-Z-Boy, England, Catnapper, Southern Motion, Ashley, Vaughn Bassett and Serta.

"I just want people to check us out, they will be amazed at what we have

to offer," Bayless says.

Bayless said Sofas and More offers 12-month financing with no interest, inexpensive delivery and also has no-credit-check offers available. The location is 7114 Maynardville Pike and the store is at the right end of the Food City complex. Store hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 until 5 p.m. You can contact them at (865)922-4828 or find them online at www.sofasandmoreonline.com.

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