

# Balance school year, empty school buildings discussed at joint meeting

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The Knox County Joint Education Committee met Thursday afternoon and discussed the school calendar and surplus school property. Superintendent James McIntyre sat in as

well as Board of Education members Karen Carson, Patty Bounds and Terry Hill. Representing the county commission were Charles Busler and Sam McKenzie. Absent for the second meeting of the committee

this year were BOE member Doug Harris and commissioner Amy Broyles. While McIntyre is planning to again propose a “balanced” school year proposal in July it is obvious that the joint committee isn’t happy with the

idea. He said the current board of education has voted to continue the traditional school year calendar through 2017 and said the balanced year proposal “isn’t really a year round school.” He also said that a

balanced school year isn’t that much more expensive. Carson wondered that since the BOE has already adopted plans for the next two years why McIntyre would present it again in July.

“I don’t want to go through that again,” she said. Bounds said that some of the surrounding counties have a balanced year but added that the student population in those

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## City, County campaigning underway

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With only ten days left before the qualifying deadline, it appears that Pete Drew, a perpetual candidate, will have to pick which At Large Seat he wants to run in, having picked up petitions to run in all three open seats in City Council. Drew, of 4121 Holston Drive, has petitions to oppose Councilmen Marshall Stair, George Wallace and Finbarr Saunders. Election Administrator Cliff Rogers told *The Focus* recently that a person can only run in one contest at a time. As of Tuesday only four petitions were returned and Chris Davis, Assistant Election Director, said that not everyone who picks up a qualifying petition actually returns the 25 signatures of registered voters or stands for election.

While Thursday, June 18 is qualifying deadline, candidates who want to withdraw must do so by Thursday, June 25. Early voting starts September 9th and September 29th is Election Day for the City. The top two vote getters in the city council, mayor and judge races will face each other in the November 3rd General City Election. Aside from Drew those people who have picked up

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# BOE votes to ‘cure’ mismanagement of grants

## Also, Big Turnout for Christina Graham



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*Teachers and parents stand in support of former Copper Ridge Kindergarten Teacher Christina Graham as she addresses the Board of Education*

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The Board of Education was desperately looking for a way to fix the problems with the Broad Resident Program grant revealed last month, in which a grant award requiring matching funds from the county was neither voted on by the BOE or submitted to the County Commission for approval as required by statute. They hoped that by retroactively voting to approve the grant award, they could slip it over to Commission for approval,

and all would be well. But there are those pesky laws and statutes to contend with. The KCS administration is not used to having BOE members who research issues and ask questions. In question was the Broad Resident Program grant agreement for the period August 25, 2014 through July 30, 2015 for \$29,700 from Broad with matching funds of \$60,300 from Knox County. In last week’s work session, Amber Rountree asked if the Broad Resident’s employment would end as of July 30, 2015,

and if so, would KCS pay the full salary of \$90,000 plus \$30,000 in benefits. Dr. McIntyre said, “Yes, if we decide to continue the employment of the incumbent.” Patti Bounds asked if the administration was revising Board Policy to follow Tennessee statute. McIntyre said he hoped to bring a draft policy to the BOE in July. She also asked, hypothetically, what happens if the Broad grant is not approved. Law Director Bud Armstrong said that if the grant isn’t approved by Commission, KCS would

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# Senator Massey speaks at East Knoxville Forum

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When state Senator Becky Duncan Massey was running for office she knocked on many doors. One of those doors was that of Michael Covington. “Once you get to know Senator Massey you feel like you’ve known her for a long time,” Covington said last Monday. “You didn’t open the door,” she joked back at him referring to her

campaigning in his neighborhood. “I’m blushing,” Covington said. Covington, since then, has organized and moderated the East Knoxville Community Forum and he introduced Massey to speak to members and guests at the Burlington Public Library, where the group meets monthly. He went on to say he met the senator with a group of citizens protesting the

relocation of the Tennova Hospital from East to West Knoxville and, after the unsuccessful meeting, Massey was waiting for the citizens outside the meeting room in Nashville. Massey, who sits on the Health and Transportation Committees, told the Burlington Library crowd that unfortunately Tennessee is back down to being 45th in the nation for health care. She spoke about legislation in general but went

a bit deeper in her opposition to helmet-less motorcycle legislation. She said that her many years as Executive Director of the Sertoma Center in Knoxville brought her in contact with people with brain injuries and said she would always oppose legislation to permit motorcycle riding without helmets. “If you want to be stupid enough to ride without a helmet you don’t realize the public and family cost,” she

said, adding “I will actually fight that legislation.” She also said that statewide health insurance failed in the Health Committee by only one vote and that she and newly-elected state Senator Dr. Richard Briggs were for the legislation. “That was an intense week and an interesting process,” she said, adding that the proponents in favor of a health plan were “brand new senators.”

Massey said the outlook for a state health plan might be better if it were introduced in a regular session and promoted by everyday citizens rather than hospitals. The senator also joked that, in the room at the library, were more city, county and state elected officials and press than other citizens. Massey was asked by

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## Focus on the Law

# Interstate earthquake emergency impact

The Interstate Earthquake Emergency Compact of 1988 was ratified in Tennessee and the text may be found in the Tennessee Code Annotated in Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 7. The Compact



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proposed an agreement among ratifying states to "provide mutual aid...in meeting any emergency or disaster caused by earthquakes or other seismic disturbances." This includes utilization of the resources of the respective states and resources available from the federal government to provide needed short-term earthquake disaster assistance. The Interstate Earthquake Emergency Compact was joined by Missouri and Mississippi in 1989 and by Indiana in 1990. The New Madrid Seismic Zone includes parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri. Indiana is impacted by the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone.

The Compact directs each party state to develop earthquake relief plans and programs, inventory materials and equipment available for relief efforts, maintain a databank of regional resources that might be needed during an earthquake disaster and to share this information with each other. The party states are also directed to share any available information on earthquake forecasts and reports of seismic activity. Requests for aid and assistance will be made from one governor to another in a spirit of cooperation "to provide an equitable division of any necessary earthquake relief efforts in order to avoid a disproportionate allocation of contributed resources."

As required by T.C.A. Section 4-29-111 the Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law, an audit was performed by the Comptroller of the Treasury and transmitted to the General Assembly on October 28, 2011. The audit reports

that Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) has entered into three compacts to help address potential disasters and according to TEMA officials there is no cost to TEMA for belonging to the

three compacts: the Civil Defense and Disaster Compact, the Interstate Earthquake Compact, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The Civil Defense and Disaster Compact (T.C.A. Section 58-2-401) was established in 1951 but according to the report on page 21, it "has never been activated and is not necessary in light of the all-hazard approach of the nation-wide Emergency Management Assistance Compact." Management at TEMA says the exact same thing about the Interstate Earthquake Emergency Compact. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (T.C.A. Section 58-2-403) was not created until 1995 so it appears to this writer that there has been no cost to TEMA because it has not taken any action to implement these laws. Ignoring promises made to our citizens and those in neighboring states is shocking. Laws that have been enacted since 1951 and 1988 to protect our citizens from disasters have essentially been disregarded. Among other items, the audit recommends that TEMA must improve its efforts to assist county officials in completing and updating their state-mandated emergency management plans. "The failure of counties to update their emergency plans in a timely manner could adversely impact the state's ability to effectively respond to and recover from disasters."(p.19).

All three of these compacts are set to terminate on June 30, 2017 per T.C.A. Section 4-29-238 unless the state legislature takes action to extend them.

# Commission talks budget today

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Next year's county budget, which begins July 1st, will see a special meeting today, June 8th, at 6 p.m. in the City-County Building. The session is open to the public to speak and the possibility of the funding for construction of middle schools in Gibbs and Hardin Valley may be discussed.

Although the school system has asked for funding for both schools, County Mayor Tim Burchett did not include the money in his proposed budget. Burchett said constructing and operating the schools would require a tax increase.

The commission meets in work session the following Monday, June 15, at 6 p.m. and on that tentative agenda are several items that will appear again at the regular meeting set for June 22, when the annual budget must be considered.

Placing of a \$5 litigation tax on all cases before the courts will be considered Monday in a work session of the Knox County Commission. The tax would apply to all cases before the criminal court, fourth circuit court and criminal session court. The vote will require a 2/3 majority by commissioners and the funds would be used to help operate the 4th circuit court.

The commissioners are being asked to also provide \$425,000 in grants to the Community Action Committee for emergency home repairs, minor home repairs, housing rehab and water and sewer construction services. The money comes from HUD federal funds.

Bathroom modernization and upgrades at Nature's Cove Apartments is also being considered using \$95,000 in HUD funds.

Inspections of food stores through

a state and county joint funding process for \$796,510 is being considered in a contract what would run for five years.

The school system is asking the commission to approve a \$500,000 annual roofing agreement with C. M. Henley Company, Dixie Roofing and Henley Roofing. The commissioners will also vote to approve a grant of \$2,500 from Prestige Cleaners to partially fund a climbing wall for Lonsdale Elementary School.

Breakthrough Corporation may get \$19,000 in a Community Development Block Grant to operate day services and employment program for autistic adults and Helen Ross McNabb Center may get a like amount for child and adult indigent mental health services.

Sertoma Center may receive \$24,000 in a grant for accessibility and renovation of supportive housing

and Catholic Charities of East Tennessee could receive \$28,000 in a grant to renovate administrative offices into emergency shelters for up to 12 additional clients each month.

The Forensic Center has four agenda items ranging from renewing the UT Post Mortem Service Agreement, approving an LMU Research contract, and a morgue trailer.

Installation of solar energy systems at Knox Central and school facilities is on the agenda as well as amending the off-street parking lot layouts, decreasing the width of parking spaces.

The commissioners will also discuss filling the vacancy in the Tennessee House of Representatives for the 14th District. Ryan Haynes resigned the position in May after being elected as Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party. The west Knox County district includes Farragut and Concord.



*Last Wednesday, the Rotary Club of Knoxville and representatives of the City of Knoxville placed a plaque on the corner wall of Clinch and Walnut. The plaque marks the spot where, 100 years ago, Col. David Chapman invited nine friends who were business leaders in Knoxville to join him for lunch and discuss forming a Rotary Club in Knoxville. Pictured above are Doug McKamey and Sandy Martine of the Rotary Club.*

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a petition in the city election include:

## For City Mayor:

Incumbent Mayor Madeline Rogero may face Buck Cochran. Cochran is another perpetual candidate and lives at 1161 Armstrong Avenue, Apt. 430. It has surprised some that Rogero, a Democrat, is not getting substantial opposition from the Republican Party. Many of her supporters, including city council and county commission members, are Republican. With only 20 days left it appears she will easily be re-elected.

## For 5th District Council Seat:

Incumbent Mark Campen may face Jennifer Mirtes. Mirtes is head of the Inskip Neighborhood Watch; Campen is Executive Director of the Izaak Walton League of America for Tennessee.

Mirtes has returned her petition but, as of Tuesday, Campen has not.

The 5th District Seat is the only non-At Large seat on the ballot. The area includes North Knoxville between Broadway and Clinton Highway.

## At Large Seats

The At Large City Council seats are voted on by all voters inside the city. Of the nine members of city council, six are District Seats and three are At Large Seats.

Seat A has incumbent George Wallace probably facing Matthew H. Martland of 8180 Chesterfield Drive.

Seat B may see incumbent Marshall Stair face newcomer Carly Baskette. She is a Regal Entertainment Group employee and pursuing a bachelor's degree. She's a member of the Edgewood Park neighborhood and obtained a petition last week for the 5th District Seat but decided to change that to run for Seat B.

