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Peace Officers Remembered

The annual Knoxville-Knox County Peace Officers Memorial Service was held last Wednesday at Mary Costa Plaza at the Civic Coliseum. All law enforcement agencies from the Knoxville area remembered the service of peace officers who passed away from May 2015 until the present. Families of the officers were escorted to a memorial wreath where they placed a flower in memory of their loved ones, and a special message was delivered by Roane County Sheriff Jack Stockton.

The following officers were honored:

Special Agent Kenneth N. Raby, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Officer Deana C. Brakebill, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Captain Joseph "Joe" S. Brooks, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Anthony N. Cahill, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Detective Harry L. Carroll, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Officer Archibald "Archie" E.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Attendees at last week's Memorial Service rise to honor those who served.

Gouldie, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Officer James "Jim" F. Haun, Knox County Sheriff's Office

Captain Frederick "Fred" D. Ludwig, Knox County Sheriff's

Office

Officer Reed Campbell, Knoxville Police Department

Sergeant John Mitchell "Mickey" Coker, Knoxville Police Department

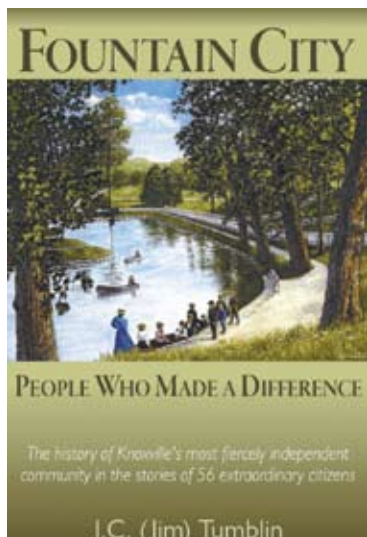
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Chief William C. Fox, Knoxville Police Department

Officer James D. Groover,

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New book may be on hand for Honor Fountain City Day



Dr. Jim Tumblin's latest book about important people who lived in Fountain City is being published and may be available at Honor Fountain City Day, May 30.

By Mike Steely
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Fountain City historian Jim Tumblin has written another book on the community and hopes to have copies available for Honor Fountain City Day on Monday, May 30th. The annual event begins at 10 a.m. and Dr. Tumblin will be the keynote speaker at the Community Awards Ceremony later that afternoon.

The new book, "Fountain City: People Who Made A Difference," tells the life stories of different people who left an impression on the once-independent city such as John Adair and Col. J. C. Woodward. The book contains artwork and photos in each chapter, a history of the Fountain Head Hotel, and concludes with the city's people during World War II.

"There're fifty-six chapters and four of them deal with the McClung family," he said.

"I'm giving the proceeds from the first day's sales to the community," Tumblin told The Focus.

Tumblin is a 1944 Central High School graduate and a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry. He practiced optometry for 46 years, the last part of that in the Fountain Head Building. He's been honored as Tennessee Optometrist of the Year, named Fountain City Man of the Year, presented the Knox Heritage Media Award, and inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame.

His interest in Fountain City history began in Nannie Lee Hick's American History Class during his senior year at Central High School.

After the new book is released on May 30, copies of it will be available for \$25 at the Fountain City Arts Center at 213 Hotel Avenue; Page's Fountain City Pharmacy at 5034 North Broadway; and at Pratt's Country Store

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Art Show to Feature Oak Ridge High School's Design Program

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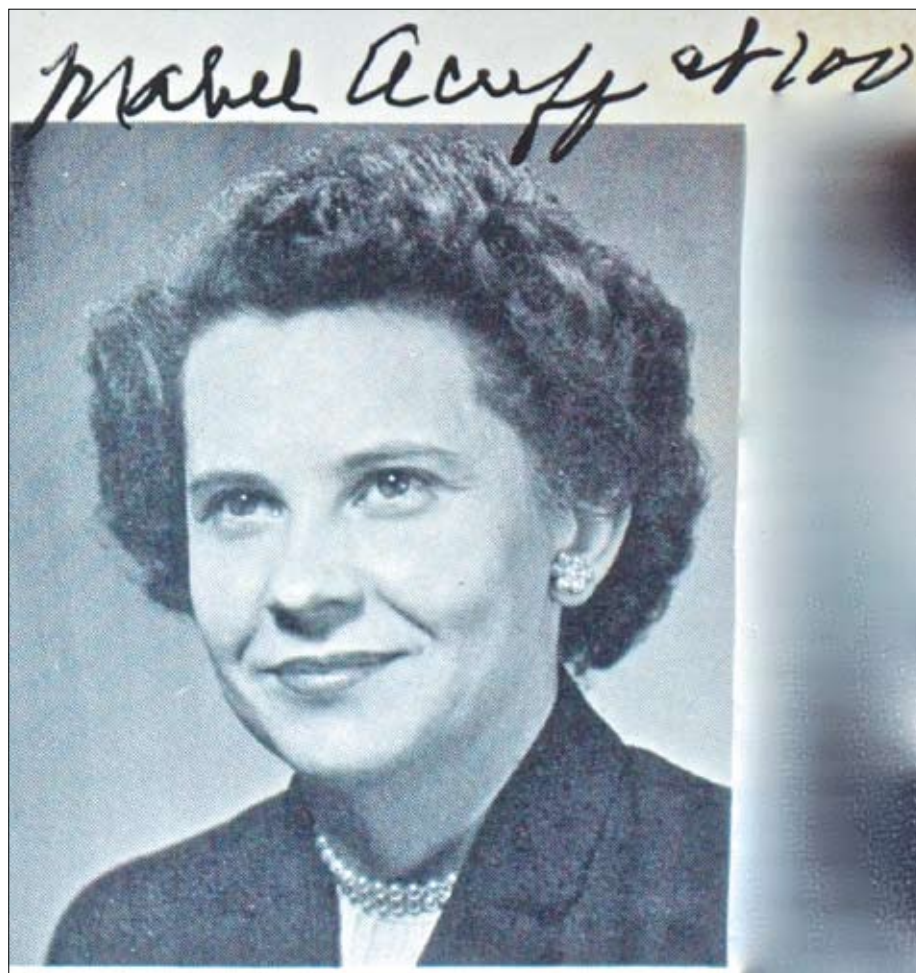
The public is invited to attend an absolutely amazing, one-of-a-kind art show this Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m. Students enrolled in the Oak Ridge High School Design Program are presenting a runway fashion show to celebrate their innovative garments based on varied constructions ranging from recycled materials to computer design and 3D printing. The show will be at the Historic Jackson Square in Oak Ridge with Southern Bliss Boutique, Through the Looking Glass Arts, and Antiques in the Square.

Art Design teacher Kristi Bailey has been a Level 5 teacher at ORHS for the past two years. She told the Focus, "My love has been my design class, and this program is unique and to my knowledge the only one if its kind offered at any high school around our region. We are excited to debut our first ever 3D designed and printed garment features and accessories. I hope this will be an amazing experience and would love to see as many people as possible out at the student's first ever fashion show!"

She said, "My course begins with basic concepts of Design, and as the student progresses we explore the actualization and construction of those designs. I have incorporated the use of sustainable materials, recycled materials, and 3D printing into the projects. This key to this program is unique in the sense that it can encompass all types of learners using multiple intelligence principles from visual-spatial, to logical-mathematical."

Bailey said she has been fortunate to have the opportunity to establish the

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"Mabel Acuff at 100." Picture of Mabel Acuff, courtesy of Dr. Perry McGinnis. The Gibbs High School graduate and former student of Mrs. Acuff had her autograph his 1954 senior annual on her 100th birthday celebration! What a special memory of a great lady!

Mabel Acuff

Gibbs' Beloved English Teacher

By Ralphine Major

"We could talk better in person for the interview," she told me over the phone. When I arrived, she was prepared. Her note pad was filled with names, dates, and other information she wanted to share for a Focus story published in January 2012. At that time, she was almost 100 years old and could still recall events

with no problem! Interviewing this retired English teacher made me smile. Ever since then, I always looked for her car in the carport and a seasonal wreath on her front door whenever we passed by her home. She still drove, and I often saw her at the Midway IGA grocery store in Gibbs.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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KCS Adult Education to Hold Final Graduation

The KCS Adult Education graduation will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m. at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church (701 Merchants Drive). This is an historic event as it is the last time the adult education students will graduate as part of the Knox County Schools.

Buzz About the Incoming Interim Superintendent

There have been reports that Buzz Thomas, who begins his term as interim superintendent on June 15, has already been making school visits. A post on social media notes, "...To learn what is happening in our schools. By himself. Without an entourage. Without cameras. Or TV stations. Or reporters. And that he wants to hear from teachers. Is that allowed???" Refreshing!"

Another teacher posted "I got to meet him - at Mt. Olive's Field Day. He made me feel appreciated, though he's never seen me teach. He appreciates what I do. That's a breath of fresh air..."

And a former KCS teacher writes, "Seems like he's more interested building trust, relationships, and goodwill than implementing agendas, putting on media dog-and-pony -spin shows and gaining control. A regular, natural person who doesn't need to be "humanized" - seems he's off to a good start."

But others caution, "There have been some entourage ops, as well. Yes, he is a nice guy. However, qualifications also matter." And "There is a significant and very real difference in what is needed in an interim superintendent, and a permanent superintendent."

When the Board of Education was discussing qualifications and requirements for the next (permanent) KCS superintendent, K-12 classroom teaching experience was at the top of the list for the majority of BOE

members, especially those who will be tasked with selecting the next Superintendent.

Mr. Thomas' people skills and effective communication are much needed - and appreciated - to begin to restore the trust and confidence of our teachers, but Mr. Thomas does not meet the qualifications to be the next superintendent of KCS. Too many disastrous reform policies are being put in place by people who have no boots on the ground classroom experience. KCS can't afford to make that mistake again.

Junior League of Knoxville Funds Bikes for DA's Truancy Reduction Initiative

Last week in a presentation at Maynard Elementary School, Knox County District Attorney Charme Allen presented 19 bikes to reward students for perfect attendance as part of the DA Office's Truancy Reduction Initiative. The funds for these bikes were donated through a grant from the Junior League of Knoxville.

The initiative aims to reward students for staying in school. Studies confirm that staying in school is one of the leading factors in preventing children from committing crimes. More information about the Truancy Reduction Initiative can be found at <https://knoxcounty.org/dag/feature/attendance.php>.

Funds for this donation were raised at JLK's 2015 Tinsel & Treasure event. To learn more visit www.jlknnoxville.org.

Perfect Attendance for Bearden High Graduate Haley Lynn Mullins

From Bearden Elementary to Bearden Middle to Bearden High, Haley Mullins never missed a day of school. Mullins, a 4.0 student and member of the 2015 Lady Bulldog softball team that went to State, was the only student in the BHS graduating class of 497 students to achieve this honor! She will be attending ETSU this fall and plans to major in elementary education. Congratulations



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Student Savannah Cooper, pictured with Misty Lindsey, received a bicycle last week for having perfect attendance. Savannah strives to keep good grades in order to continue her education into college where she wants to study fashion design.

South Doyle High School Collision Repair Students Present KCS Security with Vehicle

Last Monday students enrolled in Mr. Rod McMahan's Advanced Collision Repair course at SDHS presented a 2014 Chevrolet Impala to the KCS Security Department.

The car had 4,470 miles on the odometer when it was involved in a front end collision, and was declared totaled. Applying content learned in the classroom, the SDHS students completed repairs to the vehicle, passing the stringent Insurance Institute

certification criteria.

"The completion of the Impala Project is just one example of how Career and Technical Education in the Knox County Schools continues to provide rigorous technical content while meeting high 21st century demands," said Don Lawson, Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education for the Knox County Schools. "Programs like this provide strong evidence that we are utilizing personalized instruction to meet the individual needs of all Knox County students."

Second Monthly KCS Bus Driver Safety Awards Granted

Last Wednesday five more bus drivers received awards during

the second monthly Knox County Bus Driver Safety Awards. Those honored include:

- Larry Mercier, Copper Ridge Elementary and Halls HS, 1 year service;
- Darlene Boling, Sequoyah Elementary and West HS; 22 years' service;
- Martha Cowden, Powell Schools; 39 years' service;
- Jerry House, Farragut Primary and Middle; 4 years' service;
- Earl Atkinson, West View Elementary; 4 years' service.

The drivers received a Certificate from KCS along with a \$100 check from Ted Russell Ford. The drivers selected have been graded with high standards by the Knox County School System, the contractors, the Sheriff's department, and school staff. Thanks also to WIVK 107.7.

Knox County Education Association Donates \$500 to Zaezion Dobson Scholarship Fund

The Knox County Education Association has made a \$500 donation to the Zaezion Dobson Scholarship Fund at Fulton High School. It came from donations made by KCEA school representatives and other members across Knox County. Because part of the KCEA mission is to promote quality education in Knox County, the executive board felt it was important to be a part of helping to further a student's education.

KCEA President Lauren Hopson said, "As teachers who recognize the efforts of their students every day, we felt that donating to the Zaezion Dobson fund was a way to honor the memory of a heroic student and encourage others who engage in selfless acts every day, which are the kids this scholarship fund will help."

Fulton Principal Rob Spears attended the May KCEA Representative Assembly meeting in order to receive the donation and offer his thanks.

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Knoxville Police Department
 Captain Eleanor Watkins Guthrie, Knoxville Police Department
 Lieutenant Robert Hembree, Knoxville Police Department
 Sergeant Richard Lee Lyon, Knoxville Police Department
 Chief Robert A. Marshall, Knoxville Police Department
 Officer Donald McCleendon, Knoxville Police Department
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Officer Bob A. Roach, Knoxville Police Department
 Lieutenant Richard L. "Ras" Scruggs, Knoxville Police Department
 Officer Kenneth E. "Sluggo" Slagle, Knoxville Police Department
 Officer David Stansberry, Knoxville Police Department
 K-9 Officer Argo, Knoxville Police Department
 Major Harry Montgomery, Tennessee Highway Patrol
 Captain Larry LaRue, Tennessee Highway Patrol
 Chief Frank G. Munsey, University of Tennessee Medical Center Police
 This was truly a

collaborative effort with all the law enforcement agencies from Knoxville-Knox County participating in the program: Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knoxville Police Department, University of Tennessee Police, University of Tennessee Medical Center Police, Tennessee Highway Patrol, TBI, FBI, and support from the Fraternal Order of Police Volunteer Lodge Number 2.
 Nationally, May 15th is designated National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week containing May 15th is National Police Week. President John F. Kennedy signed it into law in 1962.

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at 3100 Tazewell Pike. The publisher is Celtic Cat Publishing at 5111 Green Valley Drive, Knoxville. The company publishes local and regional books including several written by WBIR's Heartland Series host Bill Landry.
 Honor Fountain City Day is a function of Fountain City Town Hall. The annual event takes place at Fountain City Park and Lake and features entertainment by Brandywine, Nostalgia, Andy LeGrand and the Tennessee Wind Symphony. Performances will be at the Gazebo.
 The Covered Pavilion will

host the Traveling Zoo from UT's Entomology Department and Upstage Birds of Prey. Free activities in the park include face painting, games with prizes, a train ride and Joyful Twirlers.
 The Community Awards Ceremony starts at the Gazebo at 3 p.m. and the Memorial Day Ceremony begins there at 3:30 p.m. Patriotic music will be led by Lynn Bennett and food will be for sale by the Arts Center and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Local vendors and exhibitors will also be present.
 Fountain City Town Hall will have icy cold drinks for sale along with fantastic

desserts. T-shirts will be on sale and a silent auction will be conducted. Congressman John Duncan is to be present for the large community celebration.

