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Mayor Madeline Rogero, City Council members and Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization representatives cut the ribbon last week and officially opened a Holbrook Drive replacement bridge, which crosses over Fountain Road in Fountain City.

Fountain City bridge replacement brings improved facade, pedestrian options

A new 58-foot-long bridge, adjacent to First Baptist Church and Fountain City United Methodist Church, was officially opened last Wednesday. The bridge feeds traffic to Gresham Middle School and Fountain City Presbyterian Church.

Added improvements include sidewalks, bike lanes, a stairway down to Fountain Road and an extended clearance over Fountain Road – from 10 feet 10 inches to 14 feet 6 inches.

“When we have to temporarily close a road or a bridge to rehabilitate

existing infrastructure, it’s an ideal time to evaluate other enhancements that can be made to benefit the community,” said Jim Hagerman, the City’s Engineering Director.

Hagerman said the City recently developed the Bicycle Facilities Plan to use as a guide for routine upgrades to infrastructure facilities, such as bridges. It complements the Complete Streets ordinance passed by City Council in 2014.

“The Complete Streets ordinance helps to institutionalize our plans for bicycle facilities improvements,”

Hagerman said.

Approximately \$1.5 million of the total \$1.9 million bridge project was funded through a federal Surface Transportation Program grant, with \$300,000 assistance from a Tennessee Department of Transportation Bridge Aid grant. The remainder of the cost was covered through the City’s capital improvements fund. CDM Smith designed the replacement bridge, and Charles Blalock and Sons Inc. served as the project contractor.

This bridge is one of 97 bridges that the City maintains with bi-annual

inspections conducted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Bridge Maintenance Program has been a consistent item on the City’s capital budget for years, receiving \$650,000 each year. Of the nearly 100 bridges in the City, only five currently have received a “poor” rating, and all of them either have a contract pending for replacement or are in the replacement design stage.

For more information on the City’s traffic engineering plans, please visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/engineering.

Bluegrass Music Patriarch Ralph Stanley Dies At 89

Ralph Stanley, a patriarch of Appalachian music who with his brother Carter helped expand and popularize the genre that became known as bluegrass, died Thursday from difficulties with skin cancer. He was 89.

Stanley was born and raised in southwest Virginia, a land of coal mines and deep forests where he and his brother formed the Stanley Brothers and their Clinch Mountain Boys in 1946. Their father would sing them old traditional songs like “Man of Constant Sorrow,” while their mother, a banjo player, taught them the old-time clawhammer style, in which the player’s fingers strike downward at the strings in a rhythmic style.

Heavily influenced by Grand Ole Opry star Bill Monroe, the brothers fused Monroe’s rapid rhythms with the mountain folk songs from groups such as the Carter Family, who hailed from this same rocky corner of Virginia.

The Stanleys created a distinctive



Ralph Stanley. Photo by Michael Wilson.

three-part harmony that combined the lead vocal of Carter with Ralph’s tenor and an even higher part sung by bandmate Pee Wee Lambert. Carter’s romantic songwriting professed a deep passion for the rural landscape, but also reflected on lonesomeness

and personal losses.

Songs like “The Lonesome River,” uses the imagery of the water to evoke the loss of a lover, and “White Dove,” describes the mourning and suffering

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County Commission Interim Superintendent, Safety Center, Building Permits

By Mike Steely
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“I’m honored to be in this work with you,” said Oliver S. (Buzz) Thomas, the county’s new interim school superintendent. He was addressing the Knox County Commission’s Work Session last week and said one of his goals is to make the county school system “become the best in the South.”

Thomas, in an open letter (see A3), said he does not want the system to be “micromanaged” and wants to make the central office more transparent. He wrote that the principals should run the

schools and the teachers run the classrooms.

In related action the commission passed on to their regular meeting a motion involving the bond issued to Thomas as superintendent.

The commission also considered issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for the construction of the new “Safety Center” in their next meeting. The facility, which could use an existing building or construct a new one, would house about 24 mentally ill persons arrested for minor offenses rather than sending them to jail. The matter should come **Continued on page 3**

Bigger, Better Festival On The Fourth

The City’s Festival on the Fourth celebration in World’s Fair Park will feature Knoxville’s largest fireworks celebration, and in honor of the City’s 225th anniversary, the base of the Sunsphere will be illuminated with red, white and blue lights.

The Fourth of July festivities begin at 4 p.m., rain or shine. Festival goers will enjoy musical performances by Kelsey’s Woods, Misty River and Fourkast on two Festival stages.

The always-entertaining competition between the City’s Police and Fire departments has a new twist this year. Instead of a tug-of-war, KPD and KFD will be competing for bragging rights in a 4 p.m. paddle boat race on the Lake at World’s Fair Park.

The Festival will have its signature paddleboats available on the “Lazy River,” as well as some new activities for everyone to enjoy. Attendees are encouraged to participate in Home Depot’s life-size Connect 4 Game, practice skills at a 9-hole, Putt-Putt Golf course, challenge friends and family members in a water balloon game, or ride on a

carousel!

In celebration of Knoxville’s 225th anniversary, there will be some special surprises at the Festival on the Fourth. Also, representatives from Historic Homes of Knoxville will be on site with information and displays. Vintage photos of Knoxville will stream on jumbo screens throughout the day.

The highlight of the evening will begin at 8 p.m. with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra’s free Pilot Flying J Independence Day Concert. The two-hour show features a mix of patriotic and Americana pieces conducted by the KSO’s new Musical Director Aram Demirjian.

As part of the 225th anniversary celebration, the annual fireworks show will be louder, bigger and more colorful. The 15-minute show will begin at 9:35 p.m.

No alcohol, tents or pets are allowed in the park for Festival on the Fourth. The evening featuring great music, great food and great activities promises to be a memorable celebration for Knoxvilleans.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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Zaevion Dobson to Receive the Arthur Ashe Courage Award

ESPN reports that Zaevion Dobson will be awarded the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPYS next month. Zaveion, a Fulton High School football player, was shot to death last December while shielding two girls from gunfire.

Just 15 years old at the time of his death, he is the youngest recipient ever to receive the award, which recognizes individuals who embody the spirit of former tennis great Arthur Ashe. Ashe dedicated his life to human rights advocacy. "There's nothing more courageous than somebody sacrificing their own life for somebody else," said Maura Mandt, executive producer for the ESPYS.

Previous winners of the Ashe Courage Award have included Muhammad Ali, Dean Smith, Billie Jean King, Pat Summitt, Michael Sam, Caitlyn Jenner and four United Flight 93 passengers who helped prevent a Sept. 11 hijacking in 2001.

Fulton will host a fundraising gala Aug. 6 at Bridgewater Place to help raise money for a scholarship in Zaevion's memory. For more information, visit <http://www.fultongala.org/>.



Madeline and Reagan Horn say please vote.

July 5 is Last Day to Register to Vote in August Election

Madeline and Reagan Horn, above, want to remind everyone to vote in the upcoming August election! They are the daughters of Susan Horn, who received the plurality of votes (45%) in the three-way primary, and will face Buddy Pelot in a run-off election on August 4th. The last day to register for the August Knox County election is July 5! Early voting runs July 15th - 30th.

Last week a group of SPEAK (Students, Parents and Educators Across Knox County) members and friends met in North Knoxville to phone bank for Susan Horn. SPEAK and the Knox County Political Action Committee for Education (KC-PACE) have both endorsed

Susan for the 5th District Board of Education seat, which includes A.L. Lotts, Blue Grass, West Valley, and Farragut Primary, Intermediate, Middle, and High schools.

University of Tennessee Chancellor Jimmy Cheek Stepping Down

Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek announced last week that he will step down from his position and return to a faculty position teaching higher education leadership at the University of Tennessee sometime in the coming academic year.

UT President Joe DiPietro will begin the search for a new chancellor immediately, with the goal of filling the job by spring semester 2017.

Cheek has served as Chancellor

of UTK for seven years. He described being chancellor as the "best job I've ever had" and said stepping down is a personal decision he made earlier this year.

Cheek will join the faculty of the Department of Leadership Education and Policy Studies in UT's College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.

He will be joining former Knox County Schools Superintendent Jim McIntyre, who joins UT next month as the Director of the Center for Educational Leadership and assistant professor after resigning from KCS.

Six TN Students Finish in Top Ten at National History Day

Of the 58 middle and high school students representing Tennessee in the National History Day competition this month, six students from Knoxville, Maryville, Watertown, and Memphis finished among the top 10 in their categories.

A total of 35 group and individual entries were submitted by Tennessee students who earned the right to compete nationally by winning medals at the state contest, Tennessee History Day, earlier in the year.

The six finalists from Tennessee include:

- Kenton Smith and Benjamin Hall, Knoxville (L&N Stem Academy), 9th place Senior Group Documentary for their entry "The Music of Vince Guaraldi."

- Hannah Robbins and Eli Harrison, Maryville (Clayton-Bradley Academy), 8th place in the Junior Group Performance for their entry "Marconi: Changing the World Through the Exploration of the First Wireless."

- Ibtihal Malley, Memphis (Pleasant View School), 4th Place in the Senior Individual Paper for the entry "The French Exploration and Occupation of Syria: Encounters and Exchanges that Left a Lasting Legacy."

- Deanna Upchurch, Watertown (Watertown High School), 10th place in the Senior Individual Documentary for the entry "Directing a War: Hollywood's Encounter with World War II."

GCA Announces New Head of Upper School

Mr. Tim G. Holland has been named as the new Head of Upper School at Grace Christian Academy. Mr. Holland comes to GCA with thirteen years of teaching, coaching, and administrative experience. He most recently served as head of the Upper School at The Pine School, a prep school, in Stuart, Florida.

Dad never stopped loving kids – his own and others, too

I lost my dad on March 5. I think of him every day. My eyes already are full of tears as I try to write this first paragraph.

He died peacefully at the Parkwest

Hospital Senior Behavioral Health Center on a Saturday evening about 10:30. Dad had Alzheimer's disease or a form of dementia and we were trying to get him some help, hoping maybe his medicine could be regulated to help his condition. A week or so earlier, however, his doctor said he had taken a turn for the worse.

I was at his bedside in the dimly lit room when I noticed his breathing appeared to be getting shallow. My brother John was just outside the open door on a phone call and I quickly motioned for him to come into the room. My two other brothers, Theo and Joe, had been there for most of the day, and Theo had only left about 30 minutes earlier.

John was on one side of Dad and I was on the other. We bent over close to him, kissed him and told him we loved him and would take care of Mom. A minute or so later, we called for a nurse to come in the room and she confirmed Dad had passed.

It hurt deeply.

Dad really had become my best friend over the years in addition to being my father. Quite simply, he



By Steve Williams

would do anything he could for his boys. He loved us all the same.

