

The Mynatt Family

Three generations of local referees

By Ken Lay

Gene Mynatt has passed his family business down to two generations. Well, sort of. Mynatt has been a longtime official for scholastic sports in the Knoxville Area and he now works on a football crew with his son Shane, a one-time basketball star with Christenberry Middle School and football player for Fulton High. And a third-generation Mynatt, Jared, has put on the stripes for Friday night football games in recent years. Jared, 24, is Gene's grandson and Shane's nephew.

Gene, who began officiating basketball games in 1981, has always had a love for sports. "I started in 1981 and I started doing basketball games," said Gene, who worked for Bell Telephone Company and AT & T before retiring and dedicating his professional life to officiating. "I always enjoyed basketball." Gene started as a basketball referee and later moved to football and softball. He'll turn 70 in March and hopes to work through the 2017-18 school year.

"I'll probably get out next year," he said. "I'll miss it. I enjoy it because it keeps me young. I've made a lot of friends with coaches and the other officials."

Gene's love of sports was passed down to Shane, who after his playing days with the Falcons, put on stripes on Friday nights.

Like Gene, Shane has served as a referee in football and basketball. He's still a softball umpire and he is also a former baseball umpire.

"You build some great relationships," Shane said. "It's great to work with Dad."

"Dad's never one to correct you on the field but after the game, he may pull you aside and say 'Hey, you might've called that play a little differently. Working with Dad has really helped me and it's helped Jared."

Jared has been officiating for six seasons and he'll receive the profession's highest high school honor. He's been tapped to work at the Blue Cross Bowl, in one of Tennessee's High School State Championship football games. Shane worked the Blue Cross Bowl in 2006.

"I'm really looking forward to that, I'm excited," Jared said. "I don't know which game I'll get. We'll find that out once it's

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Beer sales near churches resolution delayed

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What seemed to be a foregone conclusion to drop the current 300 feet required between churches and beer retailers saw some church opposition Tuesday night. The Knoxville City Council heard Jack Wallace and Carlos Harmon of Oakwood Baptist and Doug Stauffer of Antioch Baptist speak against the measure.

Opponents of the measure said

there wasn't enough time to respond before the measure was passed on first reading two weeks ago. One councilman noted that articles in local newspapers, and specially The Knoxville Focus, came out one day prior to Tuesday's meeting.

"Three hundred feet isn't enough," said Jack Wallace, a deacon at Oakwood, urging the council not only to reject dropping any distance between

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Jack Wallace speaks against eliminating the distance between city beer retailers and local churches. The decision was postponed two weeks. Photo by Mike Steely.

Sign ordinance to change for hospitals, entertainment districts

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A move to alter the city's year-old sign ordinance to allow signs at hospitals for emergency care was strongly opposed Tuesday night but the council voted to send the idea to the planning commission to come up with a proposal.

Planning Commission staff Dan Kelly said the MPC was busy but would do as instructed but major opposition came from Joyce Feld, President of Scenic Knoxville.

"You are going to open a big can of worms if you open this back up," she said to the council regarding tweaking the current ordinance.

The council also asked the MPC to look at creating a sign ordinance for "entertainment overlays" in certain parts of the city, such as Happy Hollar and Cumberland Avenue.

Councilman Nick Pavlis called the sign ordinance a "living and breathing document" and said it is now reasonable to look at creating such districts considering potential for Knoxville. He also said that two or three taverns would not be an entertainment district.

Vice Mayor Duane

Grieve said that Pavlis called him about the idea and said that tweaks of the ordinance "are going to take place." Pavlis said the look at creation of the entertainment overlay sign ordinance "won't take three years, I promise that." The current overall sign ordinance, championed by Grieve, took that long before adoption.

In other business the council voted to change the name of the Sharps Ridge Memorial Park to "Sharps Ridge Veterans Memorial Park" on requests from Councilmen Mark Campen and Marshall Stair. The Veterans Heritage Site Foundation, who have adopted the park and are promoting several changes there, were present for the vote.

The council also voted, on first reading, to adjust the city's compensation plan for employees and postponed a decision on an agreement to lease the old city hall. They also voted to rezone a property on Texas Avenue from residential to Office. The building is the former Boilermaker's Building and the change was supported by the Lonsdale United for Change organization.



Members of the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation cheered as the city council voted to add "Veterans" to the name of the Sharps Ridge Memorial Park.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knoxville honored the service of its U.S. military veterans with a focus on Marines with the City's 91st annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11.

