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School Board Votes to Approve Amended Disparities Resolution

By Sally Absher
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The draft Disparities in Educational Outcomes Task Force Report and Recommendations were discussed at length during three Board of Education meetings in the past two weeks.

Over the past 18 months, the Disparities in Educational Outcomes (DEO) task force conducted a comprehensive review of data including: school and district demographics; academic and discipline outcomes for all students; law enforcement reports; KCS employee demographics and recruitment efforts; and best practices from other districts.

Comparing the statistics of in-school-suspensions (ISS) and out-of-school suspensions (OSS) for various student populations, the study found that certain groups were being suspended at a higher rate than other groups. Subgroups examined include **Ethnicity:** Indian, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Hawaiian, and White; **Gender:** female and male; **Economically Disadvantaged (ED):** yes or no; **Students with Disabilities (SWD):** yes or no; and **English language learners (ELL):** yes or no.

The data indicate:

- Disparities in discipline do exist for students in the Black, SWD, ED, and male subgroups.
- Poverty has a significant impact on educational outcomes for all subgroups of students.
- There appears to be a negative correlation between suspension rates and academic performance.
- KCS is improving. The achievement gap met state targets for reduction in nine out of 16 areas in 2014-2015. But significant achievement gaps still persist.

Using stakeholder feedback from community and educator forums and other community outreach initiatives (Save our Sons, Push Out/Teach In) and the District webpage, the DEO Task Force identified four general focus areas: training, programs, policies and practices, and personnel.

Acknowledging the need for “immediate action as well as strategic implementation over a five-year period,” the Task Force presented a draft Recommendations/Action Plan detailing a total of thirty six action items in the four focus areas, which McIntyre called “smart, common sense, reasonable approaches.” The recommendations were presented at the May 25 mid-month Board meeting.

Amber Rountree, who served as the Board representative on the task force, said her biggest

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225 YEARS



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville, Calvin Chappelle, Heritage Tourism Coordinator of Visit Knoxville, and Department of Tennessee Development Commissioner Kevin Triplett unveil the poster commemorating Knoxville's 225 years.

In honor of Knoxville's 225th anniversary, a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork was presented Friday by Tennessee Tourism Commissioner Kevin Triplett to the City of Knoxville. The presentation took place at James White's Fort, the founding location of the city's birth. Deputy to the Mayor, Chief Policy Officer William (Bill) Lyons was in attendance to receive the gift on behalf of Mayor Madeline Rogero for the city.

“We are excited to receive this recognition from Commissioner Triplett and the state tourism office,” said Lyons. “It is moments like these that we have the opportunity to reflect on our community's historical significance, present-day vibrancy and look ahead at the success and possibilities to come.”

In honor of all the milestones, the iconic venues, the great accomplishments and the

significance Knoxville has had on Tennessee, a special artwork was created by award-winning Knoxville-based design firm design sensory. The design features locations, events and notes of significance for the city's accomplishments over the past 225 years.

Each of the words is placed strategically to create the numbers “225.” The original design is trimmed with a timeline of

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The State of Franklin and James White Fort

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James White, the founder of Knoxville, was at Fort James White Fort recently to commemorate the State of Franklin Day. So were John Sevier, William and Mary Blount, and many other period costumed characters. The characters, all members of Tennesseans for Living History, were at the fort as various historic figures and greeted visitors.

The Living History group returned to the fort recently for a State of Franklin Day.

The spirit of James White walked the grounds at the fort during the Franklin celebration in the person of Mike Walker. Robert Woods took on the role of William Blount and Lynn Fox appeared as John Sevier. Other members of Tennesseans for Living History to participate in the event included Peggy and Levi Laxton, Sara Grace Walker,

David Dailey, David Adams, Jerry Mustin, Paula Green, Rachael and Mike Walker, Chip Bailey, Miranda and Peggy Hall and many others.

The fort's founder, James White, came to what would become Knoxville and built a two-story log cabin in 1786. He soon enclosed the cabin and other buildings with a stockade fence and opened his home for trade with the regional Cherokee. He sold lots and developed the town and soon played a part in the short-lived State of Franklin.

White arrived with a land grant of 1,000 acres for his service in the Revolutionary War. He talked with the Cherokee about treaties and opened his fortified home for the peace talks and trade with the tribe. In 1791 White set aside part of his holdings to establish a town.

With the help of his son-in-



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Peggy Laxton (left) and Sara Grace Walker welcome visitors to the “State of Franklin Day” at White's Fort recently.

law, Charles McClung, sixty-four lots were laid off, each with about an acre of land. White named the new town for Henry Knox, the first Secretary of War.

White lived at the fort until 1793 when he moved up river and was later promoted to General in the War of 1812. He was involved in the formation of the First Presbyterian Church and

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Area mayors discuss loss of jail funding

By Mike Steely
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A meeting of East Tennessee Mayors Thursday saw a discussion of the loss of state funds for state prisoners being housed in county jail. Maryville's mayor, Tom Taylor, began the discussion by saying that Blount County's seven mayors met on the situation last week and cited overcrowding in the jail with federal and state prisoners.

Taylor told the other mayors, meeting in the East Tennessee Foundation offices on Summit Drive, that the state only pays \$38 per day in upkeep for state prisoners and the federal government pays \$80 per day and only federal funds are received for medical care.

He said the counties have little input to the state and when he applied for relief from the state during the budget surplus he had no response.

Ed Mitchell, Mayor of Blount County, said the state has promised to increase the funding for state prisoners by one dollar each per year and \$6 over the next six years. But he explained the program hasn't kicked in yet.

“They've turned the county jails into state prisons,” he said, adding that an effort to resolve the problem “starts right here.”

Ron Woody, Roane County Executive, told the meeting that the state funding “is killing us.” He said that they should push the state to up the funding and pay medical for the prisoners.

Wood said that for prisoners held on state charges no funds are received until a conviction is given, meaning a state prisoner could stay in county jails for months with no state funding.

Mitchell responded by also blaming longer and longer sentences for prisoners, adding that many prisoners don't have the money to pay fines or court costs and must remain in jail.

“They just sit there,” said Larry Waters, Mayor of Sevier County, adding that 75 percent of the prisoners there are in for prescription drug offenses.

“In the legislature no one is looking at how it affects us locally,” said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. He said the cost of drugs for prisoners and the upcoming loss of the state Hall Tax could result in a county property tax.

“When they put them in our care they come off of TennCare,” Burchett said, adding an extra burden. He also said that having to have two deputies to take mentally ill prisoners to Middle Tennessee is an expense as well.

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Honor Fountain City Day was great!

By Mike Steely
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Good weather, great organization and a huge turnout all combined to make this year's Honor Fountain City Day a success. The theme was "A Community of Volunteers" and the many people who helped to organize and put on the recent celebration, sponsored by the Fountain City Town Hall, were evident as local people, visitors, elected officers, political candidates and vendors not only honored the North Knoxville community but military veterans as well.

Patriotic music filled the air, vendors offered their wares, and the event culminated when Fountain City Town Hall chairperson Jamie Rowe took the microphone and introduced those public officials in attendance. Rev. Don Grady, Pastor of Shannondale Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation and Boy Scout Troop 55 presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After Lyn Bennett sang "The Star Spangled Banner," Fountain City Historian and author Dr. Jim Tumblin spoke briefly about several Fountain City residents who were instrumental in the founding and growth of the historic community.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett spoke also, telling a family story about a relative lost in battle, and Vice Mayor Duane Grieve spoke on behalf of Mayor Madeline Rogero.

The Fountain City Town Hall announced awards to businesses and individuals and the Commercial Restoration Award went to Bud-dy's Barbeque. Brandon and Kira Lawson received the Residential Restoration Award and the Chairman's Award went to the City Parks and Recreation.

The Friends of Fountain City honor went to Councilman Nick Pavlis. Kathy Cloninger, a third generation resident and community volunteer, was honored as the 2016 Fountain City Woman of the Year and Fountain City Jewelers owner, Mark Enix, was presented the 2016 Fountain City Man of the Year award.

WBIR's John Becker spoke of "Service and Sacrifice" and Lynn Bennett sang "America The Beautiful."

Congressman John Duncan, Jr., honored all active duty military members and the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard performed "Taps."

Entertainment during the day was provided by Brandywine, Nostalgia, Prater, The Central High School Class of 1968, Andy LaGrand, the Tennessee Wind Symphony, and Joyful Twirlers.

Children enjoyed a train ride and there were also carnival games, face painting, food, door prizes and a silent auction. The UT Entomology Department brought its "Insect Zoo" and shared the Covered Pavilion with the Upstate Birds of Prey exhibit.

Next door to the park the Fountain City Arts Center offered crafts to older children and adults and many artists demonstrated their works.



Clockwise from top, the Honor Fountain City Day train was sponsored by New South Credit Union and gave free rides all over the park. Music for the day was provided by Brandywine, Nostalgia, Armonia & Friends and the Tennessee Wind Symphony. Fountain City Scout Troop 55 practice for their appearance at Honor Fountain City Day. The boys presented the Colors and also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tim Burchett chats with Vice Mayor Duane Grieve and Councilman At-Large George Wallace. Several elected officials were present during the day-long celebration at Fountain City Park. Photos by Dan Andrews and Mike Steely.

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take-away from the study was the disparities that poverty causes for students, regardless of ethnicity, disability, or other factor.

Lynn Fugate added, "The things that are within our control we absolutely have to address - the discipline disparities - that's only up to us, but some of the underlying issues that may influence discipline problems, may not be all ours to solve." She reiterated this point in Board meetings last week.

In response to the request by several Board members for the recommendations to include an estimate of cost, a range of possible costs was presented during last Tuesday's

work session. The annual cost to implement the recommendations includes:

- \$100,000 for a Central Office "ombudsman" (serving as a liaison between families and the district, and reporting on the progress of the recommendations to the Board of Education);
 - Up to \$4 million for up to 60 Social Workers;
 - Up to \$5.2 million for up to 80 school counselors; and
 - \$230,000 per year for additional staff for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) staff;
- Superintendent Jim McIntyre explained that the maximum number of social workers and counselors above is in line with the staffing ratio in the Metro

Nashville school system. How many additional staff KCS ultimately adds is up to the Board. Currently \$56,000 is budgeted, primarily for Cultural Competency training.

Terry Hill voiced concern over the proposed ombudsman role, which would add yet another six-figure position to the KCS budget. But the community group Coalition to Stop School Pushout said this role is necessary, and should be independent from the district.

On Wednesday, Mike McMillan said he shared Hill's concerns, and questioned why the rush to get this passed just one week after the presentation, when the Committee had it for 18 months. And while Dr. McIntyre stated

that voting for the recommendations would not be a commitment to the money, McMillan said he felt that the perception by the public would be a "commitment to at least a sizable portion of the funding."

Hill offered an amendment to the motion: "to approve the recommendations of the DEO Task Force, and the intent to implement will be accommodated as funds become available per Board decisions. Chairman Doug Harris agreed with Hill that the Board should send a message that there will be further budget discussions.

Rountree voiced concerns that the cost analysis wasn't inclusive of all of the elements in the DEO recommendations. Gloria

Deathridge shared concerns about budget, but said she wants to move forward with items that don't require specific funding. Fugate said she supported the amendment, but urged that action needs to be taken because the Board asked the Task Force to make recommendations.

The amendment passed, and discussion moved to the amended motion on the resolution.

Karen Carson, who voted no on the amendment, took comments made by McMillan and others to task. She said, "It's not teacher buy-in - what the Board is making a statement on here is that we firmly believe that there should not be disparities in education for our

students...I don't need teacher buy-in...It's our duty to identify what we believe is best for students in this community and put forward those ideas and work with Commission to get the appropriate funding."

Deathridge again urged the Board to consider the timeline and make sure those responsible have time to get it done. Rountree reminded the Board that there are lots of good things already happening in our schools related to the DEO Task Force recommendations, including expanding the community schools program and PBIS.

A roll call vote on the amended DEO motion followed, with 8 yes votes. McMillan voted no.



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‘We Love District One Day’ planned

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Knox County’s District One stretches from Lonsdale to Holston Hills and lies just south of the Knoxville Center Mall to Fort Sanders. The political district is the only county district to be entirely inside the city limits and has been traditionally a Democratic stronghold. Many of the voters are African-American and many are urban minded. Currently the district is represented by Sam McKenzie who has chosen not to seek re-election.