As I wrote in his obituary, he left behind the love of his life, Bobbie, who too has demen-

tia but otherwise is doing good as can be expected for someone who turned 86 in April. Dad would have been 88 on May 27. They would have been married 65 years last Thursday, June 23.

Yes, Bob and Bobbie.

The good folks at The Knoxville Focus had told me I could write a tribute column on my dad the week after he died. I tried, but my heart was too heavy.

We had the funeral in Clinton the following Thursday and Dad had a military burial service the day after in his hometown of Big Stone Gap in southwest Virginia, and was laid to rest next to his mom and dad.

The next week went by and then another. I finally told myself I would wait and do a Father's Day column. Instead, last Monday, June 20, I reran the Father's Day column I wrote on Dad in 2008 and the first year I started writing for The Focus. That column was mostly about my dad's involvement in sports, his love for the Big Orange and how that had rubbed off on me.

But there was much more to my dad than just sports.

From the pictures I've



My parents, Bob and Bobbie Williams, at their 60th wedding anniversary June 23, 2011.

seen and the tales I've heard, Bobby Williams the boy could have been one of "the Little Rascals." My dad grew up in that era – the 1930s – and romped and played all over Appalachia, Big Stone Gap and East Stone Gap from daylight to dark.

In fact, after Dad's burial, a friend of his in Big Stone Gap, Garnett Gilliam, came up to me and said he believed my dad never stopped loving Big Stone Gap and had two hometowns – Big Stone Gap and Clinton, where he had lived since the early 1950s.

After graduating from Big Stone Gap High School in 1947, Bobby soon followed in his dad's footsteps and went to work for Southern Railway. My papaw was

the railroad yardmaster in nearby Appalachia.

Dad was working as a railroad operator in, I think, Bulls Gap when he got "kicked" – a railroad term for being replaced by someone with more seniority – to Clinton. The story goes that Dad told the guy who kicked him that the first thing he was going to do when he got to Clinton was look up the guy's girlfriend.

That turned out to be my mom, a very beautiful brunette, I must say, who was a telephone operator in Clinton. Dad was a handsome young man with light blonde hair and blue eyes. They made a great-looking couple.

Dad was in the United States Army when they got married in Alabama on June

23, 1951.

They raised four boys in Clinton. I was the first born in the summer of 1952. We had one brother, Tommy, who died at birth in the mid-1950s. Theo came along in 1958 and John in 1961. I was 14 when my youngest brother, Joe, was born in 1966.

Dad would work 45 years for the Southern and Norfolk-Southern Railway, retiring as a dispatcher at the John Sevier yard in Knoxville in 1990. He also served 20 years and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves.

Dad was a longtime member of the Clinton Optimist Club and led the club to the No. 1 ranking in the state for outstanding community service when he was its president in 1978-79. He

always was involved in the town's youth sports – coaching and umpiring and was the last president of the Clinton Little League baseball program.

In later years, Dad headed up the Optimist Club's annual Easter egg hunt. In fact, due to declining membership, the Optimist Club was considering not having the Easter egg hunt this year, but after Dad passed away decided to have it in his "honor."

Dad also was a big supporter of the Clinton High Dragons and the last seven summers he and John would sell advertising for the football team's poster that included the upcoming season schedule, with proceeds going to the football and band programs.

For his years of service to the community's youth, the town of Clinton honored Dad by naming him a Grand Marshal of the 2012 Clinton Christmas Parade.

Even at his funeral, Clinton Mayor Scott Burton and former mayor "Wimp" Shoopman spoke highly of Dad's years of service to the town's youth.

Dad loved children. Even as his health declined, he carried with him a red eyeglass container that he filled with coins. And anytime he would see a youngster, he would offer the boy or girl a coin, usually a quarter. He got as much joy out of that as they did.

That was my dad.



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Open Letter To Knox Countians



By Buzz Thomas, Interim Superintendent

As I begin my tenure as your interim superintendent of schools, you have every right to ask - and many of you have - "What are your plans?" Not only do you invest nearly a half billion dollars in our schools, you also entrust us with your most precious resource: your children. So, here are my plans for the

first 90 days. After the new school board members are sworn-in this fall, I will write a second open letter which will reflect their plans and dreams for the coming school year. Our big goal has not changed since the school board and county commission went on their first joint planning retreat four years ago. *We are going to build the best school system in the South.* Not so we can pat ourselves on the back, but so that our children and grandchildren will have happy, successful lives in the highly competitive world in which they will live. Since that joint retreat, we have raised graduation rates to 90%, raised teacher pay and earned the state's first large school system rating of "exemplary." We

can be proud of that. But, much remains to be done. Half of our 3rd graders are not reading on grade level. Worse still, more than half of our graduating seniors do not meet the minimum ACT benchmarks for college and career readiness. In response to these challenges, the school board has adopted a strong strategic plan that includes putting a great principal in every school, a great teacher in every classroom and a great school in every neighborhood. We will continue down that path. Priorities will include:

1. Using our summer training time to ensure that all elementary principals and early elementary teachers are properly trained to teach reading. Reading remains our single

biggest challenge, and we will take an "all hands on deck" approach to meeting that challenge.

2. Making our schools and central office more transparent, collaborative and customer focused. Knox County's public schools belong to you - the students, parents and taxpayers.
3. Making decisions as close to the action as possible. When someone is assigned responsibility for a task, they should be given the authority to go with it. In so far as possible, teachers should be allowed to run their classrooms and principals to run their schools. Of course, everyone must be accountable. If someone can't do the job, we will replace them, but we will not micromanage our

schools. The central office should be the place of last resort when it comes to decisions about a child's education.

4. Getting our own operations in order. The Knox County Schools has declared its intention to provide "excellence for every child," yet recent studies by outside individuals and organizations suggest that we have not held ourselves to that same standard of excellence when it comes to managing our own operations. We have experienced significant problems with transportation, public information and human resources, for example. We have asked our students and teachers to meet the highest standards of accountability. Those same standards will

be applied to those of us in the central office.

The Board of Education is less divided than one might think. Every single member is united in their desire to see students learn and teachers want to teach in Knox County. To paraphrase Forrest Gump, student achievement and teacher morale are like peas and carrots.

We have much to accomplish, and we will need your help to do it. Public schools are everybody's business, and it will take everybody working together to achieve our lofty goal of being the best in the South. Please roll up your sleeves and join us in the work. Our children deserve no less.

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before the body in its regular session today. The Focus has learned that Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett may also speak on the issue during today's monthly session with an announcement. Thus far both the city and the county have allotted or pledged initial funding for the special facility.

Several people spoke on the issue during the work session including Tina Sparks of Vestal, who said the need came up following a lawsuit in the 1980s involving jail overcrowding. She suggested the county use an "existing structure" for the Safety Center to save time and money.

Another speaker said the center is "a long time coming" and said the jail has increased its mental health workers but only has three now. The third speaker chastised Governor Bill Haslam for reneging on his promise and said the community and commission should "open our eyes and go back to the drawing board" before building the facility.

The commission also voted to consider adopting the Knox County Code Administration and Inspection Department's schedule of fees, but decided to institute the new fees August 1 instead of the start of the fiscal year on July 1. The new fees, based on \$70 per square foot of construction cost, would increase revenue for Knox County and bring all fees more in line with the city and Farragut.

Hugh Holt, Purchasing Director, told the commission that bids for the



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Hugh Holt, Purchasing Director, told the county commission last week that the cost of the Hardin Valley and Gibbs Middle Schools are less than expected.

construction of Gibbs and Hardin Valley Middle Schools came in less than expected. He said that the cost at Gibbs would be \$23,600 million and the Hardin Valley facility would cost \$34,695 million. Spokesmen for the construction firms said that Gibbs Middle School will include a 600-seat auditorium and Hardin Valley will have two stories and a gym in the center of the building.

The commission also voted to pass on to their regular meeting tonight an agreement with Island Home Airport for a Sheriff's Department to lease facilities and privileges there with the monthly rent being about \$4,000.

The sale at auction or by agreement of county owned properties for less than the taxes owned in some cases was also approved for discussion during the regular meeting tonight and passed, on first reading, an amendment to the county code to extend military leave from 20 to 30 days.

City Council

SMG hired to manage city's venues

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

An outside management firm, which has been managing the Knoxville Convention Center, has been hired by the city to manage other venues including the Civic Auditorium, Coliseum and Chilhowee Park. The cost is about the same as the city has been paying, above receipts, to self-manage the facilities.

SMG is guaranteed \$362,000 each year and has promised to provide \$250,000 over five years and will act as consultants and technical advisors on the construction of any new event centers. The agreement calls for a possible three-year extension.

Jim York, Finance Director, told The Focus that SMG will be paid a

management fee and possibly a qualitative fee, which gives the company an incentive. SMG would "go out" and solicit events.

"SMG manages a number of venues," York explained adding that the company is part of a bigger network and that all proceeds from bookings at the sites would go back to maintaining the site where the events are held.

The council asked what would happen if the city decides to demolish or build a new facility during the five years and the answer was that the agreement calls for SMG to be involved and act as a consultant on such projects.

The council also voted to move all of the duties of the Public Assembly Facilities and the Public Assembly Advisory Board

to the mayor's office and expressed appreciation for the past contributions to the Advisory Board in managing the facilities.

Asked about public input on future events in the facilities the council was told that feedback and ideas would go to the mayor's office and that much of the feedback is now coming via social media. Councilman Nick Della Volpe, a former member of the Advisory Board, said the group met "four or five times a year" and that public input was helpful.

"The thing that is passing gives me a little bit of heartburn but I understand how they are going to substitute," he said of public input.

"This was not from SMG, this was something from the administration in reviewing our

responsibilities in managing contracts. It wasn't SMG that asked we do away with the board," Mayor Madeline Rogero said.

Advisory Board Chairperson Sylvia Woods said the board brought in a lot of taxes and sales taxes over the years. She said the words "contracted out" were hard to say.

Mary Bogart, General Manager of SMG in Knoxville, introduced her staff to the council and Councilman Daniel Brown asked about the former city employees at the facilities. Thirty-six people had worked at the different venues but there were ten vacancies. Four were dismissed, one took another outside job, four people retired, nine were hired by SMG and eight will work in other city departments.

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By Mike Steely
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What insurance agent in Knoxville is “bigger than life,” known just about anywhere he goes and is active in various causes in our area?

The answer is Glenn Jacobs, owner of Jacobs Insurance Associates, LLC. Jacobs might be better known as “Kane,” a WWE wrestling champion who is still active in that pursuit.

Jacobs and his staff offer all types of insurance, from auto and boats to homeowners and business coverage. “We’re an independent agency and work with various companies to find the best coverage for applicants,” he said.

The insurance agency, located on 6918 Neal Case Way in Halls, is proud of its “personal touch” with clients and sponsors a picnic for them each year and a Christmas Party.