Seat C is held by incumbent Finbarr Saunders and

he may have three opponents including Drew. Petitions have also been picked up by Kelly Absher of 116 South Gay Street and David Williams of 505 Hollywood Drive.

## Municipal Judge

John R. Rosson, Jr., is thus far unopposed for Municipal Judge.

## Knox County Campaigns

While the city election is non-partisan, the upcoming Knox County election next year will have party-based primaries. Qualification petitions for county offices, including the commission, can be picked up Friday, September 11, with December 10 as the qualifying deadline. Candidates must withdraw before December 17th. Election Day is March 1, 2016.

The county election is heating up already, especially in the 1st and 2nd Districts of East and North Knoxville. Two incumbents, Sam McKenzie in the First District and Amy Broyles in the Second District, will not be seeking re-election. While no one can qualify for the seats yet, there's much interest in those positions and several people have designated treasurers in those races.

## First District

Rick Staples, a Democrat,

has declared a treasurer for the First District seat. Anthony Brown announced his candidacy last week and Evelyn Gill has also indicated she may run.

Michael Covington, a Republican, has announced he is a candidate for the First District seat.

## Second District

John Fugate and Michelle Carrington have appointed a treasurer. Both are Republicans

## Fourth District

Incumbent Jeff Ownby has kicked off his re-election campaign and may face Hugh Nystrom of Scotswood Circle, who has named a treasurer. Both men are Republicans.

## Sixth District

County Commission Chairman Brad Anders will face re-election and could face John D. King, of Oak Ridge Highway, in the Republican race. King has named his treasurer.

## Eighth and Ninth Districts

Incumbent Republicans Dave Wright (Eighth) and Mike Brown (Ninth) so far have no opponents.

## Property Assessor

To date John Whitehead, of Adair Drive, Barry Hawkins of Lands End Lane, and James Weaver of East Grinnell Circle have named treasurers for that position. All are Republicans.

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# Assessing the Assessments

Apparently, two Board of Education meetings and a Joint Education Committee meeting (comprised of members of the BOE and County Commission) aren't enough for one week. KCS also scheduled a community engagement meeting last week "to begin to gather input from the community regarding student assessments."

KCS said the community meeting is "part of a broader comprehensive student assessment analysis the school system is conducting, funded by a grant provided by Achieve, Inc. The Student Assessment Inventory Committee is comprised of teachers, school counselors and district administrators."

About 75 people attended the meeting at West High school. This number included Dr. McIntyre and the ten or so members of his executive team; 12 to 15 "facilitators" courtesy of Jim Haslam's Leadership Knoxville organization, and another 10 or so members of the Student Assessment Inventory Committee who mostly functioned as observers during the break-out sessions.

Kudos to the four BOE members (Terry Hill, Patti Bounds, Tracie Sanger, and Gloria Deathridge), who attended the meeting. Ed Shouse and Rep. Joe Armstrong also came. Sadly, there was no sign of Harry Brooks, Bill Dunn, or Eddie Smith, all members of the House Education Committee. This is the one group that could bring about real change in the "assessment landscape."

Out of a community of 400,000 people, there were about 40 parent/teacher/concerned citizen "stakeholders" present. Remember this number when they say, "we heard from parents, and they are happy with all the assessments KCS is mandating."

After a brief overview, participants separated into break-out groups based on grade-level or special population: K-2, 3-5, high school, English language learners (ELL), and Special Education (SPED). There was also a "general" group for those who had kids in multiple grades or didn't fit in one of the other groups (middle school was combined with this group). This is the group the Focus attended.

The groups were given two very general questions: "What is working with the current assessment landscape?" and "What is not working?"

The "stakeholders" in our group had strong opinions against high stakes testing, with many having done a lot of research prior to the meeting. The facilitators, who had no knowledge of education or assessment issues, had difficulty translating what was being said into neat bullet points on the poster board. The "observers" in our group tried to silence one vocal parent by handing her index cards and telling her to write her concerns on the cards.

In the end, each participant "voted" by placing dot stickers on the three items they felt were the most important. We reconvened, and spokespersons from each group shared the three or four priority issues for their group. These included:

K-2: Evaluations for K-2 teachers should not be based on standardized testing at all; need to measure the talents of all children, not just those good at standardized testing; and not enough time for play and hands on learning because drilling for standardized testing has taken it away.

3-5: Loss of joy of learning for children, and joy of teaching for teachers; too much pressure placed on students and teachers, even with STAR tests for those with ADHD and easily distracted; and inadequate infrastructure (utilizing computers and libraries for testing, not learning, etc.)

High school: lack of time to fit all the assessments in; mystery and secrecy with test results; math anxiety exacerbated; loss of instructional time.

General: Transparency-including parents and students getting results quickly, knowing when and why tests are being given how the data is being used, validity of format, cost (money and time), communication; need a non-punitive policy for refusing assessments; teachers should not be evaluated by test results; need for consistency across district.

SPED: students with disabilities not being accurately assessed when accommodations are not permitted; STAR (screening) assessments of little value since these kids have already been identified with disabilities; conflict of interest when general Ed teachers are part of IEP team, since they may be negatively impacted by lower-scoring SPED students in their class; and need for something between regular and alternate assessments.

ELL: Students are required to take assessments they can't read; parents adopting foreign students are frustrated because of the testing language barrier not being addressed - need more extracurricular activities.

Thanks to all those who gave up a summer evening to voice your opinions. Of course, if KCS had actually listened to countless speakers during Board public forum over the past two years, they wouldn't have to waste their time or your money on this effort.

It would seem there are better ways to spend \$40K in grant money and \$90K for another Broad resident - like purchasing enough textbooks for every student to have one, for example.



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### Bits of News About Local Education

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**More on the Mysterious TCAP Math**

Last week we reported that the TCAP "Quick Scores" were back (in time to be calculated into students' grades this year) and they were FANTASTIC! So fantastic that teachers across the state were concerned. We did some research and found that our friends over at Mom-mabears.org have the full story.

The Memphis/Shelby County Education Association invited state officials to a meeting to answer questions about the TCAP scores from parents and teachers. The new Assistant Commissioner for Data and Research, Nakia Towns showed up to answer questions. (Remember her? One of the first Broad Residents McIntyre hired into KCS with a problematic matching grant agreement from the Broad Foundation?) Towns said the change was in how quick scores were calculated was made to get the scores out to the Districts on time this year. She apologized for the lack of timely communication about the change in the score calculation, but stood behind the results.

According to the state, "Quick scores convert a student's raw score on TCAP (number of questions they answer correctly) into a measure on the 100-point grading scale."

The 2015 quick scores are calculated using the cube root methodology, as follows:

STEP 1: Convert the raw score into a percentage by dividing the raw number of correct answers by the total test items.

STEP 2: Determine the cube root ( $\sqrt[3]{}$ ) of the percentage from Step 1.

STEP 3: Multiply the result of Step 2 by the constant term\* which is 21.5443. The result of this final calculation gives the quick score.

\* The constant term makes the maximum quick score equal to 100 and the minimum quick score equal to 0, thus, creating a range from 0-100 which aligns with a traditional 100 point grading scale.

Under the old (pre 2015) formula, a student who answered 50% of the questions correctly would receive a quick score of 74. Using the new and improved "cubic root" formula, this same student would receive a quick score of 80. A six point increase! A student who answered 94% of the questions correctly would see their quick score raised from 95 to 98.

Must be the new common core math! This isn't how test scores were calculated back when we were kids. If we only got 50% of the questions right, our score was...50! But kids today are so much smarter, thanks to manipulating how the scores are calculated. Any wonder why we now need "Free 13th and 14th grade"?

**Principal Appointments**

Ah, summertime...time to ramp up the churn and disruption in the school system by administrative appointments of principals.

The administrative appointments page of the KCS website lists 15 principal appointments. Over 15% of KCS schools will have a new principal next year, including: Ft. Sanders Educational Development Center; Ball Camp, Blue Grass, Cedar Bluff, Corryton, Green Magnet, Hardin Valley, Northshore, Spring Hill, West Haven, West View, and Sequoyah Elementary schools; Halls and South-Doyle Middle schools, and Austin-East High School.

Those watching the BOE meeting last Wednesday heard Mt. Olive parents, including PTA president Holly Child, speak of the damage that an ineffective, dictatorial principal has rendered on the Mt. Olive Elementary community.

The principal is the leader of the school. One of the things a principal does is set the culture and character of the school. A great principal is respected by teachers, parents, and students. A great principal brings years of teaching experience, preferably with children in the same grades as those he/she will be leading, to the position.

Which is why at least one principal assignment caught our eye... Dr. Julia Kirk was recently appointed principal at Sequoyah Elementary. (Former Sequoyah principal Alisha Hinton resigned to accept a position as principal of Grace Christian Academy). What is Dr. Kirk's background?

"Dr. Kirk is currently serving as the Director of Program Management for the Knox County Schools Curriculum and Instruction department. She began her teaching career in 2005 as a business teacher for Knox County Schools. She has also served as a business teacher, a curriculum and technology integration coach, and an assistant principal for Oak Ridge City Schools. Prior to serving in her current role, Dr. Kirk served as an Executive Director of the First Tennessee CORE office and a Regional Data Analyst for the Tennessee Department of Education.

Dr. Kirk holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee, a Master of Science Degree in Business Education from Middle Tennessee State University, and a Doctorate in Education Psychology and Research conferred from the University of Tennessee.

When in her career has Dr. Kirk worked with elementary students? Is this the future of the leadership of the schools where we send our precious 5 to 10 year olds? This makes no sense!

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several people to find a way to get the state involved in the revitalization of East Knoxville.

"I grew up here. I'm in and out of here all the time." She said that improvements begin with the city and the county but added that "if they see things that legislation can help we work with them."

She mentioned Councilman Nick Della Volpe's efforts to get signage for Knoxville Center Mall.

In other matters Covington said he has invited the League of Women Voters to address the forum in July and later will have state Representative Joe Armstrong there. He said that developer and restorer David Dewhirst will also speak later in the year.

Sarah Bounds reported on a Knox County Health Department project in the Five Points neighborhood and Susan Bradford spoke on senior issues at the Knoxville-Knox County Office on Aging. Bradford said a grant has been received to increase SNAP benefits for seniors. She said the agency is offering personal focus attention to application, information gathering, and food stamp card use in person or on the phone. She said response so far has been great.

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# Big City Dentistry, Small Town Feel

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Offering upscale professional dental office care, Kennedy Dentistry is located just north of Knoxville, in Powell, Tennessee. The office, at 2529 West Emory Road, is celebrating 10 years of service to the area.

To celebrate the anniversary, Dr. Kennedy recently treated his staff on a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas. Dr. Kennedy's wife, Sara, is expecting in September, and unfortunately they cannot accompany the staff due to travel restrictions.

"I hire my staff for their personality and trustworthiness and they take very good care of our patients. Some have been with me since we started with one doctor and one employee. They deserved the trip," he said.

Doctor R. Patrick Kennedy hails from Kingsport, TN and came to Knoxville with his late wife, Kelly Ballard, who was from Powell. Dr. Kennedy has a bachelor's of science degree from UT, Knoxville and a doctorate in Dental Surgery from UT Memphis. Unfortunately, in 2010, his wife had a heart attack at 38 and passed away. Dr. Kennedy had established roots in Knoxville and liked the area so much that he decided to stay.