The Democratic nominee

for McKenzie’s commission seat is Evelyn Gill, who bested Rick Staples in the primary. She faces a strong Republican candidate, Michael Covington, in the upcoming General Election.

Both are African-American and the county Republicans may feel they have an opportunity to turn the district over.

Covington, organizer of the East Knoxville Community Meeting which



Michael Covington

features county and city speakers each month at the Burlington Library, is also organizing a community event for Saturday, June 18. He has told The Focus that the large event is not a political rally but rather an event to celebrate the area.

Scheduled for the “We Love District One Day” is a program that includes County Mayor Tim Burchett, Tennessee State

Representative Joe Armstrong, and Pastor Daryl Arnold. Covington announced last week that the Knoxville Opera will kick off the celebration.

“The organizing committee has done an outstanding job of putting together this East Knoxville Community tribute to District One’s historic venues and tourist attractions,” Covington said. The event will be held in LeConte Meadow at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum and is expected to attract vendors, booths and food trucks. It will also include a

tour of the Knoxville Botanical Garden later that afternoon.

The event will begin at noon that Saturday and will feature booths that include James White Fort, the Mabry-Hazen House, Beck Cultural Center, the Tennessee Valley Fair, Face Painting, Zoo Knoxville, DJ Von McClendon, the Knox County Health Department, the Change Center, Five Points Up, Home Source, The Muse and the Knoxville Police and Fire Departments.

Also scheduled to be present are the Knoxville

Area Transit Authority, Antique Cars, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Boys & Girls Club, the Young-Williams Animal Center, TCWN, CAC, AHVH, Kickstand and WJBE.

Booth setup begins at 10:30 a.m. prior to the noon opening. Michael Covington can be reached at 865-314-0441 for more information.

Covington told The Focus recently that he hopes the event becomes an annual tradition similar to the Honor Fountain City Day celebration.

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Bits of News About Local Education



BY DAN ANDREWS.

Sydney Gabrielson, center, was recognized by the Board of Education as she ended her tenure as the Student Representative on the Board of Education on June 1.

By Sally Absher
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Farewell to Board of Education Student Rep Sydney Gabrielson

Sydney Gabrielson ended her tenure as the Student Representative on the Board of Education on June 1. A 2016 graduate of Bearden High School, she served as Editor in Chief of the school annual, vice president of the student body, founder of the varsity bowling team, and a member of the Bearden Orchestra. Additionally, Sydney was recognized as a National Merit Finalist and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Outside of school, Sydney received the Gold Award from Girl Scouts of America, and played in the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra. She also attended the Tennessee Governor’s School

for the Arts.

This fall, Sydney will start the Alabama Fellows Experience Program at the University of Alabama, where she will be studying economics and finance. She will be starting as a sophomore because of all her AP credits. Congratulations and best wishes for an exciting future Sydney!

Board of Education Approves Lower Salary for Interim Superintendent

The Board of Education voted to approve the reduced salary requested by incoming Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas. Last month, the board approved an annual salary of \$195,000 salary. But when he signed the contract, Thomas lined through the \$195,000 and wrote in \$180,000.

Lynn Fugate asked to

move the item from the consent agenda to the regular agenda so it could be discussed publicly. She explained that she only learned about the change when she read it in the paper. She said, “On a personal level, I would have liked for the new interim superintendent to have discussed it with me before I read it in the paper.”

Doug Harris explained that he had received a call from Mr. Thomas saying he felt it would be a good move from him to reduce his salary as an act of goodwill, and that he had already talked to some of the other board members, and the Law Department, and that is what he was going to do.

Harris said the Law Department directed him to send an email to the Board telling them of the discussion, which Terri Coatney sent to all the Board members and the press.

Fugate was still upset that Thomas had spoken to some board members and not others. It should be an interesting few months...

Assessment of Student Transportation Report

At the May midmonth meeting (May 25) the Board discussed a third-party Assessment of the Student Transportation Organization and Operations. School Bus Consultants was scoped to examine transportation department management functions, personnel staffing levels, school bus contracting and oversight, route efficiency and route times, comparable costs to other TN Districts, use of technology, and impact of local

policies and procedures.

The Report made the following recommendations to reduce accidents and injuries, reduce route downtown, increase classroom for students, create a safer environment, and gain public trust:

- Institute a new formal districtwide driver training program;
- Expand annual driver in-service program;
- Institute a new districtwide student training program (focus on expected behavior and safety); and
- Consider third-party training versus hiring more employees.

In other news, KCS recently cancelled the contract with Mayes Bus Lines, citing numerous complaints related to issues with service,

failure to adhere to schedules, and inappropriate driver actions with students, parents, and staff. Mayes provided transportation to students attending Halls and Powell high schools and Copper Ridge, Brickey McCloud and Adrian Burnett elementary schools.

KCS Nutrition Manager Named

2016 Tennessee School Nutrition Manager of the Year. Vine Middle School’s LaKeisha Smith was recently recognized as the Tennessee School Nutrition Association Manager of the Year. Vine Middle is one of the KCS Community Schools, serving dinner to students and family members each evening.



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Blount College, which became the University of Tennessee.

The White family played a very important part in the early history of Knoxville. James' son, Hugh Lawson White, became a U. S. Senator and candidate for U.S. President.

The original logs from White's home and fort, preserved for many years, were used in the 1970 relocation and restoration of the fort by the City Association of Women's Clubs. The fort's daily features include open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, and spinning. More than 10,000 visitors tour the fort each year to experience the frontier lifestyle.

Special events during the year include Cherokee Heritage Day, Junior Docent Day, the Knoxville

Ghost Tour, an annual Hearth Scare Ball and Christmas Open House.

On June 25th the fort will take part the Knoxville Homecoming to mark the 225th celebration of the founding of Knoxville and on July 4th the Sons of the Revolution Celebration takes place with a flag ceremony, reading of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and free admission.

You can get more information about the James White Fort and its events by Googling it or calling 865-525-6514.

Tennesseans for Living History meet monthly at the David Hall Cabin near the Bull Run Steam Plant and you can contact them by calling 865-719-9947 or find them at "Tennesseans4livinghistory" on Facebook.

City Council

Animal Center, July 4th and two street names

By Mike Steely
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The Young-Williams Animal Center will probably get \$723,290 from the city on a resolution coming before the City Council Tuesday. This would be the city's part of the funds going for the care of animals and Knox County is expected to allot the same amount.

Special Event Productions, Inc. may get \$27,500 from the city on another resolution to provide and operate video and sound equipment during the City's July 4th celebration. The council could also authorize the mayor to permit an \$806,000 agreement with Hickory Construction for the Fort Dickerson Park Project.

The council will also discuss moving their meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. and give a final reading on renaming Milligan Street to honor Beal Bourne and the first of two readings to rename Riley Drive in Pond Gap to "Charles Newman Drive."

A property on Cogdill Drive south of Parkside Drive will see three motions to rezone it from commercial and office to just commercial in a request from Samuel J. Furrow. They will also look at rezoning properties on McKinley, Howard Baker

Jr. Avenue and Piney Grove Church Roads.

The One Year Plan recommended by the planning commission is also on the agenda as well as improvements along Pleasant Ridge Road. The sale of two decommissioned police cars to the city of Blaine, Tn., for \$6,400 will be considered plus an agreement with West, a Thompson Reuters business, for on-line research services for \$25,183 per year.

Bullet-resistant vests for city law enforcement officers is the subject of a proposed application to the U. S. Department of Justice for \$20,000 with the city matching half of the grant.

The Public Parking Naming Committee may get three appointments: Lauren Rider, Mabrey R. Duff and Sharon Davis.

Consent items on the city's draft agenda include \$700 to the James White Fort, \$775 to the Fountain City Art Center, \$1,000 to Beck Cultural Exchange Center, \$500 to Old North Knoxville, \$250 to Shannondale Elementary, \$500 to Whittle Springs Middle School, \$500 to Fulton High School, \$1,000 to Ijams Nature Center, and \$700 to Holston Middle School.



A pioneer couple "sparking" at James White Fort's State of Franklin Days, that's the image of Levi Laxton and Miranda Hall, member of Tennesseans for Living History portrayed recently.

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some of the city's key events and accolades.

"We are incredibly proud of the impact that the City of Knoxville has for Tennessee. The brand message that we share for our state is: The Soundtrack of America. Made in Tennessee," said Commissioner Triplett. "And the City of Knoxville has been part of that soundtrack for 225 years now."

"From serving as a strategic center during the Civil War

to making an economic and industrial boom as a major manufacturing hub to being the home of the World's Fair, UT football and the Cradle of Country Music, Knoxville has been a major part of this state's history, a history that our guests to Tennessee can appreciate and return again and again to learn more about."

Knoxville plays a substantial role in regards to tourism expenditures for the state of

Tennessee with Knox County ranking No. 4 in the state.

"Knoxville is proud to be one of the top five counties in the state for tourism. The history here is so strong, and we have a lot more history to make in the future," said Visit Knoxville President Kim Bumpas. "We are excited to celebrate the 225th anniversary while continuing our work to put Knoxville on the global map as a premier getaway destination."

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Mayors Madeline Rogero, Tim Burchett, and Ron Woody chat before a meeting of the East Tennessee Mayors Caucus Thursday. Over crowding in various county jails and decreasing state funds was discussed in the meeting

Area mayors discuss loss of jail funding

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Taylor said the state needs to build more state prisons.

"This caucus is the best place to start," Taylor said.

Mayor Mitchell said his county is considering a lawsuit against the state.

Woody suggesting "crafting"

something the state legislature could consider for a vote. If so there was a discussion on doing that before September and having it ready for the legislature.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero set the caucus meeting for Cherokee Farms where the discussion will be about prescription drug abuse.

Our Neighborhoods

The last days of Knoxville College?

By Mike Steely
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It must have been humbling for Dr. Jane Redmond to face the Public Service officer last month and answer to each finding that the codes inspector discovered at Knoxville College.

The campus of Knoxville College is huge, much larger than most people expect, and, despite its notable history, seems more like a ghost town than a once-thriving school. The college, the first African-American college in East Tennessee, faces imminent closure and many of the buildings may be demolished because of the conditions there.

Dr. Redmond, team leader for the management there and a retired Associate Vice Chancellor at UT, asked and received on behalf of the Knoxville College Board of Trustees,

a deferment for 60 days on action for the Library and McMillan Chapel there.

McMillan Chapel, built in 1913, has been the site of many historic speeches including those of George Washington Carter, Countee Cullen, W.E.B. Du Bois, Jesse Owens, William H. Hastie, and Jackie Robinson.

She said the college, now all but abandoned except for a small staff, is working with Southeast Corporation on renovating those two buildings and seeking buyers for the other 15 buildings on the historic campus.

But finding someone interested in buying the buildings will be difficult given the findings of Robert Moyers, City Codes Enforcement Manager. Public Service Officer David Brace read off the names of each of the buildings during the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The McKee Hall Administration Building is one of several buildings on the Knoxville College Campus boarded as unfit for human habitation. Two other buildings have been given 60 days to have repairs completed.

hearing last week and on each Moyers reported numerous violations; everything from asbestos to bad foundations to faulty roofs and neglect.

On each of the other buildings, Brace read off the findings, asking if a building is a contributing part of the National Register of Historic Places there: "I do affirm that the structure is out of compliance with the City Codes of Knoxville, is an attractive nuisance and a danger to the health and safety of the occupants and public and I further affirm the existing emergency order to repair the structure. If the owner fails to take corrective action, the city will continue to placard the building as unfit for human habitation and it will remain vacated."

The owners and other

interested parties of the college include Knoxville College, Joseph H. Huie Trustee, the Foundation Capital Resources, Inc., the Internal Revenue Service and the Tennessee Historical Commission. Last year the Tennessee Higher Education Commission ordered the college to admit no students to the school and to stop holding classes. Knox Heritage has placed the college on its annual "Fragile 15" list.

Several of the condemned buildings are considered "contributing" structures to the National Register of Historic Places including the President's Home, McMillan Chapel, Elnathan Hall, Giffin Memorial Gymnasium, and Wallace Hall. Those condemned and not on the historic designation

include the Alumni Library, the Robert H. Harvey College Center, Young Memorial Hall, the A.K. Steward Science Building, and Faculty Apartments.

The Colston Center for Performing Arts may potentially qualify for the historic category.