Being well-known isn’t always enough to maintain a business and Jacobs works hard to reach out to his customers with service and, in return, gets referrals.

“We get to know our customers and understand their needs,” Jacobs said. He said he enjoys helping people and said that their needs are “very vanilla until you bite into it and find all kinds of different flavors.”

Jacobs and his wife, Crystal, are both insurance agents at different offices and both are involved in sponsoring and taking part in community promotions. They are helping sponsor the “Faith To End Hunger” program in Maynardville in conjunction with the Journey Church. The



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Glenn Jacobs poses with a “Kane” poster. The professional wrestler is also the owner of Jacobs Insurance Associates in Halls and active in many community charities.

event will be held Friday, June 29 at Wilson Park from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The annual food drive is a family celebration with children’s games, a dunking booth and face painting. All proceeds go to the Union County Food Pantry.

The couple also partner with Children’s Hospital to promote “One Unforgettable Night,” a dance for critically ill patients. They are also involved with “Kindness Revolution,” a nationwide effort in schools and customer service organizations to promote acts of kindness and non-bullying.

Jacobs was featured in “Dancing with the Knoxville Stars” benefit last year and placed second there in fundraising.

Asked if he plans to retire from wrestling Jacobs said, “Maybe in a couple years.” He said he’s

been lucky in the sport and only suffered a few injuries. Jacobs said there’s nothing like the feeling of impacting people’s lives in a positive way, whether it be from the wrestling ring or from one of his many community services.

“It’s the coolest thing,” he said.

The name “Kane” at first labeled Jacobs as a “villain” or anti-hero, but that has changed and he’s proud of his image and his insurance company. “Being able to help people” refers to Jacob’s life now, both in the community, the region, and in his business.

You can contact Jacobs Insurance Associates at (865)622-4576. You can also email him at gjacobs@jacobsinsuranceassociates.com.

City Council

KUB bonds, the One Year Plan, and Zoo funding

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Aside from routinely amending the upcoming city operating budget the Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday to issue \$97 million in KUB bonds for electric, gas, water and wastewater. The council also approved issuing Water Revenue bonds of \$22 million.

The ten-year issuance is secured by KUB with no liability to the city. The “revenue” bonds, originally issued in 1954, are being reissued now because the interest rates are attractive.

The council also voted to postpone adoption of MPC’s suggested One Year Plan because negotiations over the language are ongoing with a group of citizens who object to some wordage.

Also postponed was an appeal by several residents to an infill housing home at 431 East Springfield Avenue. Members of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association are concerned about the design of a Habitat home being proposed for the now empty lot.

The Knoxville Zoological Gardens, operator of Zoo Knoxville, was granted an agreement to operate through June of 2021 with an additional five-year option.

Community Housing Development Organization’s agreement with East Tennessee Housing Corporation was voted \$40,000 in operating expenses

to create an Affordable Housing Coordinator position.

The council also authorized Mayor Madeline Rogero to apply for more than \$6 million to fund a mixed transit signal priority system along the Broadway Corridor to allow for better city bus flow and traffic control.

Final approval was given to change the name of Riley Drive in Pond Gap to “Charles Newman Drive” on a request from his grandson, David Williams. The council also voted to waive property taxes on city-owned surplus property and to have the mayor enter into a contract with LexisNexis VitalChek Network to permit online collection of taxes.

The Young-Williams Animal Shelter received a one-year lease agreement and the mayor was authorized to apply for \$375,000 from the U. S. Department of Justice to increase the strength of the city police department from 416 to 419 officers.

Also approved was an agreement with Midwest Casualty Company for \$185,617 in an annual premium to cover K-Trans management beyond the city’s self-insured policy.

The application of Samuel J. Furrow for rezoning on Parkside Drive and Cogdill Road was postponed until August 2 and the council heard from several homeless citizens requesting that the “Homeless Bill of Rights” be adopted after it is revised.

Bluegrass Music Patriarch Ralph Stanley Dies At 89

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after the death of a mother and father. In 1951, they popularized “Man of Constant Sorrow,” which was also later recorded by Bob Dylan in the ‘60s.

The brothers were swept into the burgeoning folk movement and they toured the country playing folk and bluegrass festivals during the ‘60s, including the Newport Folk Festival in 1959 and 1964.

But when Carter died of liver disease in 1966, Ralph wasn’t sure he could continue. His brother had been the main songwriter, lead singer and front man, and Ralph, by his own account, was withdrawn and shy, although he had overcome some of his early reticence.

“Within weeks of his passing, I got phone calls and letters and telegrams and they all said ‘don’t quit.’ They said, ‘We’ve always been behind you and Carter, but now we’ll be behind you even more because we know you’ll need us,’” Stanley told The Associated Press in 2006.

After Carter’s death, Ralph drew even deeper from his Appalachian roots, adopting the a cappella singing style of the Primitive Baptist Church where he was raised. He reformed the Clinch Mountain Boys band to include Ray Cline, vocalist Larry Sparks and Melvin Goins. He would change the lineup of the band over the years, later including Jack Cooke, and mentored younger artists

like Keith Whitley and Ricky Skaggs, who also performed with him.

Dylan and Grateful Dead’s Jerry Garcia praised his work and, in the case of Dylan, joined him for a remake of the Stanley Brothers’ “Lonesome River” in 1997.

He was given an honorary doctorate of music from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, in 1976, and he was often introduced as “Dr. Ralph Stanley.” He performed at the inaugurations of U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, was given a “Living Legends” medal from the Library of Congress and a National Medal of Arts presented by the National Endowment for the Arts and President George

W. Bush. He became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2000.

But at age 73, he was introduced to a new generation of fans in 2000 due to his chilling a cappella dirge “O Death” from the hit Coen Brothers’ “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” movie soundtrack. The album was a runaway hit, topping the Billboard 200 chart, as well as the country albums and soundtrack charts, and sold millions of copies.

He won a Grammy for best male country vocal performance in 2002 — beating out Tim McGraw, Ryan Adams, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Lyle Lovett — and was the focus of a successful tour and documentary inspired by the soundtrack. The

soundtrack, produced by T Bone Burnett, also won a Grammy for album of the year. The following year he and Jim Lauderdale would win a Grammy for best bluegrass album for “Lost in the Lonesome Pines.”

He said in an interview with The Associated Press in 2002 that younger people were coming to see his shows and hear his “old time music,” and was enjoying the belated recognition.

“I wish it had come 25 years sooner,” he said. “I am still enjoying it, but I would have had longer to enjoy it.”

Despite health problems, he continued to record and tour into his 80s, often performing with his son Ralph Stanley II on guitar and his

grandson Nathan on mandolin.

Stanley was born in Big Spraddle, Virginia and lived in Sandy Ridge outside of Coeburn, Virginia. His mother was Lucy Jane Smith Stanley and his father was Lee Stanley. He is survived by his wife Jimmie Stanley — they were to celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on July 2nd. He is also survived by his children: Lisa Stanley Marshall, Tonya Armes Stanley and Ralph Stanley II; His grandchildren: Nathan Stanley, Amber Meade Stanley, Evan Stout, Ashley Marshall, Alexis Marshall, Taylor Stanley, and Ralph Stanley III; and great grandchild McKenzie Stanley.

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Our Neighborhoods

What you don't know about Knox County

By Mike Steely
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Knox County is a combination of two cities and various county communities. Much of our county is now made up of neighborhoods instead of farmland. The most popular zoning request nowadays is to change agricultural zoning to some form of residential.

While Knoxville and Farragut are the only current incorporated portions of Knox County, there once were many more including Fountain City, Park City, North Knoxville, etc., all of which were taken in by annexation over the years. Concord was also incorporated at one time prior to the creation of Fort Loudon Lake.

The highest point in Knox County is House Mountain at 2,064 feet. The highest point in Knoxville is 1,395 feet in elevation but Brown's Mountain in South Knoxville is almost as tall at 1,260 feet. The elevation of the county floor ranges from 800 to 1,000 feet. All measurements are based on ground above sea level. Knoxville's historic

theatres include the Bijou, which had been a hotel by various names and became the Lamar House before the Civil War. During the conflict it was taken over by Union forces and served as a hospital.

The Tennessee Theatre opened in 1928 and the iconic sign was replaced between 2003 and 2005. Now in need of an update the large "Tennessee" sign is coming down and 5,700 bulbs will be replaced. For a \$25 donation you can buy a bulb. The \$150,000 renovation at the theatre includes the option to "buy a letter" for \$1,000 unless you want to sponsor the "T" and that's a donation of \$2,000. You can get more information at www.tennesseetheatre.com.

The Tennessee River doesn't become the Tennessee until the Holston meets the French Broad River at Forks of the Rivers. Once the name Holston applied to the river until it met the Little Tennessee River at present day Lenoir City but you probably know that river now as Lake Tellico.

There's another lake in Knox County, Melton Hill, which backs up from the TVA dam just northwest of Lenoir City.

Farragut, formerly Campbell's Station, is named for Admiral David Farragut, a Union Navy Commander during the Civil War. He was born near there. Farragut incorporated in 1980 out of fear that Knoxville's long fingers of annexation would absorb that community.

Knoxville was incorporated in 1815 and, at first, was called "White's Ford" and, as such, became the capital of the "Territory Southwest of the Ohio" and then as Tennessee's first seat of government.

Founder James White's son, Hugh Lawson White, served as a U. S. Senator and was a candidate for U.S. President.

The mayors of Knoxville have been a wide assortment of people including the current mayor, Madeline Rogero, the city's first female to hold that office. She was re-elected without major opposition.

Councilman Daniel

Brown served for a year prior to Rogero, becoming the first African-American to hold the position. He was selected by the city council to replace Mayor Bill Haslam who is now serving as governor.

Prior to Haslam the mayors in current history include Victor Ashe, Kyle Testerman, Randy Tyree, Leonard Rogers, John Duncan, Sr., Cas Walker (twice), and George Dempster. Other well known mayors of the past include Fred A Stair, Peter Kern, Peter Staub, Marcus Bearden, Charles McClung, Gideon Hazen, and William Ramsey. The first mayor of the community was Thomas Emmerson, a lawyer, judge and newspaper publisher.

If some of the past mayor names sound familiar it's probably because communities and facilities are named for them and others who served in the office: Luttrell, Heiskell, Mynatt, Ramsey, Powell, Rule, Fowler and O'Conner.

The University of Tennessee was founded as Blount College and the first president, and only



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

One of Knoxville's most photographed landmarks is the Tennessee Theatre sign. The sign is down now and bulbs are being replaced as well as some cosmetic work on the front of the theater. You can buy a bulb for the sign for a \$25 donation or sponsor one of the letters.

teacher, was Rev. Samuel Carrick. The school was founded in 1794. The total annual budget for the college is well over \$1 billion. Pellissippi State Community College has

four campuses and is one of 13 such two-year colleges in Tennessee operated by the state. It was organized in 1974 and has more than 10,000 students.