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Anders questions pay raise disparity

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County Commissioner Brad Anders questioned the difference in pay increases in the 2017 budget proposal last week during a Commission Work Session.

"It's hard for us to go back and explain to the general government employees why one group is getting a raise higher than another group," Anders said. Under Mayor Tim Burchett's proposal, which includes the school system's requested budget, teachers would receive a 3 percent raise and other school employees a 2.5 percent increase. County employees would only get a step increase and one percent raise.

He asked Finance Director Chris Caldwell if, by mid-year, more money might be allotted to general county

employees to possibly include another one-percent bump during the upcoming year and "make it more fair across the board."

"What we can do," Caldwell said, "and the mayor has asked me if I would, is as revenue start to come in, to watch them and maybe do a one-time bonus. We'll watch revenues and analyze them."

Anders said some school employees, when you include step raises, would get a 5.5 percent pay increase.

"It makes it hard to go back to employees on the general government side and explain that to them," Anders said, adding, "I think we need to make a better efforts in the future in doing that or at least be more fair and equitable."

"The school board has a set (amount) of money and they can do

what they want to with it. We, on the other hand, have to consider what our general government employees are getting as well," Anders said.

Step pay increases are based on job performance, length of employment, and each employee has several pay grades within their occupation and each position has several steps for both school and other county employees.

In other action the work shop heard Caldwell say that the loss of retail sales tax from those areas annexed into the city 15 years ago could amount to about \$500,000 this next year and that would increase each year depending on when an area was taken into the city. Former Mayor Victor Ashe and his city council reached out into the county and did "finger annexations" along

commercial districts. As the 15-year period ends the sales tax no longer comes to the county and instead goes to the city.

"Growth is probably going to hide some of that," he said of the revenue loss and the expected growth in sales and property tax coming into county coffers.

Caldwell said his department is coordinating with the city financial director, Jim York, to get more information on when the various annexations took place and how much revenue might be lost but explained, "We may never know the true number."

Commissioner Mike Brown questioned the actual amount of the upcoming revenue to the school system, saying that the projected \$15 million increase in that budget is actually \$28 million.

"The devil is in the

details," Brown said, adding "Plus, when you add in the other \$31 in state grants coming in that \$453 million by the end of the year is probably going to be over \$550 million."

Of his budget request Mayor Tim Burchett said that more than 62 percent goes to the school system. In school budget related items the commission voted to put the hiring of interim superintendent Buzz Thomas in the "consent" items and passed it along to their meeting today for an expected approval. Thomas would assume temporary leadership of the school system until a permanent superintendent is hired.

Referring to the overall budget and the school system Mayor Burchett said, "I would have liked to pay down the debt more," but added that the funding

of construction of new middle schools in Hardin Valley and Gibbs has cofounded that plan.

The commissioners also discussed increasing building permits and other code fees and were told that the county fees are less than those of Knoxville or Farragut.

Commissioner Brown spoke of a request he has to adopt guidelines for the Ethics Committee to offer that body some guidelines on what it can and cannot do. The committee has been hearing, for several meetings, a complaint against the Sheriff's Office's Animal Control officers. Brown said the Ethics Committee really can't do anything about the complaint until the matter is resolved in court.

Tennessee's \$18.5 Million Emergency



By Sally Absher
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The Tennessee Department of Education ditched Pearson's Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC test, back in 2014 after reports of problems with the online test surfaced across the nation. The department decided to continue with the TCAP for one more year while they looked for a replacement for PARCC.

Many tried to warn the state about Measurement Inc. But the state ignored the advice and signed a \$108M contract with Measurement to develop and implement Tennessee's next standardized test. In 2015 Rep. Rick Womick sponsored a bill to get rid of Measurement Inc., backed up with a lot of facts, but that too was ignored. The state recently canceled Part II of the grade 3-8 assessments and fired Measurement Inc. after repeated glitches, missed deadlines, and failure to deliver, leaving boxes and boxes of completed but ungraded tests sitting in several Measurement Inc. warehouses in North Carolina.

Our all-knowing Commissioner of Education determined this was an EMERGENCY! No matter that the state had already granted waivers so the test

scores wouldn't be included in student final grades. The state even granted teachers options to not include TNReady scores in their evaluations this year. So where is the emergency?

Andy Spears at Tennessee Education Report writes, "To be clear, the "emergency is that some students completed tests that weren't graded and won't be graded by Measurement Inc. because they were fired."

Always ready with a solution in need of a problem, the state has awarded a \$18.5M "Emergency" (no-bid) contract to Pearson (yes, the PARCC Pearson) through December 2016 to score the 2015-16 assessments that were completed. This includes high school end of course exams, grade 3-8 Part I tests and any grade 3-8 Part II tests that were completed prior to the assessment being canceled at the end of April. The results are due in December, which is long past the time when they will be useful to teachers, parents, or students.

The Washington Post's Valerie Strauss recently profiled testing concerns with Pearson, listing over 60 instances of problems that the world's largest education company has

encountered since 1998, most of them in the U.S., with its standardized testing business.

Spears points out a bigger problem - with the new contract, two different vendors will be grading the same test as well as some tests completed in an online format and some in pencil and paper format.

But don't worry! Grace Tatter at TN Chalkbeat reports that Assistant Education Commissioner Nakia Townes (the former KCS Broad Academy fellow "Chief Accountability Officer") said the state will use a formula to ensure that those scores are comparable to the scores of tests completed on paper, and to be graded by Pearson, this spring.

It was Townes who was responsible for the "post-equating" fiasco that resulted in scores being returned to the districts too late to be used in final grades for 2014-2015.

Spears suggests that instead of spending \$18.5M on grading tests which will have limited usefulness, the state could use that money to fully develop and pay for portfolio assessments at the district level for related arts and other non-tested subject areas. It could be used to support the unfunded mandate of RT12. Or it could be used to develop an alternative assessment regimen - incorporating project-based

assessments and reducing the reliance on standardized testing. Or develop an assessment waiver as allowed under the new Every Student Succeeds Act (which replaced No Child Left Behind).

As Spears writes, "Out of crisis can come opportunity - and we have an opportunity and some unspent funds that could be used to develop better, more student-focused solutions going forward. Instead, we're handing money to Pearson and trying to get back to business as soon as possible."

The Department is working on a separate procurement process in collaboration with the state Central Procurement Office to select a vendor to develop and administer next year's assessment. Does anyone else think that developing the assessment for next year should perhaps take more than a few months? Are we going to have yet another "emergency" next year?

Mommabears sum it up nicely: "The REAL emergency is the mismanagement of tax dollars and our children's time in the classroom. What we need is an emergency hearing to understand why grading these tests and working with Pearson is necessary. We need an emergency overhaul of the TDOE!"

Don't skip Inskip funding again

By Mike Steely
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Almost hidden within the proposed Knox County budget request for the next fiscal year is a request for much needed additions and renovations at Inskip Elementary and Pond Gap Elementary. Both schools have been operating with a growing population of students and placing many of them in temporary trailer classrooms that are now aging.

Pond Gap was funded for improvements a few years ago but the money pulled from the Physical Plant Upgrades part of the school budget was used elsewhere. The loss of the money outraged parents and teachers at the west Knoxville school. This year both Pond Gap and Inskip were added to the "Community Schools" category, meaning that special after-school tutoring and events will bring extended learning to students there. Pond Gap would get \$1.75 million during the school year for expansion and renovations.

Inskip Elementary, a very active school in a changing North Knoxville neighborhood, would get \$5.5 million in fiscal year 2017. Both schools' funding earmarks are subject to approval by the County Commission prior to July 1st.

During the commission's meeting last week, following a vote to approve looking at the county budget in their meeting tonight, one Inskip teacher spoke in public forum urging the elected leaders not to skip Inskip again.

Andy Adzima, a music teacher there, said he started at Inskip in 1999 and was not impressed then with the outside of the school but added the inside, the staff and the students were very impressive. He said that over the past 17 years Inskip has been on the tentative funding list often but the needed addition and repairs were never forthcoming.

Adzima said that Inskip now houses more than 40 percent of the students in more than 10 temporary classrooms and urged the commissioners to "Come, look with your own eyes. I'll even give you a guided tour."

"Inskip has been in line a long time," he said, urging the commissioners to pass the budget that includes improvements there.

Blaine Sample, Greater Schools Community Coordinator at Inskip, told the commissioners that the school is so crowded that a drama class there could not use the stage because it is used for storage.

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Design program at ORHS. "It is a highly impactful program," she adds, "both in terms of ORHS students having access to such a unique way to "make art," but also in the way it brings science and math students together to show them how they can apply the use of technology in an art field."

Applications for 3D computer-assisted design and printing are exploding right now, from prosthetics and medical equipment to car parts to fashion accessories. "The program is based on critical

thinking, problem solving, and thinking outside of the box; all traits that a successful innovator must hone and apply. Employers today want creative individuals who are able to look at things in new, inventive ways.

Bailey said, "When people assume my kids are "just making pretty dresses" I say, no they are solving problems. In what other class can you give a student 10 pieces of paper, a roll of tape, and some garbage bags and say, OK, you now need to make a fully wearable, structurally sound

garment that is aesthetically pleasing and marketable. It amazing to see what they come up with!"

"Yet," Bailey lamented, "in education today we are seeing a reduction in the arts, and this is an unfortunate misdirection in our schools. Art and design programs like ours lend themselves entirely to relevancy and innovation - something Oak Ridge is known for. The union of art and science is the future of Arts Education."

Bailey has inspired several of her students to pursue design in college, receiving thousands

of dollars in scholarships to colleges and universities including Maryville College, Maryland College of Art and Design, and the highly acclaimed Savannah College of Art and Design.

She hopes that parents and people in the community will attend the design show and support the program. In addition to the show on May 28, the public can also view a short video from the senior show last week at <https://youtu.be/cRbB9ZmVsrc>.



Wearable art created by ORHS students in Mrs. Bailey's Design Class.

Style of roof on Habitat home OK'd

By Mike Steely
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The Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood residents in the Springdale Avenue area were not opposed to a Habitat For Humanity house being planned there but wanted the home to be similar to older homes in their area. For that reason they took their concerns to the Metropolitan Planning Commission recently.

Residents Deborah Thomas, William Hutton and Emily Ellis appealed a decision by the Infill Housing Design Review Committee, asking that the Habitat home's roof conform to the steeper pitched roofs in the neighborhood.

Jeff Archer, of the Infill Housing Committee, said that new housing should fit into its neighborhood and noted that in 2008 the association asked for inclusion into the historic overlay category. The neighborhood was described as a "marginal and diverse" and the Habitat house roof was planned for a much lower pitch than the nearby houses.

The neighbors also asked for a redesign of the front porch and for Habitat to move the side door further to the rear of the house. Currently the lot where the house will be

located is vacant but had been the site of an old Queen Anne-style house that the nearby home owners hated to see demolished.

Deborah Thomas told the meeting that Habitat "swept in and demolished the house."

Daniel Mitchell of Habitat, agreed to redesigning a gabled porch and moving the side door, but said that creating a roof pitch on the house would be expensive and require an outside contractor, plus he said that buyers and volunteers had already been lined up for the project at 431 East Springdale.

"We build houses where no one else wants to build," he told the planners, adding that reworking the roof pitch would interfere with the schedule and would cause a "safety and cost issue."

Commissioner Bart Carey and Chairwoman Rebecca Longmire both said they hated to see the old house there demolished but Carey noted that some other craftsman style homes in the neighborhood have a lower pitched roof.

Considering an appeal involving a Habitat house is unusual for the MPC and there was some confusion about how to properly deal with the matter. Longmire said "We've not done this



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The Springdale Avenue homes near a proposed Habitat house have high-pitched roofs and neighbors there asked the planning commission that the project house be similar.

before" and said the body should take an "appropriate and legal manner" in doing so.

After a failed motion to delay a decision the planners moved to deny the neighborhood organization's appeal but also imposed the conditions involving

the understanding to rework the porch and move the side door. The roof pitch was increased a bit but not to the steeper pitches of most of the Springdale Avenue homes.

In other actions the BZA postponed

amending the Zoning Ordinance to defining the Bearden Village Opportunities Plan and approved the rezoning of a Parkside Drive lot for auto storage on a split 9-5 vote.

Mabel Acuff

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The Milligan College graduate was admired and respected by students for over forty years! Mrs. Acuff was a 1930 Gibbs High School graduate and was recognized at the 100th Anniversary celebration of the school in 2013.

Church was important to Mrs. Acuff. At Little Flat Creek Baptist Church in Corryton, she had served as pianist, Sunday School teacher, and leader of a weekly Bible study group.

Mrs. Acuff was as much an inspiration to former students in her retirement years as she was when teaching. They would often come by and take her out to eat. During my visit with her, Mrs. Acuff shared a piece of advice that she had given to a grandson about how important it was to be happy in whatever work you choose to do. "I always knew that I wanted to teach," she told me. Perhaps, that is why she was loved by so many.

Mabel Acuff passed away on May 14, 2016, just days after her 103rd birthday! It seems appropriate to close with words written by one of Mrs. Acuff's former high school students.

"In the long run, we'll find out someday we grow too old to play football, or basketball, or even baseball; but we never grow too old to use the English our high school and maybe our college English teachers have taught us. Someday, when that time comes, we'll be very thankful to them . . ." Perry McGinnis, December 14, 1953.

Surely, this long-time educator leaves behind thousands of former students who are "very thankful!"



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150 Years Ago...

By Mike Steely
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One hundred and fifty years ago our state was attempting to recover from the American Civil War. Tennessee, the last state to withdraw from the Union and join the Confederacy, was poised in July of 1866 to become the first state to return to the Union.

The year after the war and for several more years the Volunteer State was broken by the conflict and bitter over the struggle. Soldiers from both sides were returning home trying to recover their livelihoods, families, and in many cases, their property. Returning Confederate veterans found a much changed environment and could not vote in elections. Oddly enough the former

Southern soldiers found that their former slaves and the freed African American population could vote and did so until the veterans and Southern sympathizers regained political control in 1889. But the newly acquired rights for black Tennesseans were blunted by some avenging whites during those years.

Knoxville Union activist and newspaper publisher "Parson" William Brownlow had been elected governor by mostly East Tennesseans who favored and fought for the Union during the struggle. Brownlow wasted no time in enforcing restrictive reconstruction measures. Both houses of the legislature were controlled by "Radical" Republicans chosen by pro-Union voters since the former

Confederates could not vote.

The year 1866 exploded as the Ku Klux Klan spread violence throughout the state, but mostly in the former rebel middle and western parts of the state. Headed by former Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Klan held very public marches with hoods to conceal their identities, lynched several black citizens, terrorized and harassed others, and defied state authorities for several years.

Prompted by loyal citizens Brownlow hired a detective to infiltrate the Klan and obtain information about its activities and membership. The detective's body was found in the Duke River, a rope around his neck and a bullet hole in his skull. The governor declared

martial law and organized the State Militia to quell the violence.