Wreaths Across America in Knoxville needs your help

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Veterans Day was last week but there's another event coming to honor veterans and you can get involved. On December 17 wreaths will be placed on graves at Knox County's three veteran cemeteries. Wreaths Across America is offering a free wreath for every two wreaths that are sponsored.

Ronnie Collins, President of the Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association, reminded everyone of the effort earlier this month.

"I first heard about it two years ago and have contributed and helped lay wreaths. As a veteran it is just a small way of giving back," Collins told The Focus. "I'm just trying to make sure all three cemeteries get completely covered."

The national effort goes back many years to Morrill Worchester, owner of the Worchester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine. A childhood trip to Washington, D. C., included a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. In 1992 Worchester's company had a lot of leftover wreaths and decided to place them in an older section of the Arlington graveyard. He did so for several years and, in 2005, a photo of the wreath effort there circulated

on the internet.

He began getting requests for wreaths from several states but he could only send seven wreaths to the states. In 2007 Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization was formed with the slogan "Remember, Honor, Teach."

Two years ago the campaign placed over 700,000 wreaths at 1,000 locations including Pearl Harbor, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the site of the September 11 Memorial.

In 2015 County Mayor Tim Burchett took up the tribute and, that year, about \$36,000 was raised and 1,900 local graves were so honored.

The three Knox County cemeteries are the National Cemetery on Tyson Street, the Old East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lions View Pike and the new East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway.

"It's so important to always honor our veterans and to not forget those who have served and are now gone," said Mayor Burchett. "There's a special feeling families get when they drive past one of our veteran cemeteries in Knox County and see a wreath of live greenery placed on

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Bits of News About Local Education

Board of Education to meet today

The Knox County Board of Education will hold its mid-month work session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, in the boardroom on the first floor of the Andrew Johnson Building (912 S. Gay Street). The full agenda and available supporting documentation for the mid-month work session are available on the Board of Education page of Knox County Schools website. Supporting documents may be viewed where available on the website or downloaded in a PDF form. The mid-month work session will be broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 10 and streamed live at knoxschools.org.

Deathridge Appointed to TSBA Board of Directors

Gloria Deathridge, a member of Knox County Schools Board of Education representing District 1, has been appointed to a one-year term on the Tennessee School Board Association's Board of Directors. The appointment to serve as one of four at-large members was confirmed at the board's meeting on Nov. 5, during the TSBA convention that was held over the

weekend in Nashville. Ms. Deathridge was first elected to the Knox County school board in September 2010, and served as vice-chair in 2013. She was re-elected to the school board in 2014. TSBA is a non-profit, private service organization whose mission is to assist school boards in effectively governing school districts. TSBA provides school board members a collective voice in matters of legislation and public education concerns.

Halls High hosting Swim-A-Thon fundraiser

The Halls High School Swim Team is hosting a swim-a-thon fundraiser, Swim for The Change - Kids Helping Kids, on Thursday, December 8 at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. Celebrity swimmers will swim with swimmers from the Halls Swim Team and the Tennessee School for the Deaf. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Halls Swim Team and The Change Center. "In addition to being student athletes, I'm proud that members of the swim team are developing into young men and women who are interested in community service," said Halls High School Swim

Team Head Coach Frank Nauss. "As part of the team's community service project we wanted to help another community in their desire to make a change for the better. Our kids believe that all of Knoxville is better when we help each other to succeed."

The Change Center is a recreational facility being constructed in the heart of the center city of Knoxville. The Change Center will provide youth in and around the inner city a safe place to find hope and opportunity. Projected to open in late 2017, the Center will have free admission and moderate activity fees for attractions, games, and concessions. In addition, The Change Center Jobs Initiative will include job training, direct entry-level jobs for young people within the Center, connections to jobs in the greater community, and entrepreneurial job creation.

"My heart is overjoyed! This phenomenal gesture is really beautiful and continues to demonstrate that the community wants to change," said Nicole Chandler, Executive Director of The Change Center. "The Halls High School Swim team is a shining example of what happens when young people become engaged in developing social responsibility doing their part in their own way to be

part of the change."