"I love the area, especially north Knox County, the people are so friendly,"



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

*The staff at Kennedy Dental standing in front of the office in Powell.*

he told *The Focus*. "We're blessed to be in this area."

"Once I had set roots here, I decided to remain. I have a beautiful daughter, Taylor, and a new wife, Sara, who inspire me."

Kennedy Dentistry is known for its excellent customer service and affordable care. Dr. Kennedy is proud of the professional care and upscale equipment.

"We do everything from veneers to extractions. We team with area specialists for complicated cases and I don't know of many procedures that we can't do with their help," he said. "Our practice spans from simple care to extreme dental makeovers."

The office keeps up with the latest technologies that include soft tissue lasers, digital x-rays, laser cavity detectors, intra-oral cameras, and "Cerec" same-day

crowns.

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The Kennedy staff have many "long-term employees that are like family," of which, include Teresa Stooksbury.

She is a Financial Coordinator and has been with the office since the first day. In order to maintain customer service and see patients in a timely manner, Kennedy Dentistry has also added some new staff members, including new associate, Dr. Stansbury. Dr. Stansbury said he was looking for over two years for a great, professional office to join and luckily found Kennedy Dentistry.

"I love my staff because they don't just act like they care about patients, they really do care," said Dr. Kennedy.

Kennedy Dentistry is currently open Monday through Fridays 8-5. You can contact the office at (865) 947-2220 or email them at KennedyDentistry@comcast.net. You can also find Kennedy Dentistry online at [www.theknoxvilledentist.com](http://www.theknoxvilledentist.com).

## Balance school year, empty school buildings discussed at joint meeting

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schools is much smaller than Knox County. She also said she thinks the achievement gap might actually go down in a balanced year.

"From a primary prospective it's not going to work," she said.

"Why are we doing more and getting less?" Busler asked about education and achievement in Knox County.

Hill responded that funds going to the schools isn't just about education but includes technology and security.

Carson said, "What people want is a Cadillac" from local schools and added, "If that's what we want it's going to cost."

Busler responded that the county commission must not only fund schools but all of the other departments and projects in the county.

"We should make sure the school system is marching along with the county for 2020," Carson said, adding that both the commission and the school board need to plan for the next five years. The planning idea will be an item on

the next Joint Committee agenda.

The committee also discussed the school system's surplus property.

McIntyre said the administration is working on "the rest of the Rule campus" to surplus it and said that perhaps some of the vacant buildings the system owns has been in "our possession longer than necessary."

Carson said the school system may have been hanging onto vacant buildings because the properties could be used again for school purposes.

The superintendent also commented about the Andrew Johnson Building, currently housing the school administration, noting that the system doesn't own the building and noted that other possible locations to house the administration are being sought.

Of school-owned vacant buildings, Bounds said, "We hang on to a building until there's no money left in it." McKenzie said that once a school building is closed it leaves a chasm in the community.

## BOE votes to 'cure' mismanagement of grants

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have to renegotiate with Broad. Possibilities range from making it a non-matching grant, to having to return the money.

During Wednesday's Regular Board meeting, Amber Rountree urged her fellow Board members to proceed with caution in approving any agreement in an ex facto (after the fact) manner. She said while the Superintendent has said on several occasions that he acted in a good faith effort (honestly, objectively, with no deliberate intent to defraud the other party), she was having a hard time taking that statement at face value because policy DM was drafted after Dr. McIntyre became superintendent of KCS. He has followed policy DM correctly in the past with regard to other matching grants.

She said, "I have some grave concerns about doing my fiduciary duty

and approving an agreement in an ex-facto manner. I would like to reiterate that Tennessee Code states that the Superintendent's first duty is to act for the Board in seeing that the laws relating to the schools and the rules of the state and the local Board of Education are faithfully executed."

A roll call vote was taken, with the predictable results that Deathridge, Sanger, Harris, Fugate, and Carson voted to approve the Broad grant. Hill, Bounds, Rountree, and McMillan voted no.

Did McIntyre "knowingly and willingly make or cause to be made false statement or report or otherwise violate the requirements of TCA 49-50-1402" by failing to have the BOE approve the grant and failing to send it to the commission?

Several Public Forum speakers think that may be the case.

Jennifer Owen presented a detailed analysis of TCA 49-50-14, known as the Education Truth in Reporting and Employee Protection Act of 1989. She said that this act addresses several of the problems we are seeing in KCS:

(a)....It is the intent of the general assembly to reduce the waste & mismanagement of public education funds, to reduce abuses in governmental authority & to prevent illegal & unethical practices.

(b) To help achieve these objectives, the general assembly declares that public education employees should be encouraged to disclose information on actions of LEAs that are not in the public interest ... any employee making those disclosures shall not be subject to disciplinary measures, discrimination or harassment by any public official.

Parents and teachers alike spoke in Public Forum in support of teachers who have been "non-renewed." The Copper Ridge and Mt. Olive communities were present in large numbers. Mt. Olive PTA president Holly Child and parent Therese Sipes; Copper Ridge parents Jenny Orkner and Kelly Wright decried the loss of great teachers at their school.

The underlying question is, why? Parents, teachers, and students want to know. Former Copper Ridge Kindergarten teacher Christina Graham explained that all she ever wanted to do was teach. She said she is trying to be optimistic that she will find another position, but every application she fills out asks, "Have you been non-renewed or dismissed?"

"It doesn't make sense to me why someone could be dismissed or not

renewed for no reason. If we are trying to fix this culture of fear, this is not how to do it. My non-renewal sends a message throughout Knox County that any non-tenured teacher can be dismissed or non-renewed, even if their scores are good and even if they've done nothing wrong."

Many who spoke in support of Graham ask if she was non-renewed in retaliation for her speech against the SAT-10 Assessment for grades K-2. That test has since been discontinued, but Graham's principal issued a personal communication record to her after her speech, challenging some of her statements to the Board. She respectfully defended all her statements. She can't say for certain that is why she won't be returning to Copper Ridge in the fall, but it is the only plausible reason given

her good evaluation and professionalism scores.

Other speakers touched on the culture of fear that Knox County is perpetuating. Rob Taylor, a former KCS SpEd teacher who left for a (lower paying) job in another county, used the analogy of the school yard bully, and lamented that the current treatment of teachers and by extension their students won't stop "until our school system's biggest bully is finally sent packing to a different playground."

There were many other excellent, passionate speeches made in Public Forum. Please visit the SaveOurSchool-System YouTube channel to see all the people who came out to support REAL Excellence in Education last week.



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## Our Neighborhoods

# Powell Drive officially opens

By Mike Steely  
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Thanks to a long effort by Better Roads in North Knoxville, with the help of local office holders and state legislators like Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Representative Bill Dunn, the four-lane Powell Drive, or State Highway 131, was dedicated Thursday.

The new route has been open for several months and Thursday's event was to officially open the route but the effort to get the road began 27 years ago.

The Better Roads group, or BRINK, was formed in 1987 to promote better routes in north Knox County and has remained active through the years, not only pushing for the four-lane route that links Clinton Highway with Emory Road, but also speaking out on other route changes in the area.

On hand for the ribbon cutting were past and present public officials and local citizens. TDOT Commissioner John Schroer spoke to the gathering, which assembled behind the Food City at Powell Drive and Clinton Highway. He recognized



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

*Powell Drive, a portion of State Highway 131, was officially opened with a ribbon cutting by local and state officials and community members involved in the 27-year effort to build the road.*

the efforts of BRINK and said the 2.19 mile new road, with four lanes and sidewalk, cost \$17.5 milCity to build. The route bypasses "downtown" Powell which keeps the Emory Road designation.

Commissioner Schroer

reminded the audience that federal funding has only been extended for state highway through July and said he is pushing Tennessee representatives in Washington to extend the funding for a longer term, mentioning the Alcoa Highway project that

is now on hold as needing the funding.

County Commissioner Charles Busler told The Focus that the new route, with the help of Bill Dunn, has already been designed as a "Scenic Highway" to protect it from billboards and make it

"less commercial."

State Senator Randy McNally spoke and said the new route is a result of "a community coming together for a high priority project even though it does take a while," and mentioned the efforts of Mayor Burchett, who served as a state senator and legislator.

Representative Dunn thanked BRINK for its efforts, saying, "The commissioners changed several times but BRINK kept coming back" to promote the road and other projects.

Mayor Burchett also thanked BRINK and said, "Knox County is always happy to be a partner with TDOT." He also thanks the Powell Business and Professional Association for its efforts, and several citizens who were involved in the effort including R. Larry Smith, Lynn Redmon, Clark Hamilton, Emerson Breeden, and May Moody.

Following the various speakers the officials moved out onto the road. With the assistance of several people who helped halt traffic, they cut the ribbon and officially opened the road.

## South Knoxville Elementary Opens New Student Building

On Saturday, June 6, South Knoxville Elementary School closed the door on a new outdoor bicycle storage facility, representing an amazing example of community volunteerism and support.

With 100% donated labor and materials, volunteers installed the final piece of a much needed out-building - literally the front door - which brought a close to an amazing outpouring of support from community leaders and volunteer organizations.

What began as a generous offer from the Appalachian Mountain Biking Club who donated bicycles for elementary students to use...grew into the spontaneous construction of new storage facility for bikes as well as gardening tools for a newly planned community garden near the school.

Leading the charge

was the South Knoxville Rotary Club, many of whose members once attended the school, but once the wheels were in motion, many local businesses pitched in with labor and materials. With the help of Eagle Scouts from Great Smoky Mountain Council Troop 20, the entire facility was built in just ONE DAY. Gary Reeves of Cor-Tenn Building Supplies, a former South Knoxville student, donated almost all of the building materials, members of AMBC pitched in with labor and the owner of the South Knoxville Chick-Fil-A volunteered to provide lunch for the workers.

Future plans for the site include a community garden to service the area known as a "food desert" and an outdoor performance stage for students.

# Q and A at South Knoxville Forum



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

*Commissioner Mike Brown, Mary Thom Adams, Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis and Knox County School Board Member Amber Rountree answered questions in a forum last Thursday.*

By Mike Steely  
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A larger crowd than expected showed up at Ijams Nature Center Thursday night to take part in a South Knox Forum with Knoxville City Vice-Mayor Nick Pavlis, County Commissioner Mike Brown, and Knox School Board Member Amber Rountree.

Mary Thom Adams of Ijams hosted the meeting and opened

up the discussion by taking questions from the crowd, most of who were from South Knoxville neighborhoods. The questions ranged from progress on the South Waterfront project to traffic at schools.

When asked about the South Waterfront progress, Pavlis said the biggest delays have been in getting TVA permits but that the

"put in" at the park should be ready in the next 18 months.

Rountree was asked about student records and information and if they are accessible by anyone. "To my knowledge they are not," she said, adding that the basic information is made available to some organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

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# City, CAC team up to manage United Way's 2-1-1 help line

For the past 10 years, the City of Knoxville's 3-1-1 Call Center has answered hundreds of calls a day from residents seeking City services or information. Starting July 1, the Call Center will also be handling calls to another number: the 2-1-1 help line, which is funded by United Way organizations across the region to provide referrals to local community services for people in need.

United Way has funded the Knoxville 2-1-1 line since it began in 1995, and for the past nine years it has been run under contract by the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee. In recent years, CAC has contracted the answering service to a call center in Nashville. Now, through an agreement with the City, it will be providing the resource closer to home.