The governor gave lead of the State Militia to former Union General Joseph A. Cooper, an East Tennessee war hero from Powell Valley in Campbell County. Cooper had trained and led his neighbors and relatives through Rebel lines in the mountains to volunteer for the Union army. Cooper's men became the First Tennessee Infantry and Cooper rode in ranks to command the 6th Tennessee.

Brownlow was elected to the U.S. Senate and soon the conservative ex-Confederates regained the vote and overturned the governor's office and state houses. The State Militia was disbanded

and General Forrest declared the KKK efforts successful and attempted to end that organization.

Cooper served as a Revenue Collector in our state for ten years before moving to Kansas where he passed away in 1910.

Brownlow is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville and, just across the wall there in the Knoxville National Cemetery, is the grave of General Cooper. Brownlow's monument is large and very visible while Cooper's stone is similar to other East Tennessee Civil War soldiers, small and simple.

East Tennessee is one of the only regions of the south that came out of the war as a Republican stronghold and has remained so for 150 years, despite changes in both

Dressing up for history

By Mike Steely
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If you attend the State of Franklin Day at James White Fort this Saturday you may find characters there representing East Tennessee and Knoxville's early days. The costumed actors are part of a group called Tennesseans For Living History and you'll find them here and there around our region in different period clothing and playing different historical figures.

Lynn Fox is a member of the group, which he described to The Knoxville Focus as a bunch of friends with an interest in history who have been keeping the spirit of Tennessee and American heroes alive for more than 30 years.

A retired U.S. Army Major and Eagle Scout, Fox was born on the 4th of July and says the Living History group was formed two years ago and most of the members belong to two or more similar groups. There're more than 40 members and includes women, men and children.

"We have a love of history and took part in about 140 events last year," Fox said, noting that over the past two years they have been involved in more than 200 activities.

Recently the group was featured at the dedication of the new statue to Houston in Maryville, the Scottish Games, and honored by the East Tennessee Historical Society.

They also appear at schools and libraries around our area in costume and speak as their character or about local history.

The group meets at the David Hall Cabin each month near the Bull Run Steam Plant. Fox says there're no dues to join and explains that the members are "just a bunch of friends who enjoy what we do."

Upcoming events after the Franklin Day at James White Fork include appearances at David Hall Days June 4-5, the Clinton Public Library on June 7, the Cumberland Gap Jamboree on June 9-11, and they'll be back at White's Fort on June 25. They will take part in the Gatlinburg 4th of July Parade and the Norris Dam Liberty Pole program, the Grainger County Tomato Festival in July and the East Tennessee History Fair at Krutch Park in August.

"We represent history to educate people of Tennessee and American History through interpretation, everything from the American Revolution through World War II," Fox said.

"We are always looking for other people who are interested in dressing in historical clothing and participating in various events and reenactments," he said.

You can email the group at tn4livinghistory@gmail.com or call Fox at (865)719-9947.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Franklin Day at James White Fort Saturday, May 28

The James White Fort's Franklin Day is this Saturday and has no admission charge. The reconstructed fort, with logs from the original home of Knoxville's founder, has more than 10,000 visitors each year. It was restored in 1978 and features open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, and spinning. You can walk among the various buildings there, including James White's home.

The fort will also celebrate Statehood Day on June 4th with free admission and is open Monday through Saturday each week from 9:30 until 5. General admission is normally \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. You can also rent the fort for special occasions.

Tennesseans for Living History was honored recently by the East Tennessee Historical Society. The group of period costumed reenactors appear at events in our area dressed as figures from our past.



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Don't be a gossiper!

One of my favorite comics is Snuffy Smith. It emits a lot of little gems each day. Here is one of them:

"Here comes the parson's wife, Loweezy."
 "Let's tell her th' juicy gossip, Elviney."
 "I don't know, Loweezy!! Don't she frown on gossip?"
 "You bet she does--th' whole time she's listenin'!!"

How timely! The dictionary gives a short summary of the word gossip, mainly gossip is "malicious talk," which means to speak evil of. In other words, gossiping is saying evil things about people.

There's a hard line between stating facts and gossiping. It doesn't mean that you can't pass along good news or state facts about one's life, as long as they are truthful and not malicious.

Years ago at parties we would play a game called "Whisper," I think. The first person would whisper something in the second person's ear. It couldn't be repeated if the second person didn't understand it, they had to pass it on to the third person what they thought they heard and so on down the line. When the last person received the phrase, it was quite dissimilar from when it started. That is a form of gossip. It starts out innocently enough but ends up quite differently.

There are times when gossip can actually ruin one's life, can cause infractions between people that are irreparable. Is it worthwhile to spend a few minutes talking about a subject that could cause harm or hurtful feelings? A wise king of Israel once said, "A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates friends." (Proverbs 16:28). While gossip is mostly "over the fence," rumors can spread like wildfire with the help of modern technology. It is tempting for one to relay stories to other people about other people but don't gossip over the fence of life. Don't be a "Loweezy Smith!"

Thought for the day: They that sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind. Scottish saying.

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

Legacy Parks Foundation Opens Cherokee Trail at South Doyle Middle School

Legacy Parks Foundation opened Cherokee Trail last week at South Doyle Middle School, culminating years of work and collaboration between Legacy Parks Foundation, local neighborhoods in South Knoxville, Knox County Schools, the City of Knoxville, Knox County, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Visit Knoxville, and other public and private entities. This trail connects neighborhoods and provides a new, safe walking and biking route to South Doyle Middle School for students and other community members.

"Cherokee Trail connects the school and provides direct access for local residents into the Knoxville Urban Wilderness," said Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks Foundation. "It's a beautiful example of what's possible when different entities and sectors of our community work together toward a common benefit. South Knoxville residents are now closer than ever to the Urban Wilderness and some of the amazing, character-defining assets of our city."

Work on the trails started in March 2016, during the Professional Trailbuilders Association's (PTBA) Sustainable Trails Conference. Visit Knoxville and Legacy Parks helped recruit the group's conference to Knoxville; Legacy Parks Foundation worked with PTBA to use the building of these trails as part of its conference workshops and "legacy project," a lasting PBTB community service effort involving over 110 individuals.

"Trails provide an opportunity for physical, mental, spiritual, environmental, economic, and community wellness. We thank everyone who

helped make the new trails possible and wish future trail users great experiences," said Peter Jensen, PBTB President.

Local residents are delighted by this safer travel option, and the improvement it brings to South Knoxville's quality of life.

"Cherokee Trail provides safe passage to school for South Doyle Middle School students, and will be used now and for generations to come," said Amber Rountree, Knox County Schools Board of Education member who serves the Ninth District, which includes South Doyle Middle School.

Tennessee State Senator Becky Duncan Massey added, "The trail connects our neighborhoods with our school, which is great for the South Knoxville community." Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown summed up the collaborative efforts by saying, "If you build it, they will come. What a great accomplishment for our city."

South Doyle Middle School's students were asked to name the trail, and they decided to honor their school mascot. Cherokee Trail runs from the school's outdoor classroom to the Baker Creek Preserve. The classroom includes a large, hardscaped amphitheater with views of the natural area across the creek. Students work with teachers and volunteers to study water quality and ecology, and the classroom is also available for community use.

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Gibbs Ruritan Club Fundraiser

Events for the month of May are right on track! Graduations are in the books, schools are out, hayfields are ripening, and the Gibbs Ruritan Club is hosting its annual fundraising dinner!



By **Ralphine Major**
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On Saturday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m., the annual Gibbs Ruritan Club Fund-Raising Dinner will be held at the Grande Event Center at the Expo site on Clinton Highway and Merchant Drive. More than 300 guests are expected to attend! This worthwhile effort helps with the financial needs of the community in a variety of areas.

The Ruritan event alone will help to fund four \$1,000 scholarships to Gibbs High School seniors! But, the giving does not stop at scholarships. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Ruritans also provide Christmas gifts and food baskets to needy families in the Gibbs Community. In addition, the Ruritan Club contributes to other needs at Gibbs High School and Gibbs Elementary School as they arise. It is amazing what a group of people who are dedicated to a cause can accomplish!

Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day!

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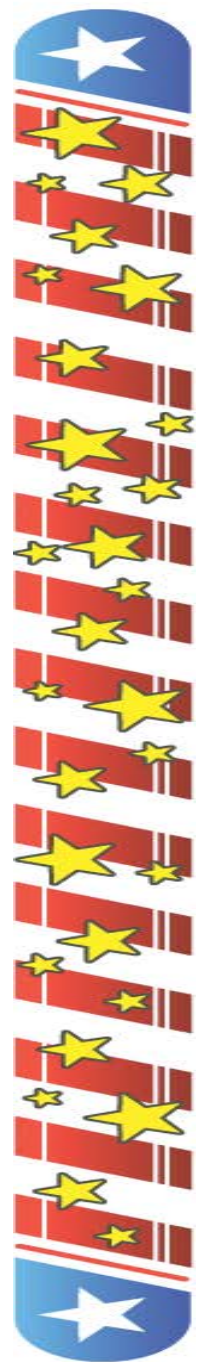
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The New Deal in Tennessee I

Pages from the Past



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“I have got no horse no autmobel and no nothing to ride can you pleas if possible fix for me to get some help some way can you fix for me some way so my family will not purish.”

So wrote a man from Newcomb, Tennessee to Congressman J. Will Taylor on August 6, 1934.

It was typical of much of the correspondence flooding the offices of the Tennessee Congressional delegation. The mails were full of pleas for help, requests for jobs, and material assistance.

Franklin Roosevelt, when accepting the nomination of his party, had said, “I pledge you, I pledge myself, to a new deal for the American people.”

President Herbert Hoover gamely campaigned for reelection and defined the presidential contest as less a race between two men, but rather between “two philosophies of government.” A millionaire engineer by profession, Hoover had first won the admiration and respect of the American people by his efforts to feed the starving in Europe following the catastrophic World War. Hoover had served as Secretary of Commerce during the administrations of Presidents Harding and Coolidge. Yet he had never been elected to any office prior to being elected president. Despite his background in humanitarian assistance, Hoover stubbornly insisted the suffering caused by the Great Depression could and should be alleviated by private enterprise and charity. Roosevelt disagreed, saying the federal government had a duty to help when conditions were such that people could not help themselves. FDR replied to Hoover that such help was “not as a matter of charity but as a matter of social duty.”

Roosevelt won the presidential election in a landslide.

As Franklin D. Roosevelt prepared to be sworn in as president, children were fainting in schoolrooms from hunger; families were being thrown out of their homes and apartments because they were unable to meet the mortgage or rent payments. Some of those who had once been solidly middle class found themselves foraging for scraps in dumpsters and garbage cans to feed themselves and their families.

Tennessee was solidly Democratic; there was no senatorial race in the Volunteer State that year, but Hill McAlister had replaced Henry Horton as governor. Horton left office a broken and discredited man and died not long after his retirement as chief executive.

When Franklin Delano Roosevelt assumed office in 1933, the Tennessee Congressional delegation was comprised of senior U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, newly appointed junior Senator Nathan L. Bachman and nine congressmen. Carroll Reece had just returned to Congress after a two-year absence to represent the First District. J. Will Taylor represented Tennessee’s Second Congressional District. Sam D. McReynolds of Chattanooga represented the Third District and would chair the House Foreign Affairs Committee. J. Ridley Mitchell of Cookeville represented the Fourth District. Congressman Joseph W. Byrns, who was high in the Democratic leadership of the House and eventually rose to preside as Speaker, represented Nashville and the Fifth District. Clarence W. Turner represented Tennessee’s Sixth Congressional District, while Gordon Browning served as the congressman from the Seventh District. Jere Cooper of Dyersburg was the congressman from the Eighth District and the delegation was rounded out by Edward Hull Crump, the congressman from the Ninth District, which was composed of Shelby County. Crump had originally decided to go to Congress in 1930, after concluding the incumbent, Hubert Fisher, who was increasingly deaf, was dispensable.

The only member of the Tennessee delegation new to Congress was the just-appointed Senator Nathan L. Bachman.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had no concrete plan to combat the effects of the Great Depression. Roosevelt came into office fully and cheerfully prepared to improvise solutions to repair the ailing economy and aid the suffering of the American people, a notion which clearly horrified many of his advisors.

FDR’s sunny disposition and confidence inspired Americans and his inaugural address where he famously told his fellow countrymen, “All we have to fear, is fear itself” resonated with the people. An astonishing 500,000 people wrote the president after his inaugural speech. Roosevelt was the last president to take the oath of office on March



Senator K. D. McKellar, the most powerful Democrat in Tennessee during the New Deal, leaving Union Station to attend the funeral of Speaker Joseph W. Byrns of Nashville, 1936.

4; FDR hit the ground running, closing banks all across the country to prevent further panic and bank closures. President Roosevelt announced he was sending out inspectors to verify the viability of banks. By March 9, some 5,000 banks had reopened.

When one of his own sons was traveling out west and ran out of money, he contacted President Roosevelt to ask for help. FDR cheerfully replied the banks were closed and he only had some \$7 himself and the boy would have to make the best of a bad situation.

Roosevelt initiated his “fireside” chats on the radio, choosing to make his talks on Sundays, when most folks stayed close to home. FDR’s strong and confident voice gave hope and reassurance to millions. It was unprecedented for an American president to speak directly to the people through the most popular medium of the day. Years later, scores of Americans would attest to the fact they felt as if Franklin Roosevelt had come into their homes to speak to them personally and in a way, he had. Roosevelt’s talks were unlike the speeches made by most politicians; he assumed a friendly, homespun aspect to discuss the future of the country. Indeed, he addressed his listeners as “my friends” and millions felt Franklin Roosevelt was surely their friend.

The first hundred days of the New Deal saw profound changes, as President Roosevelt proposed

legislation, which was quickly passed by the Congress. In short order, the first of the “alphabet” agencies came to life. Congress rapidly approved the Civilian Conservation Corp, designed to put young men to work on national parks and planting millions of trees. Very soon, some 2.5 million young men were employed and sending money home regularly to their needy families. My own grandfather’s first job was with the CCC and he never forgot the experience.

From the CCC came the Works Progress Administration, which expanded the jobs program to all Americans. President Roosevelt convinced Congress to appropriate \$3.3 billion to put people to work at a time when the entire budget was less than \$4 billion under Herbert Hoover.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration was formed to help raise the price of crops for struggling farmers. In some cases, the AAA actually helped to save the homes and farms of farmers who could not meet their mortgage payments. Prior to Roosevelt’s election, farm prices had fallen to the point where farmers were better off not even planting crops.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration was born, which immediately poured \$500 million directly to provide help for those who were starving. The FERA spent money to open and stock soup

kitchens, started nursery schools, and much more. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration also began pumping money into the various states, as most state and local governments were little better than bankrupt. State governments began their own improvement and works projects.

The New Deal, having started programs to help farmers and the poor, did not forget business. Congress approved FDR’s National Recovery Act, which created the Public Works Administration. The PWA spent billions of dollars building up American infrastructure. Postoffices, roads, bridges, were built or repaired and the construction provided jobs for Americans.

Finally, the most important alphabet agency of them all, at least to Tennessee, was approved by Congress on May 18, 1933 creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. Much of Tennessee’s farmland had been over-farmed, the soil was depleted and eroding. Most of the valuable timber had long been cut down and flooding was common in the Tennessee Valley.