Student Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Fulton High School's KeKe McKinney signed her National Letter of Intent with the University of Kentucky Wednesday, November 9 in the Fulton High School auditorium. At the Christian Academy of Knoxville, golfers Davis Shore signed to the University of Alabama, Emma Wasson signed to Lipscomb University and Caroline Cavin signed to Western Kentucky University. Softball player Lexi Harmon signed to Arkansas Tech University and volleyballer Caroline Henderson signed to Presbyterian College. CAK had three baseball players sign letters of intent: Hudson Chastain to Transylvania University, Lucas Sykes to Cleveland State Community College and Spencer Strider to Clemson University. From Hardin Valley Academy, swimmer Erica Laning signed with Arizona State, rower Morgan Senogles to University of Louisville, volleyball player Caroline Waite to Appalachian State, and soccer players Paige Hewitt signed with Belmont University and Maggie Wilson with University of the South.

Shannondale Elementary to hold Shopping Bazaar

Local vendors and shops in Fountain City will be participating in the Shannondale Shopping Bazaar on Thursday, November 17 from 4-8 p.m. The public is invited to come to the Shannondale Elementary School gym to browse local wares and services and help support Shannondale. Concessions and childcare will be available.

Family and community involvement at school is a key factor in the success of the students and providing the high level of education at Shannondale! Throughout the year, there are many activities and events like this one that benefit the school to create funds necessary to offer programs such as Accelerated Reader, Ticket to Read, iXL, and fitness. There are many other benefits such as the school clinic, safety cameras, the school directory, teacher supplies, field trip supplements and scholarships, technology upgrades, playground mulch, landscaping, etc.

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beer vendors and churches but also to strengthen the current regulations.

"I'm not interested in protecting landlords," he said in response to claims that more and more churches are locating in shopping centers and by locating there it inhibits landlords from renting space to beer sellers.

Oakwood pastor Carlos Harmon also asked the council to prohibit any church from serving beer for special events, saying, "Removal of the buffer zone is shortsighted."

Stauffer asked the council to reduce the number of retailers and cited churches who have schools and playgrounds for children. Quoting scripture Stauffer said the "Bible explicitly says it should not be done." He noted that all four major cities in the state have restrictions on the distance between beer sales and churches.

"Fairness demands that we move it until two weeks," Councilman Nick Della Volpe said.

Councilman George Wallace, who had voted with the majority to drop the distance, said he had no objection to the delay and added the current

regulations doesn't stop the sale of liquor near a church if a business gets a state license.

"We're trying to be fair to businesses," he said.

Councilman Marshall Stair said the proposed ordinance "doesn't do a lot" and added, "It makes sense to go ahead and vote it."

"There hasn't been a lot of complaints," Councilwoman Brenda Palmer said.

"The whole culture is changing," said Councilman Duane Grieve, who had opposed the change but added, "I've changed my mind over the past several months."

When Councilman Wallace agreed with the idea of delaying a decision the council voted 5-4 to postpone the matter. Voting to postpone were Councilmen Mark Campen, Della Volpe, Daniel Brown, Nick Pavlis and Wallace.

Rev. Rodney Arnold, who led the proposal to drop the distance, spoke before the vote and said the churches in his group has grown to fifteen.

"This is not a matter of theology, the current state law negates city law and doesn't protect churches," Arnold said.

Provisional ballots holding up Smith-Johnson race

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With only 154 votes difference between State Legislator Eddie Smith and former legislator Gloria Johnson, the Democrat is holding off conceding until absentee and provisional ballots are counted.

Chris Davis of the Election Commission told The Focus that counting the provisional ballots probably won't start until today (Monday) and often about half or more are thrown out because of bad addresses, etc. He also said that the 597 provisional ballots come from across the county and not just the Smith-Johnson race's district.

Smith leads the race by the narrow margin, similar to his victory two years ago when he unseated Johnson. The 13th District is one of the county's urban districts.

Johnson said she is speaking with her attorneys and waiting the final results. She has not conceded the election. Wednesday afternoon Johnson filed an injunction with the Chancery Court demanding that Cliff Rogers and the Election Commission turn over a list of those provisional ballots. She said that given an election law requiring provisional ballot voters to appear within 48 hours of the election and validate their ballot that they didn't have time to respond. She claims that there may be enough of the provisional votes in her district to change the outcome.

Johnson and her campaign staff want to assist the ballot casters in obtaining the documentation so their individual ballots will count. She said the names of the



State Legislator Eddie Smith with his wife, Lana, and their children after voting in Tuesday's election. Smith is the winner of his re-election efforts for the 13th District unless the provisional ballots boost Johnson ahead.

provisional ballot voters from the in her district should be divided from the counted ballots and the names and addresses be delivered to her.

Until the provisional ballots are counted Smith has received 11,160 votes or 50.35 percent and Johnson received 11,006 votes or 46.65 percent.