"This partnership makes sense, because 3-1-1 is right here in Knoxville and has a lot of expertise in handling a wide range of needs and requests," said Ben Landers, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Knoxville. "They will be able to serve 2-1-1 callers efficiently and effectively. They will also help us spread the word about this great community resource."

The 2-1-1 database includes more than

2,000 names and contact numbers for governmental and nonprofit agencies throughout the 865 area code, as well as in Monroe County. In all, residents in 10 counties have access to the service.

The contract, funded entirely by United Way, will pay for an extra person in the 311 Call Center. CAC will continue to manage the database and data collection for the service.

"We will be meeting regularly with 3-1-1 for feedback on the requests they're hearing from people, and looking to expand our reach and our database," said Susan Long, Director of CAC's Office on Aging.

Russ Jensen, the City's 311 Director, said, "This is a great fit for us. Identifying resources and responding to needs is what we already do every day. We're looking forward to helping United Way and CAC make 2-1-1 even more helpful to people across East Tennessee."

Landers also expressed gratitude to City Public Service Director David Brace, a board member of United Way of Greater Knoxville, who took the lead on the project. "David deserves a lot of credit for really pulling all of this together," he said.

## Books Sandwiched In focuses on farmers' markets, local food, saving the family farm

Forrest Pritchard grew up on a farm but didn't know much about farming. Fresh out of college with an English degree, he decided he could save the family farm from financial ruin. Join Mark Campen, City Council member and Executive Director of the Tennessee Chapter of the Isaak Walton League of America, for a discussion of Pritchard's engaging memoir *Gaining Ground: A Story Of Farmers' Markets, Local Food, And Saving The Family Farm*, at noon on Wednesday, June 17 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, 601 South Gay Street, for this month's Books Sandwiched In, a program series of Knox County Public Library, sponsored by the Friends of Knox County Public Library.

"This book is about family, community and a will to successfully carry on the farming lifestyle, albeit

in a different way," Campen said. "Knowing where our food comes from and our potential role in the food system is 'gaining ground' here in Knoxville."

Campen is currently serving as city councilman for the 5th District. He completed a B.S. in wildlife and fisheries science at the University of Tennessee. He is an avid bird-watcher, camper, fisherman, and gardener.

Books Sandwiched In continues on July 15 when Michelle Commander, UT Assistant Professor of English and Africana Studies, will lead a discussion of *Lose Your Mother: A Journey Along the Atlantic Slave Trade* by Saidiya Hartman.

On August 19, Nate Allen, KPD Criminal Investigation Division Commander Deputy Chief will lead a discussion of *400 Things Cops Know: Street-Smart Lessons from*

## Q and A at South Knox Forum

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Traffic at South-Doyle Middle School was discussed and Commissioner Brown said that part of the problem there is that it involves state property and any decision about routing buses "has to come down from the schools."

Pavlis addressed a question concerning old signs and said that a revised city ordinance dealing with abandoned signs has been sent back to the planning commission and should come back for consideration in July.

Construction of sidewalks was also discussed with Pavlis saying that sidewalks cost about \$300 per foot or \$1 million per mile, adding that the city had upped the amount of city funding for sidewalks in next

year's budget.

A year-round school schedule, or "balanced" school year, was addressed by Rountree who said "right now I'm not supportive" and went on to question the cost, family schedules and whether or not a family can afford a baby-sitter if the schedule changes. Brown said "We cannot afford it" and said the school system is in debt and "the County cannot afford to bail it out."

Rountree also said the school system is "currently paying the minimum" on debt and added, "We have no money left in savings."

She also said she is pleased that Dogwood Elementary will become a Community School, adding that the concept will also include two other schools next year and that Inskip and Pond Gap may be added later.

Asked about "in lieu" of taxes and other non-tax offers made to incoming businesses, Pavlis said many new projects would not locate here if the tax breaks are not offered. He said the new businesses create jobs and

referred to University Commons as an example.

Brown addressed a question about increased traffic in the Ijams area and the condition of the roads there. He said he talked to the city and is looking into the problem.

Pavlis said that the "Urban Wilderness" will help the future of South Knoxville, mentioned the progress at the Kern's Bakery site on Chapman Highway and said that "small retail" would contribute to the growth of the area.

Rountree, on a question about the school board and county commission, said the two "are not exactly harmonious" but that she and Commissioner Brown have a good working relationship.

Blighted properties in the area was mentioned and Pavlis said the current city administration has "put some teeth" into the problem and there are now more ways to deal with blight.

Brown suggested that the group meet with citizens again on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

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# Congressman Sam McReynolds of Tennessee

## Pages from the Past



**By Ray Hill**  
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Very few people remember Samuel Davis McReynolds, who was a long-time Congressman representing Tennessee's Third District, which includes Chattanooga; yet during his time, he was a highly influential member of the House of Representatives. Quite likely, McReynolds' career has been eclipsed by that of his successor, Estes Kefauver.

McReynolds was born in Pikeville, Tennessee in Bledsoe County on April 16, 1872. McReynolds was raised on a farm and managed to get an education, attending the People's College in Pikeville. McReynolds later went on to Cumberland University and earned a law degree. McReynolds studied law under the supervision of James B. Frazier, later a governor and U. S. senator from Tennessee.

Returning to Pikeville in 1893 with law degree in hand, the twenty-one year old McReynolds opened a law practice. A year later, Sam McReynolds was employed as an assistant District Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District. McReynolds moved to Chattanooga and his political rise began in earnest. By 1903, he had been appointed as Judge of the Criminal Court. McReynolds, earning a good salary as judge, married in 1905. Yet tragedy struck when his wife, the former Jennie Hutchins, died on McReynolds' birthday, April 16, 1908.

Sam McReynolds found love again and remarried on March 9, 1910. McReynolds' marriage to Mary Davenport was by all accounts a happy marriage and their union produced a daughter, Margaret Henrietta McReynolds.

McReynolds thoroughly enjoyed the prestige of serving as a judge, but there were also hard decisions to make and the future Congressman was at the center of an ugly incident following the conviction of one Ed Johnson, who was lynched by a mob.

In 1906, Johnson, a young black man, had been tried for the rape of Nevada Taylor. Johnson was found guilty and sentenced to death. Miss Taylor had taken a streetcar on the way home and while walking toward her home, which she shared with her father, she had been assaulted. Evidently, Miss Taylor fainted during her assault and all she could recall was that her attacker was a black male and her assailant had wrapped a leather strap around her throat. A physician who treated Miss Taylor confirmed that she had indeed been sexually assaulted.

Naturally, the

community was horrified and profoundly angry by the circumstances of Nevada Taylor's assault. The Sheriff of Hamilton County, Joseph Shipp, quickly moved to investigate the crime and initially suspicion fell upon one James Broaden. Broaden fit the description of the black man Miss Taylor had described as her attacker. Yet Sheriff Shipp finally arrested Ed Johnson for the crime when it was reported Johnson had been seen with a leather strap the evening Nevada Taylor had been assaulted.

Shipp was holding both Johnson and Broaden and worrying there would be an attempt to lynch one or both of them, had the prisoners sent to Nashville where they were jailed. The sheriff's fears were not unfounded as the next night after the prisoners had been transferred to Nashville, a mob gathered and demanded Johnson, Broaden and a couple of other black prisoners be turned over to them. The crowd was only dispersed after appeals by several prominent citizens, as well as learning neither Johnson nor Broaden were housed in the jail. Grumbling malevolently, the mob wandered away, although not before having done significant property damage to the jail.

Judge Samuel D. McReynolds presided over Ed Johnson's trial, which began in February of 1906. Nevada Taylor testified she recognized Ed Johnson. Miss Taylor said Johnson was the same size as the man who attacked her and she recognized his hat and face. She had previously identified Johnson while he was being held under arrest. Oddly, Miss Taylor steadfastly refused to swear that Ed Johnson was her attacker; instead, she said she believed he was her attacker.

Johnson was convicted of the crime and sentenced to death.

Two local black attorneys took up Johnson's cause and tried to appeal Johnson's conviction, but were unsuccessful. An appeal to the Tennessee State Supreme Court was similarly unsuccessful. Governor John I. Cox, however, did grant a stay of execution. United States Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan granted a second stay of execution shortly thereafter.

A mob gathered outside the jail on the evening of March 19, the same night the Supreme Court had granted a stay of execution. Using an axe and sledgehammer, the mob broke down the doors to the jail, which apparently took over an hour to accomplish. The mob



*(From left to right) Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Congressman Sam D. McReynolds of Tennessee.*

dragged Johnson to the Walnut Street Bridge and hung him there.

Sheriff Joseph Shipp was later tried by the Supreme Court and found that he had aided and abetted the lynch mob; Shipp, as well as several others, was found in contempt of court and received a sentence of ninety days in prison. Judge Sam McReynolds only narrowly escaped being tried for contempt himself.

That ugly episode behind him and domestically happy, McReynolds was reelected twice following his original appointment to the bench. The only thing certain about politics is its uncertainty; Sam McReynolds' ascension to Congress came about due to a Republican tide and death. In 1920, Republicans in Tennessee enjoyed a tidal wave of success. Not only did Warren Harding carry the state, the GOP captured five Congressional seats. Several long serving Democrats were taken under by the Republican tidal wave, including Cordell Hull. The Third District was also lost to the GOP.

John A. Moon, himself a former judge, had first been elected to Congress in 1896. Congressman Moon was unexpectedly defeated in 1920 by Joe Brown, who was ironically, the son of Congressman Foster V. Brown. John A. Moon had taken Congressman Foster Brown's place in Congress in 1897.

Moon, shocked by his defeat, resolved to vindicate himself at the polls and was an active candidate to return to Congress in 1922. He very well might have been reelected, but died on June 26, 1921. Moon's death left Democrats in the Third District without an obvious candidate and Judge Samuel D. McReynolds became a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress.

McReynolds faced no opposition in the Democratic primary and Republican Congressman Joe Brown, like his father before him, opted not to run for reelection in 1922. Sam McReynolds

defeated his GOP opponent in the general election and remained in Congress for the rest of his life.

McReynolds had been in Congress for a decade when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president in 1932. For almost the entirety of his Congressional career, McReynolds had been a member of the minority, with the Republicans in control of Congress. With the death of several incumbents in 1931, control of the House of Representatives fell into the hands of the Democrats. That same year, Sam McReynolds became Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The 1932 elections brought a large Democratic majority as well as a Democratic president into office. Sam McReynolds became one of the more powerful members of Congress.

In fact, the Tennessee Congressional delegation wielded considerable influence in the national administration. Senator Cordell Hull was tapped by FDR to become Secretary of State; Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was one of the most senior members of the Senate and Chairman of the Post Office and Post Roads Committee and the ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Congressman Joseph W. Byrns of Nashville was a member of the House leadership and would later become Speaker of the House. Congressman E. H. Crump of Memphis was the undisputed leader of the Shelby County political machine and Democratic National Committeeman.

As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman McReynolds became a leader in steering legislation pertaining to foreign relations through the Congress for the Roosevelt administration. It was in his capacity as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee that McReynolds departed Washington for London, where he attended the International Monetary and Economic

Conference in 1933.

That same year, Congressman McReynolds joined Senator McKellar when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Norris – Hill Bill for the development of Muscle Shoals. A beaming McReynolds applauded as a grinning FDR signed his name with a flourish.

