

Festival on the Fourth

Sunsphere to glow red, white & blue

Beginning with a lighting ceremony on Monday evening, June 27, the base of the World's Fair Park Sunsphere will be illuminated red, white and blue in celebration of the City of Knoxville's Festival on the Fourth and the City's 225th anniversary.

The festive exterior lighting will continue through the evening of July 4.

Since its construction for the 1982 World's Fair, the Sunsphere has been a signature landmark of Knoxville. Its observation deck is a popular attraction, drawing thousands of visitors.

Because of the Sunsphere's immense popularity, the City's Special Events Department, in collaboration with sponsor Lloyd's Electric Service Inc., chose to celebrate the City's 225th birthday and Festival on the Fourth with the special weeklong one-time lighting.

At a cost of less than \$5,000, Illuminating Design Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., will be temporarily installing LED lights that have been used by Disney, Space X, the U.S. Air Force and the National Football League.

However, the commemorative lighting eventually could become a permanent amenity. Visit Knoxville is seeking tourism grants that, if funded, would provide the permanent infrastructure to illuminate the Sunsphere as a marketing tool to draw visitors and events to the City.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Knoxville's iconic landmark in Knoxville," said Kim Bumpas, President of Visit Knoxville. "The teams at the City, VK and the Public Building Authority work hand-in-hand to enhance the visitor experience at the Sunsphere on a daily basis. A permanent lighting plan will make this attraction come alive after dark, which will be a wonderful beacon to visitors and our community."

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

Put on your Blue Suede Shoes or your Poodle Skirt and step back into the 50s and 60s next month as the Knox County Museum of Education relives those times. The Museum wants to take you back to the days when Rock and Roll was King, a diner was your favorite hangout, and you kicked off your shoes and danced the night away with your date.

Friday night, July 15th is when the Museum of Education invites you to the "Let's Go Back to the Hop 2." Entertainment for the night will feature three sets

of Elvis covers performed by Chuck Ayers; Sammy "Barney Fife" Sawyer and his Mayberry crew will provide laughs; and the recorded Doo Wop music of Four Dots and a Dash will be perfect for dancing. There's "Doo Wop" food, a silent auction, a "promo" photo package and much more— all to help the very special museum.

As a non-profit organization the Knox County Education Museum depends on donations for its operation and the Sock Hop is a major fundraising event. The Museum is located in

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TOPPING OFF A SWEET SIXTEEN

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owell High's Peyton Alford and Fulton's Makenna Black are their school's male and female Student-Athletes of the Year. Alford had a grade point average and earned run average that made him the Panthers' honoree. Black followed in her parents' footsteps and is a "Falcon for Life." Stories on Peyton and Makenna and others are in this week's sports section, as

If the estimated \$75,000 for initial electrical installation is secured, the Public Building Authority would be responsible for maintaining and monitoring the lighting.

"We are excited about the proposed project for permanent lighting of the Sunsphere," said Jayne Burritt, PBA's CEO. "We see firsthand the number of visitors who flock to this attraction on a daily basis. An illumination of this magnitude can only enhance this landmark and draw additional visitors."

If grant funding materializes for permanent lighting, the project would be put out for competitive bidding, Burritt said.

For more details on Festival on the Fourth or the City's 225th anniversary, follow Special Events on Facebook or the city website. The Knoxville Focus begins its fifth annual series of recognizing local high schools' Student-Athletes of the Year.

'Unfortunate Situation' But No Ethics Violation

By Sally Absher sallyabsher@knoxfocus.com

Last week the Knox County Schools Ethics Committee heard the complaint filed by Adam McKenry, Randy Susong, and Leonard Sams against Bearden High School principal Dr. John Bartlett, BHS Athletic Director Nathan Lynn, KCS Director of Facilities and Construction Doug Dillingham, and KCS Superintendent Dr. Jim McIntyre.

McKenry and Susong were treasurer and president, respectively, of the former BHS Softball Booster Club. Leonard Sams was the popular and highly effective softball coach who led BHS to the state tournament in 2015.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairwoman Lynn Fugate asked the complainants McKenry, Susong, and Sams to lay out "specifically what ethical violation you believe has been perpetrated based on school board policy."

A brief history: In 2014, BHS softball parents Susong and McKenry met with Bartlett and Lynn to get their support and assistance to facilitate constructing a softball practice facility at BHS. They initially planned to build the facility in stages, with each phase initiated as fundraising provided the money.

But Bartlett and Lynn informed them that KCS policy would not allow the facility to be built in stages. They suggested that a loan be secured in order to show that they had the funds on hand to complete the building. They told Susong and McKenry to re-establish the BHS Softball Boosters Club in order to conduct the fundraising. A \$40K loan was secured by the Boosters, personally guaranteed by Susong and McKenry. Bartlett and Lynn brought the project to the BOE for approval in December 2014.

Neither Susong or McKenry felt they were at risk - under Coach Sams, the team had grown and improved beyond expectation, and they had a number of camps and other fundraising events with an estimated \$21,000 in revenue lined up for the summer and fall. They were confident that the loan would be paid off within 18 - 24

asked the complainants McK- to complete the building. They months. They were repeatedly enry, Susong, and Sams to lay told Susong and McKenry to assured that Sams would coach out "specifically what ethical vio- re-establish the BHS Softball the team.

Just prior to construction beginning, the Fire Marshall determined the construction site needed to be moved, adding \$37K to the cost. The majority of the overage was absorbed by additional fundraising, donations of labor and materials, and even Coach Sams paying for labor out of his own pocket.

There was a dearth of communication between Bartlett, Dillingham, the Booster Club, and others regarding proper protocol and policy. There were forms that were not submitted or lost, and no mention of the need to obtain BOE approval of the

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PAGE A2 The Knoxville FOCUS **Mulch and Waste Recycling** zoning denied by MPC

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knox County Commission could think differently but the Metropolitan Planning Commission denied a request by Walker Trucking Contractors, Inc. to rezone a property on Rutledge Pike from Planned Residential to Business and Manufacturing.

Attorney John King, representing the proposed buyer of the 11-acre site east of Woods Creek Road, said that Nature's Best company wants to expand their business there and noted there was no opposition present in the audience and, with some restrictions, the planning staff recommended the change.

A retail office would be located there to sell things like mulch, gravel and sand and King asked that two entrances there be used so customers could drive onto the business easily. MPC Executive Director

Gerald Green told the planners that he had visited the lot and the recommendation was a "reasonable compromise."

King said that while the property could be used in the current residential zone he was requesting the Business and Manufacturing zone change so the company would not have to come back to the MPC for a review.

Several commissioners had questions and Elizabeth Eason noted that twothirds of the site is in the hillside protection plan. After a motion to permit the zoning change failed, Eason moved to deny the request and a split vote of 6-4 rejected the request. The matter could go to the county commission which could overturn the MPC decision.

In other action the MPC approved a request of Eric Mosely for rezoning from Agricultural to Planned Residential a 14-acre property on the north side

New VP for MPC

Janice L. Toucher, a founder of the Urban Arts and Trade District and resident of Averra Media Corporation, has been chosen as the new vice chairperson of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Toucher is also president of the South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association and defeated Art Clancy in the selection by fellow planning commission members.

She replaces term-limited Bart Carey in the position.

Chairperson Rebecca Longmire opened the meeting Thursday by introducing three new commission members: Charles Thomas, Pat Phillips and Gayle Bustin.

of Yarnell Road although two nearby residents objected and pointed out traffic and water run off problems there.

The commission also approved the Northwest Sector Plan amendment although Mosely asked them to postpone it. He said he was not notified.

Concept plans were also approved for Edith's Place, a 6.46 acre subdivision on Murray Road, for Hatties Place, on the northwest side of Ball Road, and for Beaver View Farms on the south side of West Emory Road.

Ashton Grove's concept plans and Use on Review were also approved for duplexes on seven individual lots on 1.56 acres. Two nearby homeowners spoke against the development citing incompatibility with local homes, traffic, and an inadequate buffer zone.

June 13, 2016 Four-Legged Soldiers of the Civil War

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

If you're a Civil War buff and a horse lover, there's an event this Tuesday you may want to attend.

One of the nation's best known Civil War historians, James I. Robertson, Jr., will speak to the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable about "The Four-Legged Soldier of the Civil War." He will speak on the vital role horses and mules played during the conflict and says that more of those animals died in the war than did humans.

An author and editor of more than 25 books including a biography of Robert E. Lee, Dr. Robertson has also written three books for young readers. His book on General Stonewall Jackson won eight national awards and was used as the characterizations of Jackson in the movie "Gods and Generals," where Robertson served as historical consultant.

He has also published in National Geographic and served as Executive

Director of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission in the 1960s and has taught at Virginia Tech where his upper division course attracted a large number of students. He retired in 2011 and was named Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History.

Dr. Robertson may be the most sought-after speaker on the American Civil War in the nation.

The Civil War Roundtable meeting will be at the Bearden Banquet Hall on 5806 Kingston Pike and the buffet begins at 7 p.m. followed by the speaker's address at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15 per member, \$17 for non-members. If you'd like to attend Dr. Robertson's speech only, admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

You can reserve a place for the buffet by calling (865)671-9001 before 11 a.m. this morning and leave a message.

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the Sarah Simpson Professional Development Technical Center at 801 Tipton Avenue, near where Moody Avenue meets the James White Parkway.

Hundreds of displays and yearbooks, photos, documents, scrapbooks, minutes of important meetings and much more are collected, displayed and stored by the volunteer staff there. The museum is a place where anyone can travel back in time to see their own or their family's school days and where serious educational research on events, issues and people can be done.

6:30 p.m. The Doo Wop Diner features hot dogs, popcorn, etc. Admission to the event is \$25 and food items are only \$1 each. The silent auction is unusual because people will be bidding on a Tennessee Walking Horse donated



Chuck Ayers, as Elvis, will perform three sets of music during this year's Sock Hop fundraiser at the Museum of Education.

by Mrs. Susie Ford.

The museum is celebrating its 10th year this fall, according to David Armstrong, an honorary member Four Dots and a Dash of the Museum Board and have retired but their music former chairman of the will be played starting at board. He's the coordinator of the Sock Hop.

City seeks proposals for redevelopment of former State Supreme Court site

The City has issued a important block, then to a major mixed-use redevelopment of a key block of downtown Knoxville, the 1.7-acre former site of the State Supreme Court, bounded by Henley Street, Cumberland Avenue, Avenue.

Court relocated to the Post Office Building on Main Street in 2003, and the City purchased the mostly vacant surplus property last year for \$2.47 million. across our downtown." The City's intent has been to direct the scope and site and guidelines for its intensity of the redevelop- redevelopment, read the ment of this strategically Request for Proposals at

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"This is a prime piece of the downtown landscape, directly across Henley Street from the Convention Center," said Locust Street and Church Dawn Michelle Foster, the City's Director of Redevel-The State Supreme opment. "This presents a tremendous opportunity. It's crucial that this block be brought back into reuse the right way, with a mixeduse redevelopment that fronting Henley Street from contributes significantly the State of Tennessee to the vibrancy and energy

For details about the

Foster noted that while City leaders are prioritizing certain criteria - an appropriate degree of urban density, for example, and "street-level vitality" with commercial and storefront retail spaces the RFP offers redevelopers great flexibility.

"There's a lot of room for creativity," Foster said. "We'd value proposals that include architecturally significant buildings. Internal structured parking would be appropriate. All designs and functions that contribute to the culture and environment of downtown will

www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids. Design) certification through LEED v4 Building Design and Construction.

> For now, the City will continue to operate the surface parking lot adjacent to the State Supreme Court building. The Public Building Authority will oversee the lot, which will be open for paid parking during weekdays and free parking after 6 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends.

