

Robust Discussion at Joint Commission/School Board Meeting



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Members of the Knox County Commission and the Knox County Board of Education met last week to discuss Mayor Burchett’s budget.

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The annual joint meeting between the Knox County Commission and the Knox County Board of Education took place last Thursday at the East Tennessee History Center. The topic was Mayor Burchett’s recommended \$435M funding for the schools, about \$6.5M less than the BOE-approved budget for FY 2015-2016. Three new schools requested by the BOE were also not in the mayor’s budget.

The two bodies were no closer to agreement at the end of the

two hour meeting.

Board and commission members and Dr. McIntyre were interspersed around a large U-shaped table. Oddly, there was not a seat at the table for Mayor Tim Burchett, who attended the meeting along with County Finance Director Chris Caldwell.

Commission Chair Brad Anders said his desire for the meeting was to “lay everything on the table and talk it out.” BOE Chair Mike McMillan said, “It’s really more important to hear what the commission members

think... If we can’t reach some middle ground or make some adjustments, then the board is going to have to go back and make some serious adjustments.”

“Revenue projections are what they are,” Anders replied. “During your budget process, we talk about the needs and the wants and the desires, but there was never anything discussed in your board meetings about what was the projected revenue. The school system is

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Solar Cells for Schools and County Buildings

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The Knox County Commission met last Monday in a work session to review items for the regular meeting tomorrow. The Memorial Day Holiday sees the commission meet on Tuesday and take up a \$12.5 million solar panel agreement for three Knox County buildings and nine schools.

The agreement with Ameresco, Inc. includes construction and installation on the rooftops of A.L. Lotts, Amherst, Bearden Middle, Central High, Hardin Valley, Karns High, L&N STEM, Powell Middle, South-Doyle Middle, West High and West Valley Middle schools. It includes interconnecting with local utilities companies and a 25-year warranty on the solar cells. The panels at the L&N STEM school will be for education purposes and won’t generate additional

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Seymour Farmers Market to open June 6

The Seymour Farmers Market will start its 2015 season on June 6. The market is open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church on Chapman Highway. Local farmers offer fresh produce they grow themselves. The market also features local crafts people who have made various handicrafts from soaps and herbal salves to jewelry to wood crafts and more.

Check the market’s Facebook page, Seymour Farmers Market, TN, for weekly updates. The website seymourfarmers-market.org has information on becoming a vendor and stories about the farmers and craftspeople. You can call the market manager at 875-453-0130 with questions or if you wish to register as a vendor for this season.

Young-Williams Animal Center Honors Knoxville Firefighters



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Young-Williams Animal Center honored Knoxville Fire Department Capt. Robby Copas and firefighters Jeff McSwain for the lifesaving care they provided Bella the boxer during a house fire on April 30. Pictured from left: Ariona Thomas, Julyan Thomas, Dr. Jen Armstrong, Bella the boxer, Jeff Ashin, Cherie Cuervo, Copas and McSwain.

Pair recognized for saving dog from house fire

Last Thursday, Young-Williams Animal Center presented a brick that will be installed on its Walkway of Life path that leads into the shelter in honor of two local heroes.

Knoxville Fire Department Capt. Robby Copas and firefighter Jeff McSwain saved Bella the boxer from a house fire in North Knoxville on April 30.

“We felt it was important to recognize these two firefighters for the lifesaving care they provided to Bella,” said Jeff Ashin, CEO of Young-Williams Animal Center. “There are so many people in our community who do great things for animals, including these rescuers, and individuals and families who adopt from our shelter and donate time and money to animal welfare organizations.

“We are grateful to be able to honor

Robby and Jeff with a brick of recognition on our pathway.”

When Copas and McSwain responded to the call on April 30, they found Bella unconscious on the bathroom floor. Upon removing the dog from the house, the firefighters gave Bella oxygen and cooled her body temperature with water from a booster tank.

“It is our responsibility to save any living being in danger when we respond to calls,” Copas said.

“This time, it happened to be a dog, but the priority of saving her life never changed.”

Cherie Cuervo, Bella’s owner, thanked Copas and McSwain for their quick response and thoughtful care for Bella the boxer.

“Bella is my best friend,” Cuervo said. “I’m so thankful that they were able to respond to the call quickly and provide the care that was needed to save her

life.”

Copas and McSwain appreciated the recognition from the shelter and the opportunity to reconnect with Bella.

“It’s so great to see her happy and healthy,” McSwain said. “We’re grateful to Young-Williams Animal Center for reuniting us with her and honoring us in this special way.”

Bricks for the Walkway of Life can be purchased for a \$100 donation to Young-Williams Animal Center. Donors can honor a family member, a favorite pet or memorialize a special animal or person with an engraved brick. For more information, visit www.young-williams.org/donations/walkway-of-life/ or call (865) 215-6664.

To learn more about Young-Williams Animal Center, visit www.young-williams.org or check out Young-Williams Animal Center on Facebook.



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Domestic Violence and Firearms

The 1996 Lautenberg Amendment to the federal Gun Control Act prohibits individuals who have been convicted of a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” from purchasing, transporting, or possessing any firearms which have been affected by or affects interstate commerce. The statute is found at Title 18 United States Code Section 922(g)(9). The statute defines “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” to include any federal, state or tribal offense committed by a person with a specified domestic relationship to the victim



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that has an element, the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon. United States versus James Alvin Castleman is criminal appeal ultimately decided by the United States Supreme Court last year. The issue was whether the Lautenberg Amendment requires the misdemeanor conviction to involve physical violence and whether a state misdemeanor conviction under Tennessee’s domestic assault statute qualifies to trigger application of the Amendment. The history of the case is that in

2001 Castleman pled guilty in Tennessee state court to misdemeanor domestic assault for intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to the mother of his child. He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days which was served and completed on supervised probation. He later testified that the judge did not tell him when he pled guilty to domestic assault that he might be found liable under federal law if he possessed a firearm at a later date. He claimed he never would have pled guilty if he had known of that consequence. Seven years after his domestic assault conviction federal agents discovered that Castleman and

his wife were buying firearms and selling them on the black market. His wife allegedly lied on the federal forms claiming to be the real buyer, purchased the weapons and turned them over to Castleman. One of these firearms was recovered in Chicago potentially satisfying the interstate commerce element of the crime. Castleman was indicted on two counts of possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 922(g) (9). The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee dismissed the two counts. The district court reasoned that Castleman’s misdemeanor conviction for domestic assault under Tennessee state law

did not qualify as a domestic violence crime requiring the use or attempted use of physical force. The case was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit which affirmed the district court. The U.S. Supreme Court granted certiorari to hear the case and, in a unanimous decision, disagreed with the lower courts. The Supreme Court held that, consistent with its previous ruling in Johnson vs. United States, even offensive touching may qualify as violence where the required element is the use or attempted use of physical force as it is under the Tennessee statute. Here, the victim was his child’s mother so it was clearly a specified domestic

relationship and Castleman intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury which necessarily involved the use of physical force. The prohibition on Castleman possessing firearms was upheld. You should consult an attorney if you want to know if or how this law applies to you. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced civil attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. She is a sole practitioner who handles foreclosure, evictions, probate, collections and general litigation. She represents Social Security claimants and represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. Her office is in Knoxville and she may be reached at (865)539-2100.

THE CHALK BOARD

Bits of News About Local Education

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Another Take on the 2015 Teacher Survey Results. While most BOE members and the KCS administration are “thrilled” with the results of the teacher survey, some parents and teachers worry that there is an underlying, untold story.

There are two ways to create a dramatic shift in teacher satisfaction. One is to make significant changes restoring professionalism and autonomy in the classroom so that teachers feel valued and respected. The other is to micromanage and tie the hands of educational professionals until enough seasoned, experienced teachers resign or retire, and replace them with teachers fresh out of college who are more malleable and accepting of the education reform agenda.

A parent who has had students at West High School for the past seven years told Lauren Hopson, “I have seen the majority (nearly all) of veteran teachers leave. Using the information on teachers from the website, I calculated that over 60% of the teachers have less than five years of experience. I did this for Bearden High

also and there it was more like 30%.... Even with the IB program they’re not trying to keep experienced teachers. They have high turnover among those teachers too. The moral of this story: they don’t want experienced teachers.”

Hopson, who was recently sworn in as the President of KCEA (and will begin in this role on July 1), said, “New teachers don’t have tenure, and the “reform” minded politicians have made it nearly impossible for them to get it AND keep it. No tenure= no due process rights= no way to speak out against inappropriate practices and advocate for students. None of the teachers who are active members of SPEAK would have been able to do what we have done without tenure. Many new teachers also don’t fully understand the importance of belonging to the teacher’s association which provides support for them also. I am a firm believer that so many administrators have gone silent about practices they find detrimental because they have given up their membership.”

The Knox County High School Teacher of the Year is leaving her position and going to Knoxville

Catholic High School. The principal of Sequoyah Elementary announced she is leaving for a position at Grace Christian Academy. As a parent and former teacher said, “Private schools rely on a diversity of teaching styles to reach a diversity of students. There isn’t any logic behind standardizing teaching to the point Knox County is attempting.”

Knox County lost an incredible Special Education Teacher this year. In her resignation letter, Gloria Johnson said, “I have worked with the most amazing educators and administrators one could imagine, they are putting their heart and soul into helping kids every single day, they are trusting those in charge to require what is best for kids and plugging ahead though many question our direction. I know there are administrators who also question the direction, but are afraid to speak up, I understand their hesitancy, but we have to stand up for the kids.”

“I teach special education, I learned in college that a student with a 58 IQ has little likelihood of being on grade level, yet now I must teach him and evaluate him on grade level standards. This

goes against everything I was taught; start where they are, find how they learn best, and progress from there. How can I possibly innovate when I am told to standardize?”

She continues, “I won’t teach data points, I teach children. I won’t teach 6th grade standards to a student who tests at the 1st grade level. I won’t give a 6th grade TCAP to a student who tests at a 1st grade level. I won’t give an Aimsweb test to every student on my caseload every two weeks. I won’t teach the same way as every other teacher in the building because some businessman at the Milken Family Foundation or Gates Foundation thinks it is a good idea. I won’t be a score on your 1-5 scale, and I won’t be your ‘human capital’.”

“I want our kids to be college and career ready, but I also want them to be emotionally and physically healthy, I want them to be good citizens, I want them to be critical thinkers and problem solvers, I want them to have the confidence to follow their dreams, I want them to have empathy and care about others, I want so much more for them. I want better for the students and teachers in Knox

County, and I plan to work to that end.”

“I am leaving so that I can continue to fight for our kids, teachers, and public education. I wish I could stay, but I actually feel like we are doing harm in the case of some students, and at least neglectful in the case of many. One thing I know, everyone at every level is working hard at Knox County Schools, I am afraid we aren’t necessarily being directed to work smart.”

She speaks for many. How long will parents trust their children to an educational system where the best, brightest, most dedicated and most experienced teachers are leaving? A phrase attributed to the Hippocratic Oath (the phrase is believed to have actually originated with 19th century surgeon Thomas Inman), “First do no harm,” comes to mind. Many of our finest KCS teachers work under the same maxim. They have reached the point where they feel that to continue in the profession under the current leadership will inflict harm on the very children they serve.

Solar Cells for Schools and County Buildings

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Non-school facilities in the solar generation plan include the Detention Facility, Juvenile Justice, and Knox County Central.

Several questions were asked by the commissioners about the warranty, the placement of panels on the ground at some county facilities, and what happens if the solar plan doesn’t return the money to the county in power savings and power buy-back. An Ameresco spokesman said the company would

pay the county the difference.

The hiring of local labor to install the panels is promised and, if approved, the entire project would be completed by the end of December this year.

Commissioner Randy Smith said he was concerned about the life span of the inverters and was told that extra inverters are included in the plan.

The work session also passed along new off-street parking rules, decreasing the size of individual parking spaces to facilitate

requests from developers and get in line with recent Knoxville City parking sizes.

Commissioner Jeff Ownby’s agenda items amending the county Animal Control ordinance, which revises minimum care of pets, creates tougher impoundment rules and sets new civil penalties, passed and will appear on the regular agenda.

The commission also discussed Beer Board fines and how to distribute the funds, possibly giving 25% of the fines to the

Metropolitan Drug Commission.

They moved to accept a contribution from Covenant Health of exercise equipment for the new Karns Senior Center which will soon open.

Also discussed was the growing and illegal use of the county convenience centers by commercial contractors. It was stated that, except for schools, the convenience waste centers see more Knox County residents that any other county function.

In other action the

commission heard from two citizens urging the elected officials to take out any reference to PlanET in the consideration of adopting the Northwest Sector Plan. The city council recently adopted the plan on first reading and included a paragraph disavowing any use of the regional plan. Supporters of excluding PlanET want the county to exclude all references.

Both the city and the county must adopt the Northwest Sector Plan and there is some concern about the bodies not

using the same language. Jeff Welch, interim planning commission director, told the commissioners that he came to the meeting in “good faith” and had expected the language adopted by the city to be used in the county plan. Opponents of the “PlanET” references called the city plan a “compromise” they had to accept but are asking the county body to exclude any reference to the regional guidelines.



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BOE Midmonth Meeting: Survey Times Two

The Knox County Board of Education met for their mid-month meeting on Monday, May 18. The topics on the agenda included a discussion of the recent Teacher Survey and the Balanced Calendar Survey. As controversial as these topics could have been, at the end of the meeting, Chairman McMillan commended the board for their “very orderly discussion.” Karen Carson was at a professional conference and was not in attendance.

Of course, no BOE discussion can begin without the obligatory PowerPoint presentation, and there were two. First the Accountability Department presented the results of the 2015 Teacher Survey. Overall, BOE members were “thrilled” with the results, which showed that teachers’ opinion of the school system has improved in almost every area from the survey taken in December 2013.

Patti Bounds said, “I am glad to see the trend moving forward, but the comments are telling.” She said she identified four major trends in the response to Question 11: “The Knox County Schools always seeks ways to maximize our resources to support education. Do you have any suggestions for opportunities for savings



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or efficiencies in the budget?” 15.2% of teachers surveyed responded to this open ended question. Bounds said there were 102 comments related to reducing downtown (central office) staff; 79 comments suggesting getting rid of teacher coaches; 31 comments related to doing away with Broad Center personnel; and 28 responses about the unnecessary purchase of new math books.

The majority of elementary teachers agreed that teacher coaches were valuable. Support for teacher coaches dropped off significantly for middle school and high school teachers.

Question 20 was also an open ended question, “Please use this space to provide any comments.” 21% of teachers submitted responses to this question. Bounds said the top three topics were PLCs, Balanced Calendar, and differentiation between their school and the District as a whole. You can read the entire evaluation, including the 61 pages of comments, at knoxschools.org.

Since actions speak louder than words, it will be interesting to look at the number of teachers who leave the system this

year.

The next PowerPoint presentation was given by Dr. Elizabeth Alvez. The results of the widely criticized survey monkey survey on “Balanced Calendar” were presented, complete with data tables, and colorful charts and graphs.

Answering objections in advance, Alvez stated that there were “less than 200 suspect survey responses” (from the same IP address) out of the 15,984 responses. Even though many people have admitted they took the survey multiple times, from outside the county and even outside of the state, etc.

Throughout the community engagement and survey process, people were frustrated by the lack of detail and specifics. Would intervention and/or enrichment be offered during the breaks? Who would participate? What about childcare? For high school students (and teachers), how would this impact summer employment? And most importantly, how much will this cost?

Dr. Alvez presented a total of eight potential calendars to the BOE. The first four were for the 2016-2017 year, and consisted of the current traditional calendar, the traditional calendar with a one week fall break, a 45/10 calendar, and a 45/10

calendar with a different Spring break schedule. The same four calendars were also presented for the 2017-2018 school year.