Throughout the decade of the 1930s, Congressman McReynolds would have his hands full as foreign policy became increasingly more complicated for the United States. As FDR came to power in America, Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany. With the death of German President Paul von Hindenberg, Hitler seized complete power in Germany and became a dictator. Hitler's territorial ambitions and plan to rebuild Germany threatened peace in Europe and made many nervous, including Franklin Roosevelt. There was considerable isolationist sentiment in the United States and many of the most powerful members of Congress were themselves isolationists. Millions of Americans vividly remembered the First World War and wanted no part of another European conflict.

President Roosevelt and his allies in Congress had to carefully navigate the isolationist feeling in Congress, oftentimes leading Congressman McReynolds as one of the key members of Congress to craft compromises on behalf of the administration.

Despite the prestige of serving as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, McReynolds remained highly politically ambitious. When Senator Cordell Hull was named Secretary of State, Sam McReynolds wanted to be appointed to the vacancy in the United States Senate. Governor Hill McAlister, a political ally of Senator K. D. McKellar and Memphis Boss E. H. Crump, appointed former Tennessee State Supreme Court Justice Nathan L. Bachman instead. Bachman, like McReynolds, was from Chattanooga, and was

married to a member of the fabulously wealthy Duke family of North Carolina. Bachman's appointment foreclosed any opportunity for McReynolds to advance to the Senate, but he did not entirely give up his senatorial aspirations.

When Senator Bachman died suddenly in April of 1937, Sam McReynolds again wanted to be appointed to the Senate. Governor Gordon Browning, who had the power to appoint a replacement for the dead Senator Bachman, spent an uncomfortable train ride to Washington, D. C. with Congressman McReynolds. Governor Browning did not appoint McReynolds, but rather chose labor leader George L. Berry instead. It was an odd choice; Berry had never been elected to anything in Tennessee and McReynolds would have had a much easier time in defending the seat in the 1938 special election. McReynolds toyed with the idea of running for the Senate in the 1938 election, but finally opted to run for reelection to the House. That same year he encountered opposition from Judge L. D. Miller, but easily won renomination and reelection.

McReynolds may well have decided not to run for the United States Senate because his health was beginning to fail. He was suffering from heart disease and following his primary campaign in 1938, McReynolds was ailing that fall. McReynolds was not getting any better and died of a heart attack on July 11, 1939. President Roosevelt wrote a public letter praising the Chattanooga Congressman for his fine personal qualities and public service. Mrs. McReynolds would outlive her husband by decades and their daughter would live to a ripe old age and become a fixture of Washington, D. C. society.

Laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery in Chattanooga, Sam McReynolds lies largely forgotten, a testament to power and prestige being a fleeting thing indeed.

# Questions

Philosophical moment—Life is filled with questions. Maybe the meaning of life is to ask those questions and then spend the rest of our time on this planet working to find the answers. Most of us eventually discover the answers to questions, but some of them just aren't so easy to discover. I have a list of questions that might someday be answered.

One question is who makes it to heaven? I know what Christianity says: all must go through Jesus, and as a practicing person of faith, I have a strong belief in Christ and his teachings. With that said, I'm troubled to think that individuals who are members of another religious philosophy are doomed. Literally millions of people are going to hell, even though many of them have lived Christ-like lives. Isn't it possible that God reveals Himself to others in different ways?

An age-old question has been why do bad things happen to good people? Yes, I know that people have written books and articles and sermons to answer this one. Still, I just don't get it. My daddy was a good man, yet he died at the age of 53 and left Mother with three boys. John Denver was a favorite



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singer of mine. He championed causes that protected the environment. In an instance, his life was snuffed out, and the void he left was huge. Then, characters

like Tsarnaev, who blew up people during the Boston Marathon or the animals of ISIS who kill indiscriminately as they seize territory and annihilate anyone who doesn't believe as they do continue to draw breath.

I want to know what causes the hatred between races. I grew up singing, "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world." That doesn't work so well in today's world. Some in all races hold grudges and despise anyone who is not like them. I'd like to know why different skin tones exist. Oh, the scientific reasons are out there, but why wasn't mankind created with just one skin color? Would folks get along any better?

Why do terrible diseases thrive? God has given mankind many brilliant minds, but for some reason, no one has been able to develop a treatment that would eradicate cancer and A.I.D.S. The suffering of the afflicted is only part of the problem. The family of the ill

must endure the ravaging effects of disease on their loved ones. Alzheimer's steals a person little by little and leaves the family feeling helpless.

I even have a question about my wife. Why in the world did she choose me for a husband? We met in college, and she was three years younger. Yes, she was gorgeous, and guys surrounded her. In fact, Amy's former boyfriend was still hanging around her group of friends. She could have had one of a dozen guys, and it's a good bet that they could have provided a much better life than I did on a school teacher's salary. She wouldn't have had to work so hard for so long. It makes no sense that she would date me, marry me, and stay with me for more than 40 years.

We all have plenty of questions that have no clear answers. As a child, I lay in bed and tried to figure out what was after infinity. I still don't understand. God created heaven and earth. What is the source of God? It's those kind of questions that can drive a guy crazy.

At some point, my time here will be through. If I'm lucky enough to make it to heaven, I'm going to go to God with a long list of questions. I hope that then the answers will become clear.

# 'Repair or demolish it!'

**By Mike Steely**  
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A home that was the subject of an "animal hoarding" case last year came before the Public Service Officer last week and was ordered to be repaired. The home, at 3416 Fountain Park Boulevard, will remain placarded by the city until repairs are made. Some 47 animals were removed from the dwelling last year.

The owner's other property, at 1232 Armstrong Avenue, was also inspected following the Fountain City home visit, and additional ill-kept animals were found there. Public Officer David Brace told The Focus that a letter had been sent to the owner about violations on May 27. He said charges of hoarding at the Armstrong Avenue address go back to 2010.

Animals were taken to the Young-Williams Animal Center for care and evaluation.

The owner of the two homes was arrested and charged with multiple counts of animal hoarding and cruelty and not getting the dogs rabies vaccinations. Fifteen of the animals taken from the houses were euthanized.

"When I was with Rural/Metro and the Rescue Squad, we used to deliver food baskets to shut-ins and the elderly. Sometimes it was awful what we found and often it was a matter of simply cleaning up the animal mess," Brace told *The Focus*.

"Our staff tries to be really respectful with codes enforcement," he continued. The Public Service Officer hearing deals with health and safety of structures.

"It's where the government meets the public," he said.

The codes enforcement officers were scheduled to do a codes sweep in the Cold Springs neighborhood last Friday and Brace said two sweeps will be held this fall starting in September.

In other actions the owner of a historic home at 1910 Prospect Place was given 120 days to repair several things including a roof and exterior problems.

Arin Streeter, of the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood, said the Prospect Place home may have been one of the first in the Morning Side Heights/Prospect Place neighborhood and includes local marble in the design. He said the neighborhood is inclusive of George Barber homes including those of

the famous architect's children. He appealed to the Public Officer to delay demolition.

"The interior is in much better shape than the outside," Streeter said.

Brace issued a "repair order" without mention of demolition to explore alternatives to demolition but said the home is "out of compliance."

The Neighborhood Codes Enforcement Officer, Robert Moyers, presented reports on a total of 16 homes. Some of the owners appeared as did members of the public to comment.

Brace issued a 60-day order to have a home at 6635 Selma Avenue demolished. The home caught fire and burned and the owners asked the city to demolish it and let the homeowners make payments. Brace suggested that hiring a contractor to demolish the house would be more economical than having the city do it.

Sunflower Apartments at 4619 Sunflower Drive needs to replace the decks at each unit and reported that an engineer has been hired.

Moyers said he has been trying for a dialog with the owner of 2309 Highland Drive to discuss the home there. Brace ordered a 60-day repair order and said the house is unfit for habitation.

Several Jefferson Avenue structures were also discussed, including 2537 Jefferson which Moyers said is "just falling down and has been neglected." Moyers said the building is of historic importance and the owner was given 120 days to repair.

The owner of a swimming pool at 1317 Barclay Heights was told to repair the pool or the city will demolish it. A 120-day repair or demolish order was also issued to 2915 East Fifth Street for damage to exterior walls, roof and foundation along with graffiti damage. The home is slated for a tax sale soon.

Orders for repair or demolition were also issued for 4607 Oak Street for exterior wall damage and 822 W. Oldham Avenue which burned. The home at 4409 Oriole was given 60 days to repair plumbing, electrical and load bearing members including a floor that collapsed. Moyers said the owner is in a nursing home.

A 60-day order was also issued for a house at 2801 Selma Avenue that is vacant and has roof and foundation problems.

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS,

Hardin Valley Academy baseball coach Joe Michalski instructs Caleb Berry at the recent HVA Baseball Camp.

# Hardin Valley camp offers glimpse into future

By Ken Lay

Joe Michalski recently guided Hardin Valley Academy's baseball team to a Class AAA State Championship. But his celebrating is over as he's already back to work.

The 2015 season is in Michalski's rear-view mirror and last week, he got a brief glance into the future as he and the Hawks hosted

the Hardin Valley Academy Baseball Camp for middle school players.

The camp, which was open to rising sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth graders, had 40 players this season and Michalski said that HVA's title run in Murfreesboro had plenty to do with that.

"We have 40 players this year and I'm pleased with the turnout," he said.

"I think our State Championship was the reason why because these kids know about it.

"I think that really got our numbers up. We have kids out here having fun and they are some extremely talented kids and that's what makes this fun for me. This camp also brings us together as a community and that's good and big for us."

The camp was meant to be fun but Michalski also wanted to show future Hawks what it's like to play baseball for the Hardin Valley Hawks.

"This gives these kids a taste of what it's like to play in our program and it's not unlike that first week of March when we're preparing to start our season."

During the early part of  
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## A SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

# It's just football now for South-Doyle's Brody Rollins

By Steve Williams

Brody Rollins is not one to slow down, but his athletic career on the next level may be a little simpler. He won't be going from one sport to the next as he did the past four years at South-Doyle High School.

"Yes, I will only be playing football in college," stated Rollins via e-mail last week. He will report to Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., June 24. "I'm just trying to get ready for the next level."

Rollins, who started and excelled in football, basketball and baseball throughout his prep career, is the 2014-15 Student-Athlete of the Year at South-Doyle. He also was named the school's Male Student-Athlete of the Year as a junior.

"I feel honored to receive this award again because anybody will tell you that academics are a major factor when you are



Brody Rollins is South-Doyle High School's Student-Athlete of the Year. He was a leader for football coach Clark Duncan's Cherokees and also was a standout in basketball and baseball.

talking to colleges."

Last year, Rollins said his goals for his senior year would be to win the state football championship and get to play on the next level.

"Honestly, I couldn't have asked for a better senior season with all my friends and coaches," he

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# Tennessee's Wide Receivers... Ready to Make Next Step?

By Alex Norman

Tennessee has long been known as Wide Receiver U. The crop of pass catchers on the 2015 roster hopes to live up to that nickname and make a name for themselves at the same time...

We start with perhaps the most dynamic of the bunch, but a player whose future at Tennessee is up in the air. Senior Von Pearson was second among Vols receivers in catches and receiving yardage in 2014 despite missing significant playing time due to a high ankle sprain. Pearson's size and leaping ability will

likely make him quarterback Joshua Dobbs's first choice near the end zone. Pearson had five touchdowns a year ago.

However, Pearson was named as the suspect in a sexual assault that allegedly occurred at an off-campus apartment. He is currently suspended from the team, although he remains on the roster. Depending on whether or not charges are brought in this case, the decision that Tennessee head coach Butch Jones will make with regards to Pearson's playing status will be a very big deal. A total of six Tennessee players from

the 2014 roster have been accused of sexual assault.