> The schedule for submitting proposals for the Supreme Court site's redevelopment:

 Wednesday, Aug. 31 – A pre-proposal conference with prospective proposers will be held at 10 a.m. at the site, 719 Locust St. Monday, Sept. 26 --At a minimum, pro- Deadline for submitting posed projects must written questions to the Purchasing Department. Monday, Oct. 10 – and Environmental Due date for proposals.

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City Council will meet earlier

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Beginning in July the Knoxville City Council will begin meeting at 6 p.m. rather than the previous 7 p.m. meeting time. The council passed the time change unanimously doing so, also moved the Beer Board meeting from 6 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The idea is to gain more public attendance.

The brief regular meeting, chaired by former Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis, lasted only about 30 minutes. Mayor Madeline Rogero was away on a trip to China and Vice Mayor Duane Grieve was absent due to the birth of his first granddaughter.

City Recorder Will Johnson opened the meeting and called for the council to select a temporary chairperson and further discussion.

Three people, Lauren Rider, Mabrey R. Duff and Sharon Davis, were named to the Public Property Naming Committee and the council voted to change the name of Milligan Street, between East Magnolia and Martin Luther King, Jr., to honor Beal Bourne. Bourne addressed the meeting briefly, saying he was honored to be honored with the naming "while I'm alive."

used police cars to Blaine, changes.

Tennessee and to hire Hickory Construction Breakfast on Tuesday, July Inc. for a Fort Dickerson Gateway Park Project, an improvement partially funded by the Aslan Foundation, for \$806,000. Della Volpe asked about Pavlis said the improvement is "a showcase."

Tuesday evening and, in and Review Committee's minority applicants. Pavlis chairman, Steve Fisher, gave that group's annual report and announcedt businesses and was told Clarence L. Vaughn, III, as the new Executive Director and Jerry Croome as a new member. Fisher reported a decrease in the number of complaints reviewed by the committee last year. The next meeting of PARC is July 28th at the Beck Cultural Center at 6 p.m. and he invited the public just over \$700,000 to help to attend.

Asked about public attendance at these meetings, Fisher said it was not consistent. He Pavlis was chosen without said that's one of the reasons the committee moves its meetings around the community, to get larger attendance. He reported the committee reviewed eight harassment complaints, 13 cases of rudeness, five wrongful arrest complaints, and also explained that many of the cases involved reviewing police recordings of the incidents.

Councilman Daniel Brown announced that a KAT meeting on June 23rd The council voted to will hear from the public approve the sale of two on more trolley route

The mayor's Business 14th at the Civic Coliseum hopes to draw companies to learn how to apply for city contracts. Councilman Nick "some way to advertise" the breakfast on radio and The Police Advisory in newspapers to attract asked if the city utilizes the state's list of minority it does.

> Brown said attracting minority contractors is "an important issue" and currently there is low participation. The business event starts at 7:30 with a breakfast and runs until 11:30 that morning.

The council also voted fund the Young-Williams Animal Center with a like amount pledged by Knox County. They also voted to authorize the mayor to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase bullet-resistant vests for city law enforcers with a 50% match from the city.

Special Production, Inc., was hired items dealing with to provide sound and video equipment for the city's July 4th celebration for \$27,500 and the Capital Budget and Operating Budget were approved on First Reading, allowing leftover funds to be transferred within the new budget.

Riley Drive in Pond Gap may become "Charles Newman Drive" as passed



on First Reading and a zoning change requested by Samuel J. Furrow for a car lot on Parkside and Cogdill Road was postponed for two weeks. Councilwoman Brenda Palmer was the only "No" vote.

A property on the north side of Howard Baker Jr. Avenue and east of Hall of Fame Drive was rezoned from Office and Residential to 0-2 (Civic and Institutional).

Passed with one vote Events were several consent donating Community Improvement Funds to the James White Fort Association, the Fountain City Arts Center, the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Old North Knoxville, Inc., Shannondale Elementary, Whittle Springs Middle School, Fulton High School, Ijams Nature Center, and Holston Middle School.



PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.

Top, Steve Fisher, Chairperson of the Police Advisory and Review Committee, gives City Council the annual report from that citizen's group. Park noted that complaints about the police department were lower this year than last year. Above, Beal Bourne briefly addressed the City Council Tuesday thanking them for voting to name a street in his honor, stating that he appreciated the recognition during his lifetime.

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Bits of News About Local Education

By Sally Absher sallvabsher@knoxfocus.com

Eight Additional Recipients Receive Read to be Ready Grants for Summer Reading Programs

Summer grants are part of a ed 12 summer reading programs larger coordinated approach to across the state to receive Read move third grade reading profi- to be Ready grants this summer, ciency in Tennessee to 75 per- funded by a \$1 million donation cent by 2025. The Read to be from the Dollar General Founda- South Central, Ready campaign seeks to raise tion. awareness about the impor- After seeing the statewide Upper Cumberland. tance of reading, unite efforts to address the reading gap, highlight and implement best practices, and build partnerships. Twenty-one applicants applied from the Department of Econom- for Read to be Ready summer grants to serve students in what the Appalachian Regional Commission designates as a distressed county, a county that ranks in the bottom 10 percent of the nation's counties on the basis of low per capita income and high rates of poverty and unemployment. Last month the

greatest summer learning loss. department of education select-

1. Hardeman County Schools, Southwest,

2. Perry County Schools, South Central,

3. Wayne County Schools,

4. Bledsoe County Schools,

us to reach some of our state's most underserved children and continue on our path to ensure all Tennessee students are thinkers, problem-solvers, and future leaders of our state."

"Educational attainment is

Education Commissioner Candice McQueen and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd announced that, with support ic and Community Development (TNECD), the Read to be Ready Summer Grant program will be expanded to reach an additional eight distressed counties.

Read to be Ready summer grants are designed to fund programs that focus on low-income students who experience the

response to the department of education's Read to be Ready summer grant application process earlier this spring, TNECD pledged to fund additional summer programs in Tennessee communities that serve our state's neediest families. The First TN department of education then carefully reviewed additional programs designed to serve students in distressed counties and selected the following eight programs based on competitive criteria.

5. Fentress County Schools, Upper Cumberland,

6. Grundy County Schools, Southeast,

7. Oneida Special School District, East, and

8. Hancock County Schools,

"Currently, only one-third of economically disadvantaged students read proficiently by the end of third grade, but we have a different vision for our students," Commissioner McQueen said. "This additional funding allows

workforce development, which is economic development," Commissioner Boyd said. "Early reading skills are critical to educational success. Thus, this program is critical to economic development and nowhere is it more so than in our distressed rural communities. For these reasons, we are happy we are able to support the department of education's Read to be Ready initiative."





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PAGE A4 The Knoxville FOCUS A history lesson while camping

All Tennessee State Parks have some connection with our state's history but Harrison Bay State Park just north of Chattanooga touches that catego-

ry more than most. The 1,200 acre park primitive camping. on Chickamauga Lake on Highway 58 can claim prestatehood links through the Cherokee, an early statehood town site, and the Tennessee Valley Author-

ity.

The large park, a haven for RV and tent campers as well as local fishermen, has three large campgrounds with electric and water available, reasonable overnight rates, and



By Mike Steely

ing and even

group camp-

wifi internet service but the sites tend to fill up on warm weather weekends so if you're planning to camp you should check the internet reservation site or call the campground.

Harrison Bay has the longest shoreline on Chickamauga Lake and is busy with kayaks, paddle boats and bass boats. Historically the area, long before the Tennessee River and

a wide variety the lake, was busy as well. of activities The park has 4.5 miles of biking trails, walking trails, and one of the tent areas has 24 open-air cabins with bunk beds. а

The park is located in what was once the territory of the Chickamauga Cherokee, the renegade off-shoot of the Overhill villages who left the Vonore area in order to continuing waging war on white settlements in East Tennessee and Ken-The RV sites now offer tucky. After the resistance was over many of the Chickamauga chiefs, some who were mixed-blood descendants of English and Scottish traders and soldiers took up the white ways and became very wealthy.

One of these was James Vann who owned the area that is now Harrison Bay. He and his son, Joseph, established a ferry there across



Enjoying the wildlife and scenery at Harrison Bay State Park.

town, called Vann's Town, developed around the ferry. In 1779 the town was ravaged by Col Evan Shelby's expedition but, following the war, the town was reestablished and grew. Joseph Vann built a home and resided there a few years before leaving during the

established a mill. A small Cherokee Removal, settling in Arkansas Territory. "Rick Joe" Vann took his considerable wealth, his family and his slaves with him. He was said to have owned 35 horses, the ferry, a mill and the property now encompassing the park.

The old Vann House the TVA lake.

On the same site the Hamilton County town of Harrison developed and became the first meeting place of the new county government when the court met at Poe's Tavern there in 1819. Most of the town was inundated by the waters of

stood there until 1900.

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new construction site or additional cost. The facility was completed by the end of February 2015, with \$44K still owed.

On June 3, after seven years of coaching softball at BHS and taking the team to State, Sams was fired by Bartlett - in spite of Susong having received verbal confirmation from Bartlett and Lynn that Sams would continue to lead the program. Sams agreed to "resign."

Without a coach, a team could not be named. With everyone in the softball community in shock by the news, Bearden was unable to attract a qualified coach. Twelve of the fourteen returning players and three incoming players quit. Without a team, there was no Booster Club. Without a Booster Club, there was no fundraising. Susong and McKenry, as guarantors of the loan, are stuck paying \$750 per month on the loan, with \$30K currently outstanding.

followed, the facility would have been built in stages as funds were raised. The loan would not have been allowed, and building construction declined due to lack of proper funding on a second approval process. McIntyre should have declined approval of the building as well.

McKenry stated that Bartlett, Lynn, Dillingham, and McIntyre violated BOE Code of Ethics Policy B-220 under Misuse of Public Position, which states "No public officer of county employee shall corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit or exemption for himself, herself, or others."

Certainly BHS benefited. They have a fabulous indoor practice facility for their softball team, which without the leadership of Coach Sams, finished the constitute a violation of the The complaint con- 2016 season with a 3-29 Knox County BOE Code of the advice and recommentends that Bartlett, Lynn, record, including sixteen Ethics as defined in Policy dations of school officials. Dillingham, and McIntyre double-digit losses. Other B-220." He requested Terry Hill asked if admin- the ethics committee is Doug Harris promised he intentionally lied and bla- BHS teams have expressed that the Ethics Committee tantly violated rules, pro- interest in using the facil- take action to dismiss the cedures, and protocol. ity as well. But at whose "unfortunate and unfound-Had proper protocol been expense did Bearden ed complaint."

benefit?

During the complainant's testimony, McIntyre was overheard saying to the person sitting next to him, "Can you believe this sh*t?" Stay classy, Jim. You've only a month to go ...

Petulant, defensive, and clearly agitated, McIntyre spoke for the defendants, saying, "This is an unfortunate situation ... but I have to say I resent the tone and the implications of the presentation that we just heard. I believe the complaint brought before you is completely without merit, and should be summarily dismissed."

A leader would accept responsibility and work to find solutions - not demonize the people who believe they have been wronged.

He added, "I believe there are several questionable assertions in the complaint that has been filed. But even if every word of it is true, the actions alleged in the complaint would not

Dillingham used the doit this way. "dog ate my homework" excuse to respond to allegations of missing forms by saying there was a "technical glitch" and that a form FA-100 had been submitted by Bartlett, he just could not print it out. But the

complaint packet included

an email from Dillingham

dated January 29 2016

stating, "An FA-100 form

Bartlett and Lynn did

not speak during the hear-

ing, although Bartlett later

told WBIR news, "We really

want this paid off. I don't

want them carrying that

debt and so we're willing to

work with them any way we

struggled to find evidence

of a violation of the Code of

Ethics. Apparently KCS only

considers criminal offens-

es to be ethics violations.