Condemned by the city in an earlier inspection are the Martin Luther King Towers and Dining Hall, Beveridge Hall, Colston Hall, McCulloch Hall, McGranham Hall, Davis Hall and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Building.

The Science Building is a particular concern. Tim Hawkins of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation told the Public Officer that the structure "is a very dangerous place" and is proposed as a state "Superfund site." He

said that very hazardous materials are there including mercury and that the homeless and vandals have been entering the building. He declared that building "unsalvageable." He said many of the other buildings have dangerous contents including asbestos and mold.

Brace asked Dr. Redmond if the campus had any security and she said security there was provided by volunteers and the Knoxville Police Department. Moyers said that since an early inspection that no permits for repairs have been made.

Dr. Redmond said the college is working with Knox Heritage. She asked that the Codes Department supply a list of necessary repairs.



Dr. Jane Redmond listens to the long list of building violations at Knoxville College as Robert Moyers with the City's Codes Enforcement Office looks on. The historic college, founded in 1875, faces what may be an impossible task of survival.

Economic Summit proposed for East Knoxville

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An Economic Development Summit is being proposed for East Knoxville and the East Towne Business Alliance seems receptive to the idea. Proposed by Doug Minter, the Knoxville Chamber's Business Development Manager, the summit would include several of the organizations in that part of town and include the city and county.

Minter spoke at the East Towne group's monthly meeting Wednesday morning at New Harvest Market proposing the idea. Asked by The Focus which other groups he's presenting the idea to, Minter said he's talking with the East Knoxville Business

and Professional Association, Leadership Knoxville, and various neighborhood organizations.

He stressed the importance of talking positively because some people have a "perception of East Knoxville" and urged everyone to proclaim "I bought it East" to encourage others to shop in the area.

Minter said that despite high unemployment in some parts of the area, manufacturing has increased and the Forks of the River Industrial Park is now full and expanding.

"We've got to educate ourselves about who we are. Leaders of organizations need to get together and support that," he said. He also said the needs

of the area are not being met by retail stores and cited the needs of women for apparel stores as an example.

"We need one success story, not 18 projects going on," Minter said, adding that the area needs the type of effort done by the Central Business Development District in successful efforts downtown.

"We need everybody at the table and we don't have that. We need to invite Burlington, East Towne and Five Points," he continued.

"We need to know the cultural prospective and maintain the community," he stressed, adding that the effort isn't "a paragraph away, only sentences away." He then urged the East Towne

members to visit Burlington and see the possibilities there.

Minter said that the location of Lifetime Industry at Forks of the River has added jobs and another 1,000 jobs are coming to that firm as it expands. He also said that the East Towne Mall area is important to Sevier County shoppers.

Dawn Michelle Foster, Director of the City's Office of Redevelopment, mentioned that the current KAT buses don't serve the Forks of the River Industrial Park or the Midway area and "put their brakes on at the city limits." She suggested that the county or the industry there help fund service to the location so that East Knoxville residents could gain employment

and have transportation to the jobs there.

East Towne Business Alliance President Justin Sterling asked his group to think about what are the priorities for them and asked them to "Put some legs" to the idea of a summit.

Minter suggested creating a template for the five Business and Professional Associations in East Knoxville to help renovate the area.

He said that the East Towne group "holds the keys to retail innovation in the Mall area."

"We have the incentive if we can get everyone on the same page."

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The Nicholas Gibbs Homeplace.

A hidden gem in Gibbs

It was a backyard gathering at a place I had never been before. I could hear the children's laughter as they ran and played. Folks were sitting in lawn chairs under a big shade tree. I imagined that it was a scene much like in the day of the Nicholas Gibbs family.

Built the same year as Blount Mansion in 1793, the Nicholas Gibbs Homeplace in Knox County, Tennessee, is one of the oldest structures in the state that still stands on its original site. Nestled in the



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woods, the two-story log home is barely visible from the historic marker out front. Nicholas Gibbs, a Revolutionary War Veteran, built the home for his family. Looking out the window from an upstairs room, I

could imagine the fun his twelve children had on the grounds of the beautiful homeplace.

The annual meeting of the Nicholas Gibbs Historical Society (NGHS) is Saturday, June 11, 2016. The house opens at 9 a.m., business meeting is at 11 a.m., and a potluck lunch is served

afterwards. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite dish! The house is at 7633 East Emory Road, Corryton, Tennessee, 37721. From Harbison's Crossroads in Gibbs, the house is one-half mile northeast on Emory Road. The house is on the left, and the historic marker can be seen at the driveway. Last year, I met members of the NGHS from across the United States including California, Texas, and Greene County, Tennessee! The Gibbs pickers and singers provided some great entertainment.

NGHS President Joe Longmire says this year's event will reveal a huge addition to the premises.



Rosie's World

A fine evangelist

When I was first married many, many years ago, my husband and I would cruise in the car almost every weekend. One time I suggested that I wanted to hear Billy Graham preach. So, on we went.

Traveling from Manheim, Pennsylvania to Ocean City, Maryland was quite a trek, but nothing deterred us. Hearing Mr. Graham's sermon on that summer day, with the ocean waves murmuring beside his voice, was a memory never to be forgotten.

Now I have the privilege of hearing his voice on TV every Saturday night. On my TV he is on Channel TBN.

William (Billy) Franklin Graham was born on the family dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1918, the eldest son of four children. I've heard him reiterate many times in his crusades how he would get up at four in the morning, milk twenty cows, go to school, then come home and milk those cows again.

After graduating from high school, he attended Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tennessee, but was almost expelled. He found it too legalistic in coursework and rules. Mr. Jones warned him not to throw his life away. "God can use that voice of yours. He can use it mightily," he told Billy. He then transferred to Florida Bible Institute but eventually

graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois. There he met his wife, Ruth Bell, whose parents were Presbyterian missionaries in China. They had five children, one of whom, Franklin, is following in his father's footsteps. During his time there he accepted the Bible as the infallible Word of God.

Since his ministry began in 1947, Rev. Graham has conducted more than 400 crusades in 185 countries on six continents. He was spiritual advisor to U.S. Presidents, particularly Dwight Eisenhower, Lynden Johnson, and Richard Nixon. He also preached to millions more through TV, video, film and webcasts. He has written numerous books. And numerous quotes have been made by him.

Here are two of my favorite quotes: "Courage is contagious, when a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened." and, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost, when health is lost, something is lost, when character is lost, all is lost."

Now he sits on his porch that overlooks the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina, knowing that when he meets his Creator, He will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Thought for the day: What happiness there is when I awake to find near me the gift of a morning. Abby Grandson, "Dear Abby"

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



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

At the check presentation to HomeSource east tennessee on Friday, May 27 are Pam Fansler, Jackie Mayo, Joshalynd Hundley and Taylor Hays.

First Tennessee announces first Knoxville-area Community Development Fund Grant

First Tennessee has announced the largest Knoxville-area grant in its first grant cycle of its new \$50 million Community Development Fund. HomeSource east tennessee will receive \$70,000 from First Tennessee to support down-payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and financial assistance for homebuyers and to provide foreclosure prevention and homebuyer education programs in the Knoxville and East Tennessee area. This is the largest contribution the organization has ever received from a bank.

"Our goal is to provide financial empowerment tools and support to our low- and moderate-income neighbors and neighborhoods so the entire community grows stronger together," said Pam Fansler, East Region President for

First Tennessee. "When all segments of our communities are strong, First Tennessee Bank will be more successful. We are proud to support the work of HomeSource east tennessee because of our long-standing relationship with the organization and its consistent track record of success in sustainable housing."

"This is the largest grant from a bank that we have ever received," said HomeSource President & CEO Jackie Mayo. "First Tennessee has been a huge supporter and contributor to affordable housing as far back as I remember, not only with financial contributions but with employee volunteers who come in and lead financial education classes for our participants. We expect to serve 275 households in our classes this year and this grant will greatly offset the costs of those classes and more."

In addition to the

HomeSource east tennessee grant of \$70,000, the following grants in the Knoxville area are planned thus far for 2016:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$7,500)
- Boys and Girls Clubs (\$5,000)
- Catholic Charities of East Tennessee (\$5,000)
- Centro Hispano (\$5,000)
- Goodwill Industries (\$5,000)
- Habitat for Humanity (\$25,000)
- Interfaith Health Clinic (\$3,000)
- Knoxville Area Urban League Housing Program (\$5,000)

The new Community Development Fund will award up to \$3 million annually in grants to community and nonprofit organizations serving low- to moderate-income people and neighborhoods in the communities where First Tennessee Bank operates across Tennessee. These grants are in addition to

the \$5 million in grants nonprofits traditionally receive from the First Tennessee Foundation each year.

Community Development Fund grants will be distributed each year to nonprofits and community organizations in First Tennessee markets including the greater Knoxville area.

Projects eligible for funding include but are not limited to those that promote financial literacy, support affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents, provide down-payment assistance to LMI homebuyers, and support economic development (such as job creation and small business growth) and revitalization and sustainability in low- to moderate-income communities.

More information about the First Tennessee Community Development Fund is available by contacting its Knoxville manager, Joshalynd Hundley, at (865) 971-2005 or JWHundley@FirstTennessee.com.

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The New Deal in Tennessee III

Pages from the Past



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With Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee assuming the Speaker's chair in Congress, the Tennessee Congressional delegation in the House of Representatives faced a serious fight in protecting the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, considered the "father" of the TVA, had proposed amendments to the original legislation. Norris's amendments would allow the Tennessee Valley Authority to issue bonds, which would in turn allow the agency to purchase existing power companies. More importantly, it would clearly define the Tennessee Valley Authority's right to be in the utility business.

Opposition to the Norris amendments solidified in the House Military Affairs Committee. Some members of the Military Affairs Committee sympathized with the private power interests and were at heart opposed to the idea of the government competing with private business. Others felt the Norris amendments would affect the outcome of litigation being tried that challenged the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Realizing the threat to the TVA, Tennessee's House delegation united to try and protect the agency and adopt the Norris amendments. With the support of Speaker Jo Byrns, the delegation seized the bill and took it away from the jurisdiction of the unfriendly Military Affairs Committee. Chattanooga Congressman Sam D. McReynolds later bragged, the Tennessee members "rewrote it just as we desired."

The 1935 session of Congress was the "Second Hundred Days" of the New Deal. Speaker Byrns gently prodded the House to become more productive, starting sessions earlier in the day and keeping the House in session later at night.

The two Republicans in the House of Representatives usually dissented from much of the New Deal proposals, while Democrats usually supported the president. J. Will Taylor, the senior Republican in Tennessee's House delegation, was strongly supportive of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Taylor also supported the Guffey - Snyder Coal Act, as there were a considerable number of men employed in coal mines in his district. Even many of the mine owners inside the Second Congressional District supported the Guffey - Snyder Bill. Of the two Republican congressmen representing Tennessee, Carroll Reece was easily the more conservative of the two and was frequently bitterly opposed to New Deal legislation. Reece was far more interested in having the federal government purchase the original home of the late President Andrew Johnson in his own district.

With passage of the Guffey - Snyder Coal Act, Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell of Crossville enjoyed a small victory. Mitchell had made a crusade of prohibiting nepotism in Congress. Congressman Mitchell had also proposed to reduce Congressional salaries, eliminate the mileage paid to congressmen for travel, and limit the number of employees in a congressman's office. Mitchell managed to tack on an amendment to the Guffey Act prohibiting the employment of relatives by the members of the coal commission.

The Tennessee Congressional delegation in the House of Representatives reached its peak of influence during the 1935 - 1936 session of Congress. It was not to last.

Speaker Joseph W. Byrns presided over the House on June 3, 1936 and was pressing to complete its business by the end of the week. While at home that night, Byrns had a heart attack and later a cerebral hemorrhage and died. It was the first time a Speaker of the House had died while Congress was still in session.

The death of Joseph W. Byrns came as a profound shock to just about everyone, but was a terrible blow to his many friends in Tennessee. Senators McKellar and Bachman quickly arrived at the late Speaker's apartment to pay their respects to the newly widowed Mrs. Byrns.

Every member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation was present for Byrns's funeral, as well as many members of the president's Cabinet, to file pass the late Speaker's coffin. Finally President Roosevelt personally appeared in the House Chamber to note the passing of Jo Byrns. Sixty congressmen and twelve senators left on a special train for Nashville, to attend the final funeral services of the late Speaker. President Roosevelt boarded his own train, headed for the same destination.