Senior Pig Howard has been steadily moving up in the Tennessee record books, and enters the 2015 season 13th in program history with 111 career catches. He led the Vols in catches and receiving yards in 2014. Howard has also proven to be a threat running the football as well, scoring two touchdowns on the ground last season.

Marquez North was on his way to a solid sophomore season, starting the first ten games of the campaign and catching 30 passes, including four touchdown

receptions. But then a torn labrum ended his season in November. North's size makes him an attractive target for Dobbs.

At 6 foot 5 and 235 pounds, redshirt junior Jason Croom has the look of a guy that could play at the next level. The redshirt junior has shown flashes of brilliance during his first two years in Knoxville, but a dislocated knee cap cost Croom a chance to play in the TaxSlayer Bowl, as well as spring practice. Will this be the year that he becomes a go to force in the Tennessee offense?

Sophomore Josh Malone

came to Knoxville with all the hype that surrounds any five star prospect, especially an instate athlete. Injuries didn't cause him to miss any games, but they did limit what made him such an attractive prospect coming out of Gallatin. Malone had a solid spring practice and should build on his 23 catches from a year ago.

Perhaps the most important returning pass catcher is local product Josh Smith. An ankle injury forced the former CAK standout to miss all but three games a year ago. The good news for the Vols is that they

were able to get him a medical redshirt. That means Smith has three years of eligibility remaining. He has great speed and has shown the ability to make big plays in this offense.

Among the newcomers keep an eye on 5-star recruit Preston Williams from Hampton, Georgia. He is still recovering from a knee injury he suffered during his senior season at Lovejoy High School, but is close to being back at 100 percent. He could make an immediate impact and remember, Jones has had no fear in playing young players right away.

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# It's just football now for South-Doyle's Brody Rollins

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reflected. "We fell a little short of our goal but I wouldn't have traded anything about this season, and I was blessed enough to receive a scholarship to play at the next level, so that was a plus."

Rollins, a quarterback and defensive back, put up some big offensive numbers as he steered South-Doyle to a perfect 10-0 regular season and a berth in the Class 5A quarterfinals. The Cherokees' only loss came against the West Rebels, the eventual state champions.

Rollins rushed for 1,516 yards and 20 touchdowns and passed for 1,479 yards and 20 more TDs in earning the IMAC District 2-AAA Offensive Player of the Year award. He also was a first-team Class 5A All-State selection by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

"Beating Sevier County for the district championship was very special," noted Rollins when asked of his top senior year memories.

Both teams came into that game at Sevierville unbeaten in district play. The Cherokees left with a 33-19 victory over the Smoky Bears.

Other football honors included being named to the East/West All-Star team and being selected to play in the prestigious Kentucky-Tennessee Border Bowl on Jan. 10. He had four tackles in that game while playing defensive back.

Rollins, a wing guard, also was part of a special basketball season as South-Doyle reached the Region 1-AAA semifinals before losing a heartbreaker to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in the closing moments.

In baseball, Rollins, a southpaw, again batted lead-off, played centerfield and was one of the team's top pitchers. He earned all-district honors for the third straight year. The Cherokees were 13-20 overall, but finished 9-5 in the district and notched impressive non-district wins over Seymour, Maryville, Catholic and Hardin Valley Academy, which ended up winning the Class AAA state title.

Rollins, who attends Sevier Heights Baptist Church, was a Careacter Star Athlete and received the Johnny Mauer Academic/Athletic Award this year.

Prior to the state quarterfinal showdown against South-Doyle, West Coach Scott Cummings stated, "Brody Rollins is good with his feet and his arm, but his best quality I think is his competitive nature. He's the type of young man we would all love to have on our teams."

Rollins received a full scholarship to Gardner-Webb, a NCAA Division 1 school which plays in the Big South Conference.

"I just really like everything about Gardner-Webb, from the coaches to the players and all the facilities and campus," said Brody, who currently is on the GWU roster as No. 15 and listed 5-11, 180.

The Gardner-Webb bio on Rollins also stated he "runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds and is an exceptional dual threat quarterback."

"I don't know where I am in the depth chart as of right now, but they told me if I come in and work and compete hard that I have a chance of playing."

That shouldn't be a problem for the three-sport standout South-Doyle fans have enjoyed seeing compete for the Cherokees.

"I would just like to thank my family, friends, coaches and teammates for a great four years at South Doyle," added Rollins.

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# Local players honored by District 4-AAA coaches

**By Ken Lay**

Farragut High School's baseball team dominated the District 4-AAA baseball scene in 2015. The Admirals, who won both the regular-season and tournament championships, had eight players named to the all-district team by the league's coaches recently.

Farragut, which won the Region 2-AAA Championship with a win over eventual Class AAA State Champion Hardin Valley Academy, had the league's Pitcher of the Year in Patrick Raby and Rookie of the Year, Jake Hagenow.

Both of those players

were all-district stand-outs along with Cole Morgan, Duncan Pence, Chase Fullington, Thomas Keyes, Dylan Pacifico and John Painter. The Admirals posted a runner-up finish at the Class AAA State Tournament. Farragut (41-8) lost the State Title game in Murfreesboro to Hardin Valley.

Bearden finished second in the district in the regular season with a young team. The Bulldogs had the league's Most Valuable Player in sophomore pitcher/outfielder David Beam. Bearden's John Rice was named Coach of

the Year by his peers.

Other all-district selections for the Bulldogs included Kyle Porritt, Brady Duncan, Nick Adkins, Connor Cameron, Brock Vaughn and Bryson Ford.

Hardin Valley posted a third-place finish during the regular season before finishing second to the Admirals in the district and region tournaments. The Hawks went on to win the State Title last month when they notched a 10-2 nine-inning win over Farragut. The Hawks and Admirals met seven times in 2015 with the Hawks (31-15) handing

the Admirals three of their eight loss. HVA had five all-district stand-outs including pitcher Will Neely, who picked up the win in the State Title Game. He was joined on the squad by Dylan Harris, Zach Sears, Ian Pung and Vinny Gambuzza.

West High School had three players honored as Sam Springer, Cole Skvara and Cooper Thomas were all named to the team for the Rebels, who finished sixth in the standings before making a run in the district tournament.

# TSCA honors local players

**By Ken Lay**

Several area softball players received recognition from the Tennessee Softball Coaches Association recently.

Three players were named to the Class AAA all-state team. Hardin Valley Academy junior pitcher Kaleigh Wynne was named to the team after leading the Lady Hawks to their first-ever appearance in the State Tournament.

In addition to being a dominant presence in the circle, Wynne was also one of Knox County's most

feared hitters. Hardin Valley won the District 4-AAA Tournament as the fifth seed. They went on to win the Region 2-AAA Tournament and knocked off District 2-AAA powerhouse Seymour to reach the State Tournament. Wynne was joined on the all-state team by Farragut's Lexee Lamoree, Gibbs High's Leah Sohm and Katie Corum of Halls.

**Grace Christian's Bethany Hunt named Miss Softball:** Bethany Hunt was named Class A Miss softball by the TSCA. She led the Lady Rams to a second consecutive State

Tournament appearance. Grace Christian Academy was state runner-up in 2015.

Hunt was also named to the TSCA East All-Star Team along with Grace teammate Jessica Webb. Other area all-star selections for the game on June 15 in Columbia included Lexie Needham (Gibbs), Rachel Farmer (Gibbs) and Corum.

Grace Christian Academy's DeW-ayne Hunt was selected to the East All-Stars coaching staff.

# Mills shares faith through basketball

**By Ken Lay**

Her college playing days may be behind her but that doesn't mean that Taylor Mills is finished with basketball --- the sport that has dominated her life.

"Basketball has opened so many doors for me and it gives me a platform to share my faith," said Mills, who was a standout for Holston Middle and Gibbs High School. "Basketball has been such a blessing for me."

Mills first played college basketball at Kennesaw

State in Georgia before transferring to Belmont University, where she recently graduated with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. She plans on attending optometry school.

Mills recently returned to East Tennessee when she spoke at last week's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Panther Pride Girls Basketball Camp at Powell Middle School.

That was an opportunity she relished and the chance came after she spoke at another girls basketball

camp hosted by Farragut Middle School and Knoxville Christian School with her boyfriend Ty Greene, who was a prep star at Bearden High School, where his retired number hangs in the rafters.

"We're thankful for these opportunities," Mills said. "I will always coach basketball, whether it be with my kids someday, or with other kids."

"I don't know if I would ever coach for a career but basketball will always be part of my life. It has opened

so many doors for me and it has blessed me with so many relationships with teammates and coaches."

One of those coaches is Belmont men's basketball coach Rick Byrd, who has turned the Bruins into a perennial Ohio Valley Conference contender and mid-major powerhouse. Under Byrd's guidance, Belmont has always made noise in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

"Coach Byrd is one of those people that I'm talking

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# Hardin Valley camp offers glimpse into future

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camp, players were drilled in fundamentals. The players also took batting practice and pitchers threw bullpen sessions and the camp culminated Friday with Game Day.

The players warmed up and were divided into teams and played games for the final three hours of camp while Michalski, his assistant coaches, and players (current and former) provided encouragement and coaching.

"It's great to see all these kids out here," Michalski said. "As coaches, this gives us a unique opportunity to

evaluate our incoming ninth graders and it gives players the chance to experience what it's like to be in our program."

The camp also provides HVA's current and former players a chance to teach the game they love to the community's younger players.

"Our players [including the graduated seniors] have been great for us and for this," Michalski said. "These kids know about our players and it means a lot for these kids to learn from our players."

"They can hear something come from me and

they may not care that much about it. But they really want to hear it come from our players."

"I want to be here and our players want to be here for these kids."

Michalski and his camp staff take a business approach to the game but that doesn't mean that there's no time for fun.

"We want to make this camp fun, but what the players owe us in return is hustle," Michalski said.

One former Hawk, Dom Leo, was working his fourth Hardin Valley Baseball Camp and he wouldn't want to be anywhere else while the weather heats up early in June.

"This is my fourth time working this camp," said Leo, who recently graduated and played second base, shortstop and third base on the Hawks 2015 State Championship Team. "I want to be a coach."

Leo is coaching a 12-and-under team for Diamond Baseball and always picks

up valuable lessons at the Hardin Valley Camp.

"When you teach the game, it challenges you and it makes you a better player," Leo said. "Since I'm already coaching, it's like I'm getting a chance to do internships before I ever go to college."

Leo plans to coach but for now, his playing career is far from over. He'll play college baseball at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. He'll major in sports management at the school, which is located just down the road from Tiger Town, the spring training home of the Detroit Tigers.

"I'm looking forward to that because some of the students get internships at Tiger Town," Leo said. "I love baseball. My TV is pretty much always tuned in to MLB Network."

"When I watch baseball, I always try to learn something new."



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Inside their dugout, Powell Vols (from closest to farthest) Blake Antone, Corbin Wolfenbarger, Brody Hutchison, Brody Spradlen and Kyndal Rhodes wait for their turn to bat.

# All access at tee-ball game focuses on Powell Vols

Powell Vols tee-ball player Denver Schafer and his family were dining out at the same restaurant I was. That was my first connection with the Vols' tee-ball team.



By Steve Williams

Denver still had on his uniform after a game and two younger sisters, maybe 3 years old, also were wearing the Orange and Black Vols' T-shirt tops. They looked so cute, I thought shooting one of their games might make a good photo feature for *The Knoxville Focus*.