The questions at times

seemed to make Susong

and McKenry the criminals

- although the only "crime"

they committed was to trust

The Ethics Committee

can."

was not submitted."

Fugate asked what she called the million dollar question:

"If Coach Sams had not been let go, would you be here today saying this is an ethical violation forcing you to do something you didn't

want to do?"

Susong replied, "Whether Coach Sams was let go or not, if it was done differently, and handled to where they came to us or said we know you have to fund this, and how are we going to do this together...it probably would have worked."

Fugate, Hill, and Amber Rountree concurred they understood the frustration man could lead the way. over the way things were Susong and McKenry are handled, but stressed that still waiting for the check bound by the Board Code of would write when he met Ethics which is very narrow with the Bartlett, Lynn, and in scope. Fugate, who every once 2015.

in a while speaks truth to power, said, "I don't think you're the only case that's ever happened to in the history of Knox County Schools building things, I think this may be the only case where it all blew up and the organization didn't continue to fundraise to make those who put their name on the dotted line whole again. It would be my hope that the Bearden family, with the Bearden Foundation and the Bearden PTA (etc.) could come together and help do this, because I do believe that the larger Bearden community benefits, like every school does, when these kinds of facilities are built."

She made a motion to dismiss the ethics complaint because it does not meet the definition of an ethics violation based on Knox County BOE Policy B-220. All members voted ave. Fugate reiterated, "I really, really hope we can get some folks together and get this paid off."

Perhaps the Board chair-Booster officers on June 22,

istration told the Booster Club they had to get a loan, and McKenry said no, but they were told it was OK to







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Our Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council brainstorms

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory Council, composed of volunteers appointed by the mayor, is always looking for topics and speakers for their monthly meetings. Several ideas came up Wednesday during a brainstorming session.

The council discusses issues facing neighborhoods and reports directly to Mayor

Madeline Rogero's office through the Office of Neighborhoods. Four new members joined the council in June and they are Molly Gilbert of the Lake Forest Neighborhood Association, Fran Nichols of Moss Creek Villas Homeowners Association, Jenny Wright of Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization, and Ann White of Dalton Place Homeowners Association.

The meetings are often

attended by citizens and city council members and two Neighborhood Coordinators, David Massey and Debbie Sharp, host the discussions or introduce speakers.

Topping the suggested future meeting suggestions was a meeting with David Brace and the staff of the Public Works Department. Sharp said the neighborhood group wants to get to know Brace and his staff, many of whom are new to that department.

The council also wants to hear a presentations on: preventing human trafficking, building or rebuilding neighborhoods, combatting trash, and hearing from a Sociologist on the changes and needs facing Boomers and Millennials.

Various council members also said good bye to two AmeriCorps Volunteers and reported on concerns from their areas, including the growth of shady businesses, zoning, working with city council members, speaking positively about the neighborhoods, visiting other neighborhood association meetings, the process of getting sidewalks and traffic safety.

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They also discussed using social media to attract members and raise the attendance at their association meetings.

The late Charles 'Chucky' Carter honored

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

It isn't often that a graduate of Austin-East is honored the way that the late Charles W. "Chucky" Carter has been. The Knoxville native and U.S. Air Force retiree has a unique award named for him.

Carter's mother, Evelyn Joyce Carter wrote to The Focus recently about her accomplished son, who passed away on the last day of the year last year at age 49. Not only is Mrs. Carter proud of her son but so is the Pentagon Motor Pool. His memory was honored in Arlington, Virginia,

in March. The "Charles Carter Excellence Award" was created and will be awarded each year to deserving employees in the workplace and community who have worked to improve not only themselves but also their communities.

The ceremony was attended by his Knoxville relatives. Along with Mrs. Carter, his brothers David and Darryl Hamilton and aunt Betty Blackman were present along with nephew Marcus Thompson, friend Norene Jones of Maryland, other Virginia relatives, residents of Lorton, Virginia,

and Ron Middlebrook, who graduated with him at Austin-East.

Charles Carter played high school football at Austin-East and graduated in 1983. He joined the Air Force, retiring after 26 years of service. Carter than earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in **Business Administration** in 2013.

Interment was in the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery with full honors with Rev. Dr. Valentino McNeal, a retired Air Force Chaplin, officiating.

While at the Pentagon

Motor Pool, Carter demonstrated his commitment, loyalty and valued work ethic.

"Charles put in over two years of dedicated hours work on a project which, by the way, he volunteered for in addition to his regular assigned duties and responsibilities. Because of his tireless effort on the project and his approach to his job in general we felt he was deserving of this honor and award named in his memory. The Project was called the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Project, designed to improve processes and streamline

the way an organization runs their agency, to make things run more efficiently," said Albert Joyner, his supervisor.

A certificate recognizing Carter's career and contributions was signed by President Barack Obama and presented to the family.

"He was loved by many in Knoxville. It's always good to hear about someone from Knoxville who does good in life," his mother told The Focus.

"He wanted to come back to Knoxville one day and work with young people," Mrs. Carter added.



Charles W. "Chucky" Carter passed away in December and was honored with a special award from the Pentagon Motor Pool. The 1983 Austin-East graduate accomplished much in his brief life.

Fryer Talks begin

Community Design Center the community. announces the launch the first of an informal series of conversations about community design, called Fryer Talks. The inaugural event will be held from 5-7 p.m. June 14 at the former Design Center headquarters, 1522 Highland Ave. in Fort Sanders. "These talks will be periodic events, hosted by ETCDC, to engage the community in exploring relevant design issues in our region, and to remember a key founder, Gideon Fryer, who loved exploring ideas," said Wayne Blasius,

The East Tennessee Gideon and his impact on

"Fryer Talks will be held at various venues, will focus on topics of interest on the day they occur, will be informal, and have an air of both academics and frivolity that Gideon might have enjoyed. Over time, the talks are intended to engage East Tennesseans in thoughtful, passionate, free and open-minded conversations about design issues that matter," Blasius said. Limited space is available so please RSVP via email to charis@communitydc.org, or call (865)525-9945 by June 13, if you are interested in attending the

Proposals sought for community projects and featured artists

Proposals are being sought to turn our dream into a reality!" compete for funding for the next SOUP dinner to be held on Thursday, July 7. Knoxville SOUP is a dinner

The top vote getters are not the only winners however. Past Soup four questions about the project and presenters have also seen their proj- why the project matters to Knoxville. and micro-funding event designed ects funded, simply through the plat- Project proposals should be submitto raise money for creative proj- form that Knoxville SOUP provides to ted online no later than June 29th. ects that are proposed, voted on get the word out regarding local proi- Up to four individuals or teams will and enacted by members of the ects. Projects presented by South be selected to present their project Knoxville Elementary School and the Family Friendly Drum Circle both received funding by private individuals after hearing about those projects at Knoxville SOUP. Knoxville SOUP also showcases a local artist at each dinner. Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to complete our online application and have the opportunity to show their art or share their talent.

be a featured artist. The proposal application is simple. Just answer at the dinner; they will be notified no later than July 1st. If a project is chosen, the presenters will give a brief four-minute oral presentation and answer a few questions at the dinner. Winners will be invited back to report on the success of their project at future dinners.

Design Center executive director, author and community historian Jack Neely will give a short talk about first Fryer Talk. community.

The most recent Knoxville SOUP, held April 7, raised money for Psalm 91, Inc. Psalm 91 is an organization that is seeking to provide a safe house and create a transitional living center for victims of human trafficking. Psalm 91 is using SOUP funds to help cover the cost of incorporation and receiving their status as a non-profit. Valerie Boyd, one of the representatives from Psalm 91 said it best, when she stated "Knoxville SOUP was the boost we needed to

Applications can be completed online at KnoxvilleSOUP.org to submit a community project proposal or to

Proposals can be for anything that will benefit the community or society in general. Winning projects in other cities that have SOUP dinners have improved playgrounds, performed

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CANTRELL'S **HEAT & AIR**

PAGE B2 The Knoxville FOCUS Landlord Summit draws crowd

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.co

A large turnout of landlords attended the second annual Landlord Summit to hear from various agencies in an event sponsored by the City of Knoxville last Thursday.

Following a breakfast the rental property owners heard speakers, including representatives of the CAC's Housing and Energy Programs, talk about the Knoxville Emergency Energy Makeover (KEEM), KCDC's Section 8 Program, Helen Ross McNabb's Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals and Transition from Homeless, CAC's Youth Homelessness program, and Legal Aid's Landlord Legal Issues.

After each speaker a question and answer session was held and the speakers fielded many

different concerns from the landlords.

More than two dozen agencies were present with information tables and representatives.

Brian Blackman and Jason Estes, in speaking on the KEEM program, said qualifying rental properties must: have been built in 1996 or earlier; have electric heat and water heaters; and landlords must agree, after the city gets involved with improvements, not to raise the rent for two years. There's a \$25 application fee for each rental home and improvements can result in saving on energy by at least 25 percent.

The KEEM program requires the tenants, not the landlords, to apply if the home is a "Section Eight" property. Landlords can apply for improvements to other rentals. THE KEEM

program is a free winterization program.

Deborah Taylor-Allen explained how a rental property can qualify for a Section Eight rental subsidy which is paid directly to the landlord and the renter pays the rest. Properties to be considered are applied for by the landlord and undergo inspections before a tenant is considered and the rental agreement signed.

"We have almost 400 in the program now and we need more properties," she said.

People apply for Section Eight vouchers and there's a waiting list. Taylor-Allen said that since May the program has taken more than 2,500 applications from people looking for rentals. She said that priority is given to people with disabilities, the handicapped, and displaced or



Brian Blackman, Knoxville's Sustainability Project Manager, addresses the Landlord Summit about the Knoxville Extreme Energy Makeover (KEEM) Program. The Thursday meeting between the city and various agencies drew a large crowd of rental property owners.

homeless people.

She took several questions about the pre-inspection of properties and heard a complaint that the service is now being conducted by a hired company instead of the KCDC.

Christina Magrans, Attorney with Legal Aid, spoke of landlord legal issues, saying that her department can only represent tenants but often can resolve issues between renters and owners.

Landlords were told to treat "Section Eight" tenants the same as any other rental when it comes to property maintenance, due rent, etc. If a renter

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leaves the property damaged or with unpaid rent, their Section Eight vouchers would be terminated and landlords would be responsible to sue or evict a tenant.

Annual Used Book Sale a Circle of Sharing, Giving for Community, Library

Libraries make reading accessible to everyone. The Friends of the Knox County Public Library's annual used book sale is a testament to the importance of both reading and libraries.

The sale will kick off in its new location at Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building with Members Only Day on Saturday, June 25. It will be open to the public Sunday, June 26-Tuesday, June 28, and new members joining the Friends on these days will receive a free family pass to The Muse Knoxville (a \$30 value).

The purpose of the sale remains the same-to raise

Reading changes lives. funds for the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) and to offer affordable books to everyone in the community. Over the years, Friends has raised over a million dollars from its used book sales to support programs such as the Children's Festival of Reading and the Summer Library Club. Of the now-famous Children's Festival of Reading, Casey Fox, KCPL Funds Development Officer, says, "We could not present a literary event of this magnitude without the ongoing support of the Friends."

> Longtime fans of the Friends Annual Used Book Sale know it will be a feast for book lovers of all ages. More than 75,000

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books have been categorized for easy browsing. Most are \$2 or less. There will also be a special selection of rare books for collectors, plus DVDs, CDs, audio books, music, and magazines. The Jacob Building boasts 36,000 square feet of floor space and enough tables to make browsing a pleasure. Ample parking is available on the site.

The last day of the sale, Tuesday, June 28, is the popular \$5 Bag Sale. Bags are provided. Area teachers and librarians are invited to shop \$5 per bag before everyone else, on Monday June 27, from 4-6 p.m. School purchase orders will be accepted.