At this point, Chairman McMillan said, “Before we go any further, Dr. McIntyre, I mentioned to you during the break about cost, and that is a question that has to be answered, for this Board and for the general public. We can have all this other discussion, we can consider options and everything, but we need to know or at least have some firm idea of what each of these options is going to cost.”

McIntyre dodged the question, saying, “...Part of this dialogue has been that we’ve been talking about the concept of a balanced calendar, and have not put, until tonight, pencil to paper in terms of what a particular concept might look like.” He added, “I honestly haven’t made any decisions about what I might recommend to the board of education on this concept yet. I want to make sure that we have some conversation this evening about where the board stands.”

But McMillan continued, “Last week, you and I sat together as the Mayor made his (budget) recommendation....at this point, he’s left us over \$6M short this particular year, and you heard the same words I heard. He made it abundantly clear to me that he was not giving any more

money over here, other than natural growth... I guess my question is - there’s going to be some costs involved. Where do you think you’re going to get that money from?” (see more at: <http://youtu.be/1FdYiMn73uQ>).

Dr. Alvez then presented the cost estimates, although no additional details were given. The estimates ranged from \$176,000 in utilities to simply redistribute the school days (somewhat laughable considering air conditioning 90 school buildings for a week in July) to between \$2.6 and \$8.8M depending on how many students participate in additional instruction.

Mike Donila, in his Screams from the Porch blog, said, “It’s all going to come down to cost, and I don’t think the money is there.”

Apparently, neither do Doug Harris or Lynne Fugate. After Student Rep Adam Hasan told the board that students he talked to were not in favor of balanced calendar, but were in favor of the traditional calendar with a full week of fall break, Harris said, “I’m leaning towards the traditional calendar with a one week fall break...If we really want to get an impact from this program we’re going to have to spend a significant amount of money, and my priorities would be teacher raises and technology. Until we know we are going

to have the funding to do that, I would be reluctant to approve something like this...”

He added, “I think there are a lot of people who really do not want this... 20-30% of parents who are really against it....The people who are for it look at it kind of like me... for my family, this would be nice, I’d rather do it...but I don’t care if we change it or not. It’s not that big of a deal. But the people who are against it have some reasons... it will really upset their family balance, so I’m reluctant to try to push that through, and maybe do some harm there.”

Fugate agreed, saying, “I think it’s going to cost a whole lot of money, and ...I think there are other things we need to spend our money on...Personally it would work in my life just fine, but that’s not the issue. I do think it’s going to cost a lot of money and we have to prioritize what we want to spend.”

Harris added, “I was totally neutral on this before we started. I’m glad we had this discussion. I probably would have said six months ago that I’m for a balanced calendar, now I’ve totally changed. I think what we’ve done, for me, has been very helpful. It’s changed my mind.” (see more at: <http://youtu.be/P5JClls8NoQ>).

‘After they’ve Seen Paree: Tennesseans and the First World War’

“After They’ve Seen Paree: Tennesseans and the First World War” will be the topic of Dr. Michael E. Birdwell’s address at the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Historical Society on Thursday, June 4, at the Foundry World’s Fair Park. The event begins with a reception, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m. by a dinner, a lecture, and awards presentations. Both members and the general public are welcome.

Michael E. Birdwell, Ph.D. is a professor of history at Tennessee Technological University at Cookeville and chair of the Tennessee Great War Commission, whose mission it is to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of World War I. “The war has long been overshadowed by the Civil War and World War II,” explains Dr. Birdwell, yet it “mobilized men and women and transformed the culture and politics of the state and nation in profound ways.” The role of Tennessee’s native son Alvin C. York will also be a topic of discussion.

The occasion will also feature the presentation of Awards of Excellence to organizations and individuals across the region for special projects to preserve and promote the history of East Tennessee. These include the Teaching Excellence Award, History in the Media, Award of Distinction, and the Ramsey Award for

Lifetime Achievement. Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged to be one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education.

The event will be held at the Foundry on World’s Fair Park, 747 World’s Fair Park Drive, Knoxville, and is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person and include both the lecture and dinner. For reservations or for additional information call 865-215-8883 or visit our website at www.eastTNhistory.org.

Burke Featured at Next KWG Program

Novelist and screenwriter Shannon Burke will read from his newest book, “Into the Savage Country,” at the June program of the Knoxville Writers’ Guild.

The event, which will be open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 4 at the Laurel Theater, at the corner of Laurel Avenue and 16th Streets (in Fort Sanders). A \$2 donation is requested at the door. The building is handicapped accessible. Additional parking is available at Redeemer Church of Knoxville, 1642 Highland Ave.

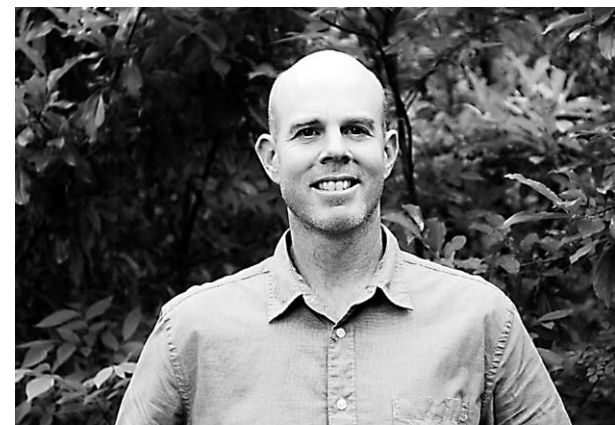
“I’ll be talking about the book, and how I became interested in the subject,” Burke said about the program, which was previously scheduled for KWG’s March program

but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

“Into the Savage Country” is a historical adventure novel that mostly takes place on a trapping brigade in the 1820s. The novel begins as the protagonist - a young man named William Wyeth - starts west on a trapping brigade. The character makes friends, falls in love, chases buffalos and becomes involved in a struggle where the future of the country hangs in the balance.

“I grew up reading books like ‘Kidnapped,’ ‘Treasure Island,’ ‘White Fang’ and ‘The Count of Monte Cristo,’ and my intent was to write a book in that vein,” he said.

His first two novels were well-received and have been translated



Shannon Burke

into several languages. “Safelight” (Random House 2005) was on the Kirkus and Publishers Weekly end of the year lists. “Black Flies” (Soft Skull Press 2008) was on numerous end of the year lists, was a New York Times Notable Book, a finalist for the Believer Book Award, on the Impac Dublin Literary Award Long List and runner up for the Grand Prix de Littérature

Policière. He has worked on various films, including work on the script for the film “Syriana.” Copies of “Into the Savage Country” will be available for purchase at the program. For more information about Burke, please visit www.shannonburkewebsite.com. Additional information about KWG can be found at www.KnoxvilleWritersGuild.org.

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Saw Works Brewery expansion OK'd

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Saw Works Brewery is expanding and received permission for several changes Thursday from the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals. Owner and President Adam Palmer addressed the board and said he wanted to reduce the required front yard setback from 23 feet to zero feet and reduce the required west yard setback from 10 feet to one foot. Palmer explained that the business, at 708 E. Depot Avenue, wants to add a grain silo and a patio in the front of the structure plus a loading dock in the alley between the buildings there. When asked how often trucks would be delivering grain there he said, "about once a month" and also said that, hopefully, they will be shipping out once weekly. The BZA added a restriction on the variance that the deck would not be higher than 42 inches at street level. The BZA also granted a variance at the request of Falconnier Design Company for a child care facility at 211 Harriet Tubman Street. David Falconnier said the church there is adding a much needed child care building and using part of the parking lot to do so. He received permission to reduce the square footage of a building for an estimated 74 students to 2540 square feet, reduce a fenced play area, reduce the set back and cut the church parking from 186 spaces to 179. The request from Ben Kershaw for reduced parking at 937 Broadway was extended for 30 days. A new drinking establishment is planned for the older building and several neighboring businesses, including Garry Tener, COO of Broadway Carpet, objected to the change.

Tener said he did not want customers of the business, just across Broadway from his business, using his parking lot after hours. Several other business owners spoke up and said they had told the establishment that they did not want after hour parking.

The postponement would give the building owners time to talk to the owner of a used car lot next door who has said he might lease part of his lot for parking.

Also postponed for 30 days was a variance request from James S. Cook, owner of 1215 Snowdon Drive, who is asking for a front yard setback for a shed. He said he wants to remodel the shed to appear to be part of the house but the BZA asked him to see if the shed can be moved. Two neighbors, including Renee Wheeler, spoke against the shed calling it "an eyesore."

Rick Morris spoke to the board on behalf of the Boys & Girls club. He said the facility at 407 Caswell Avenue would see the replacement of an old building there and a retention pond would be added. He said that one of the three tennis courts would remain.

The board agreed to reduce the setback from Stewart Street for the tennis court to 13 feet, reduce the setback from Cullen Place to 17 feet, and increase the driveway at the facility to 40 feet wide and reduce the length of the driveway to 23 feet.

Kelly Headden of 426 East Hillvale was granted permission to reduce a sideyard setback for a two-story house from 12 to 8 feet.

A monument sign was approved on a request from David Harbin for 2737 Clay Top Lane and a setback for the sign, at Pleasant Ridge Road, was reduced to 10 feet.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Board members discuss plans for the year at last week's CTV meeting. Members of the board, appointed for three-year terms, include Louis Crossley, Russell Byrd, Jackie Lane, Shannon McCulloch, Commissioner Jeff Ownby, Councilman Nick Pavlis, Jim Idol, Jerry Seale, Thomas Strickland, Jr., Beth Waters, and Sheila Wittke.

CTV offering Summer Camps

By Mike Steely
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The Community Television Board of Knoxville met Tuesday for its quarterly session and heard Ron Mills, with the City Law Office, inform them of the Open Meeting law. Members of the Law Office have been attending various city meetings to remind them that all meetings are, or should be, open to the public, have adequate public notice, and that board members should not speak of board business outside of meetings.

Mills also said that the public "has a right to hear" any public proceedings but does not, without an invitation or a public forum, have the right to speak at meetings.

CTV General Manager David Vogel then opened the meeting. He said CTV will be requesting about 2% more for the upcoming annual budget and told the members, "We have not spent more than we've taken in" during the current year.

He said CTV has updated its playback equipment this year and next year is looking at updating the cameras in the City-County Building. He said that in January and February coverage of two city council meetings were missed because of troubles at the city-county website. He also said revenue was down in the current year because of cable company payments to CTV and said he is talking to the systems.

Vogel emphasized CTV's Golden Reflections projects in which the memories of elderly people are being recorded and stored.

He also reminded the board of the upcoming Summer Camps for 6th and 8th grade students who want to create a documentary. Those camps are held at CTV Headquarters at 808 State Street and run June 8-12 and June 22-26. There's a \$25 materials cost and the registration deadline is June 1.

Summer Camp for Advanced

Documentary Workshop for 9th through 12th graders will be held July 6-10 and July 20-24, also with a \$25 materials fee. The deadline for application is July 1.

Each session is limited to eight participants and registration can be done online at www.huntersmoon.org or by calling (865)215-8848 for more information.

The CTV Board also discussed "outside programming" and Vogel said that programs to be aired but produced outside the area must have a local producer. He also said that 10% of the programming on CTV locally can be a paid sponsor show.

On October 2 CTV will celebrate 40 years of offering local programming to Knoxville and Knox County. Vogel took over directorship of CTV in 1991.

The next CTV Board meeting is scheduled for September 15.

Robust Discussion at Joint Commission/School Board Meeting

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getting a \$14-15M increase in growth this year...growth that has doubled that of many other department in the county. The general government side has a lot of needs also."

He continued, "There are a lot of things that we have sacrificed for the sake of the school system taking most of the growth." He also said that when Race to the Top dollars came along, they knew that the money would be going away, and cautioned the BOE that they may not have the growth to provide that once the grants ended.

Board member Doug Harris advocated for a tax increase, joined by Anders and Terry Hill representing the sixth district, which wants a new Hardin Valley Middle School. Several commissioners asked about BEP (Basic Education Program) funding. This is the funding each district

gets back from the state.

BEP funding, more than local funding, is the problem. An analysis by the mayor's office last year showed that Knox County ranks 4th of the 95 counties, and 11th of the 140 Districts in the state in terms of local per-pupil funding.

Amber Rountree explained BEP funding versus general purpose funding. For example, KCS receives BEP funding for 43.8 principals, but locally funds 44 additional principals. Instructional coaches and master teachers are completely unfunded by BEP.

Commissioner Ed Brantley asked, "Hypothetically, if the Commission gives the School Board what they are asking for, it's my understanding that the Mayor will veto that. Are there enough votes to override a veto? ... Is there an amount of money you all can live with other than the requested amount?"

Hill said Knox County hasn't had a tax increase in 15 years, and suggested that a "modest" tax increase would affect all citizens and take care of county-wide needs.

Brantley asked, "How big of a tax increase does it have to be? How many schools will you build with that tax increase? Will you guarantee they're going to be built, or is it going to be more people in the AJ Building? The people in Gibbs and Hardin Valley, they're willing to pay for a tax increase, but I don't know that people in other parts of the county are."

Commissioner Brown said, "It's not how much you spend, but how you spend it. You're talking about \$445M. The public thinks that's all you get, but

last year, over \$500M was spent by this school board (including grants). So how much is enough?"

Regarding the Capital Improvement Plan, Commissioner John Schoonmaker said that the \$50M bond to build Hardin Valley Academy will end up costing taxpayers \$92M with interest. He said he didn't think the public realizes that a \$35M Hardin Valley Middle School is really a \$65M school. Or that the current total county debt, with principle and interest, is about \$925M.

Rountree asked how much more debt service the school system can take on. McIntyre said the debt service will decline in the next several years, increasing capacity to take on more debt. Randy Smith asked

if the reduction in debt service would be enough to get away from having to use operational dollars to pay debt. McIntyre said no.

Personnel are the largest part of the KCS Budget (78%). Reminiscent of 2012, BOE members said if their budget isn't fully funded, teachers will be fired. Compare this to Williamson County, where Superintendent Looney found enough money in his budget to give teachers a 5% raise after the commission refused to give the District more money.

Commissioner Bob Thomas said, "I hate that

the public thinks the problem is the mayor, or commission won't give the money, the reality is that our society has changed. I can't imagine a tax increase, because the average guy... their income has either stayed the same for over five years or gone down. We can't spend money we don't have, and we can't just borrow more money."

The Commission meets this afternoon for a public hearing and will vote on the Knox County budget on June 15.

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Our Neighborhoods

City Neighborhoods Receive Grants

By Mike Steely
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Twelve neighborhood groups in Knoxville will receive a total of \$22,900 from the Office of Neighborhoods as announced last week. The office will monitor the progress of the various projects, provide technical help if needed and the East Tennessee Design Center will serve as a sponsor for seven of the projects.

Another round of grants to neighborhoods will be announced this summer.

Oakwood-Lincoln Park

One of the grants goes to the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association. The group gets \$2,500 to create a “neighborhood living room” at their Clubhouse behind the Christenberry School at 916 Shamrock Avenue.

Bill Hutton, Association President, told The Focus that the Clubhouse was built about 1939 and the neighborhood group wants to “dress it up.” He said that making the main room like a living room would make the place more inviting. The building also has a fireplace and a kitchen and is often used for events, weddings, birthday parties, baby showers and other neighborhood events.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Clubhouse will get some sprucing up by the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the city’s Office of Neighborhoods.

“We also want to upgrade the blinds there and, if possible, establish wireless internet there,” he said. Hutton said another project is installing donated Audio-Video equipment so presentations can be made there.