The TVA changed everything.

Senator McKellar, who had long promoted the idea of the Tennessee Valley Authority, while championing the interests of public power and protecting the state’s farmers, was bitterly disappointed that President Roosevelt did not allow him to sponsor the legislation creating the

TVA. That honor went to Nebraska Senator George W. Norris, a progressive Republican. McKellar considered it the greatest disappointment of his long congressional career and he never fully forgave FDR for the slight.

Yet the TVA would never have succeeded and prospered had it not been for Kenneth McKellar. If he could not be considered the “father” of the Tennessee Valley Authority, McKellar accepted the role of TVA’s “rich uncle.”

One of the most senior Democrats on the Senate’s Appropriations Committee, McKellar fought long and oftentimes difficult battles to secure funding for the Tennessee Valley Authority, as well as protecting the funding the TVA already had. Most Republicans and more than a few conservative Democrats loathed the Tennessee Valley Authority and it took all of McKellar’s considerable skill to protect the agency. Congressman Albert Gore, who defeated McKellar’s bid for a seventh term in the United States Senate in 1952, was later to point out Senator McKellar was almost always successful in restoring funds to the Tennessee Valley Authority where the Congressional delegation in the House had been unsuccessful.

Legislation was introduced and passed by Congress to prevent the excesses on Wall Street, which helped to cause the crash of the stock market. Congress approved the Glass – Steagall Bill, which made a clear delineation between banks and savings and loan institutions.

The new federal apparatus created millions of new jobs and Tennessee’s senior senator’s ability to secure his state’s fair share, made Kenneth D. McKellar a hero to thousands of hungry and desperate Tennesseans. Most all of Tennessee’s congressional delegation were flooded with letters from frantic constituents asking for help. Led by Senator McKellar’s persistence in producing projects and money for Tennessee, they delivered.

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What is next?

Holy Cow! In about a week, my twin brother will turn 64. I can't believe he's that old. Jim hasn't changed much over the years, and I hope he stays constant for



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many years to come. It is, however, a bit upsetting to realize that my brother is that old. How'd it happen? I am concerned about several things that swirl around his arrival at the age of one year short of Medicare. Actually, all the fretting is about me.

First and foremost, I'm worried about running out of time. In my teens and even into his 40's and 50's, I was focused on the things I enjoyed. I truly loved my teaching career, especially when it concerned the students and not a bunch of ridiculous tests that measured systems' abilities to administer them. Now I am more than halfway down the hill, and so much needs to be done in such a short time.

I retired, but that didn't mean I quit working. Part

time jobs have kept me busy while providing a supplement to my monthly retirement income. What is so rotten about part time jobs, or full time ones for that matter,

is they tie retirees to schedules that they hate. I've always liked staying up late at night, but when I must rise at 5:30 a.m. to be at work at 6:30, early bed times are required, and "The Tonight Show" or late ball games are things from the past.

Like many people my age, I have a bucket list. Unfortunately, it's much too long to cover. Many want to travel abroad to see the wonders of other countries. I much prefer making my way to the breathless sites of this country. Years earlier, taking such trips wasn't possible because we had small children. These days, they still are on the back burner until I can quit work. I hope my body isn't worn out by that time so that I can't enjoy the sites.

That's another thing. I've noticed more and more that I can't do what I used to do. Even with a moderate amount of work or activity, every part of my body is attacked with aches and pains. My hair line more closely resembles my maternal grandfather's. My crooked, sore fingers remind me of my maternal grandmother's. Joints don't squeak, but they do keep me awake some nights, and walking all day at my job doesn't help a bit.

My biggest concern is about the time I have to spend with my children and grandson. After what seems like a blink of my eyes, Madden has become a rambunctious boy; he's lost those toddler characteristics that I loved so much. He's already become a polite, patient young man who tolerates his grandparents. Before much longer, he'll not want to spend much time with us at all. The older we grow, the harder it will be to provide fun things for him to do when he comes to visit.

I love Dallas and Lacey, but sometimes they

remind me of adult children who are keeping protective eyes or their parents. I'm not yet to the point where I am unable to do things for myself, but I can see my children's minds wrapping around that eventuality. To be honest, I want to be their hero, not their burden.

So, another year is passing. I'm thankful to be here and to have been showered with so many blessings. My prayer is that I can stay vibrant and healthy for at least another 30 years. We'll see how that plays out.

I received a card in the mail the other day. It was from the woman about whom I'd written a few weeks ago, the one to whom I sent a love letter on toilet paper. Inside the card was a kind note with sweet words. Best of all, it was written on toilet paper. Thank you, Andy, for responding on such elegant stationery. It made my day!

Public Invited to Beauford Delaney Celebration at Beck Cultural Exchange Center

The public is invited to the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue, on Thursday, June 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. to get an inside look at the emerging Beauford Delaney Project and learn more about exciting plans for the hometown celebration of a Knoxville cultural hero. At 6 p.m. Beck Cultural Exchange Center President Rev. Reneé Kesler and Knoxville Museum of Art Curator Stephen Wicks will talk about Beauford Delaney's life, art, and significance. The program is jointly sponsored by the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, the Knoxville Museum of Art, and the East Tennessee History Center.

The Beck Cultural Exchange Center, the East Tennessee History Center and the Knoxville Museum of Art are coordinating efforts to make Beauford Delaney better known in his hometown. Evolving plans call for placing historical markers to designate the birthplace of Beauford and his brother Joseph (also an artist) and other sites associated with their early training in Knoxville; to bring an exhibition of

Beauford's work from Paris to Knoxville; to conserve and exhibit recently acquired works by Beauford at the KMA; to create a curriculum unit about Beauford and Joseph Delaney and their importance; and to explore the restoration and possible adaptive reuse of the Delaney family home recently purchased by the Beck Cultural Exchange Center. Beauford's work was recently featured in an exhibition at the East Tennessee History Center on the life and work of Knoxville artist Lloyd Branson, who was Beauford and Joseph's first art teacher and mentor.

The exhibition moves this summer to the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville.

According to Beck President Reneé Kesler, Beauford Delaney is by far the most important artist Knoxville produced in the twentieth century, at least in terms of national and international reputation. This event at the Beck Center is free and open to the public. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact ddbubose@knoxart.org or 865-934-2036.

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Boro bound for this week's Spring Fling

By Steve Williams

It's time for the TSSAA's annual Spring Fling.

Action starts today at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro with state competition in the girls' pentathlon and boys' decathlon.

Several local area teams and individuals also will be competing for state honors through Friday in baseball, softball, soccer, tennis and track and field.

Bearden's Jacob Sobota is expected to be a strong contender in the decathlon. The Bulldogs' versatile junior placed second in the Class AAA East Sectional with 6,267 points.

Alcoa sophomore Tykee Ogle-Kellog, Catholic senior Jake Poczobut and Gatlinburg-Pittman senior Austin Cline are in the Class A-AA decathlon field.

In the pentathlon, William Blount's Lindsey Roddy, Rebekah Hampton of Hardin

Valley Academy and West freshman Caroline Lewis qualified for the state in Class AAA.

Carter's Shelby Reynolds and Catholic's Camille Mancini will compete in Class A-AA.

Sobota will turn his attention to track and field later in the week. He led KIL champion Bearden's boys to second place in the Class AAA East Sectional May 14, qualifying for the state meet in the long jump and pole vault.

Jacob's brother, Josh Sobota, a sophomore, qualified for state in the shot put and discus events. Bearden's Shawn Stacy also qualified as he soared 6-6 in the high jump at the sectional.

Hardin Valley Academy's girls won the East Sectional team championship and will be well represented at the state.

In baseball, perennial power Farragut punched its ticket for the Class AAA state tourney by blasting

Morristown East 13-0 in the Class AAA State Sectionals Friday.

Christian Academy of Knoxville also beat the rain and Chuckey-Doak 10-0 Friday to make the Class AA field, while Catholic's season ended in a 6-0 loss at Greenville.

Grace Christian Academy's turf infield apparently came in handy as the defending Class A state champion Rams were able to play and defeat Unaka 7-1 Friday

night to get another trip to the Boro.

In softball, CAK became the first local team to secure a state berth when it turned back Unicoi County 14-3 in Class AA Sectional play Friday.

Several local teams in baseball, softball and soccer were scheduled to play in State Sectional games Saturday, with state berths up for grabs.

Lady Bulldogs qualify for third straight state tournament

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's girls tennis team enjoyed a big week in preparation for the upcoming Class AAA State team and individual tournaments.

It all culminated Wednesday when the Lady Bulldogs posted a 4-0 victory over Tennessee High School in a Section 1-AAA match at Tyson Park.

Wednesday's victory clinched a third consecutive trip to Murfreesboro for Bearden, which has reached the championship match in each of the last two years. The sectional match was

determined by the singles competition as Julia Adams, Brittany Foust, Veronica Allen and Gabby Simsic against the Lady Vikings.

On Tuesday Foust and Adams won the Region 2-AAA Doubles Championship when they beat teammates Sydney Marlow and Natalie Parton.

Foust and Adams will make a return trip to Old Fort Park after they reached the Class AAA State Finals in 2015.

Farragut's Price qualifies for state: Lady Admirals junior Hannah Price defeated West High's Margaux Armfield 6-0, 6-0 in the Region 2-AAA Championship match.

With the win, Price qualified for the state Tournament for the second time in her three-year high school career and she's looking forward to making a return trip to Murfreesboro.

"It's exciting to get the chance to go down there and represent your school," Price said. "I play in southern tournaments, so I know a lot of the girls who will be down there."

"I knew that I had to keep the ball moving because she's so fast."

Lady Admirals coach Ben Lyle was pleased to see his junior bring home a regional title and secure a state bid.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Farragut junior Hannah Price prepares to take a shot in the Region 2-AAA title match. Price won and qualified for this week's state tournament.

"I'm really happy for Hannah," Lyle said.

Farragut blows past Hurricanes 13-0 to reach state tourney

By Ken Lay

For much of the 2016 postseason the Farragut High School baseball team has endured its share of offensive struggles.

But the Admirals (37-6) saw their bats awaken a bit in a comeback win against Powell in the Region 2-AAA Championship Game. There, Farragut scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning and won.

On Friday, the Admirals picked up where they left off and used a big first inning to knock off Morristown East 13-0 in a Section 1-AAA tilt at John Heatherly Field. The win enabled Farragut to punch its ticket to the Class AAA Tournament, which starts on Tuesday. The Admirals will make a ninth consecutive trip to high school's grand stage.

Farragut took advantage of two first-inning errors by the Hurricanes and sent 10 hitters to the plate in the bottom of the opening frame and when the dust had settled, the Admirals opened a 6-0 win on just three hits.

Junior right fielder Chandler Chambers delivered a clutch three-run double to really blow things open. Alec Rinehart also had an RBI single and Justen Freeman drove in a run when he reached on an error. Farragut got its other run when Cole Morgan (who led off and reached on an error) came home on a wild pitch.

Freeman doubled and scored on a single by Carmelo Venero in the second. Farragut added three runs in both the third and fourth.

In the third, Chambers knocked in a run with his second double of the game. Morgan singled home a run and the Admirals scored on Rinehart's sacrifice fly. John Painter delivered a two-run single in the fourth.

Senior Dylan Pacifico threw four scoreless innings and surrendered just one hit. He had eight strikeouts before Painter threw the fifth.

"This is the best game that we've played in two weeks," Farragut coach Matt Buckner said. "We haven't been playing particularly well lately but I'm proud of our kids because we work 12 months a year for these two weeks."

Catholic loads up for another run at a state track title

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic started the 2015-16 school year with a state championship in cross country last fall. The Irishmen would like to end it with a Class A-AA title in outdoor track and field this week at the TSSAA Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

After state qualifying was completed in the East sectional meet last Thursday at Christian Academy of Knoxville, Catholic head coach Sean O'Neil considered his team as one of the top four state contenders, along with Greeneville, Nashville Stratford and defending champion Nashville Pearl-Cohn.

Greeneville took first place in the East Sectional with 122½ points. The Greene Devils started the day with already having scored 24 points from a 1-2-3 finish in the decathlon.

Catholic, which was state

runner-up last spring, tallied 88 points.

"The points will be a lot harder to score at the state," said O'Neil.

Johnathan Chavez led the way for the Irishmen. He anchored the winning 4x800 relay team, which has won back-to-back state crowns, and won the 3200-meter run in 9:40.19, holding off a fast-finishing Gashaw Duhamel of Tennessee School for the Deaf.

In the 3200, Chavez led from start to finish.

"I've just found myself to be more comfortable out front," he said. "It allows me to test my fitness and sometimes have an exciting race."

Chavez, who has signed with Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., also was second in the 1600 and ran on the 4x400 team, which placed third and hopes to get an at-large berth

in the state.

Chavez was proud of the fact the 4x400 unit had a "PR" of 3:30.20 and that he set a personal record of 52.0 in his 400.

Chavez likes contributing to the team aspect of the sport.

"I'm making myself more comfortable to running four events," he said. "We realize we have a chance at the state title."

Catholic's Jake Poczobut tallied 10 points by winning the high jump event, going over the bar at 6 feet, 2 inches.

Joining Chavez on the 4x800 team, which was clocked in 8:29.35, were Ethan Tornstrom, Jake Renfree and George Goodwyn.

Catholic's Amari Rodgers and Alec Connolly also qualified for the state with second-place finishes in the 100 and 400, respectively.

Trailing Greeneville and Catholic in the boys' top 10 scoring were Austin-East 75 points, Alcoa 67, Red Bank 45, Sullivan East 43, L&N STEM Academy 26, Carter 24, Grace Christian Academy 23 and CAK 21.

A young A-E team won the 4x200 in 1:30.83 and the 4x100 in 42.86 but was nipped at the finish line by Greeneville in the 4x400.

The Roadrunners' 4x200 included all sophomores - Coby Colquitt, KaJuan Hale, Jahson Jackson and Martest Forbes. Colquitt also led off the 4x100, followed by Kashiff Warren, Gedarian Mobley and Hale.

Warren, a junior, also won the 200 in 21.97 and his brother Kivontae Warren, a freshman, won the 300 hurdles in 41.11.

Austin-East's Christopher

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Hardin Valley has winning ingredients in Region 2-AAA softball

By Steve Williams

Clip and save the recipe Hardin Valley Academy's softball team followed last week at Gibbs.

The hard-hitting Lady Hawks mixed 12 hits with Kaleigh Wynne's shutout pitching to serve up a 4-0 win in the Region 2-AAA championship game.

The impressive victory gave HVA home field advantage against Seymour in the state sectional round, scheduled this past Saturday. It also brought an end to Gibbs' 22-game win streak and sent the Lady Eagles on the road to play Daniel Boone High with a trip to this week's state tourney on the line.

If Hardin Valley can continue to combine the hitting and pitching, Coach Whitney Cruze believes her team could go far in the tournament.

"That is most certainly the recipe - timely hits and solid pitching," she said after seeing her team boost

its record to 27-12 and win the region crown for the second straight year.

Leslie Beecham's laser shot over the centerfield fence in the top of the third inning broke a scoreless tie and would turn out to be all Wynne would need as she scattered three singles and struck out 11.