While Jo Byrns was not considered a strong leader by some, just about everyone agreed he had been a highly popular Speaker, with a highly developed sense of fair play.

The 1936 election brought about Franklin Delano Roosevelt's overwhelming reelection. Roosevelt carried every state in the union, save for Maine and Vermont. Roosevelt's coat-tails carried huge majorities into both the House and the Senate. There were only sixteen Republicans remaining in the United States Senate; the GOP was little better off in the House with only eighty-nine members.

The late Joseph W. Byrns was succeeded by Richard M. Atkinson, who won the Democratic primary by a scant fourteen votes. Gordon Browning revived his political career by running for



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

(From left to right) Hill McAlister, Tennessee's Depression-era governor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and General Edwin "Pa" Watson at the funeral of Speaker Joseph W. Byrns in Nashville, 1936.

governor. Browning defeated Burgin E. Dossett, who had the support of Senator McKellar. Crump broke with his long-time friend and political partner to support Browning. Despite delivering more than 60,000 votes to Browning, Crump's Shelby County did not make the difference in the race; the former Congressman won handily.

It was not long before Governor Browning faced a serious political dilemma; Senator Nathan L. Bachman died of a heart attack on April 23, 1937. Bachman had been reelected to a six-year term in 1936 and had only served three months of his new term before dying. Gordon Browning was faced with appointing a senator and he did not lack for advice. It seemed just about every prominent citizen in Tennessee wanted to serve in the United States Senate. At least two of the members of Tennessee's Congressional delegation coveted the late Senator Bachman's Senate seat.

Congressman Sam D. McReynolds very much wanted the appointment, as did Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell.

Browning ended the speculation on May 6 when he appointed George L. Berry of Rogersville to serve until the 1938 election.

Berry was a curious choice to serve in the U.S. Senate. Never having been elected to public office prior to his appointment, Berry had been quite active politically for decades. George L. Berry had been president of the International Printer's and Pressmen's Union since he was twenty-five years old. Unions were not a strong political force in Tennessee politics and Berry had no real political base to run to succeed himself.

Berry also came from upper East Tennessee, which was strongly Republican.

Gordon Browning cherished a burning ambition to serve in the United States Senate and while he dismissed the idea of resigning as governor so that his successor could appoint him to the senatorial vacancy, there is some evidence to support the notion Browning seriously considered running against his own appointee. E. H. Crump maintained until the end of his life that Browning proposed a "trade"; according to the Memphis Boss, the governor proposed to run for the U.S. Senate in 1938 with Crump's active support. In turn, Browning would support Crump for the United States Senate in 1940 against Senator McKellar.

Internecine warfare was soon to erupt amongst Tennessee Democrats. The two factions of Tennessee's Democratic Party would fight a political battle to the death for dominion over the state.

Outside of Senator McKellar and Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell, most of the Congressional delegation tried to avoid the brawl.

The 1938 election was hard fought and Senator McKellar and E. H. Crump established firm control over Tennessee politics. Nationally, the Republicans made a resurgence and quickly allied themselves with disenchanted conservative Democrats. Many Democrats had been appalled by President Roosevelt's proposal to enlarge the United States Supreme Court. FDR's furious reaction to those Democrats who had not supported his plan to pack the Supreme Court was instantaneous. Roosevelt proposed to purge those apostate conservative Democrats. President Roosevelt

personally targeted and campaigned against several incumbent Democratic senators, but his purge was an abysmal failure. It engendered deep bitterness and accomplished the almost impossible task of making opposition Democrats even more stoutly opposed to much of the president's agenda.

That same bitterness is exemplified by a story, perhaps apocryphal, and attributed to either senators Walter F. George of Georgia and E. D. "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina.

Supposedly, someone commented, "Roosevelt is his own worst enemy."

Senator George or Senator Smith allegedly roared in reply, "Not while I am still alive!"

The statement would have certainly been in character for Cotton Ed Smith, who loathed much of the New Deal in general and Franklin D. Roosevelt in particular.

Aside from the court packing proposal, Congressman James A. Gavagan caused a stir amongst Southern Democrats when he sponsored an anti-lynching bill. Most Tennessee congressmen opposed the bill, although the two Republicans, J. Will Taylor and Carroll Reece, were amongst the four Southern representatives who voted to discharge the Gavagan Bill from the Rules Committee.

Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell, anticipating his race for the United States Senate in 1938, jumped to his feet to denounce the Gavagan Bill. Careful to say that lynching was horrific and indefensible, Congressman Mitchell declared "mob violence is wholly a state issue."

Congressman Sam D. McReynolds, who as a judge had witnessed a brutal lynching, thought the Gavagan

Bill would be ineffective. He compared it to trying to enforce prohibition. It was McReynolds' belief that "the laws of this country cannot be enforced unless they meet with public approval."

Despite having voted to discharge the bill from the Rules Committee, Congressman Carroll Reece did not speak for the Gavagan Bill. Second District Congressman J. Will Taylor did rise on the floor of the House to speak for the bill.

Taylor, much to the discomfort of some members of the House, gorily verbally illustrated the lynching of two black Mississippi men who had been murdered only two days prior to the House debate. Congressman Taylor noted the men had been tortured and killed with a blowtorch. "Hillbilly Bill" sarcastically noted the local sheriff had been unable to recognize a single member of the lynching party, although that same official had admired the "orderly behavior" of the murderers.

The Gavagan Bill passed the House 277 - 120, with both Congressmen J. Will Taylor and Carroll Reece voting for it. Only one Southern Democrat in the House of Representatives voted for the Gavagan Bill, which failed in the Senate.

Despite having won a smashing reelection and with huge Democratic majorities in both the House and Senate, Franklin D. Roosevelt was never able to translate that victory into passing his legislation in Congress in the 1937 session. Roosevelt pressed for passage of the Wagner - Steagall Act, which established the U. S. Housing Authority. The bill was intended to provide money for public housing in cities. Neither Congressmen Taylor nor Reece liked the bill and opposed it, but they were joined by several Tennessee Democrats in opposing the legislation. Congressmen J. Ridley Mitchell, Herron Pearson of Jackson, and Clarence W. Turner voted against the Wagner - Steagall Act.

The 1938 elections effectively ended the New Deal.

Ridley Mitchell lost his bid for the United States Senate; Congressman Richard Atkinson lost his campaign for the Democratic nomination, defeated by the son of the late Speaker Joseph W. Byrns. Death thinned out the ranks of the Tennessee Congressional delegation even more in 1939, claiming fully a third of the delegation.

Clarence W. Turner was the first to go, dying in the arms of his wife in the middle of the night on March 23, 1939. Turner, at seventy-two, was the oldest member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.

Congressman Sam McReynolds had hoped to run for the Senate in 1938, but allowed himself to be persuaded to remain in the House by President Roosevelt who disliked the idea of the Tennessean surrendering his chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee. McReynolds began ailing in the spring of 1939, suffering from heart disease. McReynolds died that summer.

Another heart attack took J. Will Taylor away on November 14, 1939.

By the time the three Tennessee congressmen died, death had already claimed the New Deal.

Thumped by an eight year old

I took my grandson Madden back home the other day. He'd come to our house during Memorial Day and stayed a while after his parents went back to Nashville



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and to work. Any time with the boy is pure gold, even if I'm weary by the time he leaves. During this trip he also managed to humiliate his grandfather a few times.

We've enjoyed playing putt-putt in the last couple of years. The first time we went, Madden didn't make it out of the parking lot. He "lost his lunch" right there, and we high-tailed it back to the house. Since then, he's not experienced any sickness; on the other hand, I've not felt so hot since the boy beats my brains out every time we play. Oh, I know guys with whom I play golf will say they aren't surprised that Madden beats me; they've watched me putt. But seriously, why can't I compete with an eight-year-old?

To make matters worse, the boy has taken to trash talking. He's laid it on thick and takes every opportunity to count the multiple strokes I take before finding the hole. Then Madden lets me know what the score is and informs me that I am terrible as he skips to the next hole. I hate to admit that sometimes I'd like to whack the little guy, but

that wouldn't present a good example, would it?

I've never liked board games, nor have I cared to play cards. Madden loves them. I sat down with him and his parents for a couple of games. He didn't win this time, but on many previous occasions, he's yelled "Uno" and slapped down his last card. Sometimes he hops from his chair to perform his own version of an end-zone dance. I sit with an exasperated look on my face and count the points I've just accumulated in the losing hand.

One afternoon after swimming until we were water-logged, Madden asked if I'd play a game of chess with him. It's been years since I played the game, so I asked him to refresh my memory of the rules and we began battle. I'm not so sure he accurately explained the moves each piece could make; however, I studied the board before making a decision as to where my men should go next. Madden sat patiently and waited for me to move. As soon as I did, he grabbed his man and put him in a new position. All I could think of was how rotten I'd feel if I lost to an 8 year-old. In fact, I worried so much that I failed to pay attention to the entire board. I moved a bishop out of the sites of his queen, and next I

slid my king to a new and safer position. My bishop proved to be in danger again, so I moved him. When I took my hand from the piece, Madden's eyes brightened, and a smile crossed his face. Then he took a lowly pawn and captured my king.

I refused to take another beating but wanted a rematch the last evening he was at our house. He had moved on to other interests, so we never played again. I plan to study up a bit on the game and demand another chance when we visit him the next time.

Over the visit, Madden beat my brains out in several contests. I managed to save a bit of face by beating him in bowling, but hey, how big of a feat is that? A grown man defeats a small boy in bowling, and even then the margin of victory was razor thin. He told me he'd rolled a weak game because his usual score was about 20 pins higher. I suppose I need to just admit that my time has come and gone. The boy has whipped me and made me like it. Well, nah, I don't like it, but I can do nothing about it. At least the boy feels good about himself. I, on the other hand, don't plan on many more competitive events with my grandson. My ego can't take the outcomes.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Pictured at last Tuesday's awards are (l-r) Mayor Madeline Rogero, Sgt. Josh Shaffer, Officer Todd Childress, Sgt. Sam Henard, Investigator Andy Olson, Sgt. Sammy Shaffer and Chief David Rausch.

Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow Earns Officers Commendation

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch last week awarded a Unit Commendation to Sgt. Sammy Shaffer, Sgt. Josh Shaffer, Sgt. Sam Henard, Officer Todd Childress and Investigator Andy Olson for their outstanding dedication and contribution to the Explorer Post of the Knoxville Police Department.

The Explorer Post is a scouting program designed to introduce young men and women ages 14 to 20 to law enforcement as a potential career. Explorers are volunteers who meet regularly to learn about law enforcement and the Knoxville Police Department. They also provide working support to the department by assisting with activities such as traffic and crowd control at major events, crime prevention and safety education events, and patrol ride-a-longs. Additionally, Explorers learn skills that provide them with a solid foundation to become productive members of our community. The Explorers are assigned to the District Support Unit of the Patrol Division.

During 2015, the Explorer Post maintained ten active members, and at the end of the year graduated fourteen new members from the basic Explorer academy. The senior explorers worked 37 events and attended 30 meetings and training sessions for a total of 2173

volunteer hours to the department and community.

Supervising, leading, and mentoring this group of potential future officers is a team of five Knoxville Police Officers that serve as Explorer Advisors. The Lead Advisor and supervisor of the District Support Unit, is Sergeant Sammy Shaffer. Sammy started as an explorer with KPD in May of 1990. Since then, he has maintained continuous involvement with the explorers, even while employed at the Knoxville Fire Department.

The remaining four officers, Sergeant Josh Shaffer, Officer Todd Childress, Sergeant Sam Henard, and Investigator Andy Olson, serve as Associate Advisors.

Sergeant Josh Shaffer started with the explorers in 1993 and stayed with them until he joined the KPD Cadet program. He too has maintained his work and involvement with the program throughout his career.

Officer Todd Childress began working with the explorers in 2003. He volunteered to assist with a state wide explorer competition that year. He enjoyed the work so much he immediately signed on as an advisor.

Sergeant Henard and Investigator Olson have been Associate Advisors since 2011.

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Seymour High School sophomore Ryann Doyle was recently named to the all-state girls lacrosse team. Doyle led the state with 92 goals and helped lead the Lady Eagles to 21 wins in 2016.