In the 15th District, the most urban state district in Knox County, Rick Staples easily defeated Pete Drew and write-in candidate Rhonda Gallman. He replaces resigning state legislator Joe Armstrong.

Staples got 65.40 % of the votes.

All of the other incumbent Republican state house members in our area were reelected.

Congressman Jimmy Duncan, Jr., was easily re-elected with 71.6 percent against his Democratic opponent Stuart Starr. State Senator Becky Duncan Massey ran unopposed for re-election.

Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in Knox County for U.S. President, getting 58.98% of the vote.



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Publisher's Position President Trump



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When Donald Trump first announced his intention to seek the Republican presidential nomination, his declaration was greeted with little enthusiasm from many GOP regulars and a collective giggle from the ruling elite and the mainstream media. Just last week, Donald J. Trump won arguably the biggest upset in the history of our presidential elections. Keep in mind, on his way to the White House, Donald Trump obliterated two political dynasties: Bush and Clinton.

As election night progressed, the expected landslide for Hillary Clinton failed to materialize. The television news commentary seemed unable to grasp the numbers coming in; not only was Donald Trump not losing, he was actually winning. The commentators stared into the cameras, their body language jerky and stiff, their voices barely able to speak the unthinkable. The New York Times had predicted

Hillary Clinton's chances of being elected president at 87%. Throughout election night, that barometer continued to move ever downward until finally the New York Times concluded there was a 91% chance Donald Trump would be elected.

The truth is neither the Democrats nor the professional left had believed a Trump victory in the general election was remotely possible. There was a particular contempt on the part of the pollsters, political professionals, Hollywood celebrities and media elite if anyone had the temerity to diverge from any opinion that did not end with the coronation of Hillary Clinton. Obviously, millions of working Americans did not fail to notice the ostentatious snobbery and smug self-righteousness.

The Democrats had foolishly allowed Hillary Clinton, a deeply flawed candidate by any measure, to have the field to herself; it was Hillary's "turn" and most Democrats failed to see the warning signs when an eccentric 74 year-old socialist from Vermont proclaimed himself to be a Democrat and challenged Clinton in the primaries. Bernie Sanders gave Hillary Clinton all she could stand and more besides; had she not already been anointed by the Democratic ruling class and been awarded virtually all of the super delegates, it would have been a horse race. Sanders did manage to move Clinton

even farther to the left.

The ruling elite inside the Republican party was no wiser than their Democratic counterparts, settling on Jeb Bush as the most electable candidate Republicans could field in 2016. Bush proved to be anything but electable, spending \$150 million and not winning a single delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Most of the signs were there for just about anybody to see, had they bothered to look. Trump vanquished 16 credible and a few not-so-credible challengers in the primaries, winning more votes than any other Republican presidential candidate in history along the way. In spite of Hillary Clinton's flaws, Democrats were smug in their belief she would crush the non-politician Trump. Democrats had been equally certain Jimmy Carter would sweep the nation when running against the actor Ronald Reagan.

Democrats truly believed there was a new world order with the reign of Barack Obama. It was not difficult for the average American to perceive many of these folks viewed the Age of Obama as the rise of the educated, delighting in the notion they were celebrating multiculturalism, as well as a solid belief in globalism at the expense of Americanism. In the wake of riots, police killings and a failure to address the enemies of America, ordinary

Americans were uneasy.

John Podesta's emails readily acknowledged Hillary Clinton "hated" ordinary Americans, a disdain that neither she nor Barack Obama much bothered to hide, save in election years. The Democrats truly believed the coming of Barack Obama had reshaped the United States of America, if not the world.

Obama campaigned hard for Clinton, telling voters the election of Donald Trump would be a repudiation of him and his administration. Obama was supposedly riding a wave of popularity, but his popularity was assessed by the very same pollsters who ascertained Hillary Clinton was unbeatable.

Obama frequently ruled by decree, bypassing the Congress through Executive Orders, to enact an agenda that thrilled the left yet could never pass Congress. Now much or most of Barack Obama's legacy can be swept away with the stroke of President Donald Trump's pen.

The Republicans who had been amongst the ruling elite were as stunned by Trump's victory every bit as much as the Democrats. No Republican presidential candidate has carried Wisconsin since Ronald Reagan in 1984; no Republican presidential candidate has carried Pennsylvania or Michigan since 1988. Donald Trump managed a feat that neither John

McCain nor Mitt Romney could manage; not only did he win, but he won by taking away states believed to be solidly in Hillary Clinton's column. The Midwest was perceived by the elite to be Hillary Clinton's impregnable fortress, but Donald Trump battered down the doors and sacked the castles.