Rosie's World

Do you like to cry while reading? Do you like to cry while watching a movie? You can do both when you read or watch "Me Before You." This story provokes tears that are redemptive, the opposite of gratuitous. It is funny, surprising and heartbreaking. It made me cry--the book--so there's no way I 'll go see the movie, except maybe in the confines of my own living room.

All my life, it seems like, I've collected quotations and thoughts from other people. Here are some of them. They all help me in my daily life.

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne, no gall, no glory, no cross, no crown." William Penn said that.

"Sometimes skeptics say, 'The church is full of hypocrites.' Well. sure, but can you think of a better place for hypocrites to be? We sin in many ways, including hypocrisy, but we keep coming back to receive grace from our God."

Best of Blessing on THIS HOUSE. and on All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof!"

Ah, I think President Adams would roll over in his grave if he knew some of the men who ruled in that House in the intervening vears!

Some of these sayings came from my little book "Psalms and Prayers."

Now for something funny:

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-yearold Johnny stayed home from church with his sister. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds.

Johnny asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus" head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "The one Sunday I don't go and He shows up!"

Last but not least:

I wish you shelter from the

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landscaping and beautification projects, created free lending libraries at area bus stops, sponsored educational programs, supported other charitable endeavors and even launched small businesses with a social focus. There are no hard and fast rules to what a proposal should be, only that someone envisions it, asks for it and the diners vote for it.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on July 7 for the dinner at the South Knoxville Community Center, at 522 Maryville Pike- in South Knoxville. Suggested donations of \$5 are collected at the door.

Proposals will be presented at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Diners will have about an hour to eat, share and connect with others while voting for the project they like best. By 8:15, the votes will be tallied and the winning project will be awarded all donations raised at the door.

The South Knoxville Alliance

is a group of businesses and community leaders who have come together to promote growth and improvement in the South Knoxville area. Along with Knoxville SOUP, the Alliance sponsors festivals and other civic events in the region and provides marketing opportunities for its members by bringing businesses into contact with the community.

For more information, visit www.southknoxvillealliance. org

"The problem with humility is once you think you have it, you don't."

Here is something to think about: President John Adams wrote this letter to his wife, Abigail, the day after he moved into the White House on November 2, 1800:

"Pray Heaven to Bestow The

rain

I wish you freedom from all pain

I wish you riches untold

And all the joy your heart can hold

I wish you sunshine from above

But most of all I wish you love.

I don't know where that came from but it expresses my wishes for all.

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Thomas P. Gore Oklahoma's Blind Senator

Paaes from the Past



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Tennesseans recall our own two senators named Gore, but there was another, who was apparently a distant cousin, Thomas Pryor Gore. T. P. Gore accomplished much and enjoyed a long and successful career in spite of being blind. Gore had suffered two different childhood accidents that left him completely blind. Thomas P. Gore's affliction did not confine him to the life of an invalid; in fact, he excelled in his profession as an attorney and became a much sought after speaker. Gore was also the grandfather of the late author and personality Gore Vidal.

T. P. Gore had been born in Mississippi and became deeply interested in politics well before he could vote. According to Gore's biographer, Monroe Billington, the future senator made his first political speech when only eighteen years old. At twenty he became a candidate for the Mississippi House of Representatives, but was forced to abandon his campaign when it was pointed out he would not be twentyone before the election.

Well before he was thirty years old, T. P. Gore was recruited to campaign for candidates in other states. Gore traveled to Corsicana, Texas to campaign on behalf of populist candidates in the area. T. P. Gore later decided he liked Corsicana well enough to move there and commence practicing law. When it became apparent the Populist Party would not afford him a vehicle to rise in politics, Thomas P. Gore smoothly transitioned himself into the Democratic Party. Gore also just as quickly abandoned Texas, moving to the Indian Territory, which eventually became the State of Oklahoma. Gore opened a law office and bought a home in Lawton. Almost immediately, Gore set out to carve a name for himself in his newly adopted home. T. P. Gore was a delegate to the Democratic Territorial Convention in 1902.

he campaigned little for himself, preferring to travel all across the Oklahoma Territory on behalf of William Cross, the Democratic nominee for Congress. T. P. Gore fully expected his travels to pay handsome political dividends for his own future and indeed it did. The people Gore met and the friends he made during that campaign paved the way for his election to the United States Senate five years later.

Gore made no secret of his ambitions, readily admitting he would very much like to serve in the U.S. Senate and he hankered to be one of the first senators to represent Oklahoma when she became a state.

Naturally, Thomas P. Gore actively pushed for statehood for the territory. Once statehood became a reality, T. P. Gore was nominated, along with Robert L. Owen, to serve in the Senate. Both were duly elected by the state legislature.

Senator Gore quickly earned a reputation as a fighter for the people, a foe of privilege and monopoly. Gore was a progressive and early in his Senate career joined fellow progressives attempting to defeat the Aldrich - Vreeland Emergency Currency Act. Senator Nelson Aldrich of Rhode Island was to have a



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(From left to right) Speaker of the House Henry T. Rainey, Alabama Congressman Henry Steagall, and Oklahoma Senator Thomas P. Gore in 1933.

majority of the delegates. Unfortunately for Clark, party rules required a nominee to be selected by winning twothirds of the delegates. Gore campaigned relentlessly for Governor Wilson and eventually the Speaker watched helplessly as his support crumbled.

Gore's political footing was not always sure; the Oklahoma senator was roundly condemned by the National Suffrage famous grandson himself, Association, who published Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller. a list of those members of Gore relieved Missouri Congress who presented Senator William J. Stone the greatest obstacle to women being given the right to vote. Listed among those members was Oklahoma's Thomas Pryor Gore. Senator Gore had indeed voted against giving women the right to vote, but later reversed himself and began speaking on behalf of suffrage for women. After just six years in the United States Senate, Gore rose to become Chairman of the Senate's Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. It was a position of influence at a time when much of the country was an agrarian society. It was especially important in Gore's home state of Oklahoma. The following year, Gore was reelected to the Senate for another six-year term. Despite his position of prominence inside the Senate, it would be a difficult time for T.P. Gore. Senator Gore had campaigned in Oklahoma as an opponent of "militarism", a stance that became less tenable as America edged ever closer to entering the World War. Gore had been highly alarmed when war loomed between the United States and Mexico. Senator Gore begged President Wilson to arrange for a neutral zone between the two countries. Gore loudly and vociferously condemned the malefactors of wealth as being the impetus for pushing America towards war.

Senator Gore blamed munitions makers, bankers, corporations, and industrialists as the culprits for inducing hysteria for waging war. It soon became readily apparent T. P. Gore was a pacifist.

The German Empire's submarine warfare had sent numerous ships to the bottom of the oceans, frequently carrying American passengers. Former president Theodore Roosevelt lambasted President Wilson for not immediately declaring war on Germany. Millions Gore in an editorial for his Facing Congressman Scott of Americans were incensed positions. by the submarine warfare, which had killed women and

children.

"has already been used or abused to throttle freedom of speech and freedom of the press."

Woodrow Wilson remained popular in Oklahoma during the World War and many Sooners were appalled by what they perceived to be their senator's refusal to support the war. Gore's popularity in Oklahoma plummeted. According to Professor Billingsley, of 225 Oklahoma newspapers, not even one supported Senator

concluding the legislation by Massachusetts Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, whom Wilson hated, made it all the more bitter. Senator Gore was one of only four Democrats in the Senate who spurned the president's plea not to vote for the League with reservations.

Oklahoma Democrats watched with horror T. P. Gore's actions and it became apparent there would be an intraparty fight should he seek reelection in 1920. Gore was equally determined to run for reelection. Ferris in the Democratic primary, Gore campaigned all across Oklahoma, but his record in the Senate became too much of a burden for him to carry. Senator Gore lost, winning only 43% of the vote.

According to Professor Billington, Gore instantly charmed his fellow delegates and "tickled the ears" of his listeners.

"I would rather be a humble private in the ranks of those who struggle for justice and equality than to be a minion of plutocracy, though adorned with purple and gold," Gore cried.

Florid and baroque by current standards, Gore's speech was hailed by many who heard it to be the finest oration they had ever heard. It certainly propelled Gore to political recognition, as he was nominated by Democrats to serve on the Territorial Council to represent two Oklahoma counties. Gore was so certain that he would be elected.

and began speaking at length and his disability did indeed prove to be a handicap as he expected the Missourian to rest for a bit and return to the Senate Chamber to resume speaking. Gore was told Senator Stone had returned to the Chamber and the Oklahoman concluded his speech and waited to hear Stone's voice. Unfortunately, William J. Stone was not in the Senate Chamber at the time and the floor was taken by a supporter of the Aldrich Vreeland Bill. Whether Gore had been the object of a cruel hoax or whether Senator Stone had stepped out of the Senate Chamber briefly without realizing Gore was about to conclude his speech remained a mystery. The supporters of the Aldrich - Vreeland Act immediately

insisted upon a roll call vote, which passed.

Gore had to run for a full six-year term in 1908 and was reelected. In 1912, T.P. Gore became an ardent supporter of New Jersey Governor Woodrow Wilson for the presidency. Senator Gore traveled to Wisconsin to speak on Wilson's behalf and won half of Oklahoma's delegates to the Democratic National Convention for the New Jersey governor. During the convention Wilson was an underdog to Speaker of the House Champ Clark, who had the support of a

Senator Gore introduced legislation that would have prohibited Americans from booking passage and traveling on ships belonging to belligerent countries. His bill went nowhere and Gore resorted to sponsoring a resolution which did little more than purport to express the disapproval of the Congress of those citizens who chose to travel on armed ships.

T.P. Gore was horrified that President Wilson, reelected in 1916 on a slogan of "He Kept Us Out of War", was creeping towards entering the European conflict. Senator Gore's pacifism, dislike of internationalism, and fear of the effect of war on the economy of the United States made him somewhat obsessed by restricting the right of Americans to travel overseas. Gore had gone from strongly supporting the Wilson administration to becoming a political opponent of the president. Senator Gore stoutly opposed the draft, saying he believed in a volunteer army. Gore was also deeply opposed to a bill, which gave the government the authority to censor the press during wartime.

Gore did support Wilson's espionage bill, but quickly regretted his actions, sadly

Once the United States had entered World War I, T.P. Gore spoke out to urge Americans to buy war bonds. "It is as much a public duty to buy bonds as to pay taxes," Gore said. "The man with the pocketbook must stand back to back with the boy with the bayonet."

Evidently Gore did not feel likewise when it came to a particular Oklahoma interest: oil. Senator Gore attached an amendment to the War Revenue Act of 1918, which began the discovery depletion allowance; in effect, the Gore amendment exempted from the income tax all revenue from oil which represented capital. Prior to the adoption of the Gore amendment, oil producers had paid more taxes when the oil depletion allowance had been based upon cost.

Senator Gore bitterly disappointed President Woodrow Wilson when the Oklahoman supported Wilson's cherished dream of U. S. entry into the League of Nations with reservations. President Wilson had been adamantly opposed to the idea of any reservation being attached to the League proposal, an attitude his opponents used to make the stricken chief executive appear to be unreasonable. The fact the reservations had been sponsored

Gore likely derived some small satisfaction when Congressman Farris lost to Republican John W. Harreld in the general election.

T. P. Gore returned to his law practice and bided his time. Increasingly, Gore represented oil interests and enjoyed a successful and lucrative law practice. Thomas P. Gore entered the Democratic primary for the United States Senate in 1924 when Senator Robert L. Owen retired.

Gore competed against two other significant candidates for the nomination; former governor Jack Walton and Congressman Everette B. Howard. Walton had been removed from office and was largely discredited, but won the primary with just over 30% of the vote. Congressman Howard had 28% of the vote and Gore trailed a distant third with close to 19% of the vote. It was a humiliating showing for a man who had once been one of the most popular politicians in the state.