New Rural King store gets parking waiver

By Mike Steely
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A request from USPG Portfolio Five, LLC, for smaller parking spaces at Crossroads Shopping Center on Norris Freeway breezed through the Knox County Board of Zoning and Appeals Wednesday.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., guided the request for a variance from the currently required five spaces for each 1,000 square feet of building and obtained a waiver for 4.8 spaces. Seymour told the board that the former Walmart center there, now under renovation, will be the home of a Rural King store similar to Tractor Supply and will

include an enclosed garden center in front. He said the parking lot will be reduced in size for the garden center and for the required landscaping that calls for vegetative islands with trees and bushes.

Seymour also noted that the Metropolitan Planning Commission is updating the parking lot rules and MPC's Dan Kelly supported the request saying that the reworking of the now bare parking lot will "enhance the look and make it more environmentally pleasing."

Kelly said the parking lot regulations for shopping centers will be on the planning commission's agenda in July and that it has already

seen public hearings inside the city with similar events planned for the county. He said that even with the front addition to the Rural King business and the planned islands in the lot, there will still be plenty of parking for the store.

The BZA discussed the difference between the MPC's future 4.5 spaces requirements and the request for 4.8 spaces but Chairman Marcus Chady advised them to stick with the request. Otherwise the matter would need to be postponed and a notice published about a future meeting.

The approval passed with the six present members voting "Yes."

County Commission

Commission wants to drop the state-required plan

By Mike Steely
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When the Knox County Commission met in work session last week to hear from Gerald Green, Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, some of the members voiced a concern about the time and expense of continuing the Growth Plan.

State law currently requires a "growth plan" or a projection of possible growth in each county district.

Green said there are 12 Sector Plans currently, six in the county and six in the city. As the number of applications for zoning requests increase, so do the changes required for the Sector Plans. He said that it takes about a year to update a Sector Plan and the MPC is limited in some ways by the state requirement.

"Would the state allow us to opt out?" Commissioner Bob Thomas asked about the Growth Plan.

Green said the overall Growth Plan hasn't been updated in many years and the planners could be more flexible without the plan.

Commissioner Charles Busler, a former MPC member, said that the state-required Growth Plan was mandated in the late 1990s as a way to control annexation by cities but is no longer useful because annexation by edict is now forbidden.

Chairman Dave Wright noted that of the nine rezoning requests on the upcoming agenda three requests require altering the Sector Plans.

Commissioner Ed Brantley said that since he joined the commission last

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Commission wants to drop the state-required plan

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year there have been 107 requests to change the Sector Plans to allow rezonings and Green said that two or three sector changes come before the MPC each month.

Commissioner Busler asked if the Growth Plan is really needed and then asked County Law Director "Bud" Armstrong how the county could get out of the required plan.

Armstrong said Knox is a "Charter County" and suggested the commission contact the local state legislators.

"A Sector Plan is a broad brush and idealistic, it points us in a direction— but if you agree I'll be glad to talk to the legislators," Commissioner Thomas offered.

The discussion came as Green was bringing the commission up to date on

MPC duties. He explained the various duties the MPC has, the other sub-departments, and how the planning commission functions.

Commissioner Mike Brown said that the city has term limits on its members on the MPC and asked if the county should not require term limits as well. Law Director Armstrong said he'll look into the request.

MPC Director gets applause

During Gerald Green's presentation about the Planning Commission and MPC staff to the county commission last week, one commissioner asked a very direct question.

"Do you believe that a property owner has a right to do with their property whatever they like?" asked Commissioner Ed Brantley.

Green paused briefly and said, "That's a tough one. I'll tell you what I've learned after 30 plus years in planning. No property owner wants anyone to tell them what to do with their property but every property owner wants someone to tell their neighbors what to do with their property."

The commissioners immediately applauded Green's comments and one of the commissioners said, during the applause, "Perfect answer."

MPC Proposes Mixed Use District Zone in Bearden

On Tuesday, June 28, staff from the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) will host a public meeting to discuss the proposed Mixed Use District zone for the Bearden Village area. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Bearden United Methodist Church at 4407 Sutherland Avenue.

The agenda for the meeting will include an overview of comments received to-date, answer questions about how the proposed zoning applies to renovations and additions to existing development, and be an opportunity to provide feedback on the preliminary zoning map. The next public meeting is anticipated for late July. MPC staff is available to meet with individuals and groups as schedules permit.

The Bearden Village Opportunities Plan was originally developed in 2001 with extensive input from the community. The plan for this "urban village" focuses on enhancing pedestrian activity and access, enhancing the sense of place and community, and building upon Bearden's urban character and unique atmosphere. Recommendations include creating a complete and integrated community of housing, shops, workplaces,

schools, parks, and civic facilities within easy walking distance of each other.

In order to realize the Bearden Village concept, new types of development will be necessary. Within the past year, MPC staff has determined that existing development standards are not adequate for residential uses and that changes need to be made to existing commercial areas. To create the sense of place and community envisioned for the Bearden community, MPC is proposing new Mixed Use District zones.

The purpose and intent of the proposed Mixed Use zoning:

- Provide appropriate areas for mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development
- Group and link places used for living, working, shopping, educating, and recreating to reduce vehicle trips, relieve traffic congestion, and improve the overall quality of life
- Provide a variety of residential housing types and densities
- Integrate new mixed-use development with its surroundings

The current draft of the proposed Mixed Use District zoning is available online: <http://www.knoxmpc.org/mixed-use/bearden>.



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May God Bless America

By **Ralphine Major**
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It was a simple gesture. As the words of "America the Beautiful" rang throughout the church,

a lady in the balcony started waving her flag. Then another waved-- and another. I watched as everyone in the church began waving their flags. It was a moving and humbling sight as hundreds of American flags waved to the beautiful music for the Memorial Day Service. This year marks America's 240th birthday, the day the United States declared her independence from Great Britain. So much has changed since then--so much has not. July 4, 2016, will bring many celebrations of patriotic programs; festive parades filled with red, white, and blue;

and family cookouts and neighborhood picnics. This is also a year marking a presidential election so vital to our nation's future. However you celebrate our country's independence and show your patriotism, may we all remember the sacrifices and service of our nation's veterans, of those who have given their life protecting and defending America, and of those serving in the military branches today ensuring that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms of these great United States of America. Blessings for a safe and Happy 4th of July!

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‘The Man’

Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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The art of politics has changed dramatically over the years. The age of truly gifted speakers who could move the emotions of audiences, bringing them alternately to laughter or tears is long gone. Courthouse rallies and barbecues are already becoming things of the past, replaced by slick television advertisements, polling and focus groups. Force of personality and intellect, much less the ability to think quickly on one’s feet, have been replaced by candidates with television friendly blue shirts and red neckties reading off teleprompters. Theodore Gilmore Bilbo was from a different time and age; only five feet two inches tall, Bilbo was a genuinely masterful speaker. Some said that while on the stump, Bilbo seemed ten feet tall.

Yet, Theodore G. Bilbo was also one of the most virulent racists ever to sit in the United States Senate. In spite of his violent racism, Theo Bilbo was almost invariably found on the side of the underdog, the downtrodden and less fortunate in society, unless of course, one was a person of color.

Bilbo was a controversial figure, even at the height of his popularity and his toxic racism was a bit much for many of the Magnolia State’s residents. Bilbo experienced the highs and lows of politics and served twice as governor of Mississippi, as well as United States senator.

Born October 13, 1877 in the tiny hamlet of Juniper Grove, Theo Bilbo was the child of poor white parents. For the remainder of his life, Bilbo did all he could to help the poor, sick, and elderly. Chester Morgan wrote an excellent biography of Bilbo, *Redneck Liberal*, which explored the strange enigma of Theo Bilbo’s loathsome racism and solidly liberal politics.

Little seemed to come easily to Theo Bilbo in life, save perhaps for his ability to speak and entertain audiences numbering in the thousands. A gnomish-looking little man, balding with thin lips and a cruel mouth, Theo Bilbo was anything but handsome, yet considered himself a ladies’ man.

Bilbo was neither ignorant nor stupid; in fact, young Bilbo won a scholarship to attend Peabody Normal College in Nashville and went on to Vanderbilt Law School, although he did not graduate from either institution. Early in his

life, it became readily apparent Theodore Bilbo would regularly suffer ethical and moral lapses.

After briefly teaching school, Theo Bilbo commenced practicing law in Poplarville, Mississippi in 1907. The law interested Bilbo little and he ran for the Mississippi State Senate in 1908 and won. Bilbo was a disciple of the preeminent figure in Mississippi politics of the time, Governor James K. Vardaman. The governor was rather a majestic figure, standing over six feet tall, with a head of jet black hair that flowed down to his shoulders, worn swept back dramatically from his brow. Known as “The White Chief” due to his garb during the intensely hot summer months in Mississippi, Vardaman was resplendent in white from head to toe. Wearing a white suit and white boots, the White Chief would come to speak in a small Mississippi town sitting atop bales of cotton in a wagon pulled by a yoke of forty white oxen.

The White Chief was a thorough racist as well; likely most any Mississippi politician of the time would be considered a racist by today’s standard. Vardaman’s own racism was not quite as crude as that of Theo Bilbo’s, but it was merely a matter of degree. It was Vardaman, when discussing educating African-Americans, who had snapped, “The only effect of Negro education is to spoil a good field hand and make an insolent cook”.

Vardaman was loathed by much of Mississippi’s political establishment, but he was a hero to many of the rural farmers and poor. The term “redneck” was coined to describe Vardaman’s supporters, many of whom wore red kerchiefs about their necks to indicate their support for the White Chief. Bilbo cut his political teeth in backing James K. Vardaman.

After leaving the governor’s office, Vardaman sought a seat in the United States Senate. At the time, senators were elected by the legislature and a heated battle erupted in the State Capitol to replace Senator James Gordon, who had died. Vardaman was considered the leading candidate. Vardaman had narrowly lost a Senate race to Congressman John Sharp Williams in 1910 in a preferential primary ratified by the legislature. The death of Senator



FROM THE AUTHOR’S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Theodore Bilbo sitting at his desk in the Senate Office Building, 1935.

Gordon opened up Mississippi’s other Senate seat and Vardaman confidently expected to be elected by the legislature. Business and establishment interests backed wealthy planter LeRoy Percy for the vacancy and it was a hard fought battle. Bilbo managed to distinguish himself, less for his support for Vardaman, than announcing he had allowed himself to be bribed by a supporter of LeRoy Percy. Bilbo defended himself by claiming he had conducted his own investigation into bribery surrounding the election of a senator. Bilbo’s colleagues took a very dim view of his “investigation” and tried to expel him from the State Senate, falling one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Throughout his political career, Theo Bilbo knew no shame and was anything but chastened by quite nearly having been ejected from the State Senate. Instead, he used the notoriety he had gained throughout the lurid episode to launch a statewide campaign, running for lieutenant governor in 1911. Bilbo campaigned as a supporter of James K. Vardaman and was elected.