Doyle receives all-state lacrosse honors

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR – For the first time in its program’s five-year history, the Seymour High School girls lacrosse team has an all state player. That honor recently went to sophomore attacker Ryann Doyle. She was named to the squad by the coaches in the Tennessee

Girls Lacrosse Association. Doyle, who scored 92 goals and dished out 29 assists for the Lady Eagles this season, said that the magnitude of her accomplishment hasn’t quite set in. “I’m very honored to be the only player chosen from the East 2 Region,” said Doyle, who helped lead

Seymour to 21 wins during the 2016 season. “People will see me and congratulate me for being named all-state and I’m like ‘what?’ “We had a good season this year and I think we worked really well together and I couldn’t have done this without my teammates. We went 21-5 and we played the basically the same competition as we

played last year.” Seymour coach Patrick Doyle said that his daughter’s selection to the all-state team was huge for both Ryann and the Lady Eagles. “Ryann has been one of the most consistent offensive players. She has 168 goals in two seasons, which

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Rebecca Story to go after national honors in Seattle

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story has another big race coming up June 18. The four-time winner at the recent TSSAA state track and field meet has received a “Golden Ticket” to run in the 2-mile event of the 2016 Brooks PR Invitational, which invites the nation’s top 10 runners in each event to compete against each other in Seattle. Story, who will be a junior at Christian Academy of Knoxville this coming fall, set a state record in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10 minutes, 16.72 seconds in a prestigious prep meet at the Arcadia Invitational in California April 9. This past weekend the CAK standout was scheduled to compete in the Music City Distance Carnival mile run at MTSU in Murfreesboro, where she posted wins in the state meet’s 4x800 relay, 800, 1600 and 3200 events on May 26. Story returned to action May 30 by running in the Tony Parrilla 800-Thrilla at Knoxville Catholic High School and posting a meet record time of 2:14.10 in the high school girls 800 division. The Knoxville Youth Athletics’ event is named after the two-time U.S. Olympian and NCAA 800 champion.

Story believes a progression in her physical and mental training allowed for her to run four events at the state meet. “I have been incrementally training hard since January and it paid off,” said Story via e-mail May 28. “After successfully trying four events in the heat at the State Sectionals qualifier, my coach and I decided to give it a shot at State. “Recovery is key to running multiple events, so we had a plan for that. I started hydrating days before and then during the race I rested and elevated my legs to stay fresh. I also tried to only focus on each event as it came. “The one thing I didn’t account for time-wise was the mid-field awards and interviews in between events which delayed my recovery time, but being on the podium and visiting with the other runners out there put me in a good frame of mind! I think competing at State with extra confidence helped me stay loose and relaxed for each event. It was a fun day!”

When the day of competition was over, Story said she was most pleased about the relay win. Members of the relay also included Sarah Keller, Lauren Estes and Taylor Cosey. “I also anchored the relay in that event the last two years at State and we came in second both years,” she recalled. “We were all so ecstatic to be State Champions and proud that we all ran our best for each other at just the right time! Coach (Tony) Cosey was really excited, too!” The CAK girls team later celebrated a third-place showing at the state. “Our entire state team went out and ate lots of pizza (Rebecca says her favorite is pepperoni and sausage) at Mellow Mushroom in Murfreesboro to celebrate. “The next day the girls team went shopping in Green Hills and then headed over to the track to watch our boys’ 4x200 relay team run. It was a great bonding time for all of us!”

Lady Force opens season with loss at Memphis

By Ken Lay

The Knoxville Lady Force soccer team recently opened its season with a 3-2 loss to the Memphis Lobos. This year’s Knoxville squad has several former area local high school standouts. The Lady Force (0-1) fell 3-2 on May 27 in Memphis. The Force opened the home portion of its campaign on June 3 at the Sansom

Sports Complex. Knoxville played the Gulf Coast Texans Friday night but results were unavailable at press time. The Ladyd Force returns home June 14 when it takes on the Atlanta Silverhawks. Knoxville plays Alabama FC on June 17. Kickoff for both matches is slated for 7 p.m. The Lady Force squad is coached by Maryville College men’s coach Pepe Fernandez and

has many former Knoxville Interscholastic League standouts. Former area high school stars include Ashley Hickman and Molly Dwyer, who both played for Catholic. Bearden graduates Alex Brandan, Ashley Seltzer and Gabrielle Gianceselli are on the roster as well as former Farragut forward Katie Beuerlein, who now plays at Wofford. Former Lady Admirals goalkeeper Katie Emig

(now at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga) is also on the squad along with South-Doyle product Bailey Gale. Knoxville, which lost a heartbreaker against its in-state rival on opening night, got a pair of goals from Madison Salters. The team will play its home finale on June 19 when it hosts Nashville at 3 p.m. The Lady Force has only four home matches on the 2016 schedule.

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State Championship is family affair for Bulldogs, Radcliffe Family

By Ken Lay

Coaches always seem to attempt to find a family unity within their team but Bearden boys soccer coach Ryan Radcliffe doesn't have to.

Radcliffe and his family have been woven into the fabric of both the Bulldogs and the Lady Bulldogs soccer programs.

Ryan was a two-time all-District 4-AAA forward for the Bulldogs and was part of a State Championship Team in 2006. His older brother Derick played on the 2002 squad that won a state and national title. He went on to achieve All-America Honors at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Ryan and Derick's mother Linda has served as an assistant coach for both the boys and girls teams and has been a pillar in both programs for years. Dad, Rick, has also been a regular aide at Bruce Allender Field since it opened. He, former coach Eric Turner and others built the field from scratch.

Ryan played collegiately

at Maryville College after a decorated prep career that saw him achieve All-State honors as a senior.

Through it all, Rick and Linda were always there. Linda once taught at Bearden. She and Rick (a one-time hockey star at West High School) continued to assist Turner with the day-to-day operations of the soccer programs.

Turner retired in 2014 and the younger Radcliffe brother (who teaches Special Education at the school) was named as his mentor's successor.

Recently, Ryan guided Bearden's boys to the 2016 Class AAA State Championship in Murfreesboro.

The Bulldogs' championship was the first since Ryan was a player and it came a decade after the coach scored a game-winning overtime goal.

"When you're a player, I don't think you really realize what you did," Ryan said. "When you're a coach, you get a chance to lead the [players] and you do understand what it takes to win a state championship.

"When you're a player at Bearden, you know that the expectation is always to win the state championship. It always is and it always has been."

That's tough for any school in any sport. But it's especially tough for the Bulldogs. And it's even more difficult in soccer.

Bearden is one of five powerhouse programs in District 4-AAA, which includes West High, Maryville, Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden. Knox County's Rebels have one state appearance to their credit. The Admirals and the Bulldogs have won multiple state championships. The Hawks have won the state and made two appearances on Tennessee's grand soccer stage (the 2011 champs made the state tournament field in 2015).

"You have the pressure in our district and if you can win the district, that's big because the league is so tough," Ryan said. "You have to take the steps to win a state championship. The first is the regular-season championship. The

next is to win the district tournament. Then you try to win the region.

"If you do those things the sectional game seems to be easy most of the time. If you win that game, you get to go to state."

The Bulldogs won this year's title by claiming a tough win over Maryville in the district championship match. They knocked off District 3-AAA Champion Oak Ridge to win the Region 2-AAA Championship and survived a test from one-time district rival Sevier County.

Once Bearden made it to the Midstate, it breezed over Collierville before having to come from behind against Station Camp and Ravenwood to hoist the championship plaque.

"It was great to win the championship because we had such great players," Ryan said. "What can I say about these boys?"

Senior forward Gabe Alvarez had a hat trick in the final match against the Raptors. The Bulldogs also got goals from junior Will Lewis and senior Kelvin

Garcia.

"This team is a family and I knew that we had the heart to win this," Alvarez said. "Ravenwood came out strong but heart beats talent 10 times out of 10.

"I wanted to win this for Mama Rad."

Mama Rad is Linda. She's battling cancer and has had surgery and undergone treatment and still managed to find time to be with the team. The Bulldogs have rallied around the matriarch of the Radcliffe clan and Bearden soccer. They dedicated the 2016 campaign to her.

"This team is a family and it all starts with the boys," Ryan said. "They came to the hospital when my mom had surgery. That shows the bond that we all share."

Soccer has always been special for the youngest Radcliffe, who just completed his second season as head coach. His assistants Bryan Walker and Hunter Hill are Bearden guys. Walker was Ryan's roommate when the two played for the Scots.

"I'm happy to have Bryan

and Hunter," Ryan said. "I'm kind of the quiet guy and Ryan is the motivator. He sees things from a goal-keeper's perspective and I wish I could have him help me with the girls, too. Hunter's also a great coach."

The family atmosphere surrounding Bearden soccer includes former players and parents of former players. Many of those players are no longer in Knoxville.

"I really enjoy the support that we have here," Ryan said. "Everybody always wants to be around those that they love.

"It was special to win and it's great to have my mom and dad around. Derick came to the state championship game and that was special too.

"Dad does so much for us. He takes care of our field and I couldn't imagine what it would be like if I had to line the field every day. Dad has always been a big help to our programs."

Like many alumni, Derick is a regular at Bearden home matches.

Knoxville Force kicks 2016 season into gear

By Ken Lay

Knoxville's semi-pro soccer team is back for the 2016 season.

The Knoxville Force has opened the new campaign by splitting its first two matches.

The Force (1-1) lost its season opener at New Orleans 4-2 on May 14 before prevailing in its home opener over the Birmingham Hammers 3-1.

Knoxville, which got a pair of goals from Jennings Rex and another from Gustavo Rivera against the Hammers, played rival Nashville on Saturday but results were not available at press time.

The Force will now hit the road for an extended stretch. Knoxville faces road matches at Chattanooga Tuesday and Dayton on Friday. Knoxville will invade Memphis on June 12 before returning home to the friendly confines of the Sansom Sports Complex when it hosts Dayton on June 13.

Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m.

The Force squad is coached by Brad Camp.

Some top former Knoxville Area standouts on the Force roster include: Ethan Snow (Farragut); Shawn Foster (Hardin Valley Academy); Dallas Dunn (Christian Academy of Knoxville); Ryan Creel (CAK); Derick Radcliffe (Bearden); Tim Baker (Catholic) and Cameron Schneider (Hardin Valley).

Knoxville competes in the South Region of the National Premier Soccer League. The Force was founded in 2010. It's now owned by the Emerald Youth Foundation and is in its second year of playing at the Sansom Sports Complex after spending its first several seasons at the Regal Soccer Stadium on the University of Tennessee campus.

Many of the players who don the uniform hail from the Knoxville Area and played high school soccer at local schools and many are currently participating in college soccer.

By Alex Norman

If you ever wonder if there will come a day when most of college athletics will be a place in which the adults do the right thing... save your mental energy.

That day will never come.

The most high profile recent examples come from Waco and Starkville... two cities that aren't exactly known for being progressive. These are two cities that are a few steps behind in terms of growing as a society, and the actions of the major universities located there hammer home this opinion.

First there is Baylor...

The head coach (Art Briles), athletic director (Ian McCaw) and president (Ken Starr) have all been forced out of their jobs. An investigation revealed that multiple women accused Baylor football players of sexual assault. Football staff members not only repeatedly refused to report these allegations, university administrators discouraged complainants from reporting these alleged assaults.

This is something that occurred for years.

In 2013 Baylor allowed defensive end Sam Ukwuachu to transfer to their school from Boise State despite reports that he has been kicked off their football team due to an incident of violence against a female student. In 2014 Ukwuachu was indicted on sexual assault charges against a Baylor female student. He was still allowed to take part in team activities after the indictment. He would later be sentenced to 180 days in jail.

That's just one example of what was a sickening pattern of indifference on the part of Baylor University.

So why would they act in such a manner? Simple... Football trumps morality.

In the eight years Briles was head coach, the Bears went 65-37, including a 32-7 record from 2013-2015. This was a football program that had been at the bottom of the conference standings for years. Thanks in part to this resurgence the Bears were able to open a brand new \$266

million stadium.

The money was rolling in, the football team was relevant on the national stage... and at the same time the adults in charge brought in and protected players they knew were awful human beings. This in turn made other students at this Christian university unsafe, and some were hurt by these decisions.

The sad truth is that even after everything that occurred, Baylor doesn't get it. Somehow Ken Starr is still allowed to be a professor at the University.

Oh and by the way, undergraduate tuition at Baylor is approximately \$38,000 per year. What parent would feel comfortable cutting that check and sending their kid to this school?