Yet, Thomas P. Gore was not done with politics, nor was politics done with T. P. Gore.

Knoxville's Urban Wilderness expands by 100 acres, over 7 miles of trails



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS

On June 1, Legacy Parks Foundation opened five new trails on Baker Creek Preserve and the new Red Bud Bridge connecting Baker Creek Preserve into Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. This bridge was constructed by Legacy Parks Foundation and the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club with funding from national retailer REI and private donations. The new trails were funded by a Recreational Trails Program grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to Legacy Parks. The new trails include two dedicated downhill mountain bike trails, a 1.5 mile beginner loop trail and two multi-use trails. Pictured are Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Carol Evans of Legacy Parks and the new Red Bud Bridge.

Pigeon Forge's July 4 Patriot Festival To Feature Joe Diffie, Fireworks Spectacular

Grand Ole Opry member and Grammy Award winner Joe Diffie will rock Patriot Festival, Pigeon Forge's annual blowout to celebrate July 4, immediately before a spectacular fireworks show brightens the sky over this Great Smoky Mountains resort city.

Activity begins at noon, and onstage entertainment begins at 1:30 p.m. for guests at Patriot Park. Admission is free.

In addition to a varietv of local entertainers music will come from Emily Ann Roberts, who placed second on NBC's

"The Voice," and Tribute, a celebration of the Allman Brothers Band.

Patriot Festival guests will recognize Diffie's songs that will come from his 20 Top 10 hits and his 13 albums. Count on sing-alongs to "John Deere Green," "Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox" and "If the Devil Danced (in Empty Pockets)."

Food and family games are part of the day's activities, and guests are welcome to bring

lawn chairs and blankets. Free parking will be at Patriot Park and the city's Teaster Lane parking lot. A free shuttle will run from the Teaster Lane lot.

Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m., and WIVK-FM in Knoxville will simulcast the fireworks show's patriotic soundtrack.

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I Think of Fathers

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While mothers are usually considered the ones who nurture our families, I think of fathers as the backbones of our families. The summer **By Ralphine Major** holiday almost midway between

Memorial Day and the Fourth of July is the day set aside as Father's Day to honor our fathers. They have traditionally been the breadwinners who provide for their families. Sometimes, unforeseen circumstances change their role and call for them to do more.

I think of a father who cared for his four young children and worked a full-time job while his wife spent months recovering in a hospital. Years later, his grown children said Father's Day!

that you could always set your clock by him; and if he told you he would be there at a certain time-he would.

I think of the fathers who have had to leave their families to go serve our country.

I think of three fathers our family has known over the years who have been called to their heavenly home---two of those just this week.

I think of our Heavenly Father who loves us unconditionally.

As we look ahead to the day set aside for our fathers, may we find joy in the memories of those fathers who have passed on and celebrate the lives of the fathers who are still in our midst. Happy



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Fulton's Makenna Black has been on both ends of the cheers

By Steve Williams

Makenna Black spent most of the 2015-16 school year leading cheers for Fulton High's football and basketball teams.

This spring, however, she was on the receiving end of the cheers as a leading player on the Lady Falcons' softball team.

For her contributions and talents as a cheerleader and softball player, Makenna was named FHS' female Student-Athlete of the Year, according to Jody Wright, the school's athletic director.

"Makenna embodies the term student athlete," said Wright via e-mail. "She's a well rounded young lady who was strong in the classroom and the softball field as well. Makenna was outstanding in the classroom as well as her athletic exploits."

In softball, the left-handed hitting senior led the team in batting average, defended in centerfield and was all-district.

Makenna's dad is Rob Black, the school's head football coach. He also a Falcon these past four went to Fulton and was recognized as a high school Athlete of the Year in 1984. Makenna's mom, Michelle, ed as a Falcon, and my dad also was a cheerleader at is a coach for the Falcons-I Fulton.

Makenna followed in their footsteps.

been able to follow my parents' footsteps," she said via e-mail. "It has been a pleasure to compete as years just as my parents did. Since I came into this world as a Falcon, I graduatam a Falcon for life."

Makenna said she also



Makenna Black and Kentel Williams are Fulton High School's Athletes of the Year for Class of 2016.

onship team each of her four years at Fulton – three past winter in basketball. "Playing softball brought

many new friendships throughout high school, and it was an amazing journey to help turn my softball program around and improve as a team," she said.

Makenna started cheer-

when she was 7.

"Both are very different," times in football and this she said. "Cheering for football and basketball is a great way to get involved in the programs as well as help enhance the student body's school spirit. Playing softball is a little different than cheering as it is more of a competitive sport, and it was awesome was blessed to be able to ing when she was 3 years to have some success this all-state in football and

"I feel blessed to have cheer for a state champi- old and playing softball year knowing that we had people cheering for us."

Makenna will start at UT in the nursing program this fall and she hopes to obtain a degree and become a physician's assistant in the future.

Kentel Williams was selected Fulton's male Student-Athlete of the Year. He lettered in football, basketball and track and was TOPPING **OFF**A SWEET SIXTEEN

The Knoxville Focus begins its recognition of Student-Athletes of the Year from local high schools in this week's issue.

The honorees: Nicole Adams, West Peyton Alford, Powell Makenna Black, Fulton Demi Coleman, Alcoa Jon Decker, Alcoa Juan Hernandez, Heritage Kailey Keeble, Heritage Phillip Nichols, CAK Cole Skvara, West Emily Threatt, CAK Brittany Tolson, Powell Kentel Williams, Fulton

basketball his junior and senior years. He also was a point guard on the Falcons' Class AA state champion basketball team in March.

"Kentel was a fabulous athlete that excelled in all sports," said Wright, who also is the school's head basketball coach. "He was

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Cantrell's Cares

By Ken Lay

Conley Hamilton and Bryson Cowden enjoyed their middle and high school basketball careers in Powell.

from high school recently. During their time at the middle school, they won a James A Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Tournament Championship in 2012.

From there, Hamilton and Cowden moved on to Powell High School, where as seniors they were on a team that knocked off Bearden High School in the Region 2-AAA quarterfinals.

With their basketball careers and high school days in the rear-view mirror, Hamilton and Cowden will soon go their separate ways.

But they had one more order of basketball business in Powell before heading off to college. The two fulfilled a request from Powell Middle School coach Darin Courtney and worked at the coach's annual Powell Pride Boys Basketball Camp last week.

"Coach Courtney texted me and told me there was an opening to work the camp and I told him I would do it," said Hamilton, who will soon begin attending East Tennessee State Uni-They both graduated versity where he will major in engineering. "Really for me, it's about giving back.

"It's about giving back to the kids. It really means a lot to come back and show these kids how to play the game. A lot of them were in the crowd watching us play when we were in high school."

Cowden, who will major in microbiology at the University of Tennessee, is no stranger to coaching. He also had the chance to play basketball at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky but opted to stay home and not continue to play basketball in college.

"The last two seasons I coached a Powell [youth] all-star team and we won the Knox County Championship," said Cowden, who currently works for Cricket Wireless. "I had a chance to play basketball at Centre College but I didn't want to play."



Former Powell basketball players Bryson Cowden and Conley Hamilton worked as coaches at last week's Powell Pride Boys Basketball Camp. Together, the two recent Powell High graduates enjoyed successful careers. They also won a county championship at Powell Middle in 2012.

game and will likely participate in intramural basketball at Tennessee.

"I'll probably play intramurals," he said. "I enjoy playing pickup games and I work out every night." Like his high school

He said he still enjoys the teammate, Cowden eagerly answered Courtney's call to work at the annual summer basketball camp.

"I plan on coming back and helping out whenever I can," Cowden said. "I was here for the 3-on-3 tournament and I'm here today."

He also played football changed," he said. for the Panthers in 2015.

Hamilton has fond memories of his middle school fans. Hamilton roots for the playing days and noted that Cleveland Cavaliers while things have pretty much Cowden pulls for the New stayed the same since he York Knicks. was a player at the camp. "Nothing has really

Both Hamilton and Cowden are basketball

Pilot Rocky Top League to open Wednesday night

By Ken Lay

The ninth season of the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League officially tipped off Thursday night with the annual player draft.

The league has been a steady summer diversion for area basketball fans for nearly a decade and it has survived four University of Tennessee men's basketball coaches.

It was conceived during the Bruce Pearl era and has continued since and league commissioner Andre Whitehead said that the talent in the Gametime Sidekicks

the three-week fan-friendly summer league is as good

as ever. "I think this draft, from players 1-60, is probably the deepest draft that we've ever had," Whitehead said. "The key to who wins the league this year, is going to depend on who shows up Barron (H3 Sports) are and who doesn't."

Coach Brent Watts has led his team to the league championship in each of the past two seasons. Watts, a former Farragut High School and Maryville College standout, coaches

entry.

All the coaches in the league including: Watts; Pat Walden (DeRoyal Industries); Chad Smith (Rice Buick GMC); Zane Duncan (Knoxville News-Sentinel); Rick Campbell (Tillman Companies) and Scott all competitive and have strong basketball backgrounds. But they're also good friends.

And Watts couldn't resist the temptation to provide a little trash talk for his buddies

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Pilot Rocky Top League coaches Rick Campbell, Pat Walden (center) and Scott Barron ponder their upcoming selections at the league's annual draft Thursday night. League play begins June 15 at Catholic High School. Photo by Dan Andrews.





By Alex Norman

It is cliché, but there is two his body has changed still truth to the old adage that championships are won in football on the front lines. Tennessee's defensive line has the potential to be dominant, but right now it isn't anywhere near full strength. Key contributors like Derek Barnett, Shy Tuttle and Kyle Phillips missed all of spring practice due to injuries. Tuttle and Phillips particularly are a concern.

However, the lighter than around until September normal roster opened the door for sophomore tackle Kahlil McKenzie to get in extra reps.

"I'm trying to improve ting out there and using on leverage, developing a push rush," said McKenzie. "Being more disruptive, more violent with my hands... things like that. That's what I'm trying to

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with less weight and more "From year one to year muscle, could mean big things for McKenzie, and a lot," said teammate this Tennessee defense in Darrin Kirkland Jr., the Vols 2016. starting middle linebacker. "Just improvement, that's "He lost some weight and all we are trying to do... just gained some muscle, and

trying to become a better was explosive this spring defense any way we can, which helped his game and that's what Coach (Defenhelped our defensive line sive Coordinator Bob) with the more reps he got Shoop is preaching," said McKenzie. "Championship Kahlil is staying motivatdefense, we are all just ed, despite the fact that the trying to be the best defensive players we can be, first game against Appalachian State doesn't come and trying to win a national championship. That's all we are thinking about, doing what we can do to make our "(That's) part of the mental toughness aspect team better to go out there of it," said McKenzie. "Get-

and win games and win a national championship." Kahlil McKenzie is the son of Oakland Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie... and if Kahlil continues to progress, it wouldn't

star recruit that got better as his freshman season be a surprise to see Kahlil year went on. In 2015 he join his father in the NFL in finished with 24 tackles. the years to come.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

West's Nicole Adams competes in the 800-meter run at the Class AAA State Sectional meet at Science Hill High School in Johnson City. Adams went on to capture the state title.

Fulton's Makenna Black has been on both ends of the cheers

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fun to watch play and a joy to coach." Williams signed a football scholarship with Austin Peay.

West names Skvara and Adams top athletes

Seniors Cole Skvara and Nicole Adams are West High's Student-Athletes of the

Year, announced Athletic Director Steve Killian.

Skvara, a linebacker for the Rebels, tweeted in May that he would be signing to play football at Sewanee. He also was named to the All-District 4-AAA baseball team this season.