Two Gibbs errors allowed Aubry McGuire to come around and score a second run the next inning. Wynne turned on a pitch in her wheelhouse for a two-run homer in the sixth that pretty much sealed the win.

What pleased Wynne the most, however, was her pitching.

"I knew if I kept hitters off balance, my defense would play for me," said the senior right-hander. "The home run was just a bonus."

The batters in the middle of the HVA lineup - Sydney Dukes, Jodie Parham and Jasmine Goodman - each had two hits, along with

Beecham and Wynne.

Losing pitcher Abby Hicks fanned eight batters and walked only one, but when the Lady Hawks hit the ball, they hit it hard - even on many of their outs. An example of that came in the opening inning when Parham flew out to deep left field after three singles had loaded the bases.

Leah Sohm, Gibbs' stand-out leadoff batter, almost single-handedly manufactured a run in the bottom of the first. After a beautiful slap hit up and down the third base line landed in fair territory by about a foot, she stole second and third bases. But Wynne struck out the No. 2-3-4 batters in order to strand Sohm.

Trailing 2-0, Gibbs' Sierra Hucklebee singled to right to lead off the fourth. She stole second and got to third on a wild pitch, but Wynne got a fly out to shallow center and a strikeout to again slam the door.

Gibbs tried one more rally

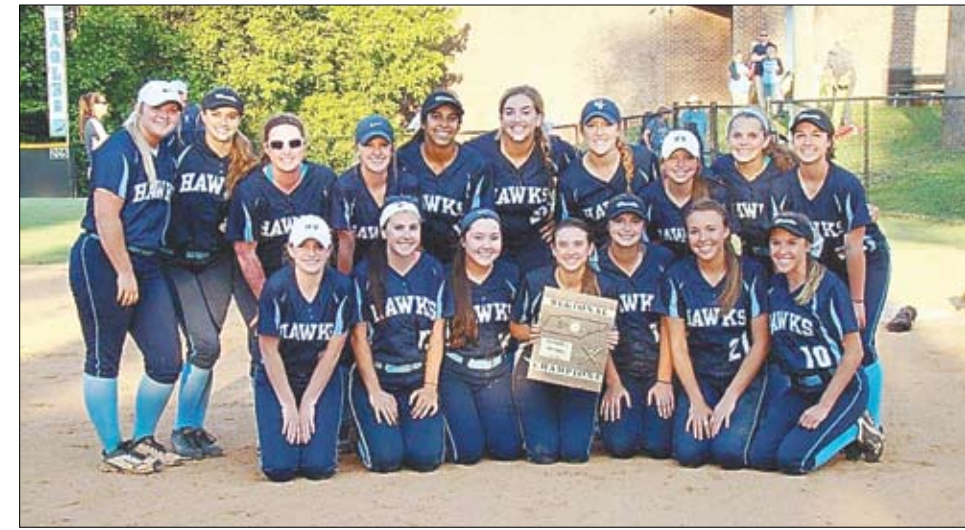


PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardin Valley Academy captured its second straight Region 2-AAA softball championship with a 4-0 win at Gibbs.

with one out in the seventh when Abby Smith singled and Morgan Overholser reached on HVA's lone error in the game. Wynne struck out two in a row, leaving Sohm in the on-deck circle watching.

"They're a great team," said Gibbs head coach Carol Mitchell. "We didn't give our best effort. We've

got one game to get to the state."

Mitchell also felt the Lady Eagles' 1-0 win over Maryville in a do-or-die region opener the night before was a factor.

"Absolutely," said Mitchell. "Last night was an emotional game, a must-win game. We were riding high on emotion and I think

some of our inability to compete today was because we were a little bit emotionally drained from that."

Hardin Valley eliminated Powell 2-1 in the other Region 2-AAA semifinal contest.

Boone was a 3-0 winner over Seymour in the Region 1-AAA finals.

Powell High field first to get new turf

By Steve Williams

The Jungle never looked better.

That's where the Powell Panthers play and their new artificial turf is ready for use.

Powell is the first of 13 Knox County high schools getting artificial turf over a three-year period, thanks to a \$10 million gift from the Haslam family, Pilot and Pilot Flying J.

The project started March 15 at Powell and was completed May 11.

"I love it," said Powell head football coach Rodney Ellison via e-mail on May 13. "This is a field for the entire community to be proud of. Everyone seems extremely excited about the field."

"Our players went out and took a group photo that I tweeted out the day they finished and played some touch football on it as well."

Other sports besides football also will play on the new turf.

"The soccer teams will play half of their home games on the field," said Ellison.

Recent studies have shown an artificial turf is

safer to play football on than natural grass.

Ellison noted some other advantages, too.

"We will save money by not having to buy gas or have mowing equipment repaired," he said. "We will no longer have to buy paint for the field and we will not have to spend all the extra hours doing field maintenance."

Fulton head coach Rob Black texted Friday he expects the Falcons' new turf field to be finished this week.

Work is well underway at Bearden and Farragut.

With installation reportedly having been running ahead of schedule, it recently was announced Central has been added to the list of schools to get artificial turf in time for the 2016 football season. Work at Central is scheduled to begin June 1 and be completed by Aug. 1.

Schools now scheduled to get artificial turf in 2017 are Karns, Halls, Gibbs and Carter. Schools on the list for 2018 are West, Austin-East, Hardin Valley Academy and South-Doyle.

Bearden knocks off Wildcats to win region soccer title

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's boys soccer team added a Region 2-AAA Championship to its lofty list of accomplishments Thursday afternoon and the title made it possible to enjoy graduation ceremonies later in the evening.

"It was good to come out here and get this win before graduation," Bulldogs senior forward and captain Spencer Smiley said after Bearden defeated Oak Ridge 5-1 in the region championship match at Bruce Allender Field. "None of our six seniors wanted to think about going to graduation after losing this game."

Bearden (19-3) was set to host a State Sectional game Saturday while the Wildcats (15-6) was to travel for the other sectional but results were unavailable at press time. Winners of Saturday's games will play in this week's state tournament at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

The Bulldogs withstood some early pressure from the Wildcats but manufactured some opportunities of their own and peppered Oak Ridge senior goalkeeper Joel Turner with 31 shots (18 of those landed on frame).

Conversely, the 'Cats mustered just nine shots and only four were on target.

"I think that's probably the most shots that he's seen in a game," Oak Ridge coach Jeff Trombly said. "I don't care about records. I don't

care about shots, goals or assists.

"I don't care about any of that stuff. The only thing I care about is winning these games. This is a process. Everything is a process. It's not a destination. We're in the middle of the process of trying to rebuild this program and this is just another step."

It was the Bulldogs who made major strides in this match and they have a shot to make a return trip to the state tournament for the first time in several years.

Bearden struggled to find its shooting touch early on but closed out the first half with a flourish.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the 33rd minute when Smiley took a pass from Jameson Elmore, another senior captain, and buried it in the back of the Oak Ridge net.

Bearden extended its advantage to 2-0 when Will Lewis fed Gabe Alvarez a ball. Alvarez headed the ball past Turner in the 36th minute.

The Wildcats battled valiantly throughout the second half but on this night, the Bulldogs just had too much firepower.

"They are a great team," Trombly said of the Bulldogs. "Maybe, we can see them again in the state tournament."

Turner kept Bearden at bay until the 73rd minute but the Bulldogs tallied twice. Alvarez converted a penalty kick to make it 3-0 before Smiley scored a short time later.

Oak Ridge got on the board when



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Bearden senior Gabe Alvarez battles with a pair of Oak Ridge defenders in Thursday's Region 2-AAA Championship match at Bruce Allender Field. Alvarez scored twice as the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 4-1.

senior defender Blake Clowers made a penalty kick in the 79th minute.

Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe said that Oak Ridge's defense presented a challenge for his squad.

"We knew that it was going to be a matter of whether or not we were going to be able to break down their [defensive] wall," Radcliffe said. "They have some big guys."

"We had some big contributions from Gabe and Spencer. Spencer was really valuable for us tonight."



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Historic season comes to abrupt end for Karns baseball

By Ken Lay

Karns High School might've seen its baseball season end on a sour note on Monday, May 16 but coach Matt Hurley found plenty of positives after second baseman Josh Fielden grounded into an inning, game and season-ending double play in a Region 2-AAA semifinal game against Farragut.

"These kids have nothing to hang their heads about," Hurley said. "I really tip my hat to these kids. They've worked so hard. I'm extremely proud of this group of seniors. This is the first time in school history that we got 30 wins and these seniors leave Karns High School as the winningest class in Karns High School baseball history.

The Beavers finished the 2016 campaign with a 30-9 record. The claimed the District 3-AAA regular-season championship and knocked off Powell to claim a district tournament title at Coach Dwight Smith Field. That was the same diamond where the Beavers saw their season come to an end thanks to a rough first inning against the Admirals, who at press time in search of a ninth consecutive trip to the Class AAA State Tournament.

The Admirals won the District 4-AAA regular-season championship but finished as the tournament runner-up when they dropped a 6-3 decision to 2015 Class AAA State Champion, Hardin Valley Academy. The Hawks also saw their season end last Monday when they lost a 2-1 extra-inning heartbreaker to District 3-AAA runner-up Powell.

The Beavers found themselves in a big hole early as the surrendered three unearned runs to the Admirals in the top of the first inning. Karns sophomore lefthander Jared Culp started and fell victim to some shoddy defense by the Beavers in the top of the frame.

Cole Morgan led off the game with a single for Farragut. Culp then struck out Admirals senior shortstop (and University of Tennessee signee) Duncan Pence. Jake Hagenow then singled before junior Justen Freeman rapped into a fielder's choice for the second out of the inning.

Then, things came unraveled for the

Beavers. Carmelo Venero and freshman first baseman Parker Noland reached on back-to-back errors by Karns High's middle infielders to load the bases. Morgan came home when Venero, Farragut's senior left fielder got on. Venero and Freeman both scored on the Beavers' second defensive miscue of the inning.

"We made some mistakes that we typically don't make," Hurley said.

Culp eventually got out of the first and hurled a scoreless second before giving way to reliever Greg Tye, who pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth.

But the damage had been done and Farragut senior pitcher Dylan Pacifico was at the top of his game. He gave up just two hits and walked a pair. He finished the contest with eight strikeouts.

"Pacifico did a great job," Hurley said. "He was sharp."

Farragut coach Matt Buckner agreed. "That's the best game I think I've ever seen him pitch," Buckner said of Pacifico. "This was not his first rodeo. He won two games in the state tournament last year.

"We won the game and that's all that counts this time of year. We're one win away from going to the state tournament and that's big. People in Farragut may take things for granted because we go to the state so much. But if we win one more, then we get to go back to the state tournament."

Pacifico was nearly flawless. He issued a one-out walk to Carson Roush in the bottom of the second but averted damage when he recorded consecutive strikeouts against Fielden and Brian Bell to end the frame.

Pacifico had his no-hit bid spoiled when Karns leadoff man Alex Hames singled with two outs in the third.

The Beavers had another hitter get on base when Bell reached on an error in the bottom of the fifth.

Pacifico allowed a single to Tucker Pate in the seventh and later yielded a walk to Roush later in the frame before the double play ended the game and the season for the Beavers.

Farragut comes alive late to win region

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School baseball coach Matt Buckner watched his team struggle for six innings in the Region 2-AAA Championship game Wednesday night while Powell High saw things fall perfectly into place.

But the bottom of the seventh was a different story as the Admirals overcame a 5-1 deficit to nab a comeback victory and claim the region title.

"It was just one of those things. It was one of those times where nothing went right all day," Buckner said after his squad made a miracle comeback and snagged a 6-5 victory over the Panthers at John Heatherly Field at the Ballpark in Farragut. "We were dead in the water and then all of a sudden, we played like Farragut.

"We played like crap for two hours and then we were Farragut."

Farragut (35-6) and the Powell (22-15) both advanced to Friday's State Sectional round. The Admirals hosted Region 1-AAA runner-up Morristown East while the Panthers traveled to Sevier County to face the Smoky Bears. Results were not available at press time, but those four squads battled for two spots in the upcoming Class AAA State Tournament in Murfreesboro.

Farragut, which advanced to Wednesday's championship showdown by knocking off District 3-AAA Champion Karns 3-0 at Coach Dwight Smith Field on Monday, May 16, claimed the runner-up spot in District 4-AAA despite battling some struggles at the plate.

The Admirals, who scored three unearned runs in the top of the first inning against the Beavers but were stymied for the rest of the game, saw their bats silenced early against the Panthers.

Cole Morgan drew a lead-off walk in the bottom of the first. Carmelo Venero reached on an error in the second and Alec Rinehart walked in the third. The Admirals didn't pick up a hit until Morgan singled in the fifth. The Admirals also scored their first run of the game in that frame.

Venero and freshman first baseman Parker Noland had hits to lead off the sixth but the Admirals were turned away when John Painter grounded into a double play and Rinehart flew out to end the inning.

The Panthers squandered a chance to add to their advantage in the top of the inning as Levi Everett and Logan Ward both singled before freshman Brad Day retired the side.

Then things got crazy in the bottom of the inning against Powell reliever Hunter Long, who entered to pitch.

Morgan led off the frame with a single before Duncan Pence reached on an error. Jake Hagenow walked to load the bases before the Admirals pulled to within 5-2 when Justen Freeman drew a free pass with the bases loaded. Morgan scored. Venero then walked with the bases loaded to score Pence to make it 5-3. Noland's RBI single made it 5-4 before Painter won the game with a two-run single.

"We're never out of a game," Painter said. "We've got the lineup to score runs."

Noland said he had no doubt that the Admirals would prevail after they scored in their final at-bat.

"We all knew that John could get it done," Noland said. "He's gotten it done for us all year."

While Farragut celebrated, Powell coach Jay Scarbro appeared stunned.

"This one was painful," he said. "The good thing is that we live to fight another day."

"These are teenage kids, so they'll bounce back. You have something like this happen and sometimes, you look back on it and you realize that it happens for a reason."

The Panthers advanced to the title tilt by outlasting defending Class AAA State Champion Hardin Valley Academy 2-1 in nine innings earlier in the week.

In Region 2-AA: Christian Academy of Knoxville outlasted Cedar Bluff area rival Catholic 3-2.

Warriors junior first baseman Alex Osborne had three hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead CAK (29-9) and Turner Helton made a spectacular diving catch to help the Warriors hold on against the Irish (16-19).

In Region 2-A: Grace Christian Academy nabbed a regional championship when it downed Meigs County 5-3 Wednesday night. The Rams (26-13) jumped to a 3-0 lead. They played Unaka Friday with a seventh consecutive trip to Murfreesboro on the line. Results were unavailable at press time.

Hunter Ross had an RBI single and recorded the final out on the mound to record a save for the Rams.

HVA's Green named Mr. Baseball Finalist

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's baseball team might've had defense of its 2015 Class AAA State Title cut short when it lost to Powell in last week's Region 2-AAA Tournament Semifinals.

The Hawks may not be making a return trip to Murfreesboro, but one of their players is.

Sophomore pitcher/outfielder Ryder Green was recently announced as a Tennessee Mr. Baseball Finalist by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association.

As a freshman, Green played a vital role on HVA's 2015 State Championship Team.

He also played on Team USA's 15-and-under team during the following summer in Mexico.

He returned home last September with a Gold Medal.