With camera in hand, I headed out to Powell Levi Park on May 12. Randy Duckett, in his 17th season as director of the park, gave me permission to go inside the fence and on the field to take pictures of the game between the Powell Vols and Cubs.

This would become my version of ESPN All Access.

I introduced myself to

PV Coach Justin Creasey and asked if I could get some comments from him after the game. I knew he was about to get really busy, managing a team of 4

and 5 year olds.

My first photo idea was to take a shot from inside the Vols' dugout. This would provide a nice behind-the-scenes view. Team moms graciously let me in. I politely suggested to a few curious players to keep their focus on the game and pay no attention to me.

I moved around on the field and took a variety of photos. I also made some notes.

In the bottom of the first inning, a fearless tee-baller slid headfirst into home plate. I missed getting a picture of it, but made a note of the coach's reaction: "Hey Pete Rose," he shouted out to the youngster.

Later in the game, the Vols' Fischer Watson pulled

off a double play, making a tag out at first base and running with the ball to the plate to tag out another Cub. Good defense.

I won't soon forget the expression on the face of one tee-baller as he ran past me on his way back to the Vols' dugout after sliding into home. He had gotten his uniform pants dirty from the slide and I could tell he was proud of it. He wasn't about to brush off the dirt. It was a symbol of being a ball player.

For a while I took a seat in the grass in shallow centerfield and took pictures. It was here I noticed 4-year-old Tanner Creasey playing with his bubble gum and pulling a string of it from his mouth. This would make a great photo, I thought.

But when Tanner noticed me preparing to take his picture, the gum fell out of his mouth and on to the ground. 'No, don't put that back in your mouth,' said a nearby assistant coach.

I had some bubble gum

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The tone for good sportsmanship is set with pregame handshakes,



Vols center fielder Kayden Bryant notices the camera is focused on her and smiles.



Powell Vols head coach Justin Creasey and assistant coach Jeff Antone (background) have their traditional post-game huddle with players at first base.

## Smokies outscore Vols in tourney finals

After playing the regular season without keeping score, the Tee-ball league at Powell

Levi Park finished with a six-team post-season tourney in which score was kept.

The Smokies captured the title, defeating the Powell Vols 18-12 in the championship game on May 29.

No scoreboard was used, but the umpire recorded the runs.

"It went real well," said Powell Vols Coach Justin Creasey. "The final game came down to the No. 1 and No. 2 seeded teams playing each other.

"The umpire put the names of the top two teams in a hat and drew out the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds. We ended up being the No. 1 seed. He said he

thought the final two teams were evenly matched."

Did the players, ages 4 and 5, know what was going on with the score being kept?

"Not really," said Creasey. "Did we win or lose some asked after the game. It was more the coaches knowing than anything.

"The kids played," Creasey added. "They had fun.

"Parents were very well behaved. Fans cheered. There were big plays on both sides.

"Some kids got a little upset about being called Out. But that shows they're competitive."

--STEVE WILLIAMS

# All access at tee-ball game focuses on Powell Vols

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in my pocket, and feeling it was my fault for what had happened, I asked Coach Creasey if I could give his son a stick of mine. Dad said sure and Tanner came over and got it.

Not long after that, a ball was hit hard up the middle and I had to roll out of its way from my seat in the grass. After chasing the ball down and getting it back to the infield, a Cubs player named Henry came to me and gave me "five" I guess for dodging the ball. What a nice gesture.

As I was leaving, I walked past Tanner near another field where his older brother was playing, and he told me, "I still have the gum, and I like it."

That makes us even, because I really enjoyed the tee-ball game.

*The Vols' and Cubs' players and coaches congratulate each other after their game at Powell Levi Park. No score was kept in the regular season tee-ball games.*

## Extra, Extra! Read all about it!

# Football Time in Tennessee is here

By Steve Williams

You know football season is getting closer when you pass by a magazine rack and see all those slick pre-season publications.

Like the sweet smell of honeysuckle, they annually arrive around the end of May or the first of June.

My favorite grocery store had five of them on the shelves when I went to check last week – Football Time in Tennessee, Athlon Sports SEC Preview, College Football Sporting News, Athlon Sports National Edition and Lindy's Sports

Southeastern Preview. There also was a Fantasy Football NFL magazine in the mix for the early birds who enjoy the pro game.

Just looking at the covers, it appears Ohio State is a consensus No. 1 pick in 2015. The Buckeyes are the reigning national champions, having beaten the Oregon Ducks 42-20 to come out on top in college football's first-ever playoff last season.

There's a big photo of Ohio State running back Ezekiel Elliott on The Sporting News cover. It could be

fitting too that the Buckeye bruiser will be wearing No. 15 in 2015. TCU, Auburn, Oregon and Alabama rank behind Ohio State in The Sporting News' top five.

It's not surprising that Football Time in Tennessee, a longtime local publication, has Joshua Dobbs on its cover, with a headline that reads, "UT QB Joshua Dobbs Best in the SEC East." (I think he might be the best in the SEC, period).

Football Time in Tennessee also stirs excitement with another cover teaser: "2015 Vols Still Young

– But Could The Future Be Now?"

The Top 25 in Football Time in Tennessee is led by Ohio State, TCU, Alabama, Oregon and Baylor. The Vols show up at No. 21, but six other SEC teams rank ahead of Tennessee.

There's also listings of "Top Talent in Tennessee" and "Tennessee Elite" that local high school fans will be interested to see.

Looking to make sales in the Knoxville market, Athlon Sports SEC Preview features good-size photos of "Sophomore Sensations Derek

Barnett & Jalen Hurd" of UT on its cover.

A College Football Playoff Prediction highlights the Athlon Sports National Edition. The Final Four (drum roll please): 1-Ohio State, 2-Alabama, 3-Baylor, 4-Auburn. That forecast will sell a lot of magazines in the Yellowhammer State and have those Crimson Tide and War Eagle fans chirping about an Alabama vs. Auburn national title game, you reckon?

The cover of Athlon Sports National Edition also features Alabama running back

Derrick Henry, Auburn quarterback Jeremy Johnson, Baylor wide receiver Corey Coleman and Ohio State's Elliott.

Finally, I doubt Lindy's Sports Southeastern Preview will be a big seller in the Knoxville area. The headline on its cover says: "Back to Bama: Tide Defense is Nasty." It also includes a 32-page State of Alabama insert. And a big photo of No. 27 on the front. Oh Henry!

## Mills shares faith through basketball

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about," Mills said. "He's a great Christian man and he's outstanding. I went to Kennesaw State first and at Belmont I played for Cameron Newbauer, who has 700 wins on his record."

Mills also values the relationships with teammates.

"I have so many relationships because of basketball," she said. "I met my best friends through basketball and those will be the people who are in my wedding."

Other coaches who have impacted Mills' life and career include Mike Capps from the Boys Club, Gibbs High coach Chris Bray and former Holston Middle School coach Kay Greene.

"Those people have been great," Mills said. "Coach Bray and coach Greene let me be an extension of them on the floor and when I came home in the summer, coach Bray would always be there for me if I wanted to work out in the gym at Gibbs."

"I still help Mike Capps

whenever I can."

Mills left Knoxville after graduating from Gibbs in 2010. She left as one of the most decorated players in Lady Eagles' history. She was an all-state performer as both a junior and a senior. She was a four-time all-District 3-AA and all-KIL standout at Gibbs and as a senior; she was the KIL's Most Valuable Player in 2009-10.

At Belmont as a junior, she played for a Belmont team that finished second

in the OVC and lost by one point to Indiana in the Women's NIT.

As a senior, she was injured and was forced to watch her teammates from the sideline during the second half of the season.

"During my junior year, we went to the Women's NIT and we finished second in the conference and during my senior year, we had everybody coming back and then I ruptured my intestine and missed the first month of school," Mills said. "They

said it was a freak accident but my career was over and it was tough."

"It gave me a new perspective and it showed me that I could still be involved but it was tough but I'm at peace with it."

It was those hard times that she spoke about at Powell recently.

"The theme of the FCA camp is 'undefeated,'" she said. "We may not go undefeated on the court. But God is always undefeated. I basically told them my story

and I told them that through Jesus, we can always be undefeated."

Mills said that her college workload and basketball commitments didn't leave her much spare time. But she's an avid fan of University of Tennessee athletics. She also noted that she'll be rooting for the Golden State Warriors and Stephen Curry during the NBA Finals.

She also enjoys the atmosphere in Nashville.

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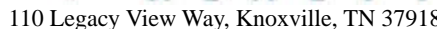
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homosexual. However, one individual felt attracted to a male member of the human starship crew. Her/his yearnings were considered deviant and unacceptable. He/she was sentenced to medical brainwashing and cured of her/his confusion.

Most of us fancy ourselves more enlightened and accepting of differences. However, does acceptance go both ways? Is Islam tolerant of other faiths? Is the President or some of my readers tolerant of conservatives like me? Are minorities intolerant of majorities and claim they are justified in demanding others change their beliefs?

I am tolerant of differences, but I object to 2.5% on either extreme telling me I'm nuts and must change my reality. You might find it strange, but I would relish the opportunity to someday walk into a Star Wars bar on some distant planet and strike up a conversation with the "guys" at the bar. This of course is both science and social fiction, because humans are not yet ready to travel to other worlds and encounter other thoughtful beings because we haven't learned to get along with those who look just like us.

of Tennessee; Hannah Grace graduated high school this year; and Faith is a high school freshman. Brian and Hannah's three youngest are growing up, too. Deborah is now seven and home schooled, and Seth is four. Another bundle of Julian joy came only six months ago with the birth of little Nathan. (Look for the final column on the Julians and a special family picture in an upcoming Focus issue.)



# Great ideas and tips



## Rosie's World

1. Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive.
2. Sealed envelope--Put in the freezer for a few hours then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can be then resealed. (hmmmm-mm...)
3. Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
4. For icy doorsteps in freezing temperatures, get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze (I wish I had known this for the last sixty years).
5. Crayon marks on walls? this works wonderfully! A damp rag dipped in baking soda. comes off with little effort.
6. Permanent maker on appliances/counter tops (like the store receipt BLUE) rubbinhg alcohol on paper towel.

7. When you buy a box of S.O.S pads take a pair of scissors and cut each pad in half. After years of throwing away rusted and unused and smelly pads this is more economical. Also the scissors get sharpened this way.

8. Opening brand new jars can be a feat in itself. Instead of banging a jar of jam, pickles, etc. with a knife until it loosens up simply reach into the drawer and pull out the handy nutcracker. It adjusts to the size of the jar and simply give it a good twist and off pops the lid.

9. Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry. Just pour a little peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works every time.

10. Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.

11. Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light

is turned on. Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and the clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

12. Candles will last much longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

13. To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and leave your artificial flowers looking like new.

14. To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and bring to a boil on stovetop.

15. Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

I hope these tips help you all.

Thought for the day: A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow. Charlotte Bronte

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Edgewood Park Neighborhood Night

Free fun for everyone! The Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association invites you to share an evening of music featuring singer/songwriter Sam Laugherty on Thursday, June 18, 2015, in Edgewood Park at 3109 Ocoee Trail. 7-9 p.m. No alcohol. Face painter, Celinda Walker, and a Bruster's Real Ice Cream truck will be on site. Bring a blanket or chair. For more information call 865-742-5494.

## Halls BPA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Halls Business & Professional Association will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at noon at the Beaver Brook Golf & Country Club. The June meeting will focus on the human resource area. The program will be directed to all businesses in the area - large, medium and small. The guest speakers are Susan Rudell of KUB and Lori Ridings of Tindell's, Inc.