It was a typically colorful campaign for Bilbo and one of his witticisms from the stump led to his being pistol-whipped so badly that it left him unconscious, hospitalized and scarred for the rest of his life. Bilbo, once lieutenant governor, had the resolution passed by the Mississippi State Senate, which had proclaimed him to be “unfit to sit with honest” men, expunged.

James K. Vardaman easily defeated Senator LeRoy Percy to win election to the United States Senate in 1912, but the White Chief’s popularity evaporated

during his term of office. Perversely, Vardaman obstinately refused to support American entry into World War I, enraging both President Woodrow Wilson and his constituency.

Theo Bilbo’s career continued its upward movement and he was elected governor in 1915. Bilbo’s first administration as governor surprised even his critics for its progressivism and record of accomplishment. By all accounts, Bilbo was a successful chief executive.

Senator Vardaman was challenged by Congressman Byron “Pat” Harrison in the 1918 primary and was defeated, almost entirely for his refusal to follow the lead of President Wilson in declaring war against Germany and her allies.

Bilbo left office as governor in 1920 and had no interest in resuming the practice of law. Politics was Theo Bilbo’s profession and he sought to win a seat in Congress, but was defeated. In 1922 former senator James K. Vardaman sought to make a political comeback. Senator John Sharp Williams was retiring and Congressman Hubert Stephens was his heir apparent. Unfortunately, Stephens was relatively colorless and something of a listless campaigner. The White Chief was already then suffering from what was apparently a severe form of dementia. Unable to do much more than sit on the platform while other speakers carried the burden of the campaign,

Vardaman was aided by his former ally, Theodore G. Bilbo, who took up the Vardaman cause. Bilbo spoke all across Mississippi on behalf of Vardaman and much of Mississippi’s political elite were shocked when the White Chief ran first in the primary. They redoubled their efforts on behalf of Congressman Stephens and managed to win the run off election.

Bilbo was soon caught up in messy scandal involving his successor as governor, Lee M. Russell. The governor was being sued by his former secretary, who claimed she had also been his lover and was now carrying his child. Bilbo had been quite close to Russell and a subpoena had been issued for the former governor. Eventually, Bilbo was found hiding in a barn. Evidently Bilbo had attempted to dissuade the young lady from suing Governor Russell, but she did not win her suit.

The publicity did little to keep Bilbo from running for governor again in 1923, but he lost. Bilbo was irrepressible and entered the 1927 election for governor, facing Dennis Murphree, who had become governor following the death of Henry Whitfield, who had died in office.

Bilbo castigated Governor Murphree for having called out the National Guard in an attempt to prevent a lynching. Bilbo won the election in the run off and was once again Governor of Mississippi.

Theo Bilbo’s second

administration was not a success. The governor enraged much of the state by announcing he intended to move the University of Mississippi from Oxford to the state capitol, Jackson. Bilbo did campaign hard in 1928 for the Democratic presidential nominee, New York Governor Alfred E. Smith. Al Smith was not at all popular in the South as he was both “wet” and a practicing Catholic. The South was the most reliably Democratic part of the nation at the time and Smith’s Catholicism caused a rebellion inside much of the South. Senator Furnifold M. Simmons of North Carolina bolted to support Republican Herbert Hoover, as did Alabama Senator J. Thomas Heflin. Regular Democrats fought hard to keep voters inside their own party and Bilbo observed neither the Catholic Smith nor the Quaker Hoover “had enough religion to hurt anything”.

As always with Bilbo, he broke the presidential campaign down to race, claiming Hoover had danced with a black woman. Bilbo told audiences that Mary Booze, the woman with whom Hoover had allegedly danced, was “as black as the ace of spades”.

Mississippi supported Smith, but Hoover carried five Southern states to win the presidency.

It was hardly the last campaign waged by Theodore G. Bilbo.



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The decisions people in authority make have an impact both good and bad for those under them. For example, you might have a boss who is a jerk. He cheats, lies, breaks laws, and doesn't take responsibility for his actions. Will this affect his employees? You bet. But then again you might have a boss who leads with integrity and serves those under him. You might have one parent who loves and supports their family. They invest in their children teaching them to live wisely. But another parent may abuse their child or ignore their children. Those in positions of authority can bless lives or curse them. Authorities can help us in doing God's will, or make it harder to

pursue God's will.

Leaders have much on their shoulders as they have difficult decisions to make. Due to this, the Bible tells us to pray for those in positions of leadership. Paul wrote: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (I Timothy 2:1-4).

If our leaders don't have a relationship with God, we need to pray they will be saved. If they know God and follow Jesus as their Lord, it will make all the difference in the decisions and policies they make.

We all answer to authorities higher than ourselves – parents, teachers, law enforcement, supervisors, and government officials.

But you also likely represent authority to someone in your life: children, younger siblings, students, employees. There are people who look to you for counsel and guidance. We will each give an account as to how we led others.

Who put the authority in place? God did. Paul wrote: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" (Romans 13:1).

Sometimes we get upset at those who are in positions of authority. There are decisions and laws our government has put in place that leave many of us upset. It can cause you to lose respect for much of what they do as our leaders. But God makes it clear that unless our government leaders are asking you to sin, we are to obey them. So let's pray for them and trust God at all times no matter the situation or whom ever the person is that has authority over our lives.

More than just fireworks

July 4th is one of only a few days that has become a national holiday. We Americans know how to celebrate it with style. We spend bundles on explosives that fizz or whir or boom for a few minutes, and all we're left with are aching ears, smoke-filled eyes, and empty pockets.

Still, we think we know a good time when we see it.

At the same time, folks across the country take the opportunity to share the day with friends and families. Some neighborhoods even come together to share food and fellowship and then top the day off with those fireworks displays. Nothing is better to eat than hamburgers, hotdogs, and potato salad, all washed down with a variety of beverages, both sugary and alcoholic. It's a glorious summer day of celebration.

The fact is that Independence Day is something much more than Boom's Day. This is the one day when each of us should think about what freedom means to the life, breath, and survival of our country.

I've heard about as much as I can stomach about the Constitution and Bill of Rights from folks whose main agenda is winning an election or taking over power in our government. The Constitution is like the bible; both are subject to personal interpretation, and every person can read into them what he or she thinks will provide an edge. Neither the right nor the left has all the answers. I'm pretty sure that none of us knows all that the founding fathers had in mind as they cobbled together the Constitution. So, let's put a stop to those who declare that only they have the right answers.

If we are to be a nation that declares it offers freedom, then it's time to make it available to all Americans. That means that we have to accept as fellow citizens the Hispanics who have deep roots in the country. It means that we have to include



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citizens who have different beliefs in religion. It means that folks have the same rights to the good things of this nation, even if their lifestyles don't jive with ours.

Something else we must remember is that one person's rights end where another's begins. No, you do NOT have the right to

do whatever you want because your actions might offend or encroach upon the lives of others. Living in the U.S. is a privilege; I suppose it's like winning the lottery. We citizens of this country are caretakers of it; we are charged with the solemn duty to make it better than we found it. That means making the country a place that does offer the last best hope for mankind. Of course, in achieving that lofty goal, it follows that individuals from other countries will want to make their ways to America so that they, too, can share in the bounty.

We can have differences of opinions. That's one of the most wonderful things that goes with the U.S. I can spout my beliefs and you can do likewise. However, at some point, it is incumbent upon us, and especially on the elected officials whom we send to Washington, D.C., to stop the debate, roll up sleeves, and find common ground. Stalemates like we've seen the past few years have done nothing to make this country greater; to the contrary, they've led to divisiveness and hurt feelings and polarized sides. I contend that what's been going on recently is the antithesis of what our founding fathers had in mind.

So, enjoy July 4th. Eat, drink, fellowship, and bathe in the gifts that the country bestows upon us. At the same time, remember that this country deserves our best acts to keep it the shining beacon to the rest of the world. We all might bow our heads and ask for just a bit of guidance on how to do that before the holiday is over.



**Rosie's
World**

I went to the Public Library recently to get some reading material. I didn't really have any idea what I wanted so I hurriedly latched on to two books and hoped for the best. I was rewarded for my haphazardness because the books I picked gave me food for thought.

"The Wonder of You," written by Susan May Warren, is a Christian love story, and I'm anxious to read some more of her novels. It is a Christiansen family series which highlights the importance of family, the necessity of faith, and how losing yourself for the right reason can open your heart to something beautiful. The author has a "knack for creating captivating and relatable characters that pull the reader deep into the story" (an excerpt from a reader).

For a non-fiction book, don't miss "Abraham" by Charles Swindoll, a noted evangelical Christian pastor, author, educator and radio preacher.

I like to think of Abraham as a 21st century person, an

Christian Books

avuncular-kind of guy, kind to his fellow man, loving God deeply and a great leader. He would have been steadfast and strong in this day and age. When God told him and Sara that they will have a son, Sara actually laughed at God. Here they were, two elderly people, there was no way they could have a son. But God performed one of his miraculous miracles and a son was born to them. I know Abraham was good to this son, probably took him hunting, taught him all the basics of life on their journey to Caanan-land. But one day God made a surprising request. "Offer your son as a sacrifice to me". And Abraham didn't hesitate. He did exactly what he was supposed to do. But I think down deep in his heart he thought, no, God doesn't really mean this, surely he doesn't want me to do this.

Most people know the ending to this miraculous tale. Read the book and find out why Abraham was the leader of the Israelites.

"What does it take to reveal the true beauty of a hidden gem?" The answer is in the book, "A Beauty Refined" by Tracie Peterson. "Phoebe Von Berger, the daughter of a

German count, is excited to visit America for the first time while her father purchases sapphires in Helena, Montana. Little does she know, however, that her father's intentions, both for her and the gemstones—are not what she thinks."

I must confess I have not read this novel yet, but it's next on my list.

Last, but not least, I can't neglect mentioning the Bible. Many people write to Rev. Billy Graham and say they try to read the Bible but it's boring. He advises them to start in the middle or go on to the New Testament, specifically the book of John. To read a chapter or two every day gives one enough strength to progress through the day.

Thought for the day: Do you have eyesight? It's a gift. Do you have a good mind? It's a gift. How about dexterity in your fingers? Or special skills that allow you to work in your occupation? These are all gifts from God's hand. Reflect on His numerous gifts to you. It will increase your joy. It will make you smile!

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Webb's Harrison will now take her volleyball to the beach

By Steve Williams

There will be a lot of sunshine in Frances Harrison's future.