He's already made a verbal commitment to play college baseball in the Southeastern Conference at the University of Kentucky.

Green helped the Hawks win the 2016 District 4-AAA Tournament Championship.

The Mr. Baseball finalists will be honored Tuesday at Middle Tennessee State University before the state championships begin to be contested.

Catholic loads up for another run at a state track title

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Stevenson, another freshman, made a second place showing in the 110 hurdles.

Bray Fulton of Carter took first place in the 800 in 2:00.49, edging Sullivan East standout Luke Meade. Fulton's Zack Dobson bounced back to win the triple jump at 43-9.

Two-time state champion Rhett Elwood of GCA finished third in the discus event with a throw of 130-2.

On the girls' side, Rebecca Story was the story. The CAK sophomore, one of the nation's top prep distance runners, ran in four races and was a winner in all four, starting with the 4x800 relay, which she anchored.

Story won the 1600 in 5:01.05, the 800 in 2:17.75 and the 3200 in 11:06.

With Story leading the way, the Lady Warriors racked up 109 points, second only to Signal Mountain's 126.

Running the first three legs on CAK's 4x800 relay, which posted a time of 9:59.02, were Sarah Keller, Sarah Harb and Leah Orton.

CAK also won the 4x400 in 4:06.17 with Emily Threatt,

Taylor Dodson, McKinley Blackburn and Lauren Estes carrying the baton.

Carter's versatile Shelby Reynolds, who previously had qualified for the state pentathlon, also will be competing in the 300 hurdles and triple jump at the state as she came in second place in those two events at the sectional. She was fourth in the long jump.

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Friends and rivals battle for state tennis bids

By Ken Lay

In the world of high school tennis the top players are often friends and rivals and such was the case in the boys Region 2-AAA individuals tournament on Tuesday at the West Hills Tennis Center.

In doubles finals, Bearden High School's duo of Griffin Davis and Charlie Adams tangled with West High's tandem of Aubrey Davis and Matthew Maynard with a spot in the state doubles tournament hanging in the balance.

The two teams have a long history of friendship and they also have an intense tennis rivalry.

As freshmen, it was the Bulldogs who sent their doubles team to the Spring Fling.

The Rebels standouts made it out of the Knoxville Area.

Well, it was Bearden's tandem of Adams and Griffin Davis that prevailed in a tough three-set match as they outlasted Aubrey Davis and Maynard 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 and West coach Kelly Page

said that she had only one regret and that was that both West and Bearden couldn't send their top doubles team to the Midstate.

"This was a great match between four great competitors and four great friends and it's a shame that one of the teams had to lose," Page said. "They're a great group of guys."

Bearden coach Tyler Lane agreed.

"We're excited for the opportunity for them to go to state," Lane said. "You never take it for granted that you're going to get there."

"We were fortunate enough to have them win some key points. They're all great competitors and great friends."

Adams said he has full intentions of returning to East Tennessee with a Class AAA State Championship in doubles.

"This was a tough match and you have to give them credit," Adams said. "It feels great to go back to state."

"We haven't been there since our freshman year. Aubrey and Matthew went as sophomores and juniors and

we're going back to take care of some unfinished business. We lost in the finals when we were freshmen."

Griffin Davis commended his friends and rivals.

"Aubrey and Matthew are just fierce competitors," he said.

In the singles tourney, Farragut senior Gary Carter knocked off Hardin Valley Academy's Spencer Chaloux 6-1 in the region championship match.

Like the doubles match, this one featured a pair of combatants who were longtime friends as well as rivals.

During the regular season, Carter and Chaloux had a classic match with it going down to the wire.

On Tuesday, however, this wasn't the case.

"He hit the ball well from corner to corner and he hit the ball well and he just kept hitting," Chaloux said of Carter. "When he's playing like that, there's just not a lot that I can do about it."

"I'm really happy with my season but I didn't like the way it ended. I wish it would have ended a little better."

Farragut coach Ben Lyle also complimented Carter's performance on this day.

"I'm really happy for Gary. He's deserving to go back to state," Lyle said. "He's a good young man and he's worked extremely hard."

Carter was happy after the match.

"Playing Spencer is always great," he said. "We've had some great matches."

"I fixed some mistakes that I had from that first match and I played my game. I'm excited to be going back to state on another adventure."

Hardin Valley coach Seth Rayman was pleased with Chaloux's accomplishments in an illustrious career.

"He leaves Hardin Valley as our all-time wins leader," Rayman said. "He's been our No. 1 seed all four years."

"He's our most decorated player and he's made it to two region finals."

In the Section 1-AAA Team Finals: West dropped a 4-0 match to Tennessee High Wednesday at Tyson Park. The Vikings will make their second consecutive trip to Murfreesboro.

UT on horizon, but TSD runner still has some business to finish



By Steve Williams

Sweat was still pouring off Gashaw Duhamel several minutes after he had competed in the 3200-meter run in the East Tennessee Class A-AA State Sectional Thursday afternoon at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

Of course beads of perspiration weren't uncommon among the hundreds of talented high school track and field athletes from Happy Valley to Signal Mountain who were competing for sectional honors and a berth in this week's state meet in the TSSAA Spring Fling at Murfreesboro.

What made Duhamel stick out in the crowd was the fact he recently became the first student-athlete from Tennessee School for the Deaf to ever sign a NCAA Division 1 scholarship. Gashaw will be running for the Tennessee Vols and cross country/long distance runner coach Rodney Stoker this coming fall.

Before then, however, he has a big race coming up Friday at the state meet. Duhamel qualified with his second place showing in the 3200. Catholic's Johnathan Chavez held him off down the stretch. The rematch could be very interesting.

I ran into TSD athletic director Luke Benson at CAK about 30 minutes or so before Gashaw's race Thursday. Benson introduced me to first-year TSD boys track coach Jordan Cooper and Duhamel's dad. I told them I had hoped to see Gashaw compete in the KIL meet, but they informed me he had been sidelined with a sprained ligament in his foot, apparently the result of his track shoes not having proper arch support.

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What are the challenges of being deaf for a track athlete?

"If someone is catching up, you can't hear them,"

answered Coach Cooper. "It affects communication more in the relay and at the start of sprint events. Communication in the distance events is the least intrusive

of all the running events. And there are no challenges at all in the field events."

Benson noted TSD has had seven state champions in its history and all of them are in track and field.

Chavez took the lead at the start of the 3200 race and led KIL champion Timothy Thacker of Grace Christian Academy by eight meters after the first lap. Duhamel was in third.

Gashaw had moved into second place ahead of Thacker by the end of lap No. 2. It was still the same 1-2-3 runners after three laps, but Chavez had increased his lead to 15 meters.

Thacker moved up alongside Duhamel by the halfway point of the race, with Sullivan East standout Luke Meade looking strong as he moved up to fourth.

Meade, surprisingly, dropped out of the race in the fifth lap. A teammate of his reportedly said he had had the flu and his back had been hurting. Earlier in the meet, he had won the 1600 and was a close second in the 800.

Chavis continued to lead and Duhamel moved to second with Thacker dropping back in third during the sixth and seventh laps.

On the final lap, Gashaw started sprinting and was closing the gap considerably down the stretch. As spectators reacted to the exciting finish, Chavis twice looked back over his shoulder to check the competition.

Chavis finished the race in 9 minutes, 40.19 seconds. Duhamel came in at 9:41.01, less than a second back.

"Today was not to win, just to qualify for state," said Duhamel, with Coach Cooper serving as interpreter for my post-race interview with Gashaw. "That was my goal today. I'm happy to qualify for state and hope to do better (this) week."

What are your feelings about signing with Tennessee?

"I'm proud that I accomplished that," said Duhamel, who has a 3.87 GPA. "I hope coaches in college will help me improve even more."

Bearden's Rugby Dogs capture title with comeback

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO - Soon the attention of the high school sports world will be focused fully on Middle Tennessee State University and the city of Murfreesboro as the top teams and elite track and field athletes battle for Tennessee Supremacy at the annual Spring Fling.

But one area high school squad has already made the trip to the Midstate and returned home with a championship trophy.

The Bearden High School Rugby Club overcame some tough odds and posted a 31-22 comeback victory over Oakland High School on May 10.

The Bulldogs (6-2) had to play two matches to win the championship because they finished second in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Bearden reached the title match when it beat Murfreesboro Siegel. That set up a showdown with the Patriots.

Oakland dominated the match early as it darted out to a 12-0 lead. The Pats made the first two tries of the game and had a successful conversion kick on the second one

to open the lead.

The Bulldogs, who suffered their only two league losses of the season to Smoky Mountain Conference rival South-Doyle, finally got on the board when Riley Archer scored and Brandon Estrada made the conversion kick to make the score 12-7.

The Patriots scored again before halftime and tallied first after the intermission to open a 22-7 advantage before momentum swung Bearden's way. The Bulldogs scored 24 unanswered points in the final 15 minutes to storm back and win the title.

Archer, the team's Most Valuable Player, scored to make the score 22-12 and the Bulldogs would pull to within 22-19 when Gage Hearn scored and Ethan Shope added the conversion.

Bearden coach Marty Bradley said that Bearden's sudden burst of energy and momentum changed the game as the Patriots completely fell apart.

"They imploded," Bradley said of Oakland. "We came out in the second half and we started to play them evenly

and they aren't used to that and they didn't like it. They started fighting with each other.

"They really turned on each other."

During Bearden's comeback bid, the Patriots received a pair of red cards and a yellow card.

The Bulldogs took the lead for good when Hearn scored a try to make it 24-22.

Kolby Lewis provided the exclamation point when he scored an intercept try in the final two minutes. Ethan Shope hit his second conversion of the championship match to provide the final margin.

Bearden principal Dr. John Bartlett was on hand for the state tournament and Bradley said that his presence was greatly appreciated.

"Dr. Bartlett made the trip to Murfreesboro to support us," Bradley said. "These kids work extremely hard and it was nice to see them get some publicity and support from our administration."

"These kids work as hard or harder than the kids in the mainstream [TSSAA sanctioned] sports and it was really nice to see them get

some support."

Bearden entered Murfreesboro facing a tall order. The Bulldogs, by virtue of its second-place finish in the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament, had to play two matches to earn the Bowl Championship.

"We slipped up a little and finished second in our conference tournament and we had to play two matches to win the Bowl Championship," said Bradley, who also doubles as the coach of the rugby club at the University of Tennessee.

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Q&A with Todd Kelly Jr.

By Alex Norman

When the opportunity arises we like to have conversations with the playmakers around town. Recently we had the chance to sit down with Tennessee junior safety Todd Kelly Jr., and talked about, among other things, his life-long connection to Knoxville and the Vols, as well as his thoughts on new Tennessee defensive coordinator Bob Shoop.

Knoxville Focus: How can the work you guys put in in the spring pay off when you get to the fall?

Todd Kelly Jr.: As many reps as you can get, the better you get. I learned that going through the process of going out there, putting yourself out there, and just competing and having fun with your teammates is the main thing—going out and giving your all. And learning from the coaches and getting the hands on experience. Coach (Bob) Shoop is now here. We see how he coaches and does things so, just relating to him and that gets us

ready for the upcoming season.

KF: You mentioned Coach Shoop... what is he like as a Defensive Coordinator and how quickly over the past few months have you been able to bond with him and get used to having him as your DC?

TK: He's motivated and loves the game of football. I call him a football junkie because he is always studying film and texting us, reminding us of things to do not just about football but about being a man. He talked about meeting my parents and getting to know everybody. He already knows everyone's name on the defense. Shows how much he cares about this team and the future.

KF: What have you learned going from year 1 to year 2 and now to year 3 as a college football player and a student-athlete?

TK: You are student first; you have to take care of your grades. When you have that, everything adds up and it is easier to do things on the field. I make sure I am on top of my grades, on

top of school, going to tutors... taking good notes. They teach everything here. It's pretty awesome and once I am on the field I just do as the coaches ask me and listen to the older guys and listening to the veterans helps me out. Now that I am a junior I consider myself a veteran, so coaching up the young guys, telling them right from wrong at a young age will help them when they are older.

KF: Do you feel that you can take on more of a leadership role now?

TK: I see myself as one of the leaders of this defense and when something happens to put it on my shoulders because I have experienced it before and I tell these guys what is right and what is wrong. Of course I am going to make mistakes and I have guys back there to correct me — guys like Cam Sutton and Jalen Reeves-Maybin... just to have a support system on our team is special and I consider myself part of that support system.

KF: What are you working on to get better?

TK: I learn new things every day. I'm not a perfect player. Listening to Coach Shoop, Coach (Willie) Martinez... Cam has experience and points some things out to me. I'm also listening to teammates. Just getting bits and pieces from everyone and putting it together will help me perfect my craft. And watching film on me every single day, pros and cons that I did that day, just checking myself before I move on to the next day.

KF: You guys have some much talent in the secondary... how good can this group be?

TK: We can be as good as we want to be and that comes with putting the time in, making sure we work hard. Communicating and working together, I think that is the main thing. If we do that, we can be exceptional but with that comes time. We are working at that and hopefully we can reach that goal.

KF: Expectations were big, now even bigger. Are you ready for what's to come?

TK: I think we are ready but we are focused on the process and

getting better taking it game by game. We are not looking at getting to Atlanta or back to Tampa... just taking it day by day, week by week and when that game comes, stay together as one.

KF: You are a local guy (Kelly graduated from Webb School) and grew up with this Tennessee thing... do you local guys take even more responsibility?

TK: I like to joke with Josh Smith, Brent Kendrick (CAK grads) and say we would have beat them if playing back in the day but we couldn't pay each other. We talk, you know, about how important it is to people in East Tennessee, really all of Tennessee, and just growing up going to games, seeing how well they do. We want to bring that tradition back and I think we are doing that with winning but it is important to focus on the process. If we stay together and do what we are asked to do and set goals we can reach them.

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Absurdity

Absurdity has become the new reality. Of all the things that need attention in our country and the world, the major media, anarchists who masquerade as activists and liberal-progressives like Obama and Hillary have found a new battleground in our nation's restrooms. I saw a cartoon recently which quoted President John Kennedy in 1961 who wanted to "put men on the moon ..." Now, Hillary and Obama want to "...put men in womens' restrooms."

Like capitalism and freedom, tolerance has been a characteristic of modern western civilization. All of these are under attack by socialism, religious fanaticism and intolerance of thought, also known as political correctness and illiberalism. College campuses now have "safe

zones" where students can take refuge if they encounter or hear something contrary to their world view which makes them uncomfortable or feel "threatened."

Loretta Lynch was chosen by Obama and confirmed as head of the Department of Justice. Regarding the restroom controversy in North Carolina, Lynch and Obama threatened the state with loss of Federal school funding if self-described "transgender" students were denied access to public restrooms of their choice. In my home anyone is free to use our restrooms. There's never been a problem, as long as I remember to put down the toilet seat. Ms. Lynch is little more than a political operative. Also, she is apparently disconnected from reality

when she opined, "No student should feel uncomfortable in middle school." It's been my observation and experience that everyone is "uncomfortable" about almost everything during those difficult middle school years. Now liberal-progressives want to add restroom confusion to the mix.

I've heard speculation that transgender identification issues are a form of body dysmorphism where people see aspects of their body as not right. Such a nuanced aspect of psychiatry is far beyond this internist's pay grade.