Adams won the Class AAA 800-meter run at the TSSAA state track and field championships.

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As a student-athlete, Alford put up striking numbers at Powell

By Steve Williams

Peyton Alford didn't just throw strikes for Powell High's baseball team on May 16. He threw a monkey wrench into the Hardin Valley Academy season.

In one of the biggest stories on the local prep baseball scene this spring, the Panthers' standout southpaw beat the Hawks 2-1 in nine innings in the Region 2-AAA semifinals, ending the defending state champions' season. He struck out 15.

It most likely was the highlight of Alford's senior year as Powell saw Farragut rally for five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 6-5 victory in the region finals. Peyton and the Panthers 10-3 in the state sectionals.

Alford still did enough to be named his school's male Student-Athlete of the Year for 2016. He certainly had the right numbers – a 4.21 grade point average and a 0.88 earned run average in the regular season.

Peyton was a three-time All-District 3-AAA honoree in his career and the dis-2015 and 2016.

this year, he recorded 130



Left, Southpaw Peyton Alford was District 3-AAA's top pitcher the past two seasons. Below, Powell's Brittany Tolson runs in her final KIL meet. She has signed with Alabama. Photo by Luther Simmons



State, captain and team MVP was an All-Stater in soccer in football, a state runner-up and the former two-time in wrestling and a letterman relay state champion again in soccer. He also had a grade point average of 4.03.

Senior Emily Threatt is erful yet graceful runner CAK's female honoree. In and soccer player." addition to her 4.13 GPA, she

lettered in track.

East called Emily a "pow-

then lost at Sevier County allowed only 13 runs. His Brittany Tolson, was Top post-season stats through the regional title game included 45 "Ks" in 23 innings and only one run holds every distance record allowed.

"Peyton epitomizes everything a high school young lady who has worked student athlete should be," said Powell Athletic Director Chad Smith via e-mail. and on the track," stated "He is a very well rounded young man that has a great unmatched and she will future ahead of him in whattrict's Pitcher of the Year in ever he chooses to do. He will continue his baseball During the regular season career at Walters State."

Powell's female Studentstrikeouts in 71 innings and Athlete of the Year, senior

10 in her class with a GPA of 4.33. The cross country and track distance runner at PHS.

"Brittany is a special extremely hard to get where she is both in the classroom Smith. "Her work ethic is be extremely successful in whatever path she chooses. Brittany has signed to run cross country for the University of Alabama."

Nichols and Threatt stand out at CAK

During his high school career, Phillip Nichols made an impression on the athletic director at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

"Without question one of the best all around athletes I have ever seen!" - wrote John East as he submitted Nichols' name as CAK's male Student-Athlete of the Year for 2016.

The senior Warrior was All-

Much more to Alcoa's Coleman and Decker than stats and awards

By Steve Williams

Sometimes you have to look behind the statistics and awards to see the true value of an athlete.

That was the message two Alcoa coaches sent when describing the school's female and male Student-Athletes of the Year – Demi Coleman and





do not provide what Demi 2-AAA Player of the Year. Coleman really is. She is a leader by example and made of the highest moral character and integrity. Demi Coleman is a coach's sive tackle he graded out honor to coach her."

than four points a game les. during the 2015 state championship season. Jon and the Tornadoes also handed Rusty Bradley his first and only shutout as

for themselves but they plus was the 2015 Region

His defensive stats last season were scary: 82 tackles, 14 TFL, 8 sacks, 25 QB hurries. As an offendream and it has been an at 90 percent with over 35 grader, is Heritage's female pancake blocks.

Decker led an Alcoa But there's more to Big Year, said Athletic Director defense that gave up less Jon than blocks and tack- Robbie Bennett. The volley-"Jon Decker is one of, if not the most unselfish player I have ever coached," said Brian Nix, defensive Student-Athlete is senior coordinator for Alcoa. "He cared more about his teammates and his team than personal glory. He exemplified what it means to lead by example. He will always be remembered as one of the Alcoa football greats."

Keeble and Hernandez are Heritage honorees

Kailey Keeble, a 9th Student-Athlete of the baller was an All-Stater and a freshman All-American, reported Bennett. The Mountaineers' male Juan Hernandez, the school's first male state wrestling champion. He took top honors in the 126pound weight class.

Jon Decker.

Coleman, the Lady Tor- Alcoa nadoes' second baseman, had a .500 batting average and .549 on-base percentage this spring. She drove in 31 runs and scored 37 times. The Tennessee Tech and had five doubles plus a .987 fielding percentage.

But listen to what Alcoa had to say about the two-

second baseman Demi Coleman batted .500 this spring and will continue her softball career at Tennessee Tech.

signee also homered twice and four-year letterman who also boasts a 4.20 grade point average.

Coach Mike Brown really the hardest working players I have coached," said time all-district honoree Brown via e-mail. "She

Alcoa High's Jon Decker was TSSAA's Mr. Football for linemen in Class 3A last fall and a UT-Chattanooga commitment.

puts in so much time, even loading her own tee to perfect her swing. Someone "Demi is one of, if not could make an instructional video by filming her playing second base.

scoring offense. Decker, a UT-Chattanooga commitment, was TSSAA's Mr. Football for Class 3A linemen last fall. He also was Defensive MVP in the Blue Cross Bowl and "Her statistics speak All-State in 2015 and 2014

head coach of CAK's high-



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PAGE C4 The Knoxville FOCUS June 13, 2016 Area softball players honored by state coaches association

By Ken Lay

Several area high school softball players received all-state honors from the Tennessee Softball Coaches Association recently.

In Class AAA, 11 local players were chosen to the squad. Powell, Hardin Valley Academy, Gibbs, Maryville and William

Blount each had two players make the team. Farragut junior catcher Lexee Lamoree was also named to the squad. Powell's two selec-

tions were Brittney Franse and Kiley Longmire. The Lady Hawks were represented by pitcher Kaleigh Wynne and second baseman Haley Cloud. That

duo led Hardin Valley to both the District 4-AAA and Region 2-AAA Tournament Championships. The Lady Hawks had two district tournament wins over Blount County's topseeded Lady Rebels.

Sierra Hucklebee and Leah Sohm was chosen by Gibbs, which finished as the state tournament

runner-up, The two selections from the Lady Rebels, the District 4-AAA Champs, were Caylan Arnold and Anna Alloway.

Pitcher Erin Hill and McKenzie Henry were the two selections who played for the Lady Governors. In Class AA, Union

County's Maggie Middleton and Ashtyn Patterson

received all-state honors. Kristin Hunt and Brooke Wyrosdick made the Class A all state team from Grace Christian Academy.

Six local players were also selected to play in the TSCA's annual East-West All-Star Game at Columbia State Community College on June 21. Wynne, Wyrosdick

and Hill made the All-Star team along with William Blount's Courtney Farris and Mary Claire Coyne and Niki Slone from Farragut.

Arnold, a University of Tennessee signee, was named East Tennessee Class AAA Miss Softball.

Turner's plan is to add to GCA program's success in 2017

By Steve Williams

Mitch Turner has built a strong foundation for the Grace Christian Academy baseball program. The way he sees it - three straight trips to the Class A state finals are definitely something to build on and that's the plan.

The Rams lose five seniors, who all have signed to play college ball, off this past season's team, but Turner is looking forward to the challenge in 2017.

"We will be young, but as always, we will have high hopes due to our work ethic, attention to detail, and never settle attitude," said Turner via e-mail Friday.

'We will strive for perfec- third consecutive year was tion, knowing we will never reach it, but in the pursuit of perfection we will obtain excellence!'"

Some of the younger guys that brighten the before capturing the gold future outlook, says Turner, are shortstop Noah Gent, outfielder/pitcher Hunter Ross, second baseman/ outfielder Taylor Lawson, third baseman/pitcher in a row. Ryan Medders and outfielder/pitcher Cody Estep.

'This year obviously didn't end how we wanted feated through district regit to, but I would never call it ular season and a failure," texted Turner the tournament play," week after his Rams lost to Scotts Hill 8-3 in the title

nothing short of an honor and a result of a lot of hard work."

Grace Christian also was state runner-up in 2014 in 2015.

This season's team finished 30-14 overall and won District 3-A and Region 2-A titles for the third year

"For the first time since our district expanded to seven teams, we went unde-

noted Turner. Rams

The game. "Being in the state racked up some some big-name baseball programs, too, including Hardin Valley Academy, the defending 2015 Class AAA state champion. GCA also knocked off Kingston, William Blount, Germantown, Goodpasture, Jackson Christian twice, Meigs County five times and Greenback (a Top 10 ranked team all season) twice.

"This year took a complete team effort," stated Turner. "Obviously, my five

"As Vince Lombardi said, championship game for the noteworthy wins against in our success, but our had a player that has been young guys definitely picked up the slack when the older guys were struggling."

The five college-bound seniors are third baseman Micah Wheeler (ETSU), first baseman Ross Ledford (Dyersburg State), catcher Hayden Coffman (Cumberland University), pitcher Nathan Atkinson (Milligan College) and pitcher/outfielder Justin Shaw (LMU).

"This season, even though we were runner-up, was my most successful seniors played a large role year as a coach because I

with me for three years finally accept Jesus Christ as his lord and savior," added Coach Turner. "That is ultimately why I am here ... to introduce young men to the Gospel and show them what a real victory looks like. Take away all the wins and championships and replace them with young men that are on fire for God, and I consider that a true winning tradition."





OTO BY CARLA PETERS

Senior southpaw Justin Shaw pitches in the first inning for Grace Christian Academy in this season's Class A state championship game in Murfreesboro. Shaw worked the first four innings of an 8-3 loss to Scotts Hill. It was GCA's third straight appearance in the state baseball finals.

Pilot Rocky Top League to open Wednesday night

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"I don't know why the rest of them bother to show up anymore," he joked.

And Campbell was the said. first to respond.

"This league wouldn't be the same without Watts talking trash," said Campbell, who selected Tennessee's the first pick.

Four coaches were present for the draft, which was held at feature H3 Sports tan-Smoky Mountain Brewery. Smith and Duncan made their pick via skype. Both were on

vacation. "This is the first time that we've ever had coaches skype their picks in," Campbell

Games will begin Wednesday night at Catholic High School. Action tips off at 6 p.m. with Knoxville News-Sentinel taking Robert Hubbs III with on DeRoyal Industries. Gametime Sidekicks

plays Rice Buick GMC at 7:30. The nightcap will gling with Tillman Industries

Walden, who has coached in the league

since its inception nearly a decade ago is again looking forward to being in the league.

"For me, it's great to see the small college players compete against the big Division I players," he said.

Barron is also ready to coach his team.

"This is a great time of the year for us," he said. "It's a chance to get together with these guys and have a good time. It's a chance to see some good basketball at Catholic."

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How did you become are not ready for its conwhat you are? This may seem an enigmatic question, but it is at the heart of two human yearnings; namely, where did we come from and what is our purpose?

Philosophy, and considerations of Creation aside, it is obvious we come from our parents. They in turn are the progeny of their parents, and so on back until humans were created or began. We often see ourselves in our children just as we sometimes shudder to see aspects of our parents in us. Genetics is an awesome force, and DNA is the "language of God." I now see aspects of my kids in my grandchildren. The newest addition to our Thistle Farm family is baby Sadie, who looks just like her equine mother.

The question of nature versus nurture continues. Does genetics determine our destiny or is the nurturing of parents, along with education and inculturation, more important? The African proverb, "It takes a village" speaks to this. Becky says, "It takes a family" to raise a child. Jean Jacque Rousseau was an eighteenth century philosopher who held that a utopian society could be produced by feeding and educating the masses. This proved wrong, though we still preach those failed philosophies.

sideration. As we wait for a better world I'll do my part and continue to teach my readers, my Sunday School class and my patients. After all, the word doctor derives from the Latin word docere which means to teach.