Webb School's female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2015-16 signed scholarship papers last November to play beach volleyball at the University of South Carolina.

In Harrison the Gamecocks are getting a 5-foot-10 outside hitter who was a record-setting player in her four years at Webb.

The four-time All-Stater played on three straight Division II-A state championship teams and was MVP of the 2015 state tournament.

Harrison also excelled in academics, recording a 3.97 grade point average, and was a Peer Advisor from the 10th grade through the 12th grade.

After her signing, South Carolina Coach Moritz Moritz said: "Frankie is athletic and super competitive, she comes from a well-trained background, and she played lots of different sports so she's well-rounded but has a real knack for the beach game. She has a great personality and is hard-working – going to school, playing club ball, and working in her dad's restaurant. She will grind and work to find success."

South Carolina ranked No. 20 in the final DiG Magazine collegiate beach volleyball poll of the 2016 season. The Gamecocks finished their third season 20-16 overall and defeated a Top 10 ranked



PRO PHOTO

Frances Harrison goes low to make a shot for the Webb Lady Spartans during their third straight state championship season. Harrison will take her game outside next season as a member of the University of South Carolina's beach volleyball team.

team for the first time when they dropped No.10 Florida International 4-1 in the semifinals of the CCSA Conference tournament.

South Carolina also played its toughest schedule yet after facing 11 teams ranked in the final DiG poll, including NCAA champion Southern Cal.

Connor Jacobs is Webb's male

honoree. A four-year starter and multiple All-State performer, he had 22 goals and 11 assists as

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Yankees Crowned 8-10 CBFO Tournament Champions!

By Alex Norman

The Yankees started the CBFO 8-10 softball season on a high note with a win against the Blue Jays, but things went sideways after that initial victory as they lost their next 5 games. But the Yankees never gave in, and all of their hard work finally paid off one Saturday afternoon, when they began what would end in a 12 game winning streak and post-season tournament championship.

When the tournament began, not much was expected from the Yankees, but key defensive plays, solid hitting and smart base running kept them in the winner's bracket. When asked about the

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Head Coach Jennifer Nagi pictured with Yankee players in no particular order: Liza Cotton, Anna French, Emma MacTavish, Lillian Nagi, Kaitlyn Atwell, Lauryn Lester, Ainsley Shockley, Hailey Steinbacher, Lindy McCool, Maleigh Rudder, Logan Connatser, and Molly Bryant. Assistant Coaches – Chris MacTavish and Tommy Bryant.

Powell's Steely to play at Bryan College

By Ken Lay

Recent Powell High School graduate Jackson Steely will continue to play basketball in college.

Steely, a guard for the Panthers, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Bryan College in Dayton Tennessee. Bryan, an NAIA school that competes in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, recruits the Knoxville Area heavily.

The Lions had four East Tennessee products on their roster last season including Oak Ridge native Xavier Maddox, Clinton residents Caleb Hayes and Madison McKarney, Christian Academy of Knoxville graduate Oteriah Lee played last season.

Gibbs High graduate Jay Cade redshirted for Bryan last year.

Lions coach Don Rekoske said he's pleased to add Steely to his program.

"We are excited to sign Jackson," said Rekoske, who will begin his 13th season as Bryan's head coach later this year. "He has toughness and skill."

"I really like the way he

plays the point guard position. He is a terrific young man and could become a good player for us here at Bryan College."

Powell coach Gary Barnes said that the Panthers will miss Steely next season. But he's glad to see his former player get the chance to play college basketball.

"I'm proud of the work that Jackson has put in over the last two years," Barnes said. "He deserves the opportunity and will be a good player at Bryan."

"He has leadership and toughness that we will miss at PHS."

During his senior season at Powell, Steely averaged 12.6 points, five assists and three rebounds per game.

He helped the Panthers, who went 22-11 last year; make it to the Region 2-AAA Tournament semifinals.

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team's success, head coach Jen Nagi said, "This season was a true team effort. Every player had great moments at different times with each girl contributing in some way to us being able to walk away with the big trophy."

The championship game between the Yankees and Mariners was hard fought. Both teams brought their "A" game and made impressive plays, giving the fans a great show. Yankees pitcher Emma MacTavish had a season high 5 strikeouts from the mound, and Liza Cotten made a great catch in left center, then tossing it to second for a double play. "I've spent lots of time working with the girls on catching fly balls," said Nagi. "To see Liza make that catch made my entire season. I had to call a timeout because all of her teammates were so excited for her and were running over and giving her hugs and high fives. It was awesome."

When the Yankees took their turn at the plate in the bottom of the fourth and final inning, they were down 3-1. Kaitlyn Atwell, their number two batter, got a single to start things off. Lillian Nagi stepped up to the plate and after hitting 5 fouls, ultimately put a beautiful hit down the left field line to advance Atwell. With the tying runs on base, Molly Bryant made a solid connection to put the ball into left field, scoring Atwell to make it a 3-2 game. The Mariners outfield quickly got the ball back in to stop play and called a timeout.

Yankees first base coach Chris MacTavish and third base coach Jen Nagi took the opportunity to talk strategy with the batter, Maleigh Rudder, and their base runners. "I jogged over to second base and told Molly to take a good leadoff and to watch me at third when the ball was hit and not to run unless I told her to," said Nagi. "During practice the previous night I went over tagging-up on fly balls and I knew this was the perfect time to try it, so I told my third base runner, Lillian, to prepare for a tag and to listen for me to tell her when to run."

It turned out no tag-up was needed as Maleigh stepped to the plate and nailed the pitch, sending the ball to the fence and bringing in Lillian with the tying run and Molly with the winning run. The Yankees beat the Mariners 4-3, capturing the 8-10 CBFO Tournament Championship, and finishing with a 13-5 record.

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Maze relishes ties to Knoxville Area

By Ken Lay

Bobby Maze has just played a Pilot Rocky Top League basketball game where his Rice Buick squad has come up on the short end of a 128-123 double-overtime game at Catholic High School.

He graciously accepts an interview request but before he leaves the gym, he sits on the sideline and signs autographs for basketball fans of all ages.

Many who seek his signature are children who weren't old enough to remember when he played point guard for Bruce Pearl at the University of Tennessee.

But they know enough about Maze, who last played for the Volunteers in 2010, to know that he once was a fan favorite for the Big Orange.

"It's important for me to come back here and play every summer," Maze said after scoring 21 points against H3 Sports. "This is really a special place."

"I see these kids and I know that some of them weren't old enough to see me play. But they know who I am and I'm thankful for that. I'm thankful for things like YouTube."

Maze is a native of Washington, D.C. He attended high school in Maryland and in Lenoir, N.C. He began his college career at Oklahoma and landed in Knoxville in 2008 after playing for one season at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas.

He played during, arguably, the most successful era in Tennessee Basketball. In 2008-09, Maze played on a Vols team that went 28-9 and reached the

NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight before losing a heart-breaker to Big Ten powerhouse Michigan State.

As a senior, Maze again helped the Vols earn an NCAA Tournament berth. Tennessee lost in the first round to Oklahoma State.

In his two years on Rocky Top, Maze averaged 8.8 points per game.

Although he is not a native of Tennessee, he's proud to call Knoxville his part-time home.

"The people here have embraced me," he said. "This is my second home. It's a great place."

"It's a great place to raise your family."

Maze is also active in the Knoxville Area community. He has the B. Maze Elite AAU basketball team and hosts an annual celebrity basketball game. He donates the proceeds from



Former Tennessee point guard Bobby Maze brings the ball upcourt in a Pilot Rocky Top League game last week at Catholic High School.

the game to charity.

Tee Higgins, a two-sport star at Oak Ridge High School and highly coveted college football recruit, plays on that AAU Team.

Maze did not play professional basketball last season but he harbors hopes of one day playing on the professional stage somewhere.

State Champions represented on all-KIL soccer team

By Ken Lay

Three area high School boys soccer teams made it to Murfreesboro and brought home state championship trophies from the Midstate.

Bearden won the Class AAA State Championship for the first time since 2006. Christian Academy of Knoxville, a tradition-rich Class A/AA program, added another state championship trophy to its trophy case. Webb School of Knoxville won the Division II-A State Championship.

All three schools were highly

represented on the all-Knoxville Interscholastic League team named by the county coaches.

The Bulldogs had five players named to the team. Bearden was represented by Gabe Alvarez, Kelvin Garcia, Will Lewis, Alex Garcia and Michael Tarantino. Bearden won the Region 2-AAA Championship and swept the District 4-AAA regular-season and tournament titles.

The Warriors were the top team in Class A/AA, capturing district and regional crowns. CAK had four all-KIL selections including

Jon Creel, Anthony Buzzeo, Parker Owen and Matt Zaczyk.

The Spartans had three players chosen to the squad in Connor Jacobs, Cameron Fowler and Kyle Jacobs.

Farragut was the only area team to beat the Bulldogs in 2016 and the Admirals, who were eliminated in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals, had four players named to the squad. John Totten, Dami Omिताomu, Brad Baker and Austin Bihlmeyer were all selected.

Catholic, which posted a runner-

up finish in both District 4-A/AA and District 2-A/AA, was represented on the squad by Andrew Roulier, Christian Kirk and Nate Kochanowski.

South-Doyle had Jared Hixon and Connor Kirk make the team.

Grace Christian Academy had a pair of selections in Landon Hensley and Diego Carrasco. The Rams made the Region 2-A/AA Tournament.

West High's Richy Volny made the team after the Rebels reached the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals.

Three Admirals receive all-KIL baseball honors

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School culminated another stellar baseball season with a return trip to Murfreesboro to the Class AAA State Tournament.

The Admirals didn't quite win a State Championship but they won 38 games --- more than any other team in the state and had three players receive all-Knoxville Interscholastic League honors from the county's coaches.

Senior shortstop Duncan Pence was named to the squad recently along with fellow Admirals Dylan Pacifico (Farragut's senior pitching ace) and Jake Hagenow, who played both catcher and first base. He was also one of the

area's top hitters.

Farragut won the Region 2-AAA Championship and claimed the District 4-AAA regular-season title.

District 4-AAA Tournament Champion Hardin Valley Academy was represented on the squad by a pair of outfielders in Ryder Green and Dylan Harris.

Karns High School won both the District 3-AAA regular-season and tournament championships and won 30 games in 2016 before being eliminated by the Admirals (38-8) in the region tournament semifinals. Beavers pitcher Greg Tye made the team along with Karns outfielder Nick Bauchat.

Christian Academy made its second trip in to the Class AA State Tournament in three seasons. The Warriors, who won the District 4-AAA Tournament title after capturing the regular-season crown, also won the regional championship. They were represented on the squad by pitcher Spencer Strider and infielder Trey Hinton.