Hutton recognized the efforts of Molly Conaway in writing the proposal for the grant money.

“We also will be establishing a mini-library in the backyard of the Clubhouse and hope to dedicate it in June,” Hutton added.

“We’re trying to make the Clubhouse more user-friendly.”

Burlington

The Burlington Residents Association receives \$2,100 for the Motivation Project that will include a survey of needs, workshops and seminars and a Community Day event.

Chilhowee Park

The Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association was awarded \$1,900 to improve identity and perception of the neighborhood with entrance signs, street sign toppers, a brochure and an ice cream party.

Eastport/Lee Williams

The Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch gets \$1,500 for a monthly newsletter, a laptop computer, and meeting expenses.

Edgewood Park

Three small neighborhood signs for the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association are funded for \$750 for construction and installation.

Fourth and Gill

The Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization receives \$2,500 to support the ARToberfest event, a workshop for other neighborhood groups on event planning, and construction of a shed to store garden tools and items for the Birdhouse Community Garden and Birdhouse Neighborhood Center.

Sutherland Heights

The Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association receives \$650 to landscape the neighborhood entrance sign and associated community-building activities.

Lindbergh Forest

A grant of \$400 was awarded to the Lindbergh Forest

Neighborhood Association to cover the start-up costs for a newly formed neighborhood group.

Mechanicsville

The Mechanicsville Community Association receives \$2,800 to help cover cost of the design, construction and installation of a neighborhood marquee sign and associated costs for community-building activities.

Old Sevier

The Old Sevier Community Group gets \$2,400 to create a Monarch Butterfly Waystation on the grounds of the South Knoxville Elementary School.

Parkridge

The Parkridge Community Organization was awarded \$2,800 for its “Making Identity and History Signage for Parkridge” project that includes two neighborhood entry signs and streets signs marking the intersection of “Historic Edgewood-Park City Overlay District.”

Town Hall East

Town Hall East receives \$2,600 to enhance a yet undeveloped section of Tank Strickland Park on Asheville Highway.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Niki Cinniamon sits beside a monument to local and national authors outside the Fountain City Library. She’s working on her fourth novel.

Local author pens ‘Darkness’ series

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It is the continuing story of a young woman in a small town who faces all of the trials of a person her age plus, well, vampires. Niki Cinniamon, writing as N.D. Cinniamon, rolls out the story of Annabell Hamilton in her first three fictional novels. The self-published novels are available on Amazon and the response has been very good.

“Darkness Begins” starts the series and interweaves Annabell and her friends in the young adult world of farms, adventures, taverns and love. And vampires.

A graduate of Claiborne County High School who also attended Walter’s State College in Claiborne and South East Kentucky Community and Technical College in Middlesboro, Kentucky, Niki started reading and writing poetry in the 7th grade. She also received

certification at South East for Diesel Technology and at one time thought about becoming a teacher.

All three novels have been written and published within the last two years, which also saw Niki getting married, beginning farming, and working full time at England’s Furniture. Her mother, Amy Combs, is her moral support and Niki calls her my “super trooper.”

The main character, Annabell, is described by Niki as “having a personality similar to my own but different, way cooler than I am. She lives alone in a small town in the South on a family farm, she’s a truck mechanic during the week and a bartender on weekends.”

Writing about vampires might seem odd to some people but Niki says that people are into different things and describes her vampires as having a disease.

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Efforts to save the Howard House continue

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They were there from Old North Knoxville, 4th and Gill, Oakwood-Lincoln Park, Edgewood, Fountain City, Park Ridge, Belle Morris, Whittle Springs and the Alice Bell neighborhood. Other residents attended as well, from the neighborhoods like South Knoxville and Chilhowee Hills.

All of them, some 30 or so people, were at the United Methodist Church on 3rd Avenue Sunday, May 17 to get an update on the ongoing attempt to save the Howard House from the demolition ball. Commissioner Amy Broyles and Knox Heritage Director Kim Trent were present and updated the concerned citizens on the status of the Broadway home. Broyles said that an online petition has more than 7,500 signatures and the Knox Heritage “Go Fund Me” online campaign has raised about \$8,000. Trent said that while \$100,000 has been pledged by an anonymous donor, much more is needed. She pointed out that “checks are being received.”

Commissioner Jeff Ownby and City Councilman Mark Campen joined the meeting and listened as the update was given.

Broyles referred to the Howard House being added to the Knox



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Members of various neighborhoods listen to Commissioner Amy Broyles’ update on the attempt to preserve the Howard Home on North Broadway.

Heritage’s Fragile 15 List and she said that so far no application for a rezoning change had been made to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. The request could be filed and heard in the planning commission’s July meeting and it will take several steps, including MPC approval and two city council votes, before a rezoning could take place.

Broyles also mentioned the city council’s initial passing of a 60-day waiting period after an application for any demolition.

When asked by *The Knoxville Focus* about the delay, Trent confirmed that the resolution has no real enforcement powers if a property owner doesn’t want to consider options to save a historic property. A second reading of the ordinance would take place at the next council meeting and,

if passed, would simply offer a “cooling off” period where Knox Heritage or other groups can attempt to find an alternative to demolition.

Demolition of a structure without a permit in Knoxville carries only a \$50 fine.

Trent said she has met with the developers, Polestar, LLC, and said the company is “savvy, well-funded, and they know what they are doing.” Purchase of the Howard House and the Centerpointe Church properties are contingent on approval of rezoning. She said the developer may be open to locating the project in another location but added that Centerpointe Church congregation has already vacated the church building, which is next door to the Howard House, and are holding their church

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Historic Planners approve restoration projects

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The restoration plan at a historic home on Oklahoma Avenue by owners Josh and Jill Anderson was not only approved Thursday by the Historic Zoning Appeals Commission but also received praise from the Old North Knoxville, Inc. neighborhood association.

James Pierce of Old North Knoxville addressed the commission and said the group agrees with the restoration plans at the 300 E Oklahoma residence.

"We're really happy to see the work they are doing there," Pierce said.

The Andersons received approval of work on the 1915 Craftsman house including window and door replacements and deck work and were also given permission to move an original window from the back of the house and place it in another wall. They also are replacing the basement door and brick door facing on the home.

Commissioner Andie Ray recused herself from the voting because she serves as President of the Old North association and has been working with the Andersons on the project. The approval passed without any opposition.

Another Old North Knoxville house, at 1209 Harvey Street, was approved for window replacements using two-over-two windows matching the original windows and also to cut and install a small air conditioner on the side of the house.

Kaye Graybeal, Historic Preservation Director for the planning commission, announced that the Tennessee Historic Commission has granted \$21,000 for updating the historic resources data and the city has pledged \$14,000 for the

updating. She said the historic information hasn't been updated since 1986.

Chairman Scott Busby welcomed Scott Smith to the Historic Planning Commission, noting that Smith is president of Volunteer Realty, active in the Home Builders, Association of Realtors, and Habitat for Humanity.

Graybeal also announced that the state has approved the nomination of the Murphy Farm and will be sending the paperwork to the National Register of History Places. She said the approval came after some discussion on the boundaries that would be included in the request and noted that the Murphy Family Cemetery will be included in the designation.

The 176-acre farm remains in the Murphy family and is still in operation. The farm was founded by Robert Murphy more than 200 years ago. Graybeal said that Kevin Murphy has invited commission members to tour the farm. The commission voted their approval of the submission to the national registry.

Other requests approved by the historic planners included the construction of a carport behind the home at 915 Luttrell and changes to the porch, door, windows and exit stairs at 708 Morgan. Both homes are in the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood.

A rear addition for 3128 Kingston Pike was approved. The historic home was built in 1900 and is a "substantial landmark" and is known as the George Taylor House. The addition would include a screened porch, cedar shake siding to match the house, a flat roof and the addition would not be visible from the street or the front of the house.



Seymour Volunteer Fire Department invests in summer safety

The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department, in cooperation with East Tennessee Children's Hospital, conducted a public outreach with Sevier county's Seymour Intermediate School.

The focus of the class was to educate students on the dangers of head injuries. This is especially important as summer break begins and children have more time to spend outdoors.

181 third grade students at Seymour Intermediate were each given a safety helmet to help combat head injuries received during outdoor activities like bicycling, skateboards, scooters

and any other activities where the possibility of trauma exists.

The Seymour Volunteer Fire Department's education team custom fit the safety helmets to each child's needs. The helmets, at a cost of \$20 each, were made possible by the Kohl's Care Foundation. East Tennessee Children's Hospital and the Kohl's Foundation work to provide safety education and supplies all throughout East Tennessee.

The Seymour Fire Department is an all volunteer organization covering 102 square miles in three counties with a total of six stations.

Efforts to save the Howard House continue

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services at another location. She confirmed that the Centerpointe Church building and lot are not large enough to contain the proposed Walmart store without including the Howard property.

The meeting also saw a discussion about the increasing number of check-cashing businesses in Knoxville and Trent said such a business is being built on a recently demolished site near the Howard Home. Councilman Mark Campen said that a city ordinance might be

adopted to limit the number of check-cashing businesses to a quarter to one half mile from a similar business and said that Councilman Nick Pavlis is pushing such an idea.

Broyles referred to the turnout at a public demonstration April 18th at the historic home and called for another rally there. She also called on those present to contact the city council and the planning commission to make their opposition known.

Attendees were also asked to contact Polestar, LLC, and Walmart.

Local author pens 'Darkness' series

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"I do a different kind of writing and I'm not worried about being politically correct," Niki says.

The first three books, "Darkness Begins," "Edge of Darkness," and "Taken by Darkness" will soon be followed by a fourth book in the series titled "Darkness at War." She plans more books and says she'll end the series when it is ready to end.

"As long as God allows me to have the mind and ability to type on my laptop, I'm going to keep writing," she says. She explains she

is targeting high school and college age readers and doesn't write overtly sexual stories.

"I actually created the characters before I started writing the books and describe the characters as 'being diverse and having relationships' in the books."

The books sell for \$9.99 and are available on Amazon, Twitter, Facebook, etc. On Amazon you can also buy the Kindle edition for \$2.99. You can go onto Amazon Books and type in the title of the book or, in the author slot, type in N.D. Cinniamon.

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Congressman Wirt Courtney

Pages from the Past



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William Wirt Courtney is barely remembered today and is likely an unfamiliar name to many residents of Tennessee, but for a decade, Courtney served in Congress, serving parts of Middle Tennessee.

The future congressman was named for his father, who was in turn named for the famous lawyer, William Wirt, who was a contemporary of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Wirt was personally asked by President Thomas Jefferson to serve as the prosecutor in Aaron Burr's treason trial. William Wirt was appointed Attorney General of the United States by President James Monroe. Wirt became the longest-serving attorney general in the nation's history, serving not only Monroe, but President John Quincy Adams as well.

Wirt Courtney was born September 7, 1889 in Franklin, Tennessee. Even as a youngster, Wirth Courtney demonstrated leadership and was elected president of his class in high school. Courtney went on to Vanderbilt University and later to Paris, France, where he studied the law. By the time he was twenty-two, Wirt Courtney was living in Franklin and had passed the Bar exam and was practicing law.

Courtney affiliated himself with another local lawyer and was enjoying a reasonably successful practice and was named the city judge for Franklin when only twenty-six. His partner in his law practice, Thomas Henderson, volunteered to raise a regiment to fight in World War I. Wirt Courtney also volunteered for service and saw action with the 117th infantry division. After the war, Courtney came home, resumed his law practice and began raising a family.

In 1933, Wirt Courtney was elected judge of the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth District, which included his native Williamson County. Courtney would carry the title of "judge" with him for the rest of his life.

According to historian Hudson Alexander, one of the more interesting cases heard by Judge Courtney was that of the notorious "Torture Bandit Gang".

The advent of the Great Depression made millions of law-abiding citizens desperate and so too did it drive lawless folks to greater acts of

desperation and evil brutality. The gang was comprised of seven thieves who were led by one Buddy Bush, who had served time in prison for robbing homes in Nashville. Bush and his gang began a crime spree that covered three Tennessee counties: Williamson, Maury, and Davidson. Preferring remote farmhouses, the gang would target those owners whom they believed hoarded sums of money. Once inside the home, after usually being admitted on some other pretext, the gang would beat the helpless victims, demanding to know where they kept their money. If that didn't work, they resorted to torturing their victims for the information.

One victim was a 78-year-old widow who was robbed of her pocket-book and \$60 in front of her daughter and grandchildren. Before leaving Josephine Ellis' home, the thugs pistol whipped Mrs. Ellis' thirteen year old grandson. Mrs. Ellis was less hysterical than mighty mad after the gang had departed and she telephoned her nephew, George Redmond, who also happened to be a detective for the Nashville Police Department. Detective Redmond began a relentless pursuit of the bandits and a witness was discovered who revealed he had seen Buddy Bush's car parked at Mrs. Ellis's home. Bush was arrested and actually convicted of robbing Mrs. Ellis, as well as assaulting her grandson.

Unfortunately, Buddy Bush remained a free man pending his appeal of his conviction. The worst was yet to come. On September 14, 1934, Buddy Bush and his thugs arrived at the home of Sam McCall. The gang believed Sam McCall had withdrawn \$3,000 from the bank, with which he intended to purchase a farm. Bush and his cohorts intended to steal the money, but McCall was no coward. McCall refused to admit them into his home and a gun battle ensued.

The gang finally forced their way into the McCall home, but Mrs. McCall flung her purse out the window, which contained \$250. Both of the McCalls were quickly overpowered and the gang proceeded to torture Mr. McCall by burning his bare legs with rolled up newspapers, which they had set on fire. As it turned out, McCall had already purchased the new farm and all the money was



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Congressman Wirt Courtney.

gone save for the \$250 tossed out the window with Mrs. McCall's purse. Enraged, Buddy Bush and his gang beat Sam McCall so badly, they finally left, thinking him dead, but not before they had retrieved Mrs. McCall's purse.

Buddy Bush owned a disreputable place called the Dew Drop Inn and when one of his confederates was arrested by the police after a routine traffic-stop violation, the thug offered up his accomplices, implicating Bush. Buddy Bush knew he was caught and in turn offered to confess all his crimes to Detective George Redmond. Rightly suspicious, Redmond showed up at the Dew Drop Inn accompanied by a passel of policemen. As Redmond had feared, Buddy Bush had no intention of returning to prison and opened fire.

The gun battle left both Buddy Bush and George Redmond dead.

The remaining members of the Torture Bandit Gang were rapidly captured and arrested and put on trial in the courtroom of Judge Wirt Courtney. All were found guilty and the least of them received a fifteen year prison term.

Judge Courtney was considered stern in meting out justice. Wirt Courtney was one of the first judges in Tennessee to take drunk driving seriously and he gave harsh sentences to those appearing in his court charged with driving under the influence. The judge himself enjoyed more than a drink or two, but had little tolerance for those who drank and drove.

One case heard in Judge Courtney's courtroom stunned the strict jurist. A jury trial was held for five white men accused of murdering a black man. Courtney was presiding at the trial in Cheatham County and the jury acquitted

the defendants, causing Judge Courtney to look at the jurors and say, "I am astounded at your verdict."

The judge then promptly had warrants drawn charging conspiracy to inflict corporal punishment against the five men. The men had admitted to killing Baxter Bell, but claimed they had done so in self-defense. They did not explain how Bell had been seized from Dickson County officers --- by five white men. Judge Courtney's issuing warrants, meant the five were not freed after having been acquitted, but rather returned to jail.

Courtney had long been active in Democratic politics in Tennessee and had been the state campaign manager for Treasurer Hill McAlister's gubernatorial bid in 1928 against incumbent Henry Horton. Courtney was allied with the faction tied to Tennessee's senior United States Senator, Kenneth D. McKellar.