The Baylor situation blew up at the end of May. Then at the beginning of June, Mississippi State threw their hat into the ring of shame.

Back in March incoming freshman Jeffery Simmons was videotaped punching a girl multiple times as she was lying on the ground.

Keep in mind that Simmons is a 5 star recruit that can rush the passer, so the Bulldogs were doing all they could to get him to campus.

Athletic Director Scott Stricklin announced that Simmons would be suspended one game for his transgressions.

One game.

For punching a girl.

Stricklin tried to defend this decision to media members at the SEC spring meetings in Destin. When SI's Andy Staples pointed out that this suspension matched the one game suspension that comes with targeting in a football game, Stricklin had no response.

Mississippi State did release a statement with a quote from Stricklin in it.

"We expect the structure and discipline Jeffery will be a part of in our football program to benefit him. Jeffery will be held accountable for his actions while at MSU, and there will be consequences for any future incidents."

Right. I'm sure that Mississippi State would let any

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makes her a target for other teams to double or triple-team," Coach Doyle said. "She used a combination of finesse and power to overwhelm many of her would-be defenders.

"She does a great job getting open but her teammates also did a great job getting her the ball. I'm very proud of Ryann and when individual players start getting recognized, it is because the team as a whole is getting

the attention of everyone in the league."

Like Ryann, Coach Doyle understands that lacrosse is a team sport.

"I am constantly preaching that no one piece is greater than whole," he said. "Without Courtney Braniecki picking up ground balls or Brittany Lowery feeding her the ball, this doesn't happen."

Ryann Doyle might've been the only all-state selection from her East Tennessee Region; several players were named to the All-East Region 2 Team.

Ryann was joined on that team by Lowery, Braniecki and Ali Johnson of Seymour.

Other all-region selections included: Chloe King (Sevier County); Abby Fortner (Gatlinburg-Pittman); Linden Perkins (Farragut); Gwenyn Grappas (Sevier County); Rachel Duda (Pigeon Forge); Alexa Alana (Gatlinburg-Pittman); Savannah Bilbrey (West Knox.) and Hannah Sledzik (Catholic).



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Journey ends with state title for The King’s Academy

By Steve Williams

The King’s Academy softball team was on the brink of elimination.

With the scored tied and one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, Friendship Christian had the winning run on third base and its clean-up batter at the plate in the Division II-A softball finals May 27.

If that run scores, the Lady Lions from Seymour would have finished state runners-up to Friendship Christian for the second year in a row in the TSSAA Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

TKA Coach Marc Weekly had intentionally walked the previous batter to load the bases and set up a force-out opportunity at each base for his defenders.

“I called for a screwball,” said Weekly. “We wanted to get the pitch in on the batter’s hands, hoping for a ground ball on the left side of the infield.

“Sometimes you have to play the odds.”

Riley Walker got enough of her bat on the ball to keep it off the ground, but freshman shortstop Haydyn Jenkins was shaded over just enough to catch the line drive and throw to first for an inning-ending double



The King’s Academy softball players rush to the state championship trophy presentation at the TSSAA Spring Fling May 27.

play.

With what must have felt like new life, The King’s Academy girls came in and scored three runs in the top of the eighth and won the game 6-4. Freshman Katelyn Norris sparked the eighth inning fireworks with a solo home run down the left field line. Senior Heather Foreman went the distance for the mound win.

The Lady Lions then beat Friendship Christian 7-5 in

the “if necessary” game for the school’s first-ever TSSAA state team championship.

In just its third season of having a softball program, The King’s Academy finished with a 41-6 record. Weekly started the program in 2014 after having been a volunteer assistant coach at UT, where his father Ralph Weekly and Karen Weekly are still co-head coaches. Both Ralph

and Karen Weekly attended this year’s state tourney.

Marc’s daughter, Regan, was a freshman second baseman on the team, and his niece, Taylor Weekly, was a junior captain and third baseman.

“We start five freshmen and they play like veterans,” said the coach. “Taylor was an incredible leader all year and especially in the state tournament. Both of our pitchers (Foreman and

senior Haven Taylor) did a great job and kept us in every game while our bats heated up.

“Brianna Connatser, our junior catcher/leftfielder, had a wonderful state tournament with several clutch hits.”

The Lady Lions had a plan and a slogan.

“We talked all year about enjoying the journey and not the destination,” said Coach Weekly, “that (when

others come to beat us, we come to Be us.”

Weekly, who also is Director of Athletics/ Development at The Kings Academy, added: “The TKA family and inner circle are second to none and we are thrilled to be able to bring this home to the TKA community. It’s an honor as well to bring the first state championship as a team back to the city of Seymour.”

Grace Christian keeps Knoxville’s prep baseball streak alive

Knoxville high school baseball has spoiled us in the new millennium.

In fact, you have to go back to 2000 to find the last spring Knox County didn’t have a team in any of the TSSAA finals.

Grace Christian Academy kept the string of 16 years intact by finishing runner-up in Class A at this year’s TSSAA Spring Fling. Coach Mitch Turner’s Rams lost to



By Steve Williams

Scotts Hill 8-3 in the title game.

It still felt a little strange not seeing a local team bring back the gold. Maybe that’s because Knoxville made so much

noise at Murfreesboro in 2015 when Grace broke through and captured its first Class A title and Hardin Valley Academy got past perennial power Farragut for its first Class AAA crown. And Catholic also made a runner-up showing last year in Class AA.

Knoxville prep baseball sparkled at the TSSAA Spring Fling in 2014 too when Farragut and Christian Academy of Knoxville (AA) captured the gold and GCA and Catholic took the silver.

It’s extra special when two Knoxville teams square off in the Boro for the state championship, as CAK and Catholic did at the end of

the 2014 campaign. And as aforementioned, the Admirals and Hawks took their fairly new neighborhood baseball rivalry to Rutherford County last year.

With so much success the past two seasons, it’s easy to forget Knoxville didn’t produce a state champion in 2013 or 2012, although Farragut was runner-up in ’13 and Jack Tate’s Bearden Bulldogs were runners-up in 2012.

Another big year was 2010 when Gibbs (AA), Farragut and Webb (Division II-A) captured state titles.

Let’s not forget that South-Doyle had a part in the current 16-year streak too, as the Cherokees were Class AAA state runners-up in 2007.

Still, Knoxville enjoyed its share of success at this year’s Spring Fling.

Bearden, CAK and Webb brought home state championships in boys soccer.

CAK also had to clear



PHOTO BY CARLA PETERS

Grace Christian Academy’s baseball team huddles around head coach Mitch Turner late in the Class A state championship game against Scotts Hill. Although they bowed 8-3, the Rams continued Knoxville’s streak of having a state tournament finalist to 16 years.

space in its trophy case for softball.

The Webb girls tennis program captured its seventh consecutive team title and the Catholic girls celebrated their first Class A-AA title in school history.

Catholic also captured its first state A-AA crown in

boys track.

In addition to the team honors, many athletes enjoyed the thrill of victory in individual events in tennis and track and field.

In fact, CAK’s Rebecca Story surely had to have some help returning all of her hardware to Knoxville

as she was a four-time winner on the track.

But let’s not forget – just advancing to the state competition is truly a great accomplishment.

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prospective students in a similar situation into their school. This has nothing to do with the fact that Simmons can rush the passer.

God forbid Simmons hurts anyone while on the Mississippi State campus. Try winning those lawsuits.

By the way Mississippi State football coach Dan Mullen is unavailable to the media for the next month. That’s some convenient timing.

The sad thing is that Baylor and Mississippi State are probably not exceptions when it comes to putting a priority on athletics, at the potential cost of the safety of the student body. Tennessee certainly has its issues. As does Alabama. And Georgia. And Florida. And Ole Miss.

Sports are a big deal.

But they aren’t that big a deal.

A Look Back at the 2016 KIL Track and Field Championships at Hardin Valley Academy



Left, Riley Honken of Hardin Valley Academy swept the boys' hurdles events at the KIL meet. Above, Rebekah Hampton sails to victory in the triple jump as Hardin Valley Academy captured a fifth straight KIL girls team title.



Rebecca Story of Christian Academy of Knoxville (left) leads West's Megan Murray on her way to winning the KIL 1600-meter run.



Austin-East's Martest Forbes (left) carries the baton on the anchor leg as the Roadrunners win the 4x200 relay event at the KIL meet.



Farragut's Destiny Carey was a double winner in the KIL shot put and discus events.



Colt Treischmann of Grace Christian Academy finishes first, Jazine Petcher of South-Doyle second and Gedarian Mobley of Austin-East third in the KIL 100-meter dash.

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Back to the Future

I grew up watching Looney Tunes cartoons. Every generation laments their “good ole days,” but the modern version of children’s television is vastly different from the old escapades of Elmer Fudd, Bugs Bunny and Foghorn Leghorn. I’m no expert on education, but I’m supposed to pay attention to what my grandson, Oakley, is watching. I will say that the modern Mickey Mouse Club on television is better than most of the rest, and is far more educational than when I watched the Mouseketeers and sang along: “M-I-C, see ya real soon. K-E-Y, why? Because we like you! M-O-U-S-E.”

We had “educational” cartoons when I was a kid. I loved the history lessons Mr. Peabody taught Sherman as they traveled backward in time to meet famous people. Peabody used his “wayback machine,” long before Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure. I think my passion for classical music began while

watching Bugs Bunny as the Barber of Seville shave the hapless Elmer Fudd to the accompaniment of Rossini’s timeless music.

I think kids benefit from educational programs, but other times they just need to play, use their imagination and laugh. And slapstick comedy is fanciful and fun. I’ve heard some object to the “violence” of old cartoons as Wile E. Coyote is flummoxed by the Roadrunner or a piece of dynamite blows up and sings the handlebar mustache of Yosemite Sam.

Cartoon slapstick makes my grandson, Oakley, laugh out loud - a far cry from the politically correct (PC) pablum of modern “cartoon” fare. We had enough social commentary in our old cartoons, and I can’t remember being confused as a kid. Recently, an old Yosemite Sam and Bugs Bunny episode, where Sam appears as Klondike Sam, caught my eye. The prologue reads, “The Klondike, where men are men and women

are women - a darn good arrangement.”

Everything changes, but as you get older you embrace change more slowly. In the last year of my traditional medical practice, I remember ventilating to my nurse one day about the unreasonable demands of one of my patients. An older patient insisted that I falsify a diagnosis so that her insurance would cover the tests she wanted. Despite my explanation that to do so would be dishonest, she remained adamant. As my nurse and I discussed alternatives, a younger employee overheard our conversation and explained I shouldn’t be concerned that my patient was displeased. This millennial gal said my “time” was over. She said it was her “generation’s time to run things” instead of the baby boomer’s. And she assured me that “millennials will have no problem telling the older folks no.”

Obviously, this postmodern age of ours has a new standard of decorum and rhetoric. Apparently, some of the talking head experts don’t understand the “newspeak” of PC and Twitter or the coarse verbiage that requires an Urban Dictionary for comprehension. These experts believe that leaders and Presidential candidates should conform to old standards. If that were true, Barack Obama as President would have united us rather than further dividing

us, “crooked” Hillary Clinton would be in jail, a socialist would not be challenging the Democrat party for leadership and Trump would not need street verbiage to confront the hypocrisy and dishonesty of the media.

The system is corrupt and broken. Conservatives like me eschew rapid transformation of the American way of life. The word conservative derives from a Latin root word which translates “to preserve” things such as tradition. Conservatives prefer incremental change rather than revolution. Unfortunately, we are already in a state of revolution and the “barely civil war” I’ve written about previously is now uncivil.

Our institutions and titular leaders are no longer deemed trustworthy or capable of fixing the problems. Many believe the system can’t be fixed with simple incremental measures. Julius Caesar was a revolutionary, and perhaps another is marching on Washington. Many believe that we need a revolution in Washington and someone other than the Democrat Party’s chosen heir, Hillary Clinton. I wonder if Bernie and his followers really believe the Democrat establishment will allow him be the Party’s nominee? They should watch the Netflix series House of Cards to understand the reality of the situation.

I am pleased that one institution stepped back from destruction. Recently,

the United Methodist Church backed away from the schism that gutted the American Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. At the world wide Quadrennial meeting in May, Methodist delegates decided to be methodical and form a committee to make recommendations regarding the controversial issue of human sexuality and Church doctrine. Methodists are famous - or infamous - for committees. I’ve observed many good ideas dissipate in Methodist committees. You could say our leaders merely “kicked the can down the road” instead of voting on such fractious issues.