Bearden's Bryson Ford was selected to the team along with Powell's Peyton Alford, Central High's Jackson Greer and Grace Christian Academy's Micah Wheeler. Wheeler helped the Rams to a sixth consecutive appearance in the Class A State Tournament. The Grace posted a runner-up finish in Murfreesboro.

Webb's Harrison will now take her volleyball to the beach

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the Spartans repeated as Division II-A state champs this past season. He will continue his soccer career at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

During his distinguished prep career, Jacobs, who had a 4.37 GPA, was selected for Youth Leadership Knoxville program. He also was Student Council Community Service

representative and recipient of Webb's 2016 Warren Heiser Award, which recognizes a male scholar-athlete.

Flatford places in three events at state

Derek Flatford and Madison McCoy were named Anderson County High School's Student-Athletes

of the Year by Athletic Director Gary Terry after both competed in the Class AAA state track and field meet at TSSAA's Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

Flatford placed second in the 110-meter hurdles (14.77 seconds), fourth in the 300 hurdles (39.28) and sixth in the triple jump.

McCoy placed fifth in the discus event with a throw of 120 feet, 8 inches.



Derek Flatford, Anderson County's male Student-Athlete of the Year, competes in the long jump this past season. He scored in three events at the Class AAA state meet.



Connor Jacobs had 22 goals, matching his jersey number, as Webb School's boys repeated as Division II-A state champs this past season.

1st Annual Firecracker 250 planned

By Mike Steely
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Want to do something different that the kids might love too?

How about going to the First Annual Firecracker 250 on Saturday, July 2 at the Smokey Mountain RC Raceway?

RC (or Radio Controlled) race cars aren't like our childhood Hot Wheels or Slot Cars but are those toys' bigger brothers. An RC car is a larger, battery-powered car and people can spend \$250 and up for each vehicle. Each vehicle is customized by the owner and there are different classes of racers, much like NASCAR.

The new Smokey Mountain RC Raceway opened recently at 4924 Strawberry Plains Pike after two years of preparation by Chuck Frazier and Tim McNutt. The pair work with the local Masonic order and have an understanding that if they keep up the lot there and the Masons run the concessions, then the dirt track operates there as a non-profit, Christian-based organization.

RC Racing has become so popular that, aside from the new Smokey Mountain track and ROCCK Racing in Knoxville, there are tracks in Greeneville, Johnson City, Newport, White Pine and other Tennessee locations.

The winner of each race is the car that completes the most laps in a given time. Frazier told The Focus

that it has taken a couple of years to get the sizable track ready, which includes a pit section and a control stand where operators (or drivers) overlook the track and control their cars.

Saturday's Firecracker 250 will feature SC Late Models and Mudboss cars competing for cash prizes. Frazier said that if more than 20 cars enter those races that 2nd and 3rd places could also win paybacks of the entrance fee, which is only \$15.

Other classes of RC cars will also race during the Firecracker 250 and the event will also feature a bounce house, fireworks at dusk, and free food supplied by the Masons. Practice starts at 2 p.m. and the track will be lit for the main heat following the fireworks.

Frazier got into RC racing through his father, Jack Frazier, in 1982 when the family became racing fans. He wants to get youth involved.

"That's what we're all about," he said.

Businesses and individuals can help fund cars for children with a \$250 or larger contribution that goes to purchasing the car frame. The children would then complete the customized body and wheels. Sponsors would get a banner at the track and a mention on the Smokey Mountain R/C Raceway website.

The child's car would remain with the track and be available when the child comes to race.

You can get more information by calling Chuck Frazier at 755-7453 or Google "Smokey Mountain RC Raceway" and you'll also find them on Facebook.

"If we can get a few more businesses on board, these kids will be able to run a full race right alongside with us, free of charge, and have a car provided for them each time they come," McNutt said in an email.

Admission to the Firecracker 250 is free except for the \$15 racing fee.

"I really would like to see a good crowd," McNutt said.



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The First Annual Firecracker 250 will take place Saturday. Two years of work has gone into the dirt track RC track by Chuck Frazier and Tim McNutt as part of their Christian-based racetrack. Above, Racers control their RC Cars from atop the stand and the winner of each race is the car that completes the most laps in a given time. Left, Chuck Frazier with a RC racecars. The cars race in different classes and the track hopes to get youth involved in the sport.





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The Meaning of Things

“Words are the tools we use to express our thoughts.” (I occasionally like to quote myself.) It’s probably good we can’t read each other’s minds, so we’re left with body language and our linguistic communication tools. I sit on an advisory board for the care of the aging, and was recently challenged by the word elderly. According to Mr. Webster, the word elderly refers to those sixty-five years and older, and I learned it includes me.

When I was a kid my parents would sometimes ask a neighborhood teenager to babysit my brothers and me - I hated that word. I remember this beautiful blond girl who seemed so cool and sophisticated to an eleven year old. Now, I realize this goddess was a high school junior. Perhaps “older” is just perspective. I told my son-in-law that I didn’t feel “elderly,” and he chafed

at the notion his thirty fifth birthday defined him as “middle age.”

A friend of mine says we think in pictures or images to which we then assign words. I drive a red truck. I can describe my vehicle to you because we share a common vision of pickup trucks and because most of us don’t have red-green colorblindness. Figures of speech, such as similes and metaphors, help us understand each other and provide nuanced communication. However, sometimes the original meaning of a metaphor becomes lost with time and the resulting idiom is so obscure as to be unintelligible. An example is the idiom, it’s raining cats and dogs, but literally, it’s not. My Burundi church friends have trouble with this figure of speech, and others because they come from a vastly different culture.

After medical school doctors learn the practical aspects of patient care during an internship and residency. As a resident in internal medicine I was occasionally flummoxed by Memphian colloquialisms. I had to learn that a “bealed ear” had nothing to do with Beale Street, but was a local description of a middle ear infection. The locals in Memphis understood hypertension as “high-blood.” “Low-blood” meant anemia, and “bad-blood” referred to the street term “sick as hell anemia” (sickle cell anemia), so prevalent in the black population.

I vividly remember an elderly black man I admitted to the hospital one night with congestive heart failure due to a leaky heart valve. The characteristic murmur of aortic valve regurgitation was obvious, but the timber of his heart sounds suggested dilation of the aorta, characteristic of syphilitic aortitis. My patient denied any knowledge of syphilis or treatment for this scourge. Supervision by an experienced clinician is an integral aspect of medical training. I presented my patient to the experienced staff attending physician the next day as we made hospital rounds. After hearing my presentation he

examined “Mr. Jones” and then asked him if he’d ever received “shots on the green.”

“Ah, yessir, I had deem shots,” Mr. Jones replied.

I was clueless what “shots on the green” meant. After shaking Mr. Jones’ hand the senior physician led me and our medical team into the hallway and explained the idiom to us. Until penicillin was available to the public in the late 1940s, patients with syphilis were treated with arsenicals. You may recall the movie Out of Africa where Meryl Streep’s character returned to Denmark to receive arsenicals as treatment for syphilis, a gift from her philandering husband. It was not uncommon for health officials in the 1930s to give “shots on village green” to patients with syphilis.

I once devoted a Focus essay to patient’s malapropisms. I love to find the perfect word for an idea. If you don’t know this word look it up and enjoy “the word of the week.” In medical school you learn a new language, the language of science based on Latin and Greek derivations of words. I’m not critical of patients who describe pain in their “lar-n-ix” (larynx) or of others who describe “cartridges” (cartilage) in their knees or mistakenly refer to uterine

fibroids as “fireballs” of the uterus. Medical terminology can be a challenge to anyone. I’m more critical of people who describe the “col-yums” on their front porch.

Concierge medicine is in vogue in Knoxville these days where it is advertised on the radio and described on television and in the local newspaper. I’ve been practicing concierge medicine two and a half years, apparently under the radar. I use Siri on my iPhone to dictate patient notes which I then print for patients’ charts. I’m “off the grid” of electronic medical records as well. However, I have to be careful with Apple’s voice activated app. Siri desires to correct my medical terms and recently changed my dictation to say that “Mrs. Jones [was intimate] with her husband all afternoon.” Siri doesn’t comprehend Latin and Greek medical terms very well, and apparently is insensitive to decorum!

Common sense is one of the four classical (cardinal) virtues which our politicians now ask us to ignore. I was given a book some years ago called “The Death of Common Sense,” and things haven’t gotten any better. Virtue is defined as adhering to a standard. But what if there

are no standards and everything is relative? Or what if fundamental standards are renounced? An apostate is someone who has renounced his former beliefs. Apostates of virtue are now lauded as morally superior to others. Many have embraced the Big Lie, a term coined by Adolf Hitler in his book, “Mein Kampf” (My Struggle). And the damage done by these reprobrates is compounded as they mislead the willfully uninformed and low information crowd.

This election in November is more crucial to America’s future than any before. We’ll have one of two choices since the Libertarian candidate is a wasted vote. I wasted my vote years ago when I pulled the lever for Ross Perot. I will not make that mistake again. Our choices are a loud-mouth street fighter or a dishonest career politician. Smirnoff would say, “What a country.”

(If you liked this essay, try my book of short essays called, “Well... What Did the Doctor Say?” The book is available online at Amazon and Barnes&Noble. Check it out!)

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New Center's Beta Club Blesses Smoky Mountain Children's Home

A staggering 400,000 American children are in foster care! Most of these children get handed a black trash bag to put a few of their belongings in before they are taken away. If they have to move again, they are often handed another black trash bag. Imagine being one of these children! Children are MORE than trash bags! A group of highly motivated young people from New Center Middle School set a goal to do something about this problem. They are led by their sponsors, Tiffany Rock and Jennifer Fox.

The school's Junior Beta Club wanted foster children in our area to know that

they have value! So, they went to work with a non-profit organization called, "Together We Rise," to help area children and youth realize they deserve more than a trash bag. "Together We Rise" specializes in providing opportunities for foster children. The middle school students set a lofty goal of raising enough money to provide 50 "Sweet Cases" to help children in Sevier County. However, through student fundraising efforts, the New Center Beta Club was able to raise enough money to provide a grand total of 128 cases. Incredible! These "Sweet Cases" are comprised of a duffel bag filled with a stuffed

animal, blanket, hygiene kit, coloring book and crayons. Each child will actually keep the bag and take it with him/her as they go on their journey.

Recently, the New Center Beta traveled to the Smoky Mountain Children's Home to present the cases to Dr. Walt and Tammie Mauldin, Executive Director, of the home in hopes of positively impacting these children and young people's lives. Dr. Mauldin stated, "We were so thankful for the kindness shown by New Center Beta, and sincerely thank them for their work. Their efforts will be remembered for years to come!"