## Heiskell Community Center June Luncheon

The Heiskell Community Center (located at 9420 Heiskell Rd. in Heiskell, TN) will hold its monthly Senior meeting/luncheon on Thursday, June 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Young-Williams Animal Center will be the featured program this month. Please bring donations of old blankets, sheets, towels or cat or dog food and toys). Program at 11am, lunch at noon, bingo at 1pm. Bring a dessert and a friend. For more information call Janice White at 548-0326.

## North Knoxville BPA Meeting

The Membership Meet & Greet breakfast will be held at 7:45 a.m. on June 12 at Grand Events Center, 5441 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37912.

## Halls High Class of 75 Reunion

The HHS Class of 1975 is holding its 40th Reunion on July 18 at the Bearden Banquet Hall from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Numerous attempts have been made to contact all graduates of the Class of 1975. If you were in this class but haven't been contacted, it's not been intentional. The cost is \$30 per person which includes a buffet and entertainment by Phil Campbell. No alcohol will be served. Please call Lisa Hansard Davidson at 922-2817 for payment information. Casual attire is preferred.

## Judged art exhibit open to ALL ARTISTS!

Fountain City Art Center, Inc. is holding its 10th Annual FCAC Open Show, open to all 3-D and 2-D artists. Those interested in participating may bring in entries 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

Opening reception for the exhibit will be Friday, June 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The show will be on exhibit for public viewing through July 9, 2015.

Fountain City Art Center is located at 213 Hotel Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37918.

For more information, contact Director Sylvia Williams at fcartcenter@knology.net or (865)357-2787.

Entry forms are available at the Ftn. City Art Center, by email, and by mail.

## PK HOPE IS ALIVE meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in Oak Ridge in the Family Life Center at Kern United Methodist Church, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. The speaker this month will be Dr. Aaron Bowman from Vanderbilt hospital in Nashville. He will be talking about "What's New with Parkinson Disease Research."

Please bring your own snack or light refreshment. For more information

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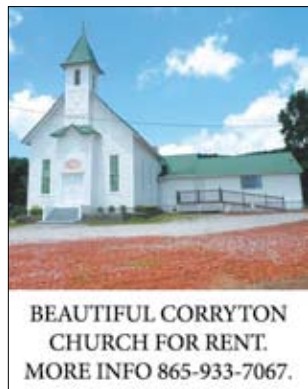
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"Come, Lord Jesus" are often on my lips when I look at the condition of this world and the effects of sin all around. What is the cause of the problems of this world? Who or what is to blame?

We would like to blame it all on the Devil and sin, but the Bible makes clear that sins are not the cause of our problems. They are the result. The problem lies in the mind. Let's look at a couple of passages.

"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it" (Genesis 3:6).



**By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ**

This text introduces sin into the world. Notice the progression or steps that lead to sin. It looked good, pleasing, and desirable. The disobedience to God's command to not touch the

fruit began in the mind.

Desires are deceitful. If you dwell on something, it is hard to get it out of your mind. Paul wrote:

"You were taught to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires" (Eph. 4:22).

James gives us some more insight. He wrote: "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death" (James 1:13-15).

Notice again the progression. First, you think about something to the point that you desire it. Due to desire, second, you are enticed. This gives birth to sin and sin will lead to death. Remember that temptation is not sin.

It is what you do with that temptation. Jesus was tempted in every way but was without sin (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15).

Many people continue to choose their own desires over God's desires. But their desires are "futile" (Eph. 4:17). This word expresses "meaninglessness, worthlessness, or emptiness." The word is found in the Greek translation of Ecclesiastes to express meaninglessness of life.

Was this just a problem in Biblical times? No. We find the struggle with sin all around us and in our own lives. Crime, conflict, war, and moral decline show us all the evidence we need. Deep down I think we all know something is wrong. We think things like: "I am dust; I'm a sinner; I'm only human." These thoughts may cause us to throw up our hands in defeat and failure.

Don't get too negative. While God invites us to recognize how meaningless and vile our lives are without Him, He also invites us to come and desire to be like Him. God thinks we are worth redeeming. So instead of letting your mind lead you to worthless desires that become sin, be transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2).

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **July 9, 2015, at 10:00AM**. The previous sale scheduled for July 2, 2015 has been cancelled. The sale will be held at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 43rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 12, Block B, Unit 1, Mascarene Hills Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 52-S, Page 41 (Map Cabinet E, Slide 23-C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particularly description.

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 25, 2005, executed by REBECCA GAMBRELL, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M. WILSON, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 7, 2005, at Instrument Number 200504070079423; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3 who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of 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 **July 9, 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 NO. 6 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TN AND BEING ALL OF LOT 16, BLOCK G, KINGS GATE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, REVISED AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 55-S, PAGE 1 IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE, SAID LOT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD AFORESAID TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 152KB-010  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **11924 BERWICK LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): REBECCA GAMBRELL  
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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2015-06-15, 2015-06-22

### 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 January 31, 2006, executed by RICHARD EARL MCDANIEL, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 1, 2006, at Instrument Number 2006020100064810; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, in trust on behalf of J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2008-CW2 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 **July 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING WITHIN THE 36TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT NO. TWENTY-SIX (26) AS SHOWN ON THE REVISED MAP OF LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17 IN BLOCK 52 OF THE P.M. SMITH 'S ADDITION TO FOUNTAIN CITY, OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 11, PAGE 33-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SMITH STREET WITH THE WEST LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE; RUNNING THENCE NORTHWARDLY WITH THE WEST LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE 52.3 FEET TO A STAKE; RUNNING THENCE WESTWARDLY 134.3 FEET TO A STAKE; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 52 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE NORTH LINE OF SMITH STREET; RUNNING THENCE EASTWARDLY WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SMITH STREET 128.5 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, AND IS IMPROVED WITH A DWELLING.

Parcel ID: 058DK-019  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5307 JACKSBORO PIKE, 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): RICHARD EARL MCDANIEL

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

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, Johnetta Underwood and Katherine R Upton executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Lender and Arnold M Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated April 2, 2002 and recorded on April 10, 2002 in Instrument No. 200204100084157, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds, and modified by document recorded on December 4, 2013 in Instrument No. 201312040034906, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (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 30, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 19th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 22R-1, Resubdivision of Lot 22, Richards' New Deal Addition, as shown by map of record in Instrument No. 200005160032629, 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 Johnetta Underwood, unmarried, and Katherine Upton, unmarried, by Ray Allen Hyde, married, by Warranty Deed dated April 2, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200204100084155, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Parcel ID Number: 080LE-02001  
Address/Description: **1436 Lantana Lane Northwest, Knoxville, TN 37912.**

Current Owner(s): Johnetta Underwood and Katherine Upton.

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

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; and any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department  
277 Mallory Station Road  
Suite 115  
Franklin, TN 37067

PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484  
File No.: 15-07124 FC01

06-01, 06-08, 06-15-15

### 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 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 200908290022898; 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 50 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.

Parcel ID: 069M-F-056.00  
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 liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, Carl James LeQuire III executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Acopia, LLC, Lender and Brand 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, II, 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 and 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 Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; and any and all liens against said property for

unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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## COURT NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of  
**BEVERLY J. HOFFMAN**  
Docket Number 76374-2

Notice is hereby given that on the4th day of June, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY J. HOFFMAN

who died May 6, 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 4th day of June, 2015  
Estate of BEVERLY J. HOFFMAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
LINDA MARIE HOFFMAN; Executrix  
1801 Chatham Ave.  
Charlotte, NC 28205

Anne McKinney  
Attorney-at-Law  
1019 Orchid Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37912

PUBLISH: 06/08 & 06/15/15

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of  
**IVA LEOLA FORD**  
Docket Number 76357-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of June, 2015, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IVA LEOLA FORD who died May 5, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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 1st day of June, 2015  
Estate of IVA LEOLA FORD  
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TOM FORD; Executor,  
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IN RE: TANISHA ALYSE GRAS VS MERLIN LKENT WILLIAMS  
NO. 189658-3  
In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee  
In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants MERLIN LKENT WILLIAMS, 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 MERLIN LKENT WILLIAMS, it is ordered that said defendant MERLIN LKENT WILLIAMS file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Thomas M. Parker, an Attorney 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 22nd day of May, 2015.  
S/IS HOWARD G. HOGAN  
howard g. hogan  
Clerk and Master

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

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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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/IS 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

MISC. NOTICES

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
Executive Board Meeting, June 24, 2015  
  
The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website approximately one week prior to the meeting and can be found here: www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/execagen.htm. If you would like a copy of the Agenda please contact the MPC. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the MPC and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request. Ph. 215-2500 · contacttpo@knoxtrans.org.  
  
Daniel Briere hereby serves notice that he intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2004 Kawasaki Ninja EX500D Motorcycle, Vehicle Identification Number JKAEXVD194A085464. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Daniel Briere by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to Daniel Briere, 1617 Autry Way, Knoxville, TN 37909.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage and Wrecker Service's Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.  
These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.  
The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a Vin/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).  
98 NISSAN FRONTIER  
1N6DD26SSWC383674  
87 FORD T-BIRD  
1FABP6039HM186450  
92 VOLVO  
YV1AW8807N1927837  
02 VW PASSAT  
WVWWT63B82E203195  
04 NISSAN XTRERRA  
5N1ED28T34C644077  
05 TOYOTA CAMRY  
4T1BE32KX5U057672  
99 BUICK LeSABRE  
1G4HP52K0XH460910  
93 FORD F-150  
1FTFX15Y9PKA89491  
99 DODGE DURANGO  
1B4H528Y4XF610491  
08 CHRYSLER SEBRING  
1C3LC55R28N627598  
94 NISSAN SENTRA  
1N4EB31F7RC867238  
13 FORD F-150  
1FTFW1ET8DFA81138  
96 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4BU31D1TC115036  
00 FORD FOCUS  
1FAFP36P5YW251400  
99 BUICK REGAL  
2G4WB52K9X1551022  
01 AUDI A6  
WAUHLH54BX1N088121  
03 MAZDA B6  
1YVHP80D735M48396  
09 FLATBED TRAILER  
1TTF4820091086920  
05 JEEP CHEROKEE  
1J4GZ58S6PC663650  
99 JEEP CHEROKEE  
1J4FF67S6XL507880  
01 CHRYSLER SEBRING  
1C3EL55L161N604750  
87 MAZDA B2000  
JM2UF1119H060935  
00 VW PASSAT  
WVWMAZ3B0YT214500  
00 SATURN  
16BZK5276Y2239210  
05 CHEVY BOX TRUCK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.  
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01 CHEVY PRIZM  
1Y1SK52861Z441613  
99 DODGE DURANGO  
1B4HS28Y2XF691037  
03 MAZDA PROTEGE  
JM1BJ225431209007  
99 DODGE CARAVAN  
2B4GP24G8XR350583  
96 HONDA ACCORD  
1HGCE6677TA016489  
11 MAZDA CX-7  
JM3ER2A56B0394437  
07 CHEVY IMPALA  
2G1WT58K779258450  
96 CHEVY MONTE CARLO  
2G1WW12M4T9137850  
95 CHEVY CAPRICE  
1G1BL52W1SR108259  
?? HONDA MINI BIKE  
LUAHYG10381005402  
03 FORD EXPLORER  
1FMZU73K63ZA36823  
95 HONDA ACCORD  
1HGC05635A137871  
06 FORD FUSION  
3FAFP071XR147378  
  
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