The Washington boys and gals are truly infamous. Obama and Harry Reid haven’t passed a Federal budget in more than seven years, and have kept the government going with “continuing resolutions.” Perhaps a conservative problem solving approach and consensus building is preferable to schism or Executive Orders from Pennsylvania Avenue. Americans and Methodists are fundamentally democratic. Note that I used the small “d” rather than a big “D” of the Democrat party. Mr. Sanders, the latter is anything but democratic.

America is changing or already has. Years ago I read the book “UnChristian” which described research by the Barna Group on how the faithful are perceived by those outside the Church.

The Barna researchers have an updated report entitled, The End of Absolutes: America’s New Moral Code. The data-filled report can be read at Barna.org. Apparently, “Americans are uncertain about how to tell right from wrong.” And as “Christian morality is being ushered out of American Social structures” the “broader culture is attempting to fill the vacuum.”

A little over a century ago Einstein conceived the physics of relativity. However, fifty years earlier, Victor Hugo wrote of situational ethics (and moral relativism?) in his masterpiece, “Les Misérables.” I am a theist and conceptualize an absolute good by which I measure myself and everything else. Logically, if there is no standard yardstick nothing can be measured. I believe human conscience flows from the Absolute which C. S. Lewis called a sense of “ought.” I believe Conscience is written on our DNA, so it must be nurtured.

The Barna Group has documented the increasing moral confusion in America as the “new morality of self-fulfillment” supplants God. I can understand the anxiety that this existential free-fall produces. Neither self-actualization, power, money, accolades, drugs, sex or rock ‘n’ roll can fill that void. Only the Absolute can save a man.

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40% of Dogs are Obese

Americans struggle with their weight and, according to medical research, about two-thirds of the population is overweight or obese. Our health is complicated, and seemingly everywhere we look someone is counting our calories and telling us we are too fat. With no shortage of news reports barking research studies suggesting something is bad for us, we are then suddenly inundated with reports of doom-and-gloom. Television, radio, magazines,



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

almost everywhere we turn someone is pointing out our shortcomings.

Researchers have turned their watchful eye to Fido and with good reason. According to an Australian study, 40% of dogs in the United States are overweight or obese. Cats and dogs share similar results according to the study. Obviously, we have a growing problem with weight and how it affects our overall health.

I believe most pets look and act like their owners, a

happy dog—happy owner, overweight owner—overweight dog. Reasons for companion animal obesity and general decline of health associated with being overweight result from the same issues as Fido’s human counterpart. Some diseases can contribute to or cause obesity in dogs. Genetics can play a role in obesity; a few breed examples are: the Labrador Retriever and Cocker Spaniel. However, Fido’s expanding waistline is probably a result of domestication, lack of exercise, and overeating.

Interestingly, one study suggested “obese dogs are more likely to have been

fed inexpensive rather than more expensive foods” (Kienzle E. Bergler). I can attest to my dogs being fed a more expensive food but still struggle with maintaining an ideal weight. I am a firm believer that in most situations maintaining weight is a simple calculation of calories in verses calories burned.

An overweight dog—just like a human—suffers a higher incidence of heart disease, respiratory complications, diabetes, kidney disease, dermatology, and orthopedic disorders. If your dog can’t breathe nothing else matters, making respiratory and cardiac issues the most significant

complication of obesity. However, I believe degenerative orthopedic disorders in companion animals are especially cruel. Maintain and encourage open dialogue with your veterinarian about your pet’s health and weight. Broaching the topic of your pet’s weight with your veterinarian will ease conversation resulting in better care for your dog. Always consult your veterinarian before starting a weight loss program for your pet.

I struggle to keep Hobo the Wonder Dog’s weight between forty-two and forty-five pounds. He has a strong drive to eat and always seems hungry but

equally driven to take a hike. Keeping his stylish K9 figure may not be as easy as you think. The bottom line: feed a good-quality and proper amount of food, keep active, limit treats, and always follow your veterinarian’s recommendations for weight control. Your veterinarian is your best partner in your dog’s health. Maintaining a healthy weight with diet and exercise will always be the best option for a longer healthier life while building a stronger bond with your dog. Remember, what is good for the dog is good for you! Life is better with a dog.

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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 December 9, 2013, executed by RICHARD EHRLICH, conveying certain real property therein described to NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 17, 2013, at Instrument Number 201312170037480;

AND WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC 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 **July 7, 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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES, TO-WIT: SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 3.3, BLOCK C, TWIN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 130E-C-003.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1016 MISTY SPRINGS ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37932**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
CURRENT OWNER(S): RICHARD EHRLICH
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Darrell D. Hurley and Teresa G. Hurley executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Lender and Ernest B. Williams, IV, Trustee(s), which was dated September 20, 2006 and recorded on September 28, 2006 in Instrument No. 200609280027756, 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, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1, (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;

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 28, 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:

Parcel
A certain tract or parcel of land in Knox County, in the State of Tennessee, described as follows:
SITUATED in district Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, being part of Lot No. 22, of HIGHLAND HOMESITES ADDITION, as shown by map of record in Map Book 13, page 101, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin at the point of intersection of the Northeast line of Whistling Pine Road (formerly Willard Road) with the Northwest line of Babely Road; thence with Whistling Pine Road, North 25 deg. 20 min. West 100 feet to an iron pin; thence North 64 deg. 40 min. East 194.2 feet to an iron pin in the Southwest line of Lot 21; thence South 25 deg. 28 min. East with the dividing line between Lots 21 and 22, 122.33 feet to an iron pin in the Northwest line of Babely Road; thence with Babely Road, South 73 deg. 56 min. West 121.8 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing with Babely Road, South 66 deg. 46 min. West, 74.35 feet to the point of Beginning, as shown by survey of Robert F. Collignon, Engineer, dated January 9, 1979.

BEING the same property conveyed to Darrell D. Hurley and wife, Teresa G. Hurley, by Warranty Deed from David J. Walker, unmarried and Glenda M. Walker, unmarried, dated May 3, 2001 and recorded May 9, 2001, of record in Instrument No. 20010509007388, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Subject to any and all applicable restrictions and easements of record in Knox County, Tennessee.
PROPERTY ADDRESS (for information only):
5969 Babelay Road, Knoxville, TN 37924
Map & Parcel: 050-069
Parcel ID Number: 050 069

Address/Description: **5969 Babelay Road, Knoxville, TN 37924.**

Current Owner(s): Darrell D. Hurley and Teresa G. Hurley.

Other Interested Parties: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc. and Y-12 Federal Credit Union.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mark L. Bohle executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated July 25, 2003 and recorded on August 14, 2003 in Instrument No. 200308140019040, 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, MTGLQ Investors, L.P., (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;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **July 5, 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:

The land referred to in this certificate of title 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 Number Nineteen (19) of the CRESTBROOK Subdivision, as the same appears of record in Map Book 73-S, Page 47 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and on survey of Hinds Surveying Company Surveyor dated 12/22/86 bearing number 8612103 to which Map and Survey specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT to Restrictions of record in Deed Book 1747, Page 840 and Deed Book 1750, Page 550 in the Register's Office for Knox County, TN and further subject to all applicable easements and building set back lines, as shown on map of record.

BEING the same property conveyed to Mark L. Bohle, unmarried from Judith Ann Greene, unmarried by Warranty Deed dated 1/13/87 and of record in Book 1905, Page 253 in the Register's Office for Knox County, TN.

Tax/Map/Parcel ID number: 105LD-019
Property Address: **1237 Crest Brook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923**
Parcel ID Number: 105LD-019
Address/Description: 1237 Crest Brook Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923.

Current Owner(s): Mark L. Bohle.
Other Interested Parties: Crest Brook Homeowner's Association, Inc..

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pakesta Jemerson executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., Lender and Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated September 10, 2013 and recorded on October 10, 2013 in Instrument No. 201310100023858, 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, Quicken Loans 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **July 7, 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:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 8701 Old Colony Trail 61 Knoxville TN 37923
SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 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 61, UNIT 1, THE COLONIES, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT

OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 64-S, PAGES 34 AND 35 (MAP CABINET e, SLIDES 217-C AND 217-D), IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; TOGETHER WITH THE SUBJECT TO TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND EASEMENT OF DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS IN WARRANTY BOOK 180S, PAGE 228, IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO YURI V. EFREMENKO AND WIFE, NATALIA A. EFREMENKO FROM LAURA POHLE, UNMARRIED BY WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 31, 2001 AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT 200111140038358 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS FOUND IN PRIOR DEED OF RECORD AS A BOUNDARY LINE SURVEY WAS NOT DONE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, AND OTHER CONDITIONS SHOWN OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING the same property conveyed to Pakesta B. Jemerson and from Yuri V. Efremenko and Natalia A. Efremenko by virtue of Warranty Deed dated 09/10/13 of record in Instrument Number 201310100023857 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 132LC036
Address/Description: **8701 Olde Colony Trail, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Pakesta B. Jemerson.
Other Interested Parties: N/A

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2009, executed by TERESA P. WILLIAMS, conveying certain real property therein described to SKYLINE TITLE AND ESCROW LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 14, 2009, at Instrument Number 200908140012433;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC 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 **July 7, 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 EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND LYING WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND FRONTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF BILLY NEAL LANE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF BILLY NEAL LANE, LYING 548 FEET IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FROM THE WEST MARGIN OF CORUM ROAD, AND CORNER TO CASH; THENCE WITH CASH, NORTH 72 DEG. 37 MIN. 24 SEC. WEST, 336.45 FEET TO AN OLD IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF COBB; THENCE WITH COBB, SOUTH 57 DEG. 59 MIN. 27 SEC. WEST, 273.50 FEET TO A NEW IRON PIN, CORNER TO PROPERTY OF NELLIE HUBBARD; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEG. 34 MIN. 25 SEC. EAST, 573.58 FEET TO A NEW IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF BILLY NEAL LANE; THENCE WITH THE LANE, NORTH 08 DEG. 52 MIN. 11 SEC. WEST, 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF GEORGE E. GARRETT, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL, 1983, AND BEING IMPROVED WITH A 12 FOOT BY 50 FOOT MOBILE HOME WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED THERETO.

Parcel ID: 073-103.08

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **513 BILLY NEAL LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924**. 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): TERESA P. WILLIAMS
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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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 December 4, 2009, executed by JANE LYNELLE BENNETT, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE WORKS OF VA, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 20091211-0040152;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company 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 30, 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:

118HA-015.00 SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 15 IN BLOCK A OF WESTWARD STAR SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 43-S, PAGE 16, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT FRONTING 163.6 FEET ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF MERCURY DRIVE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHWEST LINE OF MERCURY DRIVE, DISTANT IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 1602.3 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF MERCURY DRIVE WITH YARNELL ROAD, AND MARKING COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 14 AND 15; THENCE NORTH 26 DEG. 40 MIN. WEST WITH THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 14 AND 15, 207.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF PROPERTY OF SMITH; THENCE WITH SMITH'S SOUTHEAST LINE, SOUTH 60 DEG. 23 MIN. WEST 212.1 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF PROPERTY OF GOEBEL; THENCE WITH GOEBEL'S NORTHEAST LINE, SOUTH 40 DEG. 27 MIN. EAST 202.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF PROPERTY OF GOEBEL; THENCE WITH MERCURY DRIVE, NORTH 63 DEG. 20 M. EAST 163.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF WILLIAM W. ROSS, ENGINEER, DATED JULY 3, 1969.

Parcel ID: 118HA-015.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **10765 Mercury Drive, Knoxville, TN 37932**. 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): JANE LYNELLE BENNETT

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Lenoir City Utilities, 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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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Memphis, TN 38103
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kimberly L. Barksdale executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated July 29, 2008 and recorded on July 30, 2008 in Instrument No. 200807300007193, and modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated March 9, 2015 and recorded on May 5, 2015 in Instrument No. 201505050059852, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

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:

Tract One: Beginning at the common corner with Clyde Knight, John Scarboro and the "first part" hereto; thence with said beginning point, South 38 deg. 19 min. West 64 feet to an iron pin; thence South 6 deg. 59 min. East 65.6 feet to an iron pin; thence South 79 deg. 24 min. East 239.7 feet to an iron pin; thence North 40 deg. 28 min. East 58.17 feet to an iron pin; thence North 63 deg. 54 min. West 267.4 feet to an iron pin, the point of beginning, a shown by survey of A.E. Bost, dated May 14, 1954.