When Congressman Clarence W. Turner died of a heart attack on March 23, 1939, Wirt Courtney became a candidate to succeed him in a special election. Courtney faced the late Congressman's widow in the election and narrowly won the Democratic primary.

Courtney was reelected in 1940, 1942, 1944, and 1946, frequently with little or no opposition.

Wirt Courtney made his "maiden" speech in Congress, urging the House to repeal the arms embargo that had restricted American

foreign policy for much of the decade. Several of Courtney's Tennessee colleagues "ran up" to the freshman congressman to congratulate him. Even Republican Congressman J. Will Taylor termed it "a splendid talk."

Congressman Courtney served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and in the spring of 1942, spoke in Bristol, Tennessee, where he predicted there would be another "League of Nations" following World War II. Courtney's prediction was accurate as the United Nations came into being in 1945.

Courtney got himself in a bit of hot water with K. D. McKellar in 1947 when he told newsmen the senator had said he could not support junior senator Tom Stewart for reelection the next year. An indignant McKellar denied he had made any such statement, saying he had not committed himself to anyone, but would announce whom he would be for at the appropriate time.

By 1948, most of the veterans had returned from World War II and more than a few ran for Congress. Courtney drew an eloquent and charismatic opponent in James "Pat" Sutton.

Sutton was from Lawrenceburg and had a sterling war record, which impressed the voters. The thirty-three year old veteran of the Navy had won not only a Distinguished Service Cross, but the Purple Heart. Pat Sutton came home to a hero's welcome and faced off with the incumbent, who was

nearing sixty. Sutton was an able campaigner and much more conservative than Congressman Wirt Courtney, who was an old-time New Deal liberal.

The finish of the election was close; Congressman Courtney carried seven of the thirteen counties inside the Seventh District, but lost by exactly fifty-eight votes out of more than forty thousand ballots cast.

Wirt Courtney came home to Franklin, opened a law office and continued to practice law and enjoyed his status as one of the community's elder statesmen. He would live long enough to see Pat Sutton attempt to topple Senator Estes Kefauver in 1954. After running a well-funded campaign, Sutton lost badly to Senator Kefauver. Having left his seat in Congress to run for the United States Senate, Sutton came back to Tennessee and was elected Sheriff of Lawrence County. Sheriff Sutton remained highly popular in his home county but ran into some serious legal difficulties when he and his brother were indicted by a federal grand jury for counterfeiting in 1963. Eventually, Pat Sutton pleaded guilty and according to one obituary, he served ten months of a year-long prison sentence after having violated the terms of his probation.

Sutton had tried to reclaim his seat in Congress in 1956, facing his successor, Ross Bass, in the Democratic primary. Bass beat Sutton decisively and the former congressman opted to run for Sheriff in his home county. The two would clash one last time, a last hurrah for the both of them. Bass and Sutton both announced for Congress in 1976 to face Republican incumbent Robin Beard. Sutton was not a viable candidate after his colorful past and Bass beat him badly, but lost to Congressman Beard. It was the last campaign for both of the old political warriors.

Wirt Courtney never attempted to make any kind of political comeback. He contented himself with a successful law practice, but his health began to deteriorate. He died in a hospital April 6, 1961 after a "long illness."

The former congressman's death was little more than a footnote outside his own community of Franklin. Power, like all earthly things, is fleeting and fame even more elusive.



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It's unusual for a modern work to become a classic so quickly, but Tolkien's "Ring" stories, which began with The Hobbit, clearly are in this very special category. They stir the imagination and intellect of everyone they touch.

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KCT is East Tennessee's leading producer of stage plays for children. "The Hobbit" is the 68th play to be produced by Knoxville Children's Theatre. The company is also the area's leading producer of new works, having produced 27 original plays since 2008. Over 9,500 people attended a KCT play in 2014.

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by 25 talented young actors, from ages 8 to 16. Bilbo Baggins will be played by KCT veteran Boone Sommers. Boone was last seen at KCT in a hilarious performance as Pinocchio in Shrek: The Musical Jr. Keegan Stump will portray Gandalf, and two female performers take on the monstrous roles of Smaug (Charlotte Stark) and Gollum (Jaden Lily Branson).

Seven actors are making their KCT debut: P. J. Copeland, Skylar Justice, Simeon Thress, Kennis Van Dyke, Jared Watkins, Madelyn White, and Julia Woods. The rest of the cast includes KCT veteran performers: Natalia Adams, Ben Barber, Eason Bullard, Jessica Burks, Brody Copeland, Draven Copeland, Lucas Cunic, Sequoia McCabe, Brock Mullins, Elijah Payne, Eva Rogers, Grant Trivette, Cole Vanwinkle, and Greyson Vanwinkle.

The play is directed by Dennis E. Perkins. The stage manager is Kena Holmes, a middle-school student at West Valley.

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Casa Hola To Feature Exhibit With Focus On 'Origins'

During the month of June, Knoxville's Casa HoLa, suite #112 in the Emporium Center in downtown Knoxville, will feature both hand-made masks from prehistoric man and dramatic black and white images captured during expeditions into the East African bush.

Local artist Stephen R. Hicks will exhibit masks based on ancient culture from which our origins started. Since childhood, Hicks has always loved everything that Mother Nature has to offer and focuses on natural materials for his creations. The wood he uses was collected locally and driftwood from area lakes is a favorite material that he develops into expressive art. Hicks has always been especially interested in the ancient Mayan culture and many of his masks reflect that culture. His fascination for ancient funeral masks in what drives his art today.

Complimenting the display of masks will be a collection of black and white photographs by Nicole A Perez-Camoirano, a clinical psychologist, avid traveler and passionate photographer. She has chosen "The Roots of Mankind" as the theme for her exposition and the dramatic photo "Walking Masai" as the centerpiece. The entire collection is a photographic journey into the dynamics of being in the world. Her purist approach to photography engages observers in

the interplay between photographer and movement; highlighting the tension between man, beast, earth, and sky. Perez-Camoirano was born and raised in Puerto Rico and attributes her Caribbean roots as the driving force behind her interest in the human condition both by professional and cultural background. While Knoxville is now her home, she and her husband continue to do extensive foreign travel and engage in humanitarian efforts whenever possible. Her photography will benefit the Steven Weru Education Fund in



A mask by Stephen R. Hicks

Kenya.

The exhibit "Origins" opens with a gala reception for the artists at the Casa HoLa artists on Friday, June

5 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and the exhibit will be open to the public without charge during normal business hours through June.

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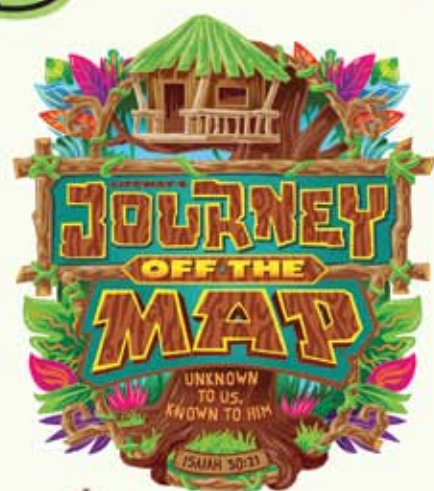
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Big ninth nets State Title for Hawks

By Ken Lay

MUFREESBORO---It took a little extra work but in the end no one associated with Hardin Valley Academy's baseball team was complaining. The Hawks used an eight-run ninth inning to claim their first championship in school history as they beat rival Farragut 10-2 Friday night at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese

L. Smith Jr. Field Friday night. All season long, Hardin Valley has battled and beaten the odds and on this night, the Hawks had to come from behind twice to send the title game to extra innings. "We knew coming in that we were going to win a State Championship," HVA coach Joe Michalski said. "We said earlier this

season that we were going to win every elimination game and we did." The Hawks, who beat Powell in the Region 2-AAA Tournament semifinals and downed Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in a state sectional playoff game to earn their first-ever trip to the Class AAA State Tournament, didn't take their first lead against the Admirals (41-8) until the ninth inning.

With the game knotted 2-2, Hardin Valley finally took the lead when Matt Martin doubled home Zach Sears to make the score 3-2. From there, the Hawks took advantage of Farragut's depleted pitching staff and scored seven more runs. Sears, HVA's senior first baseman led off the frame with a walk. He took second on a single by Tyler

Thompson and scored what proved to be the game-winning run. As it turned out, that would be all the Hawks (30-15) would need but they were far from finished. They scored four more runs before Farragut recorded the first out of the inning. Hardin Valley expanded its advantage to 5-2 when Dom Leo reached on a two-base error. A two-run

triple by Dylan Harris made it 7-2. The Admirals finally recorded an out when Ryder Green struck out. Harris scored on a double by third baseman Ian Pang. Vinny Gambuzza reached on an error and that plated Pung. The Hawks took a 10-2 lead when Tyler Thompson lifted a sacrifice fly that scored Gambuzza with the

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Webb wins second state title

By Alex Norman

Well, it wasn't easy. But the ending more than made up for the tension. On Thursday, May 21st, the Webb School Spartans withstood a furious second half rally from defending state champion Battle Ground Academy, on their way to a 2-1 victory in the Division II-Class A championship game. It is the second state title in boys' soccer for Webb School. "It has been a magical season for us," said Webb's first year coach Jordan Wormsley. "Just to watch these boys play with so much joy and passion. It's incredible to watch."

The Spartans (18-1-0) got a break when Battle Ground Academy went to overtime in their semifinal win over ECS. Without a recovery day (the semifinals were played on Wednesday, there wasn't much time for the Wildcats to get their legs back. Webb had an easier time in their semifinal victory over Sacred Heart. And in the first half the Spartans were absolutely the fresher team. Webb junior Connor Jacobs scored two goals and the damage could have been much worse. Junior Nick Taylor made four Wildcats miss but hit the post on his shot attempt. Another attempt had to be cleared off the goal-line. "In the first half our passing was amazing," said Jacobs. "We were moving the ball and taking good shots." "We were playing very good possession," said Webb junior Kell Gammeltoft. "We were getting one or two touches and almost holding it too long... just very efficient soccer. No one was hogging it. It was clean, it was fast, and the other team couldn't adapt to that until halftime when



Webb School celebrates their second Division II-A state title in Boys' Soccer following a 2-1 victory over Battle Ground Academy.

they took a step back and looked at the field." But in the second half the roles were reversed. Suddenly, the Wildcats were the ones pressing the action. And with 26:33 remaining, Battle Ground Academy made the most of a set piece. Braxton Kinney put the ball in the box, and eventually Harm Abbott knocked it over the goal-line. Suddenly, it was only a one goal game. "It was a little bit scary," said Wormsley. "We talked at halftime that if they got one, they would be right back in the game. And it would be a dogfight until the end and it absolutely was." "It was extremely frantic," said Gammeltoft. "Not a fun time to

be on the defense. It is always frantic when you are up a goal... (Opponents) always have a final surge to get one back. They were throwing everything they had at us. We played against CAK this season, which was a 2-1 game almost identical to this game and this ending. Very frantic and fast paced. So we had experience with that type of game." The final 26:33 was filled with opportunities for the Wildcats to even the score, but time and time again goalie Elo Wittig and the Spartans defense stood tall. Even when Taylor received a red card with less than two minutes to go and the Spartans were down to ten players, Webb School continued to block shots and

took no chances in clearing the ball out of danger, holding on for a 2-1 win. "You have to give all the credit in the world to that team (BGA)," said Wormsley. "They played their hearts out. It was a physical battle to the bitter end. They have no reason to hang their heads. They should be proud of the effort they put forth. They played a fantastic game." "It shows that we can go through anything," said Gammeltoft. "All the adversity. The whole season we have been winning and our team never stops fighting." Webb finishes with an 18 game win streak, their only loss coming in the season opener to Bearden.

The memories from this title game, and this season, will last a lifetime. "Well it's my first one (title). That's pretty special," said Wormsley. "All the different personalities that mesh and gel together and work as one group, it is incredible. If you look at our stat sheet from this season we have a number of guys that are pretty even on goals and assists. Everybody has played at some point in the season. And everyone has played a crucial role for us at some point in the season. It is just a total team, which is what I am most proud of. We stuck together through so many different things. It has been a pleasure."

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Irish fall in championship game again

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO---Catholic High School endured a second dose of baseball heartbreak Friday afternoon.

The Irish made a second consecutive trip to the Class AA Championship Game at Middle Tennessee State's Reese Brown Jr. Field and for the second straight year, Catholic came home with a runner-up trophy as it dropped a 2-1 decision to Christ Presbyterian Academy, "I just feel bad for these kids," Irish coach Adam Sullivan said. "They've worked so hard and we got off to a slow start and

we had bad weather."

Sullivan might've been disappointed but he couldn't fault his team's effort.

"We hit the ball

hard today," he said.

"We tattooed some balls today but CPA played a great game.

"That's baseball and sometimes, you have days like this, especially in a big park like this one."

Catholic (30-16) made its share of big defensive plays defensively as well. Senior catcher Kole Cottam gunned down three Lions on the base paths but in the end, that wasn't quite enough as the Irish just couldn't

come up with a timely hit.

Sullivan praised his entire team for a great 2015 campaign but he saved his highest accolades for his senior star, who will play for the Kentucky Wildcats next season.

"Kole Cottam is a stud,"

Sullivan said. Kentucky is getting a freaking stud and Tennessee should be ashamed," Sullivan said after his team dropped its second consecutive one-run decision in a title game.

Catholic lost 6-5 to District 4-AA rival Christian Academy of Knoxville last year. It was the first State Title

for the Warriors. And again, the Irish had to watch their opponents celebrate a historic first championship.

The Lions (31-10) took a 1-0 lead when Taylor Phillips hit a solo homer in the top of the third inning off Irish reliever Hunter Judd.

Catholic starter Ethan Elliott pitched two scoreless innings before giving way to Judd, who surrendered both CPA runs.

The Irish, who had to advance out of the loser's bracket, pulled even without the benefit of a hit in the bottom of the third frame. Adam Aucker

was hit by a pitch with one out. He advanced to second on a passed ball and moved to third on a wild pitch. Aucker scored on a sacrifice fly by Dom Souder.

The Lions recaptured the lead in the fourth when Jacob Webster singled in Sam Knell with the eventual winning run. Webster reached when he was hit by a pitch.

CPA pitcher Devin McKnight kept Catholic at bay and retired eight of the last nine hitters he faced.

The Irish mustered just two hits in the contest as Judd and Cullen Smith both singled in the

bottom of the second frame. Judd and Smith were both stranded in scoring position when McKnight induced an inning-ending groundout from Mike Fitzgerald.

Sean Purcell, Catholic's second relief pitcher, went 2 2/3 innings before Elliott, a senior left hander re-entered to pitch a scoreless seventh.

The Irish were obviously emotional after a tough loss but Cottam said he'll long remember 2015.

"We're truly a team and we've come so close," Cottam said. "We really bought in and this is the best group of kids that I've ever played with."

Classic examples of 'It ain't over till it's over'

Yogi Berra's famous line - "It ain't over till it's over" - applied to a couple of teams on the sports scene here recently.

Yogi would have applauded come-back performances by the University of Tennessee baseball team and the Christian Academy of Knoxville softball team.

UT, in last place in the Southeastern Conference standings coming down the stretch, won four of its final five conference games, including a sweep of Mississippi State on the last weekend of the regular season, to earn the final playoff berth in the SEC tourney.

The Vols also capped their regular season finish with a ninth inning rally, scoring three runs for a 3-2 win over State.

Tennessee's 11th hour accomplishment was another good example of why the media and fans should always let a season play out before burying a team or its coach.