New Center's Junior Beta Club with Dr. Walt and Tammie Mauldin

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **September 1, 2016 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by PATRICK C WOODSIDE JR, to DAVID W. KIOUS, Trustee, on December 23, 2011, as Instrument No. 201201040036422 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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

SITUATED IN THE EIGHTH (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 230, SHANNON VALLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, SECTION A, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200809290022323, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF ANY COMMON PROPERTY, AND SUBJECT TO ALL COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AS SET FORTH IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200903180058660, AND AS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID MAP OF RECORD, BOTH OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

SUBJECT TO THE NOTES AND OTHER INDICATED RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, ON SAID PLAT OR PLATS AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, COVENANTS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, CHARGES AND LIENS REFLECTED IN THE DECLARATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS FILED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE NOTES, EASEMENTS, PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE. ALSO CONVEYED ARE ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO ANY ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS OF RECORD AT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO PATRICK C. WOODSIDE, JR., A SINGLE PERSON, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM SMITHBILT, LLC, A TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT # 200909240021935 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

DESCRIPTION CONTAINED HEREIN WAS TAKEN FROM A PRIOR DEED AND WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF AN UPDATED SURVEY. PREPARER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE ACCURACY OF SAID DESCRIPTION.

Tax ID: 049EC-030
Current Owner(s) of Property: PATRICK C WOODSIDE JR

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **6144 EVENING STAR LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None
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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

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

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 367-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded

at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 15-003389-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, JOHN R. ROAN, or JERRY A. BRIDENBAUGH, Substitute Trustee(s)
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:
Home Federal Bank of Tennessee
Patricia Ann Cathey

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by :Leona W. Cathey, Single, dated May 24, 2011, and recorded as Instrument No. 201106030069810, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'clock A. M. on **July 20, 2016** at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 18th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lots 19 and 20, Block F, Linwood First Addition, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 7, Page 17, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

THERE IS EXCEPTED from the above property, the Eastern 15 feet to Lot 19, Block F, as adjoins Lot 18.

BEING the same property conveyed to Joe Cathey, Jr. and wife, Leona W. Cathey by Earnest L. Lambert (same person as Ernest L. Lambert) and wife, Rosella Lambert by Warranty Deed dated July 11, 1991, of record in Deed Book 2045, Page 348, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Joe Cathey, Jr. died on or about August 11, 2006, leaving Leona W. Cathey as his surviving widow and tenant by the entirety and they were man and wife at the time of his death, having never been divorced. See Affidavit of record in Instrument No. 201106030069808, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Reference is also made to Affidavit of record in Instrument No. 201106030069809, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, stating that Earnest L. Lambert (aka Ernest L. Lambert) and Rosella Lambert are deceased thereby extinguishing the life estates retained in the aforementioned Deed;

and BEING the same property conveyed to Patricia Ann Cathey, by Leona W. Cathey, Unmarried Widow, by Quit Claim Deed dated June 1, 2015, and recorded as Instrument No. 201506030066272, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, subject to the Life Estate retained by Leona W. Cathey. Leona W. Cathey died testate on August 21, 2015, thus extinguishing the Life Estate retained in the said Quit Claim Deed.

THIS conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building set-back line, existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **347 Atlantic Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917**; Control No. 081BD-044, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply, or re-advertise and sell at a second sale.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set forth above.

IDENTIFICATION

Said sale will be made subject to superior unpaid liens, claims and taxes, and to rights of tenants in possession, if any.

Said sale is being made upon the request of Home Federal Bank of Tennessee, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Trust Deed due to the failure of said makers to comply with all provisions of said Trust Deed.

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

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Published: June 27, 2016; July 4, 2016; July 11, 2016

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 3, 2012, executed by MARLA J. RUSSELL, conveying certain real property therein described to FNC TITLE SERVICES, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 11, 2012, at Instrument Number 201209110016543;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 28, 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:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 52, CORRECTED PLAT, WOOD HAVEN SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET N, SLIDE 376-A, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 148CA-052
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2237 WINNERS DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**. 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): MARLA J. RUSSELL
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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Ad #99490: 2016-06-27 2016-07-04, 2016-07-11

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 7, 2005, executed by CLAUDE CARL BOONE, APRIL JONES, conveying certain real property therein described to KEVIN JONES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 11, 2005, at Instrument Number 200507110002930;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company who is now the owner of said debt;

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

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

will, on **July 21, 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:

BEING ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF A TRUST DEED FROM CLAUDE CARL BOONE, WIDOWER, TO AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., DATED JULY 7, 2005. SITUATED IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TN, WITHIN THE 41ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF MOSS DRIVE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EXISTING SOUTHWEST LINE OF MOSS DRIVE, DISTANT NORTH 73 DEG. 38 MIN. WEST 131.4 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF MOSS DRIVE WITH THE WEST LINE OF FLAGLER ROAD; THENCE PARTLY WITH A FENCE LINE AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 8 AND 7, BLOCK B, BISCAVNE SUBDIVISION, SOUTH 3 DEG. 45 MIN. WEST 367.1 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO COURTNEY; THENCE WITH COURTNEY'S NORTH LINE, SOUTH 75 DEG. 31 MIN. WEST 124.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF A RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY, NORTH 4 DEG. 22 MIN. EAST 486.4 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EXISTING SOUTHWEST LINE OF MOSS DRIVE THENCE WITH SAID LINE, SOUTH 50 DEG. 51 MIN. EAST 138.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF BATSON & HIMES, ENGINEERS, DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1968, SAID PREMISES BEING IMPROVED WITH DWELLING BEARING NO. 5004 MOSS DRIVE.

Parcel ID: 080FJ043
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5004 MOSS DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912**. 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): APRIL JONES

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Lillian G. Folsom executed a Deed of Trust to CitiFinancial, Inc., Lender and Brian Darnell, Trustee(s), which was dated May 23, 2001 and recorded on May 25, 2001 in Instrument No. 200105250082306, 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, CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, successor by merger to CitiFinancial, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, (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 12, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land in Ninth Civil District, Knox County, State of Tennessee, as more fully described in Deed Inst#199907280007701 ID# 147KE-009, being known and designated as Lot 16, Block X, Revised Unit 10 of the First Addition

to Arrowhead Subdivision, filled in Map Book 45-S, Page 25.

This being the same property conveyed to Lillian G. Folsom and Spouse, if any, from James Ellis Bradley and Gregory Lynn Bradley, by Deed Dated 07/20/1999 and Recorded 07/27/1999 in Inst# 199907280007701, Knox County Records, State of Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 147KE009
Address/Description: **6345 Bowstring Trail, Knoxville, TN 37920.**

Current Owner(s): Estate of Lillian G. Folsom.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
Brentwood, TN 37027
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 14-26315 FCO1

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 10, 2007, executed by CAROLE M. CLARKE, JAMES S. CLARKE, conveying certain real property therein described to TROY D. BROWN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 16, 2007, at Instrument Number 200708160014854;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT EIGHT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 86, CAMPBELLS POINT, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 199906110204073 AND INSTRUMENT NO. 199906110204074, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAPS SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 013 BA 038
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **8123 CAMPBELLS PT RD, CORYTON, 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): CAROLE M. CLARKE, JAMES S. CLARKE

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ORNL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, KATHERINE SCHELL YEAGER
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.

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 18, 2016 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by FLOYD TIM HATMAKER, to PRIORITY TRUSTEE SERVICES OF TENNESSEE, LLC, Trustee, on December 28, 2004, as Instrument No. 200501030052895 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION 2005-S3

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

SITUATED IN THE SIXTH (6TH) DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT 65, SUMMER HALL, UNIT III, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200406180116127, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FLOYD TIM HATMAKER, UNMARRIED BY WARRANTY DEED FROM SMITHBILT, LLC DATED 12/28/2004 AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200501030052892, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND CONDITIONS OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 20030940036338 AND PLAT OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200307090003717, INSTRUMENT NO. 200401280072992 AND PLAT OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200311260056920, AND INSTRUMENT NO. 200407290008976 AND PLAT OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200406180116127 ALL IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 038IG009-19406
Current Owner(s) of Property: FLOYD TIM HATMAKER

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **2919 PORCH SWING RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938-4085**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS AND WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-0PT1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-0PT1 - SENIOR DOT

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

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

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

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 367-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 16-000865-670
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Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail

Pioneering trail blazers: Daniel Boone. Davy Crockett. Grandma Gatewood? The story of Gatewood, the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail (AT) alone, will be the topic of the next presentation in the Southern Appalachian Studies series.

"Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail" will be presented by Anne Van Curen and Burt Emmerson on Monday, June 27, at 7 p.m., at the Blount County Public Library.

In this two-part presentation, Van Curen portrays Grandma Gatewood, a 67-year-old great-grandmother who hiked the 2,050 mile AT when it was a little-known footpath. The monologue is based on the book "Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail" by Ben Montgomery.

The second half of the program will feature Bert "Wildcat" Emerson who will relate how hiking has changed since Grandma Gatewood's walk.

Van Curen, an RN at Blount Memorial Hospital and hiking enthusiast, has hiked many miles throughout the Smokies and is currently hiking portions of the AT. Van Curen's talent for bringing characters to life through monologues shines as she shares stories of "the indomitable, irascible Gatewood" and her experiences of hiking the AT.

Emmerson, Holston Conference Trail Chaplain, through-hiked the AT in 2004, the Pacific Crest Trail in 2005 and the Continental Divide Trail in 2007. He enjoys assisting others in their preparation for hiking and equipment selection.

Open to the public, this program is hosted by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville, where services are an example of your tax dollars at work for you.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org.



Anne Van Curen

South Knox Seniors

The South Knoxville Senior Center is having an ART SHOW highlighting paintings by artists from our own Wednesday Art Class. Art will be on display July 20-27th at the South Knox Senior Center. Some of the art will be for sale. You are welcome to come and view the art between 8:00 and 3:30 p.m. You will also have the opportunity to vote on your favorite painting. A reception will be held on Wednesday, July 20 from 1-3 p.m. The Art Class instructor is Sandra Curtis.

Please join the center in writing letters to our military. The South Knoxville Senior Center will be collecting cards, letters, prayer messages, etc. of appreciation for our military. Every week the letters will be mailed to Cosby High School and forwarded on to the appropriate military troops. Just drop off your mail at the front desk of the center. Please see the "DO's and "DON'T's" so the men and women are able to receive the much appreciated mail from home.

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20 minutes. Cool.

Vanilla Filling:

1 (10 oz.) pkg. vanilla chips
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
¼ cup whipping cream

Melt chips with cream cheese in microwave. Beat
in whipping cream. Place on top of crust.

Fruit Topping:

¼ cup sugar
½ tsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. cornstarch
Assorted fresh fruit
½ cup pineapple juice

Mix sugar and cornstarch; stir in juices. Cook until
thick. Arrange fruit on top and pour juice mixture
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