Many Republican establishment figures, including Tennessee's own governor Bill Haslam, refused to endorse the GOP nominee. Now with the advent of a Trump administration they are likely to be found on the outside looking in, bereft of influence on a national level. Certainly none of the apostates will likely be successful in aspiring to higher office nor will they likely be successful in choosing their own successors.

The media felt secure in an all out assault on Trump during the general election, believing Clinton was certain to be elected and they risked little by doing all they could to stop Trump. There was not even a pretense on the part of most of the media they were reporting news, but rather trying to influence opinion. Polls that did not conform to the accepted wisdom of Hillary Clinton's imminent election were derided as "outliers" and today those same folks are now seen as shrewd pollsters. Trump's election left the mainstream media exposed as being completely, utterly and abjectly WRONG. In the end,

they reeled in disbelief the American people paid so little attention to them. The election results indicate it will be decades before the mainstream media gains any real credibility with the public.

The Democrats and the professional left were shocked their own worldview was rejected at the polls. Trump's election was a blow to not only the ruling class, the news media, those who believe the government owes them a living and more besides, but the insufferable folks who like to consider themselves social justice warriors who are intent upon forcing what they deem to be politically correct down the throats of other Americans.

Donald Trump is the first person in American history to be elected President of the United States who did not lead an army or hold an office before becoming Chief Executive. Trump owes very little to anyone after being elected; Trump was opposed by virtually every special interest group in the country as well as the elite media, Wall Street and most politicians. This is unprecedented in American politics.

For those folks pondering a move to Canada or Mexico, Godspeed. You won't be missed. There are tens of millions of Americans who really do want to see this country become great again.

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determined [what teams] will get there."

Jared is a recent graduate of Fulton, so he won't call the Class 4A Title game if the Falcons make it.

Gene and Shane work on the same crew and Jared is part of another but that doesn't mean that the family trio doesn't sometimes get to work together.

"Sometimes, you have Gene, Shane and Jared," Shane said. "It's great to get to work with your family."

Gene, with his 35 years of officiating experience, is always the head referee when he takes the field.

"I have to be the boss," he said.

"Both these guys played high school football and they wanted a way to stay in the game.

"But the biggest thing that every young official has to learn is that you can't be a fan. This is a job and you're there to work. It takes a while for every young official to learn that. It's a tough transition."

Jared, who once had aspirations to play college football, got into officiating while attending college at Pellissippi State Community College.

"I originally wanted to play college football and I was at Pellissippi taking classes and my grandfather suggested that I get into officiating," Jared said. "It was a way for me to stay in the

game.

"I work on Larry Keck's crew and Gene, Shane and I always get to do an eighth-grade game together at John Tarleton Park. It's great to do this with your family because you know that they will always have your back. At first, it was hard not to be a fan but you have to learn to watch the people that you're supposed to be watching.

Being an official is serious business. Crews must be at the game an hour-and-a-half before kickoff. The members meet at a predetermined site and travel together.

"We talk about the rules on the way to the game," Gene said. "Then after the game, we get together at Shoney's to eat. We

see some fans there sometimes who know that we're officials.

"When I retire, I'll miss those trips to Shoney's the most."

Jared noted that there's always time for fun.

"We like to cut up and sometimes, we get on Larry or Gene," he said. "We love to joke around."

Shane also began officiating in college. He does softball and football and like Gene, he's left basketball. He's been around long enough to call games involving his former teammates' and friend's children and grandchildren.

He gave up baseball early in his career but remains in football and softball.

"I used to umpire in baseball but it got to the place where I didn't really enjoy it," Shane said.

He said he now can handle fans. Because as an official, he knows that he's not going to make everybody happy.

"The biggest thing that you have to understand is that fans see things through their team's eyes," Shane said. "We have to watch the whole game.

"A fan sees his team on offense and he's not really concerned about what the other team is doing on defense until the ball is snapped."

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Want a tasty walking tour of downtown Knoxville? How about dining your way along Gay Street or Market Square and discovering a bit of history along the way?

If your walking shoes are ready and you've got a hearty appetite then Lauren Quinn's East TN Tours is waiting to guide you or your party to five different local restaurants, all for one price, and you'll enjoy a three-hour gastronomic adventure. Quinn also books tours for large groups like churches and clubs, and the tours are perfect for date nights, birthdays, and anniversaries!