Just remember - We don't want our favorite team to throw in the towel, so we shouldn't quit on them.

By the way, the famous Berra quotation originated in 1973.

The New York Yankees' Hall of Fame catcher, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, was managing the New York Mets that season. Yogi's Mets trailed Cubs by 9 1/2 games in July but came back to win the NL East title on the final day of the season.

The popular "Yogiism" also fit a high school softball regional championship game I covered between Carter and host CAK on May 13.

The Christian Academy girls trailed by one run in the bottom of the seventh inning. They were down to their final out with the bases empty. The No. 7 batter in the order also had two strikes. Carter was one



By Steve Williams

strike from capturing its first-ever region title.

But a determined Caroline Cavin extended her at-bat until finally getting a single. Teammate Paige Simpson followed with another base hit. That

brought up Jenica Brown, a freshman and the No. 9 batter.

Known more as a slap hitter, Brown had an 0-1 count when she hit the ball to right field.

"I was thinking, 'Oh crap, don't catch it.' But then I saw it was over (her head) and I was really happy," said Jenica.

Both Cavin and Simpson came around to score the tying and winning runs.

When she had been two batters away from coming to the plate, Brown recalled, "I was feeling like I was going to throw up. I was really nervous, but I was really excited. I knew that we were going to pull through and hit the ball like we always do."

And by doing just that, Jenica and the Lady Warriors added credence to Yogi's famous words.

The Mets' 1973 comeback also was well known for relief pitcher Tug McGraw's catchphrase "You Gotta Believe!"

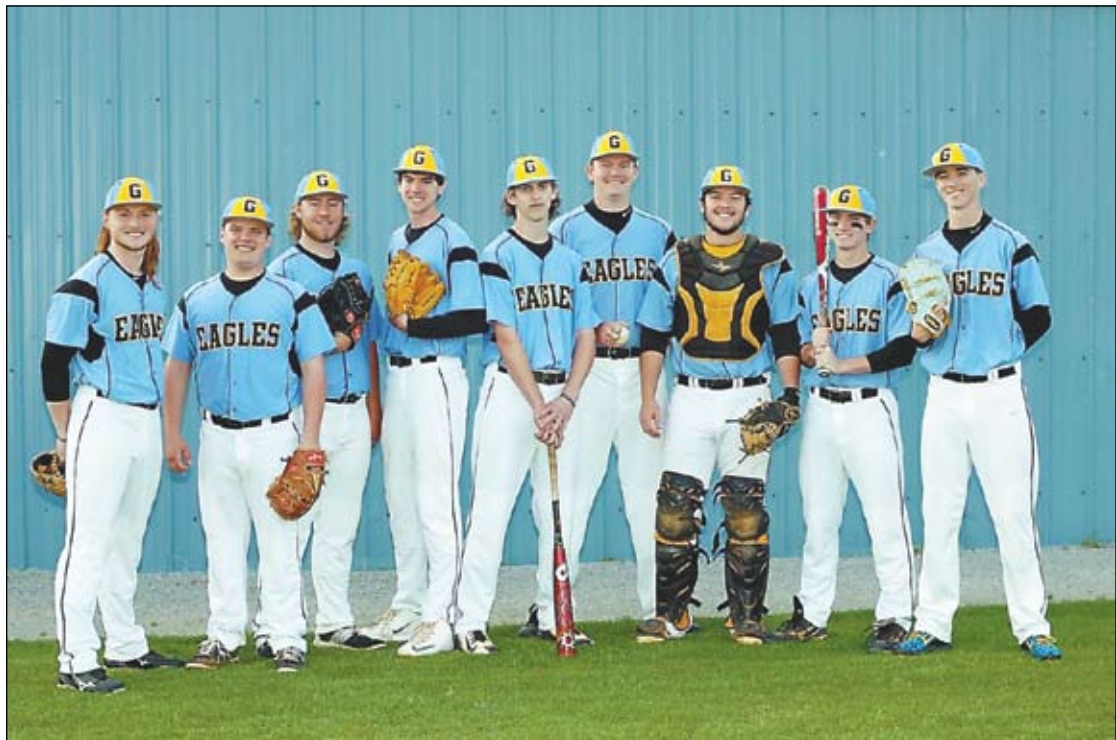
The Vols and Lady Warriors certainly kept the faith.

Tennessee was unable to continue its late-season surge and get on a roll in the SEC tourney, losing 2-1 to No. 5 seed Arkansas in a first-round elimination game. But making it to Hoover was a credit to the team's character and may have saved Coach Dave Serrano his job.

CAK's dramatic win over Carter not only earned the Lady Warriors the region title but gave them home field advantage in the sectional round. It also was the kind of win that will last in their memories for a long, long time.

against Raby and three other pitchers. It was HVA's third win of the season against their District 4-AAA rivals. Farragut won four of seven meetings against Farragut, which had to beat Germantown-Houston twice Thursday to advance to the championship showdown.

Farragut darted to an early lead in the bottom of the third when a single by Chandler Chambers plated Justen Freeman with the



Gibbs Baseball Honors Senior Players

This evening, the 2015 Gibbs baseball team will be honored at a banquet. Pictured left to right are Jake Hall, Brandon Hall, "JJ" Jordon Jennings, Kent Noe, Peyton Sawyer, Daniel McKee, Trey Carpenter, Pierce Elliott and Andrew Willis.

Webb leaves Old Fort with multiple titles again

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO---Webb School of Knoxville has made a habit of leaving Old Fort Park with State Championship tennis trophies and the Spartans and Lady Spartans left the Division II-A State Championships with multiple titles again in 2015.

Webb coach Jimmy Pitkanen has built a dynasty but he showed his humility before he left Murfreesboro Friday afternoon.

"Every one of these [State Championships] is special," Pitkanen said. "You have to appreciate every one of them. They're all different and they're all special."

"You have to appreciate all of them because you never know when you're going to get back here. You have to qualify for this every year and when you have to qualify every year, no one cares what you did last year. These kids are great players and great kids. They're coachable and we teach them how to be their own coach on the court."

It was another banner year for Webb's program. The Lady Spartans won their sixth consecutive team championship Wednesday

when they notched a 4-1 victory over St. Mary's.

Webb had wins at No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 5 Singles as Lauren Yoon, Anna Wisniewski, Diana Grandas and Divya Agarawal each recorded victories.

St. Mary's won at No. 3 as Caroline Culpepper defeated Caroline Ross 6-1, 6-4.

Webb advanced to the championship match with a 5-0 semifinal win over University School of Jackson.

There, the Lady Spartans picked up wins from Yoon, Wisniewski, Ross, Grandas and Quinn Riley.

It was also a big day for the Spartans' boys as they claimed a third consecutive championship with a 4-0 victory over University of Jackson on Wednesday.

Lorenzo Rollhauser, Thomas Loaiza, Ohm Sharma (an eighth grader) and Parker Hamilton each won matches for the Spartans, who won their semifinal match by default when Louanne failed to show up during its final exams.

After capturing a pair of team titles on Wednesday, Webb saw Rollhauser, a senior and five-year player; close out his illustrious

high school career by winning his second singles title. Rollhauser won his second individual championship when he downed University School of Nashville's Will Johnston 6-1, 6-2.

"This feels great," said Rollhauser, who began his high school career with the Spartans as an eighth grader and won a total of seven championships (four team, two singles and one doubles) at the school. "It feels great winning again. "Winning a State Championship is always a big deal."

"There all different and they're all special. Coach Jimmy always tells us not to take anything for granted."

In boys doubles, Loaiza and Sharma reached the semifinals along with Webb's team of Hamilton and Rajeev Jadhav.

In girls doubles, Webb's tandem of Grandas and Wisniewski posted a runner-up finish. The duo lost the championship match to Mary Jane McCaghren and Carmen Saab 6-4, 7-5.

The Lady Spartans' doubles team of Agarawal and Riley fell to Saab and McCaghren in the semifinals.

Big ninth nets State Title for Hawks

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game's final run.

HVA ace Will Neely started and picked up the win. Closer Greg Valentine gave up a pair of hits in the bottom of the frame but kept the 2014 State Champions off the board in the final inning of the season.

Neely, a University of Tennessee signee, matched Farragut ace (and future Vanderbilt pitcher Patrick Raby) pitch for pitch until his team prevailed in the ninth

game's inaugural run. Freeman, a sophomore, started because junior Duncan Pence was suspended after being ejected in Thursday's nightcap against the Mustangs.

The Hawks pulled even in the fourth when Gambuzza singled and later scored on a hit by Martin, a junior left fielder.

"One thing we've always said is 'get it to the next guy' and if that ninth inning wasn't that, I don't know what was," Martin said. "I'm

speechless right now. I just don't know what to say.

"This win was for our seniors. They've built this program."

The Admirals regained the lead in the fifth when a triple by Chambers plated Freeman to make it 2-1.

The Hawks answered in the sixth when an RBI single by Sears plated Pung, who opened the frame by reaching on an error.

Michalski said Friday's win showed his squad's character.

"This is the toughest group of guys that I've ever coached," he said. "They have character and they're the best elimination team in the state. They won two elimination games on the road."

"People see the baseball side but they just don't understand what kind of people these kids are. I do because I see them every day. People just don't see them every day like I do."

Michalski said Friday's win showed his squad's character.



CAK falls to CPA 1-0 in the A/AA title game. The Warriors accept the runners-up trophy for the second straight season.

CAK loses in A/AA title game

By Alex Norman

For Christian Academy of Knoxville, it was deja vu all over again...

For the second straight year, the Warriors fell in the A/AA boys soccer championship game in Murfreesboro. And for the second straight year it was Christ Presbyterian Academy taking away their dreams of a title.

CPA's Evan McCarthy scored off a scramble with just over 10 minutes remaining, and that would be all they needed. The Lions knock off the Warriors 1-0 for their third state title in program history, and second in a row.

"We had a heck of a season," said CAK head coach Jon Day. "I'm proud of the effort, the buy in and the passion these guys have not only for soccer, but for Our Savior, for our school for our families."

"It's definitely frustrating seeing this team (CPA) win two times but you have to respect them," said CAK junior Jon Creel. "I have a lot of respect for this team. But it definitely hurts losing to them again. We've been looking forward to this all year. It hurts a little bit for sure."

Back in 2014 it was also a 1-0 win for CPA over CAK, but the physicality of the Lions was something that kept the Warriors from putting up as strong of a fight. This time around it was a more even contest.

"We knew that was their style of play, and it was something we were preparing for, all the way from last years," said Day. "But compared to last year we held our ground a lot more. I'm proud of our boys,

they committed to fitness and strength training the last year... just ended a little shy."

"I feel like we were better prepared for this team this year," said Creel. "We got in the weight room but we definitely had a chance to win this game."

The two best scoring opportunities for CAK came for Creel, their leading goal scorer on the season. Early in the first half, Creel took the ball deep into the Lions end of the field, cut to the middle and had a lot of net toi work with, but shot the ball high and wide.

"That's one that I normally put away. I should have had that one," said Creel. "I wish I had that one back."

Midway through the second half Creel got free at the top of the box and let loose a low shot that seemed destined to sneak in just inside the post. But CPA goalkeeper Walker Hagan dove the got a fingertip on the attempt before it crossed the goal line.

"Creel has been our magic man all season long," said Day. "I think everyone sensed that was his moment to shine. The window opened but then closed quickly. That is a very fast, very talented defense. I think we all saw it, it just closed quickly."

"Right now it really hurts, you wish you won, but we are fortunate to be able to play this game," said Creel. "Sometimes you take it for granted. I've played in this game to past three years, we are blessed to be able to play in this game."

Catholic boys repeat as State Champions

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO---A trip to the Midstate proved fruitful for the Catholic High School boys tennis team as the Irish won their second consecutive Class A/AA State Championship last week.

Catholic defeated Trinity Christian 4-0 Wednesday at Old Fort Park to repeat as State Champion.

At No. 1 Singles: Mitchell Jostes defeated Benjamin Sidwell 6-3, 6-4. At No. 2, Jacob Lorino downed Philip Orange 6-1, 6-2. Michael Aleman beat William Richardson and Matt Holloway outlasted Adam Coleman 6-0, 6-1.

Catholic, which went undefeated en route to capturing the 2014 State Championship crown, began its second title march with a 4-0 victory over Lipscomb Academy in the semifinals. Jostes, Lorino, Aleman and Holloway all won their semifinal matches.

Irish coach Rusty Morris said that it was big to win a second consecutive championship because Catholic had five returning seniors from last year's squad.

"It was so important for us to win because we had five seniors and we wanted to send them out the right way," Morris said. "Our guys are match tough. They've battled and they know what it takes."

Catholic won the team title Wednesday but the Irish weren't finished. The doubles tandem of Jostes and Holloway captured the State Doubles Championship by defeating Middle Tennessee Christian's Will Reeves and Thomas Goodwyn 6-3, 6-0.

Lorino also won a singles

title when he downed Hixon's Alex Condra in straight sets (6-4, 6-1).

Catholic also had Sam Myers make the field in the girls singles tourney. She, however, dropped her opening-round match to Skylar McDonald of Fayetteville 6-1, 6-1.

Also in Class A/AA girls action: Christian Academy of Knoxville's doubles team of Allison Ivey and Elise DeNicola captured a second consecutive championship. The Lady Warriors' duo, which captured a doubles title as eighth graders, repeated as freshmen when they defeated Katie Delay and Makena Thomas of Boyd Buchanan 6-2, 6-0.

CAK coach David Helbig said he was pleased with his freshman doubles team.

"Our year went pretty good," he said. "We had a rebuilding year and we had some young players. These are two of those young players and if the school shut down tennis, they would be the most decorated players in school history."

"They're freshmen and they were a part of the school's first team title as eighth graders last year."

In Class AAA girls: Bearden High School reached the Championship. The Lady Bulldogs, however, fell 4-2 to state powerhouse Ravenwood Wednesday. Bearden, which boasted an undefeated team record before falling to the Lady Raptors, picked up wins at No. 1 and No. 2 Singles. At No. 1, Julia Adams defeated Natalyn Jones 6-2, 6-0.

In the second spot, Britany Foust took down Emily Stone 7-5, 6-1.

Bearden notched a 4-0 win over Houston in the semifinals as Adams, Veronica Allen, Natalie Parton and Sydney Marlaw picked up wins over the Lady Mustangs.

On Friday, Adams and Foust played for a State Doubles Title. They fell to White Station's team of Kenya Jones and Siri Mangkhons 6-0, 7-5.

Bearden coach Tyler Lane said he was extremely happy despite a slightly disappointing end to the 2015 season.

"We're really pleased with this week," he said. "Our goal every year is to get somebody to Murfreesboro and when you get the team there, it makes it that much more special."

In Class AAA boys singles: Farragut junior Gary Carter made the State Tournament field and defeated Germantown's Will Spencer in a quarterfinal match before falling in the State Semifinals to eventual champion Steven Karl from Ravenwood.

In Class AAA girls singles: Farragut sophomore Hannah Price made the field. She dropped a quarterfinal to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett's Josie Rogers 6-1, 6-1.

In Class AAA boys doubles: West High's duo of Aubrey Davis and Matthew Maynard fell in the State Championship Match to Tennessee High's Matt Henson and Jacob Marshall, 6-1, 6-2. Davis and Maynard beat Cleveland's Jake Gibson and Shivang Patel in the semifinals after winning an opening-round match over Siegel's Ben Betzler and Mohammed Al-Zubalan.

Lady Rams coach says finishing second in state is still 'sweet'

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian Academy's softball season ended with a touch of silver for the second year in a row.