I have encountered patients who perceived that ants were crawling over their skin. The condition is called formication which can be a sign of psychosis. (Please note my use of an "m" instead of "n" which casts an entirely different connotation.) My patient was in the hospital with pneumonia and complained of ants crawling on her skin. Despite repeated inspections of her skin and bedsheets, I couldn't find any evidence of ants, rash or bite marks. I asked the psychiatry service to see her, believing her illness had made her delirious. The psychiatrist's snarky consultation note recommended an exterminator because when he

interviewed her he found the poor woman literally covered in ants!

You may recall a recent essay where I "came out of the closet." Using absurdity, I confessed that "inside" I felt like a small black woman. Of course this is ridiculous; look at my picture! But you must understand that objective reality is being replaced by what someone feels about themselves.

It would be fanciful to imagine myself again in middle school demanding to use the restroom of my choice or the girl's locker room shower. This might be a pubescent boy's fantasy, but it is still absurd. Democrat-progressives like Hillary Clinton and Loretta Lynch might argue my right to have access to public restrooms or the shower of my choice, but what about disenfranchising the vast majority (>99.9%) of the population who are not "transgender" and may feel threatened and uncomfortable in a "co-ed" setting.

There is not a facet of American culture and politics that is free of liberal-progressive philosophy and Obama's "transformative" revolution. Even my church is under assault. Every four years representatives of the United Methodist Church gather to

analyze and redefine what it means to be Methodist. This is codified in what we call the Book of Discipline, and is analogous to the Constitution. Methodism is a major Protestant denomination which was founded by John Wesley in the 18th century, and has been integral to American culture since that time. Interestingly, both George Bush and Hillary Clinton claim membership in this worldwide Christian denomination.

As I pen this essay, Methodists, like so many Americans, are wrestling with the divisive issues of same-sex marriage, ordination of openly gay ministers and the entire LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) spectrum in culture and within the church. We Methodists are a tolerant bunch, and many identify with the challenge, "What would Jesus do?" John Wesley established our denomination on what would later be called the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. This philosophy uses the wisdom of scripture, tradition, experience and reason to guide the faithful. Too often men prefer to legislate rather than be led by conscience.

A friend of mine recently challenged me with the notion that tolerance and intolerance are not

arbiters of right or wrong. She described seeing a tee shirt whose front read, "Intolerance is a beautiful thought..." because the back of the shirt continued, "Martin Luther King was intolerant of racism and Dietrich Bonhoeffer was intolerant of Nazism. And I don't think Jesus was very tolerant of the moneychangers in the Temple or hypocritical Pharisees. Should we be tolerant of something that is wrong?"

We Methodists await the decisions of the Methodist Quadrennial in Portland, Oregon. Methodism may bend to political correctness, change the Book of Discipline and rescind the wisdom of millennia. My Church may embrace the minority LGBT philosophy, as did the Episcopal and Presbyterian denominations which ended in schism. I pray reason and inclusion will trump emotion, and Methodism will avoid the mistakes of other mainline denominations.

Whatever happens I know I will follow my individual conscience. After all, the ancient philosopher Epictetus said the only things that really belong to a man are his thoughts and his conscience.

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Stronger-than-average babies the force behind new public health campaign

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) with help from Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett launched a public health campaign last week aimed at improving birth outcomes and reducing infant mortality.

"To have stronger babies, we must have strong mothers, fathers, families and a supportive community," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "I applaud our health department for finding such a fun and unique way to engage the community in a conversation around this important issue."

The Strong Baby project

uses lighthearted and attention-grabbing images of stronger-than-average babies to rally the community around the importance of changing the conditions that can lead to healthier infants and families. The educational campaign focuses on the importance of early and adequate prenatal care, breastfeeding, good nutrition, avoiding tobacco, and many other healthy behaviors.

"Too many of our babies are born too small, too soon or with too many health issues," said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. "The babies in this campaign have captured

our hearts and made us smile. We hope they will also capture the attention of our community so that together we can help more babies become stronger babies."

The Strong Baby project will be on billboards, in health care provider offices, at events and online. KCHD is also encouraging the community to share the images and information on social media with the hashtag #StrongBaby-Knox. More information is available at StrongBaby-Knox.org.

"Improving the well-being of mothers, infants and children is an important

community health goal for us," added Buchanan. "Their well-being determines the health of the next generation and can help predict future public health challenges for families, communities and the health care system."

Based on a highly successful campaign created by Serve Marketing and conducted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department, the Strong Baby project is an outcome of KCHD's Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) program, which is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health. FIMR is an action-oriented

community process that continually assesses, monitors and works to improve service systems and community resources for women, infants and families.

While not all pregnancy complications can be prevented, women can increase their chances of having a healthy baby by managing health conditions and detecting problems early. Infant mortality, defined as the death of an infant before his or her first birthday, is higher for those born to mothers who receive inadequate prenatal care, and in 2013 only 70% of women

in Knox County received early, adequate prenatal care. Babies born just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness verses full-term infants. In fact, complications of prematurity was the leading cause of infant death in 2014. Approximately 11 percent of infants in Tennessee were born premature in 2013. That same year, 8.4 percent of babies in Knox County were born with a low birth weight; and, black infants were born with a low birth weight at nearly twice the rate of white infants.

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Celebrating Memorial Day

Many of us look forward to celebrating Memorial Day with picnics and backyard barbecues as we launch into summer. Lakes are buzzing with boaters and swimming pools are filled to capacity in celebration of a long weekend of fun and relaxation. Many decorate their homes with flags and colors of red, white, and blue. Many cities decorate Main Street with American flags swaying with pride in celebration of Memorial Day. Hobo the Wonder Dog and I believe Memorial Day celebrations should reflect on the true meaning of the holiday—it is a day of grief and honor for our fallen military heroes and



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

their survivors. General John Logan in 1868 established a day of remembrance for fallen soldiers of the Civil War called Decoration Day. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established Memorial Day as a three-day federal holiday. Seemingly, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War are a distant memory in the minds of many. America's recent wars of Operation Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom once again remind us of the true cost of our freedoms and the sacrifices made. The least we can do is pause

and honor those who have sacrificed this Memorial Day. The history of dogs serving in war is well documented and there are many K9 war heroes. One American K9 hero is "Stubby" of the 102nd Infantry, 26th Yankee Division. Stubby was a Boston / Bull Terrier type dog and the most decorated war dog of World War I. Stubby was promoted to sergeant through combat after capturing a German Spy. He participated in four offensives and eighteen battles often leaving the trenches to search for wounded soldiers. Sergeant Stubby not only lifted morale of soldiers but, by his example helped prove the importance of K9 military service. Today there are about 2,500 dogs serving in the

American Armed Forces around the world. From the front lines to protecting the President we depend on our K9 Soldiers to help keep us safe. I believe these heroic K9 soldiers are veterans and are worthy of remembering alongside their handlers. The great men and women and their families who have sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy should be honored and remembered this Memorial Day. Please join us this Memorial Day as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our freedoms and the privilege to celebrate their honor. For tips on calming your dog's fear of fireworks visit Hobo the Wonder Dog's blog post July 2015 at www.hobothewonderdog.com.



Hobo the Wonder Dog visits Stones River National Cemetery

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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 January 24, 2006, executed by ROBERT A. LONGMIRE, TAMMIE L. LONGMIRE, conveying certain real property therein described to EAST TENNESSEE TITLE PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 2, 2006, at Instrument Number 200602020065340;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank N.A., as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-NC1 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC1 who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 16, 2016 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 SIX OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK D, ECHO VALLEY, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT G-0-S, PAGE 431, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH, SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 26, 1998, BEARING WORK ORDER NO. 98-10-30. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND BUILDING SETBACK LINE AS ARE SHOWN IN THE RECORDS IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE.

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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 **June 23, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more fully described as follows:

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Other Interested Parties(s): N/A

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
277 Mallory Station Road
Suite 115
Franklin, TN 37067
PH: 615-550-7897 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 13-00949 FC04

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jonathan B. Romer executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., Lender and Reconstruct Company, N.A., Trustee(s), which was dated April 24, 2008 and recorded on January 17, 2013 in Instrument No. 201301170046925, 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 14, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary

location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED INST # 20060508093469, ID#153BF-015, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:

SITUATED IN THE 6TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE BEING ALL OF LOT NUMBER 58 IN BLOCK D OF WATERFORD SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 81-S, PAGE 30, REGISTERS OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT FRONTING ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF BLACKBURN DRIVE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF LARRY A. DOSS, SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 23, 1994.

JONATHAN B. ROMER, SINGLE BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM PAUL R. MEES AND LATISA D. MEES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS SET FORTH IN INST # 20060508093469 DATED 04/20/2006 AND RECORDED 05/08/2006, KNOX COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID Number: 153BF 015
Address/Description: **609 Blackburn Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934**.

Current Owner(s): Jonathan B. Romer.
Other Interested Parties(s): N/A

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

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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
277 Mallory Station Road
Suite 115
Franklin, TN 37067
PH: 615-550-7897 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 15-15460 FC02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, provisions and payments made and provided for in a Deed of Trust dated September 11, 2008, executed by Daniel R. Hodges, Single, to George V. Crawford, Jr., Trustee, and recorded in 20080912-0018262, and subject to an Assignment of Leases as Collateral in 20080912-0018263, Register's Office for KNOX County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness therein described, and the entire indebtedness having been called due and payable as provided in said deed of trust, and said payment not having been made, and the lawful owner and holder of said indebtedness having appointed the undersigned, David G. Mangum, as substitute trustee by written instrument dated April 26, 2016, recorded in Instrument No. 20160429-0062568, in the above mentioned Register's Office, notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned substitute trustee, or my authorized agent, under the power and authority vested in me by said deed of trust, and having been requested to do so by the lawful owner and holder of said debt, will on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**, Eastern Standard Time, at the front (revolving) door of the City-County Building on Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead and dower, and all other exemptions and rights of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in said deed of trust, the following described tract or parcel of land situated and lying in Knox County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

SITUATED IN District Five of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 39th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being all of Lot 5A and Part of Lot 5B, of the Resubdivision of Tract No.5 in Lee McClain's Subdivision, as shown on map of the same of record in Map Book 17, page 85, Cabinet B, Slide 220A, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron pin on the north side of Victor Road (also known as Victor Drive), corner to property formerly owned by Miller and now or formerly owned by Joe Clayton, Trustee (as described in Deed Book 1933, page 676), located North 35 deg. 55 min. East. 231.2 feet from an iron pin set at the intersection of the north line of said Victor Set with the east line of U.S. Highway No. 25-W (Clinton Highway); thence with said Clayton,

North 35 deg. 41 min. West. 335.28 feet to an angle iron in the line of land now or formerly owned by Loveday; thence with said line of Loveday, North 37 deg. 38 min. 49 sec. East, 136.91 feet to a nail in said Loveday's line and corner to property formerly owned by McClain and now or formerly owned by Harvey Jackson Porter (as described in Deed Book 1587, page 207); thence with said Porter, South 39 deg. 19 min. 28 sec. East, 327.18 feet to an iron pin in the north line of Victor Road, corner to said Porter; thence with the north line of said Victor Road, South 36 deg. 46 min. 14 sec. West, 159.35 feet to an iron pin, the point of BEGINNING, containing 1.09 acres.

DEED REFERENCE:

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel R. Hodges by deed from Michael H. Fancher dated July 10, 2003 of record in 20030715-0006073, said Register's Office.

SUBJECT to any and all existing easements, setback lines and restrictive covenants of record in said Register's Office including but not limited to All Matters on the Plan of Resubdivision of Tract No. 5 in Lee McClain's Subdivision in Map Book 17, Page 85 and Cabinet B, Slide 220-A, said Register's Office.

The description was taken from the deed of trust being foreclosed on of record in 20080912-0018262, said Register's Office.

MAP/PARCEL: 068-K-A-062
PROPERTY ADDRESS: **809 Victor Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912** as shown on the public records of the Assessor of Property for Knox County, TN.

This sale is subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes; restrictive covenants, easements and setback lines; any and all redemption rights, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, State or Federal; and any and all other prior liens or encumbrances against said real property. Said sale is further subject to matters that an accurate survey of the property might disclose.

The property sold pursuant to this notice shall be sold "AS IS" and neither the Successor Trustee nor the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust, nor any agent or attorney therefore, makes or shall make any warranty, whether express or implied, as to the condition, quality or quantity thereof, including, but not limited to, the enforceability of any lease affecting the property, the existence or absence of defaults under or the effect or this sale upon the rights of any party under such lease. The Successor Trustee shall make no warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Successor Trustee's Deed only.

The Trustee may adjourn or postpone the aforementioned sale of real property by public announcement at such time and place of sale, and from time to time thereafter may postpone such sale by public announcement at the time and place fixed by the preceding postponement or subsequently noticed sale, and without further notice make such sale at the time fixed by the last postponement, or may, in its discretion, give a new notice of sale. If applicable, the Notice requirements of T.C.A. § 35-5-117 have been met.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close the sale shall, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and, if the bid is rejected, the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is ready, willing, and able to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds derived from the sale of the property will be applied as provided for in said deed of trust.

Terms of Sale: Cash
Substitute Trustee: David G. Mangum
2303 Franklin Road
Nashville, TN 37204
(615) 255-8690

Interested Parties: Estate of Daniel R. Hodges
Heirs of Daniel R. Hodges
Corporation Service Company,
UCC Financing Statement

Publish Newspaper: The Knoxville Focus
Editions dated: Monday, May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2016
DGM File #70345

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 8, 2009, executed by GARY R. JUSTICE, JULIANN M. JUSTICE, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT WILSON, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 200905110072791 (see "Loan Modification Agreement" at instrument number 201510120023066;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN,

PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 23, 2016 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. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 44TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 31, GLENMAY SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT 200408170014822, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200503020068688 ALL APPLICABLE CONDITIONS, COVENANTS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES, LIENS, LEASES, PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN BOOK OR PLAT IN THE AFORESAID COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS' OFFICE. SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREON. SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING LINES, CONDITIONS AND MATTERS OF RECORD. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, ALL APPLICABLE CONDITIONS, COVENANTS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES, LIENS, PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN BOOK OR PLAT IN THE KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER OF DEEDS' OFFICE. ALSO SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREON.

Parcel ID: 092DA00430
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6017 GLENMAY DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): GARY R. JUSTICE, JULIANN M. JUSTICE

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 8, 2009, executed by BONNIE LEGRANDE, GERALDINE LEGRANDE, conveying certain real property therein described to ALAN E. SOUTH, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 15, 2009, at Instrument Number 200906150082257;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 16, 2016 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 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 30TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 21, BLOCK B, HOLSTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 44, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEAST LINE OF TYNEMOUTH DRIVE WITH THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF EXEMOUTH DRIVE; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT ALONG EXEMOUTH DRIVE, NORTH 19 DEG. 10 MIN. EAST, 67.76 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST, 139.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 28 DEG. 42 MIN. WEST, 20.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEG. EAST 75.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEG. 12 MIN. WEST, 142.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF TYNEMOUTH DRIVE; THENCE WITH TYNEMOUTH, NORTH 33 DEG. 59 MIN. WEST, 108 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 26, 1986. MAP & PARCEL NO. 083H/D/016 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4304 TYNEMOUTH DR., KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, 10 FT. EASEMENTS ON EXTERIOR LOT LINES WITH 5 FT. INTERIOR LOT LINE EASEMENTS AS WELL AS 15 FT. SEWER EASEMENTS WITH 7.5 EACH SIDE OF LINE. ANY AND ALL MATTERS OF RECORD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES, AND ANY EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 44, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 083H/D/016
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4304 TYNEMOUTH DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BONNIE LEGRANDE, GERALDINE LEGRANDE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHS 50th Reunion

The Knoxville Central High School Class of 1966 will be celebrating its 50th reunion Saturday, October 8, at Beaver Brook Country Club. The planning committee is searching for members of that class. If you are a member of the Class of 66 or know a member of that class who would like to receive information about the reunion, please send that information to Gail Norris Kitts at gnkitts@yahoo.com.