Tract Two: Beginning at the common corner with Clyde Knight, John Scarboro and the "first part" hereto; thence with said beginning point, North 63 deg. 54 min. West 61.2 feet to an iron pin in the East line of County Road; thence along the East line of County Road, South 17 deg. 15 min. East 72.5 feet to an iron pin; thence North 38 deg. 19 min. East 54.1 feet to the point of beginning. Containing in both tracts a total of one-half acre,

more or less.
W.D. # 200807300007192
Parcel ID Number: 134 069
Address/Description: **1938 Dogwood Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919.**

Current Owner(s): Kimberly L. Barksdale.
Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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

*Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
277 Mallory Station Road
Suite 115
Franklin, TN 37067
PH: 615-550-7697 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 Recontrust Company, N.A., Trustee(s), which was dated April 24, 2008 and recorded on January 17, 2013 in Instrument No. 2013011700446925, 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;

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 # 200605080093469, 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 # 200605080093469 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: N/A

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

All right and

Heiskell Seniors meeting
The Heiskell Seniors monthly meeting will be Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Community Center, 1708W. Emory Road in Powell. Speaker from KUB beginning at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, bingo at 1 p.m. Bring a dessert and a friend. For more information call Janice White at (865) 548-0326.

Get Out the Vote Rally
Join the Knox County Democratic Party, Mayor Madeline Rogero, and county Democratic candidates for county and state office for a Get Out the Vote Rally on Thursday, July 14 (the day before early voting starts) at 5:30 p.m. at the KCDP headquarters, located at 311 Morgan Street.

Karns Republican Club
The Karns Republican Club will meet on Monday, June 6, 2016. The meeting will be at the Karns Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m. There will be a short business meeting and then a forum between candidates for the 6th District County Commission Seat.

PK Hope is Alive Meeting
PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite you to our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, June 21 in Oak Ridge at the Kern United Methodist Church in their

Family Life Center, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge.

The speakers for this month will be members of our group.Mara and Tom Eckhardt will be speaking about the MichaelJ. Fox Foundation. And Alan Zimmerman will talk about The Parkinson Disease Foundation and will perhaps have some slides to go with his presentation.

PK Hope meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For more information please visit www.pkhopeisalive.org or call Alan Zimmerman at (865) 693-5721.

Seymour Farmers Market
The Seymour Farmers Market will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon every Saturday from beginning of Juneto thesecondSaturday in October in the parking lot of 1st Baptist Church on Chapman Highway in Seymour. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, baked goods and crafts will be sold by the person who produced it. Check the Facebook page for weekly updates at Seymour Farmers Market, TN. For more information, call Marjie Richardson at (865)453-0130.

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 covered-dish!

The Harvey Broome Group of the Sierra Club Presents
Tales from the Trail by “WILDCAT” Bert Emmerson, 2015 Appalachian Trail Chaplain, will be presented on June 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.


Bert Emmerson is a master storyteller and based on his extensive experiences outdoors has many stories to tell. Bert grew up on a farm in Kansas and moved to East Tennessee in 1978. He started taking long hikes in the Smokies and met Appalachain Trail thru-hikers over the years. In 2015, when he wanted to take another long walk, the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church was looking for someone to serve as a chaplain embedded on the Appalachian Trail. He took the job hiking the AT and helping people with their journey, not by preaching, but through reflecting on the peace that is found in the silence of being outside in the natural world.

Spiritual Leaders

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7).

God understood the importance of godly leadership. When the kingdom of God was established in Acts 2, God knew that in order for the church to survive attacks both within and on the outside, mature spiritual leadership was going to be needed. After churches were planted by the apostles, elders (bishops, shepherds, pastors) were appointed to help guide and guard the infant churches. Churches follow this same pattern of leadership today. Those selected to serve as shepherds of the local church have a huge responsibility. This is not a lifetime/name only office, but one that is to be lived out.

Who is to be selected? The emphasis on a spiritual leader is not expertise, but on character and how well the leader navigates their life. This is what sets spiritual leadership apart from all other types of leadership. People who are hungry for God don't just want



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

someone to give them answers. They want to see faith lived out. They want to know the heart of their shepherd.

God says the heart matters when it comes to spiritual leaders. When Samuel was sent out by God to anoint a king over Israel, Samuel looked at hearts. Saul held much promise. He looked the part, but he didn't have the heart.

God sent Samuel in search of someone else. When Samuel came to the home of Jesse, he had a number of sons. Jesse's son, Eliab, caught the attention of Samuel. Surely this must be the future king, he thought. But God had to remind Samuel: “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (I Samuel 16:7).

God had His eye on the youngest in the household, a shepherd boy named David. God was still preparing David in the field. David had a pure heart that sought the Lord. One of David's famous songs states: “Create in me a pure

heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).

God makes clear that the heart comes before religious performance. Isaiah the prophet, many years after David's day, spoke about the foolishness of having correct religious words without a heart for God: “These people come near me with their mouth, but their hearts are far from me” (Isaiah 29:13).

Is God preparing you to be a spiritual leader? Whether you are in a position of leadership or not, strive to have a heart for God. Live out the words of Jesus: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6).

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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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of WALTER J. JOHNSON
Docket Number 77687-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALTER J. JOHNSON, who died Apr 14, 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 the 26th day of May, 2016
Estate of WALTER J. JOHNSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NYLE E. JOHNSON, Executor
2746 Joneva Road
Knoxville, TN 37932
ANNE M. McKINNEY
Attorney at Law
1019 Orchard Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37912

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DEBORAH LUCILE LANDIS
Docket Number 77694-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DEBORAH LUCILE LANDIS, 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.

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

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

This the 19th day of May, 2016
Estate of DEBORAH LUCILE LANDIS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEROME LANDIS, Administrator
8625 Peppertree Lane
Knoxville, TN 37923
BROOKE GIVENS
Attorney at Law
110 Cogdill Rd
Knoxville, TN 37922

PUBLISH: 6/06/2016 and 6/13/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DORIS M. NEWSOME
Docket Number 77711-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS M. NEWSOME, who died Mar 30, 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 the 24th day of May, 2016
Estate of DORIS M. NEWSOME
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

KAREN NEWSOME, Executrix
7305 Oxmoor Rd
Knoxville, TN 37931
BILL W. PETTY
Attorney at Law
705 Gate Lane, Ste 202
Knoxville, TN 37909

PUBLISH: 6/06/2016 and 6/13/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of BARBARA ANN ROUSE
Docket Number 77699-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ANN ROUSE, who died Apr 14, 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 the 23rd day of May, 2016
Estate of BARBARA ANN ROUSE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
Trecia Diane Todd, Administratrix
4700 Skyview Dr
Knoxville, TN 37917

PUBLISH: 6/06/2016 and 6/13/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of JESSE PHILIP ROUSE
Docket Number 77698-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of June, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JESSE PHILIP ROUSE, who died Apr 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 the 1st day of June, 2016
Estate of JESSE PHILIP ROUSE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRECIA DIANE TODD, Administratrix
4700 Skyview Drive
Knoxville, TN 37917

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of EDNA LOUISE JINKS WOLFENBARGER
Docket Number 77585-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA LOUISE JINKS WOLFENBARGER, who died Nov 29, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 19th day of May, 2016
Estate of EDNA LOUISE JINKS WOLFENBARGER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GINGER BARNETT, Administratrix
18102 Beals Chapel Rd
Lenoir City, TN 37772
ROBIN M. McNABB
Attorney at Law
625 S Gay St
Knoxville, TN 37902

PUBLISH: 6/06/2016 and 6/13/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of FLORENCE C. ZITTEL
Docket Number 77693-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FLORENCE C. ZITTEL, who died Apr 15, 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 the 19th day of May, 2016
Estate of FLORENCE C. ZITTEL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JUDITH Z. HALL, Executrix
5739 Goldenrod Circle
Knoxville, TN 37921
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of ARCHIE LEE DAVIS, JR.
Docket Number 77695-3

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This the 20th day of May, 2016
Estate of ARCHIE LEE DAVIS, JR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
VALARIE McALILEY, Administratrix
4931 Cabin Rd
Knoxville, TN 37918

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MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Executive Board Meeting, June 22, 2016

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, June 22nd at 9 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Visit www.knoxtrans.org/meeting for preliminary and final Agendas or contact the TPO if you would like a copy of the final Agenda. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

865-215-2694 or dori.caron@knoxtrans.org.

Smoky Mountain Vittles, Fiddles and Fun

Go for the gusto at Two Brothers Italian

Molto Bene and Poly Kala! I've been venturing out over the past month to Two Brothers Italian Restaurant, which really is owned by two brothers, Nick



By Rose Davidson

I've used it twice. The driver is very friendly and the food arrives hot. At the restaurant (and with delivery as well) everyone is treated to a plate of

their special garlic knots topped with grated parmesan and served with a side of homemade marinara. The menu is enticing, and it's difficult to decide what to choose.

After much perusal, I decided to skip any appetizers or salads and go right for the gusto! One of my favorite go-to dishes is lobster ravioli with a lemon cream sauce. I espied a Maine Lobster Ravioli with cream sauce on the menu. Excellent! Since they didn't know me, I didn't ask for them to alter their cream sauce by adding lemon for me but no matter. It was delicious! \$13.99 is the price tag, and well worth it.

On most pasta dishes,

one can choose their pasta from a selection of spaghetti, whole wheat angel hair, penne, linguine and fettucine. This is a real plus to me! I tried the spaghetti with meat sauce on linguine for \$9.99. The pasta was perfectly al dente and not sticky, which is a sign that the pasta is cooked to order.

As a person who has a real penchant for Italian Sausage, there was no way I would pass on trying the Italian Sausages with sautéed green bell peppers and onions in marinara sauce. I was disappointed with this dish as it was a bit greasy, and appeared somewhat unappetizing. I've heard the same from others, so if I were ever asked my opinion by the management, I would suggest they work on making it less oily.

Being an Italian restaurant, there is plenty to choose from if you are a vegetarian. However, a must-try and laudable dish to try for \$12.99 is the Eggplant Florentine. It is tasty meld of eggplant layered with spinach, marinara, ricotta and Parmesan cheeses, then topped with mozzarella. I'm a sucker for anything with ricotta in it, so I was happy to see this added to the dish!

Italian food is one of my favorites. As difficult as it was to go into an Italian restaurant and not order



Two Brothers has two locations in Sevier County: 737 Dolly Parton Parkway, Sevierville and 2946 Winfield Dunn Parkway, Kodak. See the full menu at www.twobrothersitalian.com.

a “native dish” (“When in Rome”....right?), one night I chose to go out of the box and, for \$7.99, I tried their Cranberry and Walnut Chicken Salad Sandwich. It is listed as “Award Winning.” Next time, I'll have to find out exactly who awarded them that. It really is scrumptious. It is served on your choice of whole wheat bread or tomato basil wrap. I would love for them to experiment and offer this delicious chicken salad on raisin bread!

You're probably wondering if I am ever going to bring up the pizza. Now, I have not yet gone on my “quest for the holy grail of pizzas” in Knox and Sevier counties, so I have to admit

that as far as local pizza, I do not yet have any other places in the area to compare it to. The pizza is a New York style thin crust, and the pies are large. They cost a couple dollars more than others, but the ingredients are fresh and flavorful and the cheese is of excellent quality. I used to run a gourmet cheese shop so I'm very picky about my cheese! I tried an Italian sausage with onion pizza and a combination pizza of ham, mushroom, and pineapple. If you're a cheeseophile as I am and you are craving something REALLY cheesy, try the Cheese Calzone for \$9.99. It is oozing ricotta, romano, and mozzarella cheeses and

accompanied by marinara sauce.

No night is complete without dessert, and they aim to please with great imagination. Notable succulent mentions are the Chocolate Peanut Butter Explosion cake, Bananas Foster cake, and White Chocolate Orange Creamsicle cake. There are also the usual Italian dessert offerings of cannolis and tiramisu.

I heard some people were lucky enough to be there during Memorial Day weekend. Evidently, “Mom” was in town and made pans of homemade Baklava! I'm sorry I missed that!!! Buon Appetito and Apoláfstes! gévma sas!



The sausage and onion New York pizza at Two Brothers Italian Restaurant.

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