The Lady Rams' run was halted by Forrest School 7-3 in the TSSAA Class A state finals last Friday in Murfreesboro.

GCA also was state runner-up last year, losing to Gordonsville 3-0 in the title game.

"The state tourney for us was our goal this season," stated Coach Dewayne Hunt via e-mail. "We knew after finishing runner up last year that the hardest thing was to make it back."

"We played really well as a team with our three seniors (shortstop Bethany Hunt, first baseman Callie Kirkwood and pitcher Jessica Webb) leading the way."

"Runner-up wasn't what we wanted, but it's sweet to be seen as one of the top two teams in the state."

Grace Christian (37-12) set a school record for most wins in a season.

Forrest won all four of its state tourney games, including a 6-4 win in 10 innings over Grace in the winners' bracket finals.

Coming out of the losers' bracket, GCA would have had to beat Forrest twice in the finals. But the Lady Rockets (35-5) built a 5-1 lead

over Grace Christian in the first three innings and coasted to the crown.

Grace's Rachel Lett had a double and single and two RBI in a losing cause. Bethany Hunt singled and scored two runs. Webb took the loss in the circle.

The Lady Rams bounced back after their initial loss to Forrest to post a 4-0 win over Sale Creek. Webb struck out 10 in hurling the shut-out and also homered.

GCA defeated Union City 4-1 and Marion County 7-5 in its first two games at the state.

SO CLOSE: The King's Academy of Seymour was one win away from the Division II-A title but lost twice to Friendship Christian School 3-2 and 11-10 in 10 innings.

The Lady Lions (32-14) had beaten Friendship Christian 10-0 in the winners' bracket finals but couldn't seal the deal on the final day. Four times the Lady Commanders came from behind in the finale.

Taylor Weekly belted a home run and single, scored two runs and drove in four to lead TKA. Katelyn Norris, Madison Webber and Haydyn Jenkins chipped in two hits apiece. Losing pitcher Haven Taylor went the distance.

MONSTER GAME: Delaney Brown blasted a grand slam in the first inning

and a three-run homer in the second for seven RBI in Christian Academy of Knoxville's 12-0 win over South Gibson in a Class AA losers' bracket game.

But the Lady Warriors were ousted in their next outing, losing 9-3 to Lexington, which broke open a close game with five runs in the top of the seventh. Emma Webb had a double and homer for CAK in a losing cause.

Christian Academy and Camden battled to a scoreless tie through the first seven innings of their tourney opener before the Lady Warriors erupted in the eighth to post a 5-0 victory.

Hannah DeVault blasted a 3-run homer and winning pitcher Allison Zimmerman added a 2-run round-tripper in the decisive eighth.

A 3-2 loss to Greenville dropped CAK into the losers' bracket.


QUICK EXIT: Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden played close games for the most part but each went two and out in Class AAA.


The Lady Hawks lost to Siegel 3-2 in 10 innings and were eliminated by Collierville 2-1.

Bearden was blanked by Ooltewah 5-0 and ousted by Houston 3-2.


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Whew! Grace Christian holds on for first state crown

By Steve Williams

There were some anxious moments as Grace Christian Academy's baseball team closed in on the school's first-ever state team championship.

Coach Mitch Turner was admittedly pacing in the dugout.

After two quick outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Summertown managed to load the bases and suddenly was a base hit away from tying the game or winning it.

Turner asked for time and went on the field for a conference with his team.

"I told them, 'This is what we prepare for. This is why we don't cut corners. This is why we finish every sprint. This is why we finish every workout. We have prepared for this. So go finish it!'"

Senior pitcher Tanner Gee induced a game-ending ground ball to second baseman Noah Gent and worry transformed into jubilation as Turner's Rams celebrated an 8-6 win in the Class A championship game at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro last Friday afternoon.

Making its fifth straight trip to the state tournament, GCA (32-12) finally brought home the gold. The Rams were state

runners-up last season.

"It is an honor to be the first team to win a state championship, especially with all of the great teams that GCA has had in all sports," said Turner.

Both starting pitchers – the Eagles' Ty Riddle and Grace Christian's Justin Shaw – were roughed up in the first inning of the title game as Summertown (34-11) seized a 5-3 lead.

The Rams tied the score in the second, took the lead with three runs in the fifth and held on.

Micah Wheeler worked 4 1/3 innings to get the win and Fee finished it with two shut-out innings for the save.

Fee also contributed significantly on offense, with two doubles, two runs scored and one RBI.

Gent, an eighth grader, chipped in a double and single and drove in one run. Senior shortstop Chandler Adkins also had two hits. Luke Shepherd had one single and was credited with four RBI.

After winning its first two games of the double-elimination tourney,

Grace was handed a 6-3 loss in eight innings by Boyd Buchanan on Thursday. Hunter Ross started the game on the mound for GCA and



PHOTO BY TINA ADKINS

Grace Christian Academy celebrates the TSSAA Class A state baseball championship with the traditional dogpile in Murfreesboro Friday. It was the school's first-ever state team title.

Wheeler took the loss.

The two teams met again Thursday in an elimination game and the Rams stayed alive as Fee hurled a four-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Shepherd went 3 for 4 and drove in one run. Adkins and Fee each had two hits.

In its opening 9-1 win at the state, Grace led Boyd Buchanan by only

1-0 after four innings but broke the game open with four runs in the fifth and four more in the sixth.

Fee had a pair of singles and three RBI for the Rams. Shaw, the winning pitcher, went 2 for 3 with a double. Wheeler had a two-bagger and two RBI.

Grace also had a slow start in Game 2 but again finished strong and beat Cornersville 11-2. The

Rams, falling behind 1-0 in the first inning, unleashed a 16-hit attack and scored four runs in the second and two more in the third to take command.

Adkins led the GCA attack with a 3-for-4 performance that included a double and four RBI. Coffman and Shaw chipped in three singles each.

Winning pitcher Nathan Atkinson did

not allow an earned run and struck out eight.

"As I have said before, this team is special," repeated Turner. "We made a decision when I came here to keep God at the center of all we do, and this is how He rewarded us. We still fail every day, but we always keep our eye on Him."

Bindner leads Catholic boys to second in A-AA state meet

By Steve Williams

Catholic's boys track and field team finished second in the TSSAA Class A-AA state meet last week in Murfreesboro.

The Irishmen won three events in totaling 52 points. Nashville Pearl Cohn captured the team title with 96 points. Christian Academy of Knoxville, with 33 points, finished fifth.

Catholic's Joe Bindner had an impressive victory in the 800-meter run, finishing ahead of Grainger's highly regarded Zach Long. Bindner crossed the finish line in a time of 1:54.50. CAK's Austin Ray was third.

Bindner also picked up six points with a third place showing in the 1600 with a time of 4:21.90. Teammate Johnathan Chavez placed fourth.

Chavez also ran second in the 3200 run (9:47.65) for eight more points.

Catholic beat rival CAK to win the 4x800 relay in 8:15.56.

The Irishmen also racked up 10 points when junior

Jake Poczubut won the high jump event with a 6-6 mark.

Other Class A-AA winners included Fulton sophomore Zack Dobson, who went 46-4¼ in the triple jump and Grace Christian's Rhett Elwood, who repeated in the discus event with a throw of 143-3.

CAK senior Lucas Campbell placed third in the long jump with a 22-6¾ effort. Teammate Sam Cagle was fifth in the 400 dash (50.65).

Austin-East came in fourth in the 4x100 relay with a 43.37. Fulton did not finish the race. The Roadrunners also were fifth in the 4x200 relay. CAK's 3:26.32 was good enough for third in the 4x400 relay.

In the shot put event, Fulton's Jonathan Roth took fourth with a 47-4½ toss. Teammate DJ Campbell was fifth.

Hardin Valley Academy's boys tied for fourth place in the Class AAA team scores. The KIL champion Hawks totaled 43 points. Memphis Central captured

the crown with 61 points.

HVA senior Weldon Wright was a double winner in the long jump (23-7) and triple jump (47-5½). Senior teammate Ben McCay cleared 15 feet to finish first in the pole vault and also was ninth in the boys' decathlon.

Cole Patterson of Halls took third place in the shot put (57-1½).

Other noteworthy performances included Hardin Valley's Jose Parrilla taking fourth in the 800 with a time of 1:57.24. The Hawks' 4x800 relay was clocked in 7:59.09 for fourth place.

Bearden freshman Joshua Sobota was fifth in the shot put and sixth in the discus (149-1).

In Division II, Webb School got a fifth place finish from freshman Carter Coughlin in the 3200 as he ran the eight laps in 9:44.01.

Brentwood Academy piled up 151 points to take the Division II boys team title.

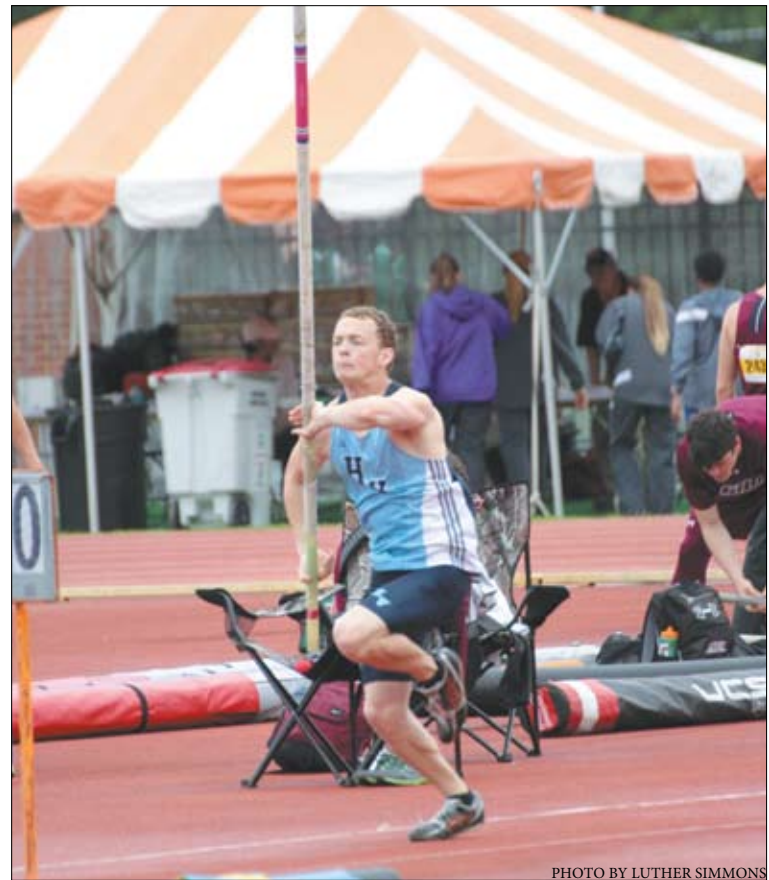


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Hardin Valley Academy senior Ben McCay won the Class AAA pole vault event at the TSSAA state track and field meet and also placed ninth in the boys' state decathlon.

Crockett finishes state prep career strong

By Steve Williams

Tamia Crockett has closed out an outstanding high school career in the field events for Hardin Valley Academy.

The Lady Hawks' senior swept the Class AAA shot put and discus events last Thursday in the TSSAA girls state track and field meet

at MTSU.

Crockett heaved the shot 42 feet, 4¼ inches to better Farragut junior Destiny Carey's second place mark of 41-1. Her winning throw in the discus was 143-11.

In Class A-AA, Christian Academy of Knoxville's 4x200 relay team came in first place in a photo

finish. The Lady Warriors' foursome was timed in 1:45.914, while Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet clocked 1:45.918.

Peighton Meske of Webb School gave the KIL a winner in the Division II 1600-meter run with a time of 5:10.03.

Meske, a senior, also

was second in a very close 3200 race, finishing just behind sophomore Niamh Schumacher of The King's Academy. Schumacher was clocked in 10:59.50 and Meske 10:59.53. Webb eighth grader Niki Narayani came in third.

In other highlights, CAK freshman standout

Rebecca Story finished second to Taylor Cuneo of Central Magnet in both the 1600 and 3200 runs. Cuneo also is a freshman.

Story ran a 5:12.16 in the 1600 and an 11:03.73 in the 3200. Cuneo was clocked in 5:10.87 and 11:01.51.

Taylor Cosey, an eighth grader at CAK, took fourth place in the 3200.

West junior Megan Murray placed third in the Class AAA 3200 run (11:01.69) and also was sixth in the 1600 (5:05.60). The 1600 was a very tight race, with the top six finishers packed within two seconds of each other.

Kaitlyn Lay, Halls junior, took fourth place in the

800 with a 2:19.60 and West junior Nicole Adams was fifth.

Precious Johnson, junior from West, came in fifth in the 400 dash with a 58.83.

Powell freshman Sage Davis was sixth in the 200 with a 25.69.

Camille Mancini, Catholic junior, took third in the Class A-AA 100 hurdles (15.54) and was fifth in the 300 hurdles.

In the team scoring, CAK finished fifth in Class A-AA, while Hardin Valley tied for eighth in Class AAA and Webb was sixth in Division II. Team champions were Signal Mountain, Whitehaven and Ensworth.

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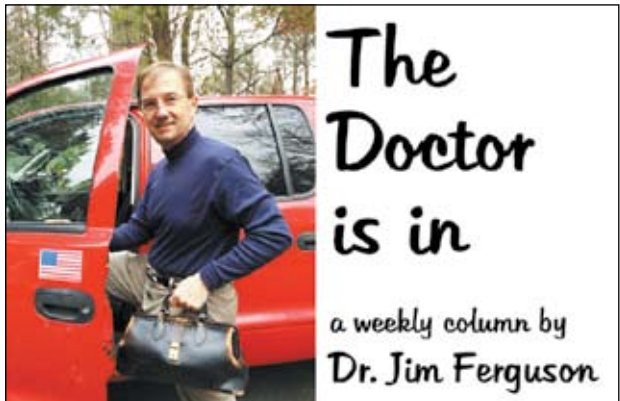
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In Memoriam

We gathered in Chattanooga’s Federal courtroom, but not for a legal battle. Because, as the presiding judge opined, this was a joyful occasion. Becky and I were there with Josie to support our “adopted” son, JP, his wife Reteysia and JP’s mother, Maria, as they took the oath to become citizens of the United States.

The entire Joseph clan came to America eight years ago as refugees from the Hutu and Tootsie wars as depicted in the movie Hotel Rwanda. The Josephs stood in the legal citizenship line for eight years, all the while working and learning English. They paid the hefty Government citizenship fees and passed civics tests that many Americans would fail. Finally, along with fifty others from thirty different countries they stood before the administrative

law judge to renounce foreign allegiances, and to Pledge Allegiance to their new country.

Recently, my grandson Noah’s fifth grade teacher challenged her class with fifteen of the 100 questions JP and his family had to learn for their citizenship test. JP and Reteysia knew all the answers as Becky and I helped them prepare for their citizenship test. Noah’s class barely scored fifty percent, though they did much better than the “uninformed” man-on-the-street TV interviews which, to her credit, so concerned Noah’s teacher. Our “summer-school project” is civics 101 so Noah will score 100% and understand what it means to be a citizen of the United States of America. I challenge you to do the same.

How do you celebrate Memorial Day if you are not taught the history of

our country or the truth? To paraphrase Mr. Webster, a memorial is done in honor of someone who has died or to remind a people of an event in which many have died. Do we celebrate Memorial Day honoring those who gave “their last full measure of devotion” or is it just a day off from work with little meaning? Perhaps Memorial Day is becoming a memorial of what our country once was.