Smoky Mountain Storytellers

Storytelling Live, May 27, 7-9 p.m. Family fun by Smoky Mt. Storytellers at Vienna Coffee House. Energetic, Funny Tales, Whoppers and Heroes by storytellers: Millie Sieber, Kathleen Mavourain, Jim Eastin, Susan Fulbright, Stephen Fulbright. Donations gratefully accepted. Contact Sheri Liles at 865-680-8453, spinningmaid@gmail.com, or smokymountaintellers.org.

South Knoxville Senior Center Celebration

The South Knoxville Senior Center will be celebrating their 9th Anniversary June 9 from 9 a.m. - noon. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett plans to attend and share in the hot dogs, ice cream, cookies, cover-dish foods, etc. The cost to attend is a cover-dish!

Extraordinary Prayer



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

There are times when our situation in life reaches a point of desperation. This is the "all hands on deck" approach to prayer. You alert everyone you know for a time of radical prayer. But desperation does

to approach the king with any petition without permission. She could be killed, according to their law, for attempting to enter his presence. But she made a courageous call for extraordinary

was killed on his own gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. And Mordecai, the Jew, was raised to a key position of leadership and charged with protecting the Jews from further persecution throughout the kingdom of Persia. Talk about a turn of events. For this deliverance to be successful, the Jewish people prayed corporately. Extraordinary prayer is a team effort.

home where people had gathered to pray. Those gathered in the home were astonished when Peter showed up. Sometimes we are astonished as well at the answer to our prayers.

There are times we pray with fasting. By denying our bodies food, we can focus more on God as well as enter into more focused times of prayer. We fast because we mean business. Corporate fasting means we are united in appealing to God.

Fervent prayer touches God's heart. The Kendrick brothers wrote: "Imagine what the combined, persistent, united prayers of many righteous people, each of them fasting and praying, might accomplish" (*The Battle Plan for Prayer*, 184).

not mean you can't be strategic. Let's consider a few examples from Scripture.

Esther's experience led to a time of extraordinary prayer. Esther was a beautiful young Jewish woman, who was selected as a candidate for queen of Persia. Esther learned of a plan to exterminate the Jewish people from her relative who raised her, Mordecai.

prayer:

"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16).

The result was amazing. The mastermind of the genocide, Haman,

There is a story in Acts 12 when Peter was thrown in jail. The church was praying fervently for him (12:5). The night before his trial and likely execution, chained between two soldiers, Peter was trying to sleep. An angel appeared, freed him, and led him past two sleeping guards on his way to the

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **June 13, 2016** on or about **11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by DANIEL BEASON AND TONYA G. BEASON, to MARY L ARONOV, Trustee, on October 1, 2004, as Instrument No. 200410110030566 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee and re-filed as Instrument No. 200501060054319 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK N.A., IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FIX1 TRUST, CSFB HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FIX1

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

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY LOCATED IN KNOX COUNTY: 7500 QUARRY RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37938

SITUATED IN THE 6TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE INTERSECTION OF EMORY ROAD AND QUARRY ROAD; THENCE WITH THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EMORY ROAD NORTH 46 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST, 200 FT. TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING EMORY ROAD NORTH 42 DEG. 42 MIN 40 SEC. WEST, 216.82 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN PROPERTY LINE OF DON DUNCAN; THENCE WITH DUNCAN SOUTH 46 DEG. 51 MIN. 53 SEC. WEST, 199.88 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF QUARRY ROAD; THENCE WITH QUARRY ROAD SOUTH 42 DEG. 42 MIN. 40 SEC. EAST, 219.32 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.0 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF GERALD F. CLARK DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1986.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DANIEL BEASON AND WIFE, TONYA G. BEASON BY DEED FROM FERN G. SUMMERS, WIDOW DATED 05-06-2001 FILED FOR RECORD ON 06-08-2001 IN INSTRUMENT 2001 0608 008 6787, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD.

Tax ID: 029 09101
Current Owner(s) of Property: DANIEL BEASON AND TONYA G. BEASON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **7500 QUARRY ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: FIRST TENNESSEE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION AND JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF MIDLAND FUNDING LLC THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 14-004089-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, JOHN R. ROAN, or JERRY A. BRIDENBAUGH, Substitute Trustee(s) Premier Building, Suite 404 5217 Maryland Way

Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
PHONE: (615) 238-3630
EMAIL: insales@mwzmlaw.com

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2011, executed by ROBERT LOUIS HICKS, SHARON I HICKS, conveying certain real property therein described to LIBERTY TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 1, 2011, at Instrument Number 201111010023715;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED SECURITY FINANCIAL CORP. 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 23, 2016 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:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NUMBER SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 20, BLOCK D, OF THE REVISED LOVELL VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET E, SLIDES 700, 71A & B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. PARCEL ID: 118JB020 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1228 LOVELL VIEW DR. KNOXVILLE, TN 37932 HOWEVER, BY SHOWING THIS ADDRESS NO ADDITIONAL COVERAGE IS PROVIDED

Parcel ID: 118JB020
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CURRENT OWNER(S): ROBERT LOUIS HICKS, SHARON I HICKS

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

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HECTOR OROZCO VELA
IN RE: MARIA ELIZABETH OROZCO PURULLA AND HECTOR OROZCO PURULLA JR
NO. 191572-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, HECTOR OROZCO VELA, 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 HECTOR OROZCO VELA, it is Ordered that said Defendant, HECTOR OROZCO VELA, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry R. Givens, an attorney whose address is 706 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37909 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Mike Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of April, 2016.
/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

To be published: 5/16/2016, 5/23/2016, 5/30/2016 and 6/6/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANASTACIO SANTIAGO
IN RE: FATIMA SANTIAGO
NO. 191122-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified that the Defendant, ANASTACIO SANTIAGO, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ANASTACIO SANTIAGO. It is Ordered that said Defendant, ANASTACIO SANTIAGO, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua Reed, an attorney whose address is 5915 Casey Drive, Knoxville, TN 37909, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of May, 2016.
/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

To be published: 5/23/2016, 5/30/2016, 6/6/2016 and 6/13/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: PATRICK RUSSELL CHAMBERS
IN RE: SAMANTHA L. CHAMBERS v. PATRICK RUSSELL CHAMBERS
NO. 191593-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified that the Defendant, PATRICK RUSSELL CHAMBERS, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon PATRICK RUSSELL CHAMBERS. It is Ordered that said Defendant, PATRICK RUSSELL CHAMBERS, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley, an attorney whose address is 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of May, 2016.
/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RONALD TEMPLE
IN RE: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY v. RONALD TEMPLE
NO. 190900-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified that the Defendant, RONALD TEMPLE, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon RONALD TEMPLE. It is Ordered that said Defendant, RONALD TEMPLE, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master

of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Maria Yoder, an attorney whose address is 1521 Merrill Drive, Ste-D220, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 13th day of May, 2016.
/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of JERRY L. CAGLEY
Docket Number 77651-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY L. CAGLEY, who died Jan 27, 2016, 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 10th day of May, 2016
Estate of JERRY L. CAGLEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
YVONNE M. CAGLEY, Administratrix
2400 Rim St
Knoxville, TN 37917

SCOTT B. HAHN
Attorney at Law
5344 N Broadway, Ste 101
Knoxville, TN 37918

PUBLISH: 5/23/2016 and 5/30/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of MILDRED DUDLEY HARPER
Docket Number 77643-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED DUDLEY HARPER, who died Apr 16, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This 6th day of May, 2016
Estate of MILDRED DUDLEY HARPER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WALTER E HARPER, JR, Co-Executor
1619 Rivershore Dr
Knoxville, TN 37914

MARY KATHLEEN DOANE, Co-Executor
2320 Pleasant View Rd
Knoxville, TN 37914

NANCY JANE MAULDIN, Co-Executor
6122 McMillan Creek Dr
Knoxville, TN 37924

PUBLISH: 5/23/2016 and 5/30/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of KENNETH JAMES LYONS
Docket Number 77620-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH JAMES LYONS, who died May

3, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and 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 8th day of May, 2016
Estate of KENNETH JAMES LYONS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIM THERIOT, Executor
235 Springwater Lane
Knoxville, TN 37934
WILLIAM A MYNATT, JR
Attorney at Law
PO Box 2425
Knoxville, TN 37901

PUBLISH: 5/23/2016 and 5/30/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of KATHLEEN T. PETRONE
Docket Number 77678-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KATHLEEN T. PETRONE, who died Feb 15, 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 16th day of May, 2016
Estate of KATHLEEN T. PETRONE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES M. PETRONE, Executor
12627 Evans Road
Knoxville, TN 37934
ANNE M. MCKINNEY
Attorney at Law
1019 Orchid Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37912

PUBLISH: 5/23/2016 and 5/30/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of BETTY W. POLLOCK
Docket Number 77680-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY W. POLLOCK, who died Apr 4, 2016, 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 17th day of May, 2016
Estate of BETTY W. POLLOCK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN POLLOCK, Executor
1514 Cliffside Lane
Knoxville, TN 37914
ROBERT A. COLE
Attorney at Law
1715 Powers St
Knoxville, TN 37917

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of WILLIAM F. SHARP
Docket Number 77651-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM F. SHARP, who died April 8, 2016, 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 11th day of May, 2016
Estate of WILLIAM F. SHARP
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LISA L. SHARP, Co-Executrix
4926 High Grove Lane
Knoxville, TN 37918

LORI SHARP LONG, Co-Executrix
7908 Cranley Rd
Powell, TN 37849

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of PAULINE IRWIN WHITLEY
Docket Number 76683-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PAULINE IRWIN WHITLEY, who died July 1, 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

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By Rose Davidson

www.bluemoose-burgersandwings.com.) Blue Moose is in good company, so to speak, as it is part of the restaurant group that also operates Bullfish Grill, Mellow Mushroom, Timberwood Grill, Parkside Grill, Lakeside Tavern, Harrison's Grill, Liberty Park Grill and Carino's.

Before continuing, I am going to mention Gigi's Cupcakery, which is in the same complex in Suite 103. I bring it up because if you stop in, they have coupons on the

counter that give you a five dollar discount at the Blue Moose. I'll get back to Gigi's at the end of this article as it too is a place you absolutely must visit without hesitation.

Back to the Blue Moose: I was warmly greeted and seated immediately. My waiter Zac was friendly and acted as if he couldn't accommodate me enough. That is a terrific sign in a restaurant, and I will say he is a great asset to them. The restaurant has twenty flat panel TV screens, so there is a view for everyone from every table. I was too late to take advantage of Happy Hour, which is Monday through Friday from 3-6, but I was fortunate enough to show up on a Wednesday night, enabling me to participate in a trivia contest at 8 o'clock. As someone who always eats alone, a good trivia contest sounded fun! I would go back on Wednesdays just for that!

I ordered two flavors of wings. (Eight wings are 8.99. If you arrive on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m., you get twelve wings for the price of eight.) Lemon Pepper is one of my favorites, and this is the only place I've found here

that offers them. Zac recommended the Gold Fever wings. (Gold refers to mustard.) I was hesitant, but he was right. They rivaled the Lemon Pepper. He snuck extra wings on my plate, which certainly made the Tip-O-Meter go up. Against Zac's objections, I ordered the coleslaw. He suggested I should order something else. He was right again. It was bland and nothing special, but a little Bleu Cheese Dressing that came with my wings zipped it right up! He checked on me often, but not TOO much. I told him the wings were the best I've had. He proudly pointed out the large trophies near my table that prove they are award winning. Indeed they are! I couldn't imagine not discovering a flavor that tantalizes your taste buds. Do any of these other flavors sound good to you? Sesame Ginger, Wild Ranch, Aussie BBQ, Honey BBQ, Italian Parmesan, Sweet Thai Garlic, Black Jack, Caribbean Jerk, General Tso's, Cajun Dry Rub, Thai Red Curry, Chipotle BBQ, Honey Garlic, Hot Teriyaki, Signature Mild, Signature Hot Sauce, Sriracha Ranch, Mango Habanero BBQ, Flame Thrower, and Atomic. Those last three are to be tried at your own risk!

They have much more than wings. One tasty creation is the Hawaiian Chicken Salad for \$9.99, which is a grilled chicken breast over

fresh greens, pineapple, sliced jalapenos, tossed in a creamy mango dressing. It was a refreshing change from the typical salad fare. As burgers are also one of their specialties, I'll mention how unbearably delicious the Hawaiian Luau Burger is. It's a 1/2 pound burger topped with grilled pineapple, Applewood bacon and a mango habanero sauce. As they say, your mouth will say Mahalo! There are twelve juicy hamburgers to choose from, including a vegetarian burger and an option to BYO (build your own) burger.

Appetizers are abundant, as are the entrée-sized salads and a large selection of very unique scrumptious sandwiches. A couple of southern-style appetizers are appealing such as Buc's Poker Chips: dill pickle rounds, breaded and fried and served with ranch dip for \$5.99. BBQ Pigskins are on the menu as well. They aren't actual pigskins, but eight crispy fried potato skins stuffed with slow cooked BBQ pork, Cheddar and Monterey Cheeses, sliced green onion, served with a side of sour cream. I swear it's impossible for any member of the family to be disappointed here, and you won't be emptying out your wallet to have a good meal. I encourage you to go to the site and look at all the menus. It won't be long before you will be heading there!

Now, I'm not deterring anyone from satisfying their sweet tooth with one of the three delectable desserts the Blue Moose has to offer, but you absolutely must pick up some cupcakes at Gigi's Gourmet Cupcakery. This small shop is unpretentious and one would never know they have the most beautiful cupcakes you've ever seen! The recipe is self-described as "the best gourmet cupcake to ever come out of a Texan Grandma's kitchen". They bake 30 varieties of cupcakes and adorable mini-cupcakes each week, fresh each day. In addition to traditional cakes, beautifully decorated for any event, they also make cheesecakes—Classic Cherry Cheesecake, Turtle Cheesecake, Chocolate Chocolate Chip and plenty of creamy seasonal cheesecakes throughout the year. Are you gluten-free or sugar-free? No problem! They have you covered. One thing to try is the flourless Triple Chocolate Torte. They have eleven locations in Tennessee alone and run a rewards program for frequent buyers. They even make special logoed cupcakes for corporate events. To drool over their deliriously mouthwatering flavors and see photos, go to <https://gigiscupcake-susa.com/location/pigeon-forge-tennessee-tn/> or like them on Facebook.

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