William Wordsworth once penned, "The child is father of the man." My sixth grade teacher tried to convince our class of the educational merits of poetry by making us memorize poems and recite them before the class. I viewed her efforts as a form of emotional "terrorism," though, at twelve years old I'd never heard of the word terrorism. She must have influenced me because I now love poetry. Perhaps the English majors at Yale who are boycotting Shakespeare, Wordsworth and other luminaries because they are "dead white guys," should step back and consider how ignorant and intolerant are their demands.

My daughter Emily is a teacher of language arts at a middle school in Portland, Oregon. She is also a writer of prose and songs and poems. She was recently selected as the Educator of the Year in Oregon and southwest Washington! This week The Focus is pleased to recognize Emily's stellar achievement which I see as a ant standards of modern us to embrace the wisdom career acknowledgement day politically correct- and truth of the Bible. We of her professionalism and ness. Yes. Andy Jackson should pray for the con-Don't get me wrong. I energy in educating kids. was tough as "Hickory." A believe in education; I'm Emily has also written for far cry from "pajama boy" an educator at heart and The Focus so it's good to who requires "safe zones" realize it's impossible to recognize one of ours who in case he hears somehas done well.

thought I'd forgotten and there was no connection. Our children learn from us, but we also learn from our children and even our grandchildren, who now teach me about trust, love and the wonders of discovery. In his poem, "My Heart Leaps Up," was Wordsworth, speaking of the cycle of life, as did Shakespeare who once observed, "Once a man, and twice a child"? Or was Wordsworth implying that the nascent writer in me was nurtured by watching my daughters grow up and reading Emily's prose?

Most can remember a teacher who influenced them or made a difference in their life. I can. His name was Mr. Harden. He was my high school chemistry teacher. He taught me lessons that helped me to be successful in college chemistry and get into medical school. Some years ago, I sought out Mr. Harden, and expressed my gratitude and told him the difference he made in my life. Recently, two of my former students contacted me to say what a difference I made in their medical training and life. Emily is making a difference. Someday a student or even her daughter may say what a difference she made in their journey. These accolades are superior to any formal award though it's good when your efforts are noticed and especially when the reward is mortgage payments for a year!

Becky and I recently toured the Hermitage in Nashville. We were already in Nashville and decided to see Andrew Jackson's home and farm after all the recent, ridiculous, revisionist history that deigns to judge a man of the 1830s by the intolerthing that makes him feel

means a remote dwelling. The rural farm's grounds were beautiful and the tour was educational though it galled me that every station had references to slavery. I'm not prejudiced, and since Deuteronomy, I am not held responsible for the sins of my ancestors. The disingenuous and perpetual race-baiting politics of the Democrat Party sickens me. If you must, print a \$25 note with Harriet Tubman, but don't remove Andy Jackson (Tennessee's first president) from the \$20 bill in an attempt to rewrite history as done in George Orwell's book, "1984."

Knoxvillian, Cormac McCarthy, wrote "No Country for Old Men." At the end, the sheriff and protagonist laments that the country has become too rough for an older man such as himself. Somedays I feel this way. I look out and I no longer recognize my country. Why would anyone choose to be a slave to the government? Excuses abound, but many apparently choose to live on the modern government plantation and be a slave to Washington masters.

However, hope returns with stories of work and achievement like my Emily's and the lessons of trust and wonder and love my grandchildren teach me. And watching our foal, baby Sadie discover her "brave new world" gives me a sense of renewal.

The historian and theist, Francis Schaeffer wrote, "How Then Should We Live." His title comes from the prophet Ezekiel. I was intrigued that the book's title had no question mark despite the implied interrogative. Schaeffer has reassuring conclusions for our troubled times. He advises fused and lost, even for politicians. We must speak the truth and we must remember God is with us always.



OnPoint Community Credit Union honors local teachers at award ceremony. Pictured from left to right: Emily Ferguson, K-8 Educator of the Year from Winterhaven School; Rob Stuart, President/CEO OnPoint Community Credit Union; Darlyn Chester on behalf of Doug Beardsley, 9-12 Educator of the Year from Reynolds High School

OnPoint Community Credit Union Names 2016 Educators of the Year

OnPoint Community Credit Union announced that Emily Ferguson was named K-8 Educator of the Year and Doug Beardsley was named 9-12 Educator of the Year. The top prize pays each teacher's mortgage for one school year and awards a \$2,500 donation to their schools for resources and supplies.

The annual OnPoint Prize for Excellence in Education recognizes exceptional teachers throughout Oregon and southwest Washington for their ability to encourage creativity, inspire enthusiasm for learning, and positively impact their students. Since 2010, hundreds of teachers have been nominated by their peers, students, and parents. At the conclusion of its seventh year, OnPoint has honored 50 teachers with prizes reaching nearly \$200,000.

Ferguson has 10 years of teaching experience and stood out for her ability to adapt and modify curriculum to simultaneously meet the varying needs of each student. She has fostered an environment where students are encouraged to grow as writers and citizens. Her impact is reflected in the

many creative projects and opportunities implemented for her students such as the Winterhaven Variety Show, and the 8th grade capstone project: a rock opera, which is written and performed--from cast to crew to musicians--entirely by her students. Ferguson will receive her mortgage paid for one school year by **OnPoint Community Credit** Union, plus \$2,500 for her school to be used for resources and supplies.

Beardsley, a former Pediatric Neurology Researcher at Oregon Health Sciences University, has been teaching Biology at Reynolds for over 13 years. He was recognized for his ability to create challenging and engaging curriculum, and for inspiring students for years after leaving his classroom. In addition to his classes, Beardsley has motivated students as Senior Class Advisor, by creating an Honors Biology program and guiding students through the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. Beardslev will receive his mortgage paid for one school year by OnPoint Community Credit Union, plus \$2,500 for his school to be used for resources and supplies.

educate someone who's hungry. My point is that utopia is a fallacy. Humans

This brings me back to uncomfortable. Wordsworth - I suspect you

The word Hermitage

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

East Tennessee Children's Hospital Announces Sponsorship of the Healthy Kids Clinic at The Muse Knoxville

that East Tennessee Children's Hospital will sponsor the "Healthy Kids Clinic" in their newest exhibit gallery, "Live Smart: Stay Well!" set to open on Sunday, July 17th. The Health and Wellness focused exhibit experience features three central themes that will inspire and educate visitors to Eat Smart, Play Smart and Be Well with activities for crawlers through age 10.

"East Tennessee Children's Hospital is an important community partner in our efforts to promote health literacy and personal responsibility for health. The Healthy Kids Clinic, sponsored by ETCH, will allow children to imagine themselves as both patient and medical professional and engage in play that is meaningful to them," says Ellie Kittrell,

The Muse Knoxville is pleased to announce Executive Director of The Muse Knoxville.

Kindall Aaron, Coordinator of the Childhood Obesity Coalition for East Tennessee Children's Hospital adds, "Exhibits such as Live Smart: Stay Well! at The Muse are immensely valuable to the Knoxville community as they build children's knowledge, skills and positive attitudes towards health. They help children learn skills they will use to make healthy choices throughout their lifetime."

The Muse Knoxville is a local non-profit children's science museum located in Chilhowee Park with exhibits, play spaces and full-dome planetarium. The museum is open daily and admission and hours can be found at www.themuseknoxville.org.



LIVE SMART GALLERY



LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE **NOTICES**

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 July 10, 2013, executed by JOSEPH A. MITCHELL, MITZY E. MITCHELL, conveying certain real property therein described to GLENN BALLETTO, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County. Tennessee recorded July 29, 2013, at Instrument Number 201307290006849;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on July 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the City/ County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 29 MARI BEN ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200512020048619. TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 022GA029 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 8421 REALITY LANE, Corryton, TN 37721. 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): JOSEPH A. MITCHELL, MITZY F. MITCHELL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union The sale of the abovedescribed 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 purpo

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NOTICE OF <u>SUBSTITUTE</u> **TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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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: and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the lolder, 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. 200105090077388, 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. Hurlev. Other Interested Party(ies): 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, nents or set-hack lines that may be annlicable 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

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 Party(ies): Crest Brook Homeowner's Association Inc

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded nlat: 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 6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140 Brentwood, TN 37027 PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484 File No.: 16-04218 FC01

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on July 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 1605. PAGE 228, IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE FOR KNOX

COUNTY, TENNESSEE. REING THE SAME

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 understaned. Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July** 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 FIGHT (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

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 Decembe 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

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 and 6/13/2016 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 narticular use or nurnose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF SUIT AND **ORDER TO APPEAR**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BETTY JEAN STORK, ANDREA H. MITCHELL NICOLAUS A. MITCHELL, MARC H. MITCHELL, YVONNE E. MITCHELL SARCH, ECHO REEDY, FAUN MITCHELL, MIA MITCHELL, JAMES R. MITCHELL, JACK F. MITCHELL, JUANITA HILLYARD, JEANETTE G. ZITZKA, JANICE BROWN VIRGINIA MAYER MARIE NAUGLE SHIRLEY COOKSEY, and ROBERT HELMINIAK,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

Any and all unknown heirs of a claimants against the ESTATE OF LAETITIA M. SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964), born and unborn, any and all heirs and/or claimants with respec to the Last Will and Testament of LAETITIA M. SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964) born and unborn, including but not limited to all unknown grand-nieces and/or grand-nephews of LAETITIA M. SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964), and all heirs of any of them, born and unborn, and all those otherwise claiming any interest in the title to the real property commonly known as 1425 Washington, Avenue #27A, Miami Beach, Florida 33139-4109,

Defendants.

No: 191694-2

Any and all unknown heirs of and To: or claimants against the ESTATE OF LAETITIA M. SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964), born and unborn, any and all heirs and/or claimants with respect to the Last Will and Testament of LAETITIA M. SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964) born and unborn, including but not limited to all unknown grand-nieces and/or grand-nephews of LAETITIA M SOUTHERLAND (deceased, date of death January 23, 1964), and all heirs of any of them, born and unborn, and all those otherwise claiming any interest in the title to the real property commonly known as 1425 Washington, Avenue, #27A, Miami Beach, Florida 33139-4109.

The Court having determined that your identities and the addresses of your residences are unknown and that you are not to be found in Knox County, Tennessee, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated sections 21-1-203 & 204, you are hereby served by publication as to your status as defendants in the above-captioned litigation with respect to any interest you may claim in real property identified Take notice that on August 16, 2016, above. at 9:00 a.m. the Court will hold a hearing on this matter in the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee, Part 2 the Honorable Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr., presiding, and should you neither appear at said hearing, nor otherwise answer or defend the cause of action against you, judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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 lgment 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. HOGÁN Clerk and Master To be published: 5/23/2016, 5/30/2016, 6/6/2016

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DEBORAH LUCILE LANDIS

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

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

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES. TO WIT: SITUATED IN DISTRICT SITUATE IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AG ALL OF LOT 3. BLOCK C. TWIN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, AS KNOWN ON THE MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 65 S. PAGE 46. IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AG SHOWN ON THE MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION. M 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 setback 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 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 6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140 Brentwood, TN 37027 PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484 File No.: 16-08081 FC01

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; and

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

TO YURI V. EFREMENKO AND WIFE, NATALIA A. EFREMENKO FROM LAURA POHLE, UNMARRED BY WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 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 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 covenan 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

> Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department 6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140 Brentwood, TN 37027 PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484 File No.: 16-07468 FC01

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:

County, Tennessee recorded December 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 20091211-0040152;

and WHEREAS the heneficial 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, Rubin Lublin TN. PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imnosed 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 w

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 FEFT TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN 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, 19690.