For many years each Memorial Day I watched the movie Saving Private Ryan. It is a difficult movie to watch, but the closest approximation of sacrifice I can comprehend. My father and father-in-law served in WWII, and I honor their service. When I came of age in 1969 America was withdrawing from war, and though I participated in the “lottery” (substitute for the draft), I was not called to serve my country in the military. I do what I can now by calling attention to God and country and how they must be linked if we are to be John Winthrop’s “city on a hill.” Unfortunately, it is again fashionable by liberal-progressive elites and Obama to eschew war. No sane person wants war, but in this imperfect world it is sometimes necessary for free men to stand against evil and tyranny. We are

again seeing the disastrous results of retreat from the battle field.

Recently, I heard an interview with the mother of the first Navy Seal killed in Iraq. She is not a fan of our erstwhile Commander-in-Chief. These days many in the drive-by media ask “gotcha” questions of Republican presidential candidates about whether we should have become militarily involved in the Middle East after 9/11. These questions are the typical disingenuous “questions” of elitist Democrat operatives who masquerade as media. Hindsight in this regard is ridiculous and is only a politically motivated rhetorical question. Furthermore, similar questions are not asked of the Democrat candidate Hillary Clinton, though her husband as President said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, as did all the world’s intelligence agencies in the 1990s and 2000s. In fact, Hillary, John Kerry and Obama all voted to invade Iraq in 2003. As John Adams once said, “Facts are such troublesome things.” However, Adams existed in a world where truth mattered. The fact is that Obama and the Democrats lost the peace in Iraq and the Middle East. The scourge of ISIS is the result.

Lately, I’ve rethought Memorial Day and remembrances. I now include police officers who have died in the line of duty protecting us. Like Christians throughout the world, this “thin blue line” is under assault, and those of us in the homeland are in danger as never before. Consider the mob in New York City who chanted, “Whattaya want?” and the response, “Dead cops.” They got their wishes with the assignation of two police officers murdered in their patrol cars, all because of the distortion of truth and lies about events in Ferguson, Missouri. Is anyone surprised that murders in Baltimore have dramatically increased with the indictment of six police officers?

If the police are destroyed, who will protect us from the mob or the racists like the Boston University Professor who Tweets “Kill all white men”? In the social contract we surrender some individual freedom to the State which guarantees to protect us from home invasions and murders such as occurred in Washington. I no longer feel safe in this arrangement and have a carry permit to protect myself, my family and my home. Perhaps Obama should convene another “beer summit” as he did

after labeling police officers as stupid when they arrested his out of control black friend. But, like his pals in the drive-by media, Obama has moved on to a new crisis – the politicized issue of climate change – after he and Al Sharpton fanned the flames of class warfare and racial division.

I was stunned by a recent Gallop poll where 26% said the country was on the right path. Do these people understand that 93 million Americans are out of work, and record numbers are on food stamps...uh, EBT cards, in the new non-pejorative lingo? Do these people recognize that we’re 18 trillion dollars in debt and more debt has been created on Obama’s watch than all other presidents combined? Do they not see the world in flames and kids with college educations who can’t get jobs and have to move back in with their parents? And apparently the best candidate the Democrats can field is a liar and an influence peddler in a pant suit. We’re in big trouble, Folks.

The Chronicler got it right when he quoted God telling King Solomon how to fix the mess. Look it up and learn the truth (2 Chronicles 7:14).



Let’s talk about books

“Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She looks forward to it. Se even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason she calls them. Their life--as she sees it--is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.” From the book, “The Girl On The Train” by Paula Hawkins.

If this paragraph doesn’t whet your appetite, well, there aren’t many people who will be able to resist finishing this book. It is thrilling, tense, and wildly unpredictable.

On the other side of the literary equation is another book by Maeve Binchy, one my favorite writers. I thought I read all of her books, but happened on one called, “Minding Frankie.” She has done it again with yet another warm tale of a single father trying to raise a child he didn’t even realized he conceived. A must read!

John Grisham has a new book out titled “Theodore Boone: The Fugitive.” I haven’t read it yet, it’s next on my list. I don’t know how he does it, the words seem to just flow from his mind continuously. I think this is his 28th or 29th book. Most of you know that he and Maeve Binchy are two



of my favorite authors.

One day I decided to make a pot of home-made potato soup. I set it on the burner and turned it on medium. Then I picked up a book, fully intending to check on my soup in about fifteen minutes. Not to be, I became so mesmerized with what I was reading that I fully forgot about my soup. Luckily, I jumped up and saved it from being scorched. The book that enthralled me was titled, “Well, what Did the Doctor Say?” by our own Dr. Jim Ferguson, who writes a column in The Knoxville Focus every week. Needless to say, I now have three favorite authors on my reading list. How fortunate I am to be acquainted with such a prolific writer. I am adding a picture that was taken at his book signing.

Congratulations, Dr.

Ferguson!

I cannot comment on a book I haven’t read yet but I’m going to get it as soon as possible. Written by a man I’ve admired for many years, Tom Brokaw, an ex-NBC news reporter and journalist--he writes about his life being “Interrupted” by cancer. Another must read!

Last, but not least, I want to add that Dr. Ferguson and I have something in common. He calls it a “quirk”, reading two or three books at a time. I thought I was the only person who did that.

Also, I always read the last page before I start a book. My daughter thinks that utterly reprehensible. Now, how “quirky” is that?

Thought for the day: A man is not old as long as he is seeking something. Jean Rostand French biologist and moralist.

Standing Tall in Every Phase of Life

I thought by not opening my e-mail, it would in some way discard the news I did not want to hear. But, I opened the message and read its contents: “Tommy passed away.” My mind began flashing back to the times I had seen Tommy Everett through the years---on the ball court, in the high school classroom, and riding his tractor up the road.



By **Ralphine Major**
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For some reason, I always “see” Tommy walking up the hall from the lunchroom with the late Edgar J. House. Tommy towered well above Mr. House, the long-time Gibbs High School business teacher. He had been Tommy’s teacher when he was a student. After Tommy graduated from Carson-Newman, he passed on an offer to play pro basketball in the NBA. He was a young father and chose to come back to his alma mater to teach and coach, beginning a long and successful career in education.

Some may remember Tommy best as the tall center on Coach Bob Dagley’s amazing ‘65 Gibbs Eagles’ basketball team. He certainly was a huge help to me in sharing the Eagles’ story. Tommy appeared in several of my Focus columns, “Standing Tall on the Court.” Our visits to his farm and my frequent phone conversations with him are times I will treasure. The All-American from Carson-Newman will always bring back great memories of basketball, but Tommy’s influence went well beyond the ball court. He spent thirty-one years with Knox County Schools, twenty of those as Principal of Karns High School. Though he and his wife, Carolyn (also a retired teacher) made their home in the community where they went to high school, Tommy made an impact well beyond the boundaries of the Gibbs



Picture of the late Tommy Everett provided by Carolyn Everett.

and Corryton Communities. One teacher told me she worked under Tommy’s leadership for thirteen years, and he was the best boss she had ever had!

Tommy was much loved and respected. The receiving line at the funeral home extended outside the building, everyone there to celebrate a remarkable life now gone. Inside, a beautiful and touching display of pictures, ball caps, and tapestries acknowledged the two Eagles’ teams for which Tommy helped to create so many memories. While Tommy made his mark on the court, he made his mark in education, too. Tommy received the distinguished Governor’s Award for Principal of the Year. The award was there for everyone to see. Carolyn was so gracious in her grief. “He had so much fun with the basketball stories,” she told me. I had fun, too. It has been such a joy for me to share about Tommy and the team.

Tommy’s work here on earth is done. Ours is not. I do not know if there are basketball courts in heaven; but if there are, I think that is where Tommy would likely be---Standing Tall!

Changing Times and Conditions

Nature enjoy a good laugh. If you don't believe it, look at a platypus: half beaver and half duck. It's also true that "man plans and God laughs." This life has a funny way of jerking around those of us who think we're in charge of everything. Take age for example. As the years pile up, things change more than any of us thought possible.

I'm a member of the Baby-Boom generation and, as such, many things now challenge me, things that I once completed without thinking. One is opening a stupid can. One night as I lay sleeping, something attacked by hands crippled them. I can't turn the handle of an opener without excruciating pain; I can't pop a top on a container because my fingers don't have any strength. Once upon a time, I swelled with pride as I twisted off stubborn lids from jars. It's even reached the point where I can't remove the top of a child-proof prescription bottle.

Another thing that is now difficult is performing simple mathematical computations in my head. At one time in life, I could add long lists of numbers or complete multiplication or divide without using a pencil or paper. These days, I need a calculator, and that, too, is a chore since my crooked fingers often hit the wrong buttons. I'm not sure if my shortcoming is the result of lost brain function or inability to concentrate long enough to complete the task.

I gave up using a knife because holding one and being able to slice through anything other than my own skin became a dangerous proposition. I'd retrieve a cutting board to help with cutting jobs, but somehow anything I sliced still left the surface covered in crimson from a bleeding thumb or gashed finger.

Television viewing is another thing that's changed. Amy and I have cable television, and because I want ESPN and the SEC Network, I'm also forced to have a couple of hundred other channels. A few programs are favorites; otherwise, nothing on TV attracts me. Amy and I flip channels



By Joe Rector
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on the remote with lightning speed, and when the list is completed, we look at each other and declare, "There's nothing to watch!" That's the same thing that most who have some age on us utter.

I used to be able to work outside all day to complete yard work or other projects. These days, my "hang time" is much shorter. Recently, I split wood from trees we'd had cut. After only a few minutes of swinging the maul, I had to sit and catch my breath.

Worst of all, I suffer after exertion. If I walk too much, the night is spent in agony as leg cramps and Charlie Horses hit whenever I move. My hips feel like an old dog's that is afflicted with arthritis. Shoulders ache so much that finding a comfortable sleeping position is almost impossible.

My biggest woes come with another problem. As most people know, a trip to the restroom for an old codger can sometimes last for several minutes. I'm one of those persons who's easily bored and distracted. All too often, I've left the facility, walked into the public view and realized again that I've failed to zip my pants. These days, my family just shake their heads in embarrassment and instruct me to zip up.

Mentally, I've never matured passed my teens or early twenties. I know that's not necessarily something about which to be proud. Still, I feel young at heart and in mind. It's the physical part that's kicking me, that and memory. I can recall things that occurred when I was a child, but for the life of me, I can't remember some things that took place just a few days or weeks ago.

Change is difficult for all of us to take. Slowing down and not being able to do what I once could are especially tough to accept. Still, I'm happy to be upright and mobile. I'm learning to slow down a bit and be a bit more patient with the jobs I undertake. Even with limitations, I am thankful to be on this side of the sod and am planning on being here for a long time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central High Reunion

The Central High School Class of 1955 will hold its 60th reunion at Beaverbrook Country Club on June 5. Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Faith United Methodist Church

Motorcycle ride to benefit Faith UMC Youth for Resurrection trip, Saturday, June 6, \$15 single or double. Registration starts at 9:00 at Faith UMC, 1120 Dry Gap Pike. Ride starts at 11:30 going through Clinton, Lake City, Norris Dam, returning at 1:00. Other activities include motorcycle games (slow ride, barrel roll and straw drop), corn hole tournament, basket auction, kids activities, BBQ lunch, vendor spaces, and music! For more info, please call Vicki Easterday at (865)216-1963.

Sharon Baptist Church

Each of the past 19 years, Sharon Baptist

Church has participated in a nation-wide effort to provide food for people in need, and this year church members donated over \$5,000. With the generous cooperation of Ingles Market, they were able to provide 10,600 cans of soup, 295 boxes of crackers, and 250 jars of peanut butter to the Baptist Centers at Montgomery Village and Western Heights. These centers serve the members of those communities year-round not only with food but clothing, after-school care, life skills classes and more. The directors of the Baptist Centers were overwhelmed and noted that their need is high after the falloff of donations after the Christmas season. Sharon Baptist sees the annual food drive not only as an opportunity to help feed those who are hungry in our area, but also as an opportunity to share the love of God with those in need.

Sock Hop

The Knox County Museum of Education is having a Sock Hop on Thursday, June 4 from 7-10 p.m. featuring 4 Dots & A Dash (music from the 50s and 60s) at the Sarah Simpson Professional Development and Technical Center (the old South High School) located at 801 Tipton Avenue in South Knoxville. All proceeds goes to Museum! Tickets are \$40 each which includes admission, photo package, sock-hop food and a \$10 credit toward Silent Auction. Check out the website: <http://knox-schools.org/museum>

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God's Grace



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church of Christ

One of my favorite responsibilities as a preacher is getting to perform weddings. I love them. There is something about watching the bride and groom lock eyes as she makes her way down the aisle. To see the love and devotion displayed before family, friends, and God is moving. One of the most sacred parts of a wedding is the reciting of vows. A pledge is made to each other to forsake all others and live a life devoted to one another for life. Like the giving and receiving of vows in marriage, vows are also given when you commit your life to Christ. When one is baptized, a vow is made.

Baptism is not just some ritual of a bygone era. Baptism is "a pledge made to God from a good conscience" (1 Peter 3:21). Paul said when we were baptized into Christ we were baptized into His death, burial, and resurrection: "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it

any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from

the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:1-4).

Baptism is a sacred vow to follow Christ. Like a wedding that fuses two hearts, baptism is the ceremony of the union taking place between a sinner and the Savior. It is a vow saying we died to sin and no longer want to live in it. To return to sin after sealing our hearts and souls in baptism is like committing adultery on our honeymoon. I can picture the injured spouse crying out, "Have you forgotten the promise you made to me?" God asks the same of us when we wander from Him: "Does our union mean anything any longer to you?"

No one cares about us more than Christ. Have we forgotten how horrible our

lives were before coming to Christ? Let's be honest; our lives were a mess. Paul reminds his readers: "In the past you were slaves to sin - sin controlled you. But thank God, you fully obeyed the things that you were taught. You were made free from sin, and now you are slaves to goodness" (Romans 6:17-18).

Scripture makes it clear that it is possible to walk away from our vows to Christ, much like a former prisoner returns to confinement or a newlywed forgets his or her vows. This is why Paul reminds them of their vows to Christ and why we need to regularly remember the free gift we have been given in Christ.

This is where grace enters the picture as well. Grace calls us not to indulge sin, but to live the gracious life (Rom. 6:1). Thank God for His marvelous grace. His grace teaches us to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passion and to live godly lives (Titus 2:11). But when we do walk away from our vows with God, recalling His grace will also help us repent of sin and return to God.

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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 August 17, 2007, executed by LANCE L. FINLEY, conveying certain real property therein described to PRLAP, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 4, 2007, at Instrument Number 200709040020320;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee,

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE SECOND CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE SIXTEENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT NO. FIVE (5) IN THE SEAGLE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY REVISED MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 18, PAGE 62, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 60 FEET ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF FONTANA STREET AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE WESTERN LINE OF FONTANA STREET, DISTANT IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 89.85 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERN LINE OF FONTANA STREET WITH THE SOUTHERN LINE OF SANDRA AVENUE, EXTENDED TO ITS POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH SAID WESTERN LINE OF FONTANA STREET, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEG. 49 MIN. WEST ALONG THE COMMON DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 5 AND 6, 120 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTHEAST 25 DEG. 11 MIN. WEST 60 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, THENCE NORTH 64 DEG. 49 MIN. EAST ALONG THE COMMON DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 5, 120 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WESTERN LINE OF FONTANA STREET; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEG. 11 MIN. EAST ALONG THE WESTERN LINE OF FONTANA STREET 60 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF W. E. LACK, ENGINEER, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEARING DATE JUNE 15, 1956, SAID PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH DWELLING HOUSE BEARING CITY NO. 3329 FONTANA STREET, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 070IK-032

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3329 FONTANA ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BROOKS FINLEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: JOHN T. MOON, JR. POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR JOHN T. MOON, SR. LANCE L. FINLEY The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior

liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 11, 2009, executed by ANGELA HUTCHINSON AND JOHNNY HUTCHINSON, conveying certain real property therein described to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 29, 2009, at Instrument Number 200908290022896;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee,

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 25, 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:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE IN INSTRUMENT #200007060001230 AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATED IN THE SIXTEENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING LOT NO. 23 AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OF EDGEWOOD HEIGHTS-ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, SAID MAP APPEARING OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 151 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT NO. 23, AND RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY 150 FEET TO A STAKE THENCE NORTHERLY 50 FEET TO A STAKE; THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT NO. 22 OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE EASTERLY 150 TO COPELAND STREET; THENCE SOUTHERLY 50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2701 COPELAND ST., KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ANGELA HUTCHINSON AND JOHNNY HUTCHINSON

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Carl James LeQuire III executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Acopia, LLC, Lender and Brant Phillips, Trustee(s), which was dated May 4, 2009 and recorded on May 11, 2009 in Instrument No. 200905110072501, 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 **June 25, 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:

Situate, lying and being in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, to wit:

Described property located in District No. Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 45th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, to wit:

Lot 2R1, Resubdivision of Countryside Subdivision, as shown by Map of same Record in Map Book 72-S, Page 41 Map Cabinet E, Slide 394-D 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 Carl James LeQuire, III, a single man by Warranty Deed dated 09/26/08 and filed for Record 10/01/08 in Instrument No. 200810010022829, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is subject to Map Book 72-S, Page 41 Map Cabinet E, Slide 394-D, 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: 106AC00201

Address/Description: **2050 Country Hill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Carl James Lequire, III.

Other Interested Parties(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

applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Eva J. Bowser executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Lender and FMLS, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated September 8, 2009 and recorded on September 15, 2009 in Instrument No. 200909150019586, 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, Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, (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 **June 11, 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. Seven (7) (formerly 2nd District) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 35th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 3, Block 4, Harrill Hills, 7th Unit, as shown on the map of the same of record in Map Book 17, Page 170, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more fully bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Brier Cliff Road, common corner between Lots 2 and 3, said point being marked by an iron pin, and being distant 246.67 feet southerly from the point of intersection of the South line of Longwood Drive, projected to the East line of Brier Cliff Road, projected; thence from said beginning point along the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3, in a northeasterly direction 159.1 feet to an iron pin; thence South 25 deg. 52 min. East, 90 feet to an iron pin, corner to Lot 4; thence with the dividing line between Lots 3 and 4 in a southwesterly direction, 200 feet to an iron pin in the East line of Brier Cliff Road; thence with the curve of the East line of Brier Cliff Road in a northerly direction, 101.15 feet to the place of beginning; according to the survey of W.E. Lack, Engineer, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated February 18, 1953. Subject to the terms, conditions, easements as set forth in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for Harrill Hills Subdivision of record in Book 846, Page 362 said Register's Office. Subject to all matters appearing on the plat of record in Map Book 17, Page 170; and any restrictions, easements or setback lines ancillary thereto, said Register's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Eva J. Bowser, unmarried,

by Warranty Deed from Frank Kelly, unmarried, dated 6/23/99 and filed for record on 6/24/99, in Instrument No. 199906240207860, said Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 059AD018

Address/Description: **5304 Briercruff Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): (The Estate of) Eva J. Bowser.

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

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that 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.: 15-07548 FC01

PUBLISH 05/18, 05/25, 06/01/15

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mary W. Galloway executed a Deed of Trust to Home Federal Bank of Tennessee, Lender and Investor's Trust Company, Trustee(s), which was dated July 22, 2003 and recorded on August 1, 2003 in Instrument No. 200308010013476, 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 **June 11, 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 Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, being all of Lot 18, Block D, Cedar Crest North Subdivision, Unit 3, as shown on map of record in Map Book 57-S, Page 35, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made at a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to William T. Galloway and wife, Mary W. Galloway by warranty deed from T.L. Jones and wife Wanda V. Jones, of record in Book 1826, Page 623, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee. William T. Galloway died while still married to Mary W. Galloway, there having been no intervening separation of divorce.

Parcel ID Number: 047CE016

Address/Description: **7717 Crestland Road, Knoxville, TN 37938.**

Current Owner(s): (The Estate of) Mary W. Galloway.

Other Interested Party(ies):

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 that 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.: 15-06125 FC01

PUBLISH 05/18, 05/25, 06/01/15

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kelley B. Kaminsky and David L. Kaminsky executed a Deed of Trust to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Lender and Larry Weissman, Attorney, Trustee(s), which was dated December 13, 2004 and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Instrument No. 200412150049010, 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 **June 11, 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 Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot Seven (7), Block B, Unit 2 of Oak Grove Heights Subdivision, as shown by Map of Record in Map Cabinet D, Slide 159-C (Map Book 38-S, Page 27), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

The above description is the same as the previous Deed of Record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

Being the same property conveyed to Kelley B. Kaminsky by Heather Hansen, unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated December 13, 2004, and of Record in Instrument No. 200412150049009, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 0911C007

Address/Description: **7916 Wheatland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37931.**

Current Owner(s): Kelley B. Kaminsky.

Other Interested Parties(ies): Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis and GE Money Bank assignee of GE Money Mast.

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

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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.: 15-07560 FCO1
PUBLISH 05/18, 05/25, 06/01/15

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of June, 2010, by deed of trust recorded as Instrument Number:201006250080252, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee Terry M. Bussell and Patricia M. Bussell, husband and wife, and Michael L. Powell, Trustee, did convey in the trust the hereinafter described real estate to secure a payment of a promissory note to Rosemary Marshall, more particularly in said deed of trust described.

WHEREAS, on the 21 day of April, 2015, by instrument recorded as Instrument No. 201504210057044 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned, John Tyler Roper was appointed Substitute Trustee in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness, the same being now past due and the entire amount thereof having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said note and deed of trust; and,

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of said indebtedness has called upon the undersigned, John Tyler Roper, Trustee, to foreclose said deed of trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell said real estate in satisfaction thereof; NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the authority vested in me by said deed of trust, John Tyler Roper, Trustee, I will on the **26th day of May, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.**, offer for sale and sell, on the courthouse steps of the Knox County Courthouse, for case in hand following described real estate, to-wit:

SITUATED in the District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 27th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 37, in the Lake Forest Second Addition, Revised, a subdivision to Knox County, Tennessee, as shown by map of said subdivision of record in Map Book 23, page 177) Map Cabinet B, Slide 39-C), in the Knox County Register's Office, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as shown by map aforesaid, and as shown by the survey of Hassell T. Wolfe, PLS #1343 dated October 10, 1996 to which map and survey specific reference is here made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT to easements of record in Deed Book 605, page 360 and Map Book 13, page 117 in said Register's Office.

SUBJECT to a right of way easement granted to the City of Knoxville dated August 30, 1967 in deed Book 1363, Page 344 in said Register's Office.

SUBJECT to a utility easement of record dated May 31, 1940 of record in Deed Book 605, page 360 in said Register's Office.

NOTE: THE ACREAGE MENTIONED IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS ONLY FOR THE CONVENIENCE IN IDENTIFYING THE TRACT CONVEYED HEREIN; NEITH THE GRANTOR NOT THE PREPARER MAY ANY REPRESENTATIN TO THE ACREAGE CONVEYED.

BEING the same property conveyed to Patricia M. Bussell and husband, Terry W. Bussell, by Warranty Deed dated June 23, 2010 of record at instrument #201006250080251 in the Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.

This property has a physical address of **5705 Chapman Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920**

Sale will be free from all rights of equity and redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions, the same as having been waived in said deed of trust.

Said property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and prior mortgages.

This Notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, on the dates shown below and has been posted at the front door of the Knox County Courthouse.

WITNESS my hand the 14th day of May, 2015.

JOHN TYLER ROPER, TRUSTEE
DATES OF PUBLICATION:
Date 05/04/2015
Date 05/11/2015
Date 05/18/2015
John Tyler Roper
Attorney at Law
713 Market Street, Suite 120
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
(865) 262-8516
Insertion Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01/15
**Notice published previously in error.*

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **June 25, 2015 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by KENNETH MARVIN ROMINES AND DIANA CARLENE ROMINES, to ROBERT M. WILSON, JR., Trustee, on July 15, 2005, as Instrument No. 200600010009189 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
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 27, Greenwood Forest Addition, Unit 4, as shown in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and as shown by survey of Wade B. Nance, Surveyor, dated January 20, 1987, drawing No. A-4468
Tax ID: 048JC-009

Current Owner(s) of Property: **KENNETH MARVIN ROMINES AND DIANA CARLENE ROMINES**

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 6570 E Garwood Circle, Knoxville, TN 37918, 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: AMSOUTH BANK AND DISCOVER

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

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 13-005490-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, J.P. SELLERS,
LORI LIANE LONG, Substitute Trustee(s)
PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404
5217 MARYLAND WAY
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027
PHONE: (615) 238-3630
EMAIL: TNSALES@MWZMLAW.COM
PUBLISH 05/18, 05/25, 06/01/15

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 13, 2008, executed by CHERI R. WYRICK AND JAMES W. WYRICK, conveying certain real property therein described to PYRAMID TITLE, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 15, 2008, at Instrument Number 200802150061031 (see also Affidavit to Correct Notary Acknowledgement at Instrument Number 201401100041547);

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 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 **June 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to-wit:

SITUATED IN 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 21, HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN MAP CABINET E, SLIDE 289-A, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND ON TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 038D-B-038.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7411 HOMESTEAD DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CHERI R. WYRICK AND JAMES W. WYRICK

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO., Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MEDICAL CENTER

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. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-1-1433C(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201307160003914. Notice of the sale has been given to the State of Tennessee in accordance with T.C.A. 67-1-1433B(1).

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #81810:
2015-05-11 2015-05-18, 2015-05-25

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOEY D. BRITTAIN
IN RE: WOOD SONG SUBDIVISION
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
VS
JOEY D. BRITTAIN
NO. 189243-2

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOEY D. BRITTAIN, 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 JOEY D. BRITTAIN, it is ordered that said defendant JOEY D. BRITTAIN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with THOMAS M. LEVEILLE whose address is 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Landmark Center North Tower Suite N-290, Knoxville, TN 37919 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 5th day of May, 2015,
s/s Howard G. Hogan
HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master
Publish: 05/26/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/15/2015

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: KEVIN SON
IN RE: NGOC D. LE
VS
KEVIN SON
NO. 186702-2

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant KEVIN SON, 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 KEVIN SON, it is ordered that said defendant KEVIN SON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with STANLEY F. LaDUKE whose address is 108 Sherway Road, Knoxville, TN 37922 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 30th day of April, 2015,
s/s Howard G. Hogan
HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master
Publish: 5/26/2015, 6/1/2015, 6/8/2015, 6/15/2015

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC.; EDWARD
J. FITZGERALD; AND ALL THOSE CLAIMING
ANY INTEREST IN, TITLE TO, OR POSSESSION
OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE COMMONLY KNOWN
AS 1118 HIGHGROVE GARDEN WAY,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922-1466, AND SHOWN
IN THE RECORDS OF THE KNOX COUNTY
ASSESSOR AS TAX-PARCEL 144 08200Z,
NO. 189520-3
Defendants.

This action was initiated in this Court on April 29, 2015 by filing a Verified Complaint; based upon the allegations in the pleadings supported by true copies of the documents of record exhibited thereto of which the Court takes judicial notice pursuant to Rule 201 of the Tennessee Rules of Evidence, and based upon the Affidavit contemporaneously filed with the Verified Complaint, it appears to the Court that notice of this action should be published in a newspaper circulated in Knox County and posted in a conspicuous place on the subject property in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated sections 21-1-204 and 29-29-102. It is therefore

ORDERED That the Clerk & Master shall publish a general notice of this action in The KnoxvilleFocus, a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County, for four (4) consecutive weeks in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated sections 21-4-204 and 29-29-102. The form of the notice shall be as follows:

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA, INC. ; EDWARD
J. FITZGERALD; AND ALL THOSE CLAIMING
ANY INTEREST IN, TITLE TO, OR POSSESSION
OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE COMMONLY KNOWN
AS 1118 HIGHGROVE GARDEN WAY,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922-1466, AND SHOWN
IN THE RECORDS OF THE KNOX COUNTY
ASSESSOR AS TAX-PARCEL 144-08200Z,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT AND ORDER TO APPEAR
To: All those claiming any interest in, title to, or possession of real property situated in Knox County, Tennessee commonly known as 1118 Highgrove Garden Way, Knoxville, TN 37922-1466, and shown in the records of the Knox County Assessor as Tax-Parcel 144 08200Z.

The Court having determined that your identities and/or the addresses of your residences are unknown, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated sections 21-1-203 & 204, you are hereby served by publication as to your status as defendants in the above-captioned litigation with respect to any interest you may claim in real property identified above. Take notice that on August 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. the Court will hold a hearing on this matter in the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, the Honorable Michael Moyers, presiding and should you neither appear at said hearing, nor otherwise answer or defend the cause of action against you, judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

s/s Howard G. Hogan
Clerk & Master

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a general notice of this action shall be posted upon a conspicuous location on the property at issue

in this cause for four (4) consecutive weeks in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-29-102, which posting shall further provide the date of the hearing set forth above. All other matters are reserved.
ENTER this the 11 day of May, 2015.

s/s Michael Moyers
CHANCELLOR

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
Arthur G. Seymour, Jr. (BPR No. 1569)
s/s Matthew A. Grossman (BPR No. 22107)
FRANTZ, MCCONNELL & SEYMOUR, LLP
P.O. Box 39
Knoxville, TN 37901
(865)546-9321
Attorneys for Plaintiff

PUBLISH 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 06/08/15

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GUSTAVO PLANELLIS
IN RE: SOLELENA CANIZARES
VS GUSTAVO PLANELLIS
NO. 188702-1

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Gustavo Planells, 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 Gustavo Planells, it is ordered that said defendant Gustavo Planells file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jennifer L. Chadwell an, Attorneys whose address is PO Box 4038, Oak Ridge, TN 37831 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 21st. day of April, 2015.
s/s Howard G. Hogan
HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master
Publish: 05/11/15, 05/18/15, 05/26/15, 06/01/15

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: 5/11, 5/18, 5/26, 06/01

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 Stibley
THERESA SIBLEY
Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: 5/11, 5/18, 5/26, 06/01

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
MYRTLE FILE BARTOLINI
Docket Number 76311-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MYRTLE FILE BARTOLINI who died January 19, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 18th day of May, 2015
Estate of MYRTLE FILE BARTOLINI
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARY T BARTOLINI; EXECUTRIX
4809 SPRING CREEK ROAD
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NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

Estate of
KATHLEEN B. JONES
Docket Number 76290-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of May, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN B. JONES who died March 29, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 12th day of May, 2015
Estate of KATHLEEN B. JONES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARK E. JONES; EXECUTOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
GEURT JACOBS
Docket Number 76299-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of May, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEURT JACOBS who died March 13, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 13th day of May, 2015
Estate of GEURT JACOBS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROL DAVIS JACOBS; EXECUTRIX
8608 CARTER GROVE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
ROBERT A. McCRACKEN
Docket Number 76269-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of May, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT A. McCRACKEN who died April 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 Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 7th day of May, 2015
Estate of ROBERT A. McCRACKEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRISTINE HELEN
McCRACKEN; EXECUTRIX
10508 RAVEN COURT
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
WILLIAM HOWARD TRUSLEY
Docket Number 76286-1

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

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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