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 /s/ Howard G. Hogan Clerk & Master

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 Movers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, . Tennessee 37902. This notice will be Knoxville 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

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 nublication 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

Reserve your legal or public notice by emailing legals@ knoxfocus. com or calling (865) 686-9970.

PAGE D3 June 13, 2016 www.knoxfocus.com Hobo Supports Wellness Examinations

the Hobo Wonder Dog completed his semiannual physical examination last week with Dr. Ann Combs at the Bell County Animal Clinic. Hobo is constantly on the go

and interacting with various people, animals, and environmental stressors, requiring vigilance in maintaining his overall health and wellness. Where our health is concerned, no truer words were spoken than the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Although



By Howard Baker, **RN BSN**

happiness. Annual wellness examinations are critical to maintaining optimum health while helping prevent unnecessary illnesses for our dogs throughout all stages of their lives. Our dogs age and mature more rapidly than we do, hence the importance of a yearly check up with your

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Hobo's well-

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veterinarian. The American Veterinary Medical Association's guideline for estimating a dog's age:

• First year of life for a medium-sized dog equals fifteen human years

 Second year add nine years

· Each year thereafter add approximately five vears

Using these guidelines, a three-year-old dog in human years would be approximately twenty-nine. This age comparison illustrates how rapidly our dogs age and the importance of a yearly wellness examination.

Building a relationship with your veterinarian is

as important as the relationship you build with your family physician. During a wellness examination for your pet a complete medical history will be obtained; prepare to discuss how your pet is feeling, any changes in their behavior, medications or supplements they are taking, and diet and exercise routines. Your veterinarian will do a thorough nose to tail examination including a dental exam, check for parasites, heartworms, and administer needed vaccinations.

Hobo and I visit our veterinarian's office frequently for socialization, weight checks, a treat, and a belly

rub. Random visits to our veterinarian help Hobo build confidence while associating the clinic with fun and not a frightening, unfamiliar place he dreads to go. No matter what Hobo's travels throw our way, we are ready to take them on and live long and healthy together.



By the way, Hobo has a clean bill of health and we are planning our next

destination on our National Parks 100 years of Service Tour to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. Hobo the Wonder Dog and I are excited to celebrate our good health by exploring our local national treasures. We hope our last trip to the Cumberland Gap National Park inspired you to travel with your dog and discover the treasure in our own backyard-our National Parks.

If your dog hasn't had an annual examination, don't put it off. Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian today.

Life is better with a dogwoof!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed and Bob's Night Out

Ed and Bob's Night Out in Knox County will be enjoying ice cream in Rocky Hill this month! Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas will be at Bruster's Real Ice Cream at 7670 South Northshore Drive on Wednesday, June 22nd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet the people of Knox County and listen to their concerns.

Exhibiting Opportunities for Artists in All Media!

Every summer, the Fountain City Art Center hosts a competition and an exhibition for artists in all 2-D and all 3-D media. Entries generally range from 2-D works in watercolors, oils and acrylics, pastels, pencils, mixed media, and photographs, to 3-D works in, clay, wood, stone, glass, metal, cloth, fiber, recycled materials, tile mosaics, and handmade papers, textiles, and books. All artists are welcome to enter by bringing in their entries on Tuesday, June 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit judges will be Hugh Bailey and Martha Robbins. The

opening reception for the exhibit and announcement of awards will be on Friday, June 24, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, including guidelines and applications for the show, go to www. fountaincityartcenter.com; email the Art Center at fcartcenter@knology.net; or call (865)357-ARTS. The Fountain City Art Center is located at 213 Hotel Avenue in the old library building next to Fountain City Park.

Garden Workshops

If You Build it, They Will Come: Join Master Gardener Amy Haun to learn how to invite pollinators, butterflies and other beneficial insects into your ornamental and vegetable gardens. This free public event is scheduled on three different dates: Monday, June 20, from 1-2 p.m. at Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922, phone 865-777-9622; Thursday, June 23, from 3:15-4:30 p.m. at Humana Guidance Center, 4438 Western Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37921, phone 865-329-8892 or Saturday, June

25, at 10:30 a.m. at Cedar Bluff Branch Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, phone 865-470-7033.

Roses in Pots: Master Gardener and Rosarian Brian Townsend will share pointers about selecting and planting roses for patio spaces. This free public event is scheduled on Tuesday, June 21, from 11 a.m. -noon at Karns Senior Center, 8042 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN 37931, phone 865-951-2653.

Goose Creek Cleanup

Keep Knoxville Beautiful will host a cleanup of Goose Creek Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteers should meet at Mary Vestal Park, 401 Maryville Pike. Waders, gloves, bags and litter pickers will be provided as well as snacks. To register visit KeepKnoxvilleBeautiful. org and click on the Upcoming Events link.

Fourth of July Celebration at Marble Springs

Marble Springs State Historic Site is planning to celebrate the Fourth of July



LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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 nonresident, 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 Chancerv Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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

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

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 LAUREN S. BROWN Attorney at Law 110 Cogdill Rd Knoxville, TN 37922

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

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

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

Notice is hereby given that on the20th day of May, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ARCHIE LEE DAVIS, JR., who died Apr 28, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 20th day of May, 2016 Estate of ARCHIE LEE DAVIS, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) VALARIE McALILEY, Administratrix 4931 Cabin Rd Knoxville, TN 37918

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

MISC. **NOTICES NOTICE OF AUCTION**

Central Karns Storage, 7440 Oak Ridge Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37931 is holding a lien sale of all goods stored in Units #C0143; F0291; G0585, being in lien and abandoned more than 60 days. DATE: 6/25/16

TIME: 1:00 PM

This sale is to satisfy the owner's lien against the delinquency of occupant(s) Carl Green; Holly Cook and Nicole Carter. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods. Acceptable payment methods: Cash or CC. Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to sale date. Please call 865-690-7773 to verify continuance of sale

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following storage units are in delinquent status, and the stored goods will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with state law. The sale is to take place promptly at 2:00 p.m. on June 15th, 2016 at A + Storage, 2339 Old Callahan Dr., Knoxville, TN 37912.

Units to be sold:

- C22 Amanda Ashe B26 Jeff Chadwick
- B37 Gary Coffman
- B28 Daniel Grunwell

Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to sale date. All sales cash or credit card and final. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods immediately.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased spaces will be sold to satisfy owner's lien at public auction to highest hidder

for cash. Tillery Drive Self Storage, 115 Tillery Drive, Knoxville, TN 37912 on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Company reserves right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on day of sale.

Natisha Hawkins - 363 Lisa Wise – 224 Gordon Sweeney - 123 Kaitlyn Baumgartner - 318 Tah Wright - 337 Tina Lenear - 316 Tara Doublas - 34 MADDOX AUTOMOTIVE **Bradley Maddox** 865-236-3654

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

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stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/purchasing To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www govdeals.com.

PAGE D4 The Knoxville FOCUS Praying for your family

An area where our enemy, the is a commitment where the gospel Devil, has done a great job attacking is the family.



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

would attest, marriage is more than a romantic bond. It might be good looks that attracted you to each other, but it will not keep you together. Marriage

bands

is lived out to all those around you. If you are looking for your meaning Many reading and joy to come from your spouse, this understand you will be disappointed. We look to Christ for peace, joy, and love. this personally. As we consider We can take what we receive from the importance Christ and bring it to our spouses. of praying for Pray for your spouse. Ask God to the family, let's help you communicate and listen begin with husbetter, to not let disagreements turn into arguments and fights. and wives. As any Ask God to keep the passion for each other alive. You are setting an married couple example that others are watching.

If your mate is not a believer, pray that they would come to know Christ and ask God to help you be a bright light in your home. If you are divorced, take responsibility for what you failed to bring to the marriage and repent, trusting in God's sweet forgiveness. Then pray for your ex-spouse. That's right, pray for them. Jesus said to pray for your enemies. Ask that God would provide healing for them and repentance to be found in their life as well as yours. If children are involved, pray for peace between the two of you for the sake of your children.

Next, pray for your children. Pray that they would surrender their lives to Christ sooner than later. Pray that they develop strong Christian friends to help them get through the struggles and temptations of life.

Pray that other families and older couples would invest in your children. Make time for your children to be around older, wiser people. Pray that God would bless the families of their future mates and that they would marry strong believers. Pray that God's word and His will may be clear to them. Pray for opportunities for God to use their talents and gifts for His glory and praise as well as drawing others to Him.

If you have grandchildren, pray for each proceeding generation. "He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). Pray multi-generationally. The

Psalm writer wrote: "...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands" (Psalm 78:6-7).

June 13, 2016

For those who are single, pray for your siblings, for your parents and grandparents if they are still living. Pray for your future mate, for your nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles. Family is such a blessing. Give thanks to God for them. Honor your parents, learn from their mistakes, and forgive their failures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Cont. from page 3</u> with a "Let Freedom Ring" Bell Ringing ceremony. This event is in collaboration with the General Henry Knox Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution and local reenacting community.

This event will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on July 4th and is free to the public, though donations are appreciated. Activities will include a bell ringing ceremony, a freedom pole, and a long hunter camp. For more information, please call (865)-573-5508, email info@marblesprings.net or visit our website at www. marblesprings.net. Details subject to change.

All activities will take place at the Marble Springs State Historic Site at 1220 Highway, Knoxville.

Knox County Democrat Women's Club Meeting

Women's Club (established 1928) will meet Tuesday, June 14. The meeting will be held at Austin's Restaurant, 900 Merchant Drive, at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

KrisAnne Hall to speak

Constitutional Attorney KrisAnne Hall will be speaking Thursday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Sevierville Courthouse, 3rd floor. Ms. Hall, speaker, author and teacher, will give valuable information on "What is the real NOW solution to federal overreach?"

This program is excellent for 12 years of age up to W. Governor John Sevier and including adults. It

applies to this generation and the next. Meeting is open to all, no charge.

Knox County Democrat Volunteer Driven Program calls for volunteers

Knox County CAC's Volunteer Assisted Transportation program is seeking volunteer drivers to assist seniors and people with disabilities to medical appointments, shopping trips, beauty appointments, and other fun activities!

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Or you can email us at: nancy.welch@cactrans.org

We Love District 1 Day

Join District 1 neighbors for a free, family-friendly event open to the public to encourage residents to take notice of all the wondrous happenings in East Knoxville-District 1!

Organized by local resident and activist Michael Covington, 'We Love District 1 Day' aims to pay tribute to District 1's historic venues and tourist attractions with informational booths, fun activities for all ages, entertainment and more.

The event kicks off at noon, Saturday, June 18 at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens, 2743 Wimpole Avenue, with a performance by Knoxville Opera followed by Mayor Tim Burchett introducing elected officials in attendance and Rep.

Joe Armstrong recognizing attendance. community dignitaries with both men making brief remarks about District 1.

'We Love District 1 Day' has fun activities for all ages including: tours of Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum and Farms, facepainting, balloon animals, antique cars on display, and booths from the following exhibitors: James White Fort, Mabry-Hazen House, Beck Cultural Center, TN Valley Fair, Zoo Knoxville, Knoxville Coliseum & Auditorium, The Change Center, Chilhowee Park, League of Women Voters. The Muse, Williams Creek Golf Course, The Odd Fellows Honors Program, Knoxville Police Department(safety education), Knoxville Fire Department, KAT, Wounded Warrior Project, Kickstand bike raffle and more. There will also be food trucks in

West Knox Republican **Club Meeting**

Republican primary candidates for the state House district 18 seat will speak on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the monthly meeting of the West Knox Republican Club. Recent comments on Twitter by Rep. Martin Daniel regarding the life of the late boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, have created additional interest in this primary race.

Each GOP primary candidate will have the floor individually for about five minutes, and then all four will have the opportunity to answer questions from the audience.

Dinner is at 6 p.m. at the Red Lobster near West Town Mall on Kingston Pike with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

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