"I can have anywhere from two to twelve people on the tour, but can accommodate more with advance notice and special requests," Quinn told The Focus. "We start the tours at Visit Knoxville, where guests are given discount coupons from local business for later use." The tour is \$89 each as of now, but will likely be set to a lower price starting in January 2017, and stops include places like Frussions, Deli, Clancy's, Archers Barbeque, FIVE bar and finishes up with dessert at Sugar Mama's.

"I don't tell the restaurants what to prepare. That's the beauty of my concept of a 'Chef's Table Tour.' They know we're coming and make us something special, and there's always lots of delicious food. So much that I encourage people to take the remaining

food back home with them in to go boxes," she said.

"Make sure to come hungry and I assure you, no one ever goes away hungry," Quinn said.

A trained nurse who moved to Knoxville at the age of 16, she has a love of history and a passion for good food.

"We're less expensive than other food tours and we try to support local businesses, especially for new residents of Knoxville. About 95% of the people on the tour haven't tried these local restaurants and it gets people out of the groove they're into," she said.

"What's unique about the tour is that the restaurant chefs, owners and/or managers come out to the table and visit with us," she explained.

East TN Tours invites hungry people to join the culinary walk each Tuesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and park at Visit Knoxville or local parking garages. As we know, UT football rules most everything around here, so when there's a home game on a Saturday, the tour will be on Friday instead. Visit Knoxville provides parking vouchers during weekday tours. Quinn said she's also considering a smaller tour on Sundays.

Quinn describes herself as a "foodie and home chef" and invites visitors, new arrivals, and native Knoxville residents to take a food walk with her. Graduating from Bearden High School and Tennessee Technical Center for nursing, Quinn formulated her business and started selling tickets and booking tours beginning



Lauren Quinn of East TN Tours is waiting to take you on a delicious walking food tour of downtown Knoxville. She specializes in local restaurants and gives you a bit of history along the way. (Photo courtesy of East TN Tours)

August 2016, one month after she and her husband moved back here in July.

"We can do dietary restrictions for people," she said, "Basically any variation of vegetarianism, gluten free, no fish/seafood, etc, we can handle!"

East TN Tours is partnering with business and attractions like Ijams Nature Center zipline adventure course called Navitac, where guests on the tour get a discount coupon for their attraction as well.

"You will also get a behind the scenes look at the restaurants and meet with wonderful chefs, owners and managers to learn the history of their businesses and the buildings and their future plans to share their food passion with the world," she said.

If you are curious and hungry you can book a date at EastTNTours.com or call Lauren at (865)410-TOUR (8687).

Voting and Veterans

As I pen this column, two major events of the week weigh on my mind---voting and veterans. It is quite interesting to note how closely the two are related.

Americans have just elected a new president to lead our country for the next four years. It is the civic

duty of every citizen to participate in the election process. I am reminded of an inspiring story I read about someone who almost did not vote this year. Then, he was reminded of the times years ago when he witnessed an elderly man who made his way to vote in a wheelchair before all buildings were wheelchair accessible. That memory changed his mind, and he went to vote.

The week ended with the ever important Veterans Day, a day celebrated with parades and special ceremonies to honor those who have served the United States, those still active in the service, and the many



Picture of a home with a beautiful symbol of our freedom---the American flag

who sacrificed all. It is because of our veterans that we have the freedom and opportunity to cast a vote.

Here is a prayer for November and beyond that God bless America, guide and protect her leaders, bless those who have served her, and protect those who still defend her today!

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Our Neighborhoods

Talahi Park is unique to Knoxville

By Mike Steely
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If you haven't visited this little park yet, you are missing out on a beautiful place. It may also be one of the most unique parks in the nation.

The only park in the city of Knoxville to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Talahi Park in Sequoyah Hills was designed in 1926.

The unique thing about Talahi Park is that it has a Cherokee theme honoring Sequoyah. The two water features, the Sunhouse and Panther fountains, have suffered through the years and in October the Sequoyah Hills/Kingston Pike Association received \$30,000 from the state to kickoff fundraising efforts to restore the Sunhouse Fountain.

The long narrow park is surrounded by very nice homes and features a large monument at the entrance overlooking the river. Between the streets the park is used by walkers, families, and visitors. Papoose Park there is entered through an iron gate designed with



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Sunhouse Fountain in Sequoyah Hills will be restored and the bronze frogs that once spouted water from the fountain may be included in the restoration. The historic water pool greets people to Talahi Park which can be seen in the background.

the shape of thunderbirds and is surrounded by an iron fence. Back in 2013 the Kingston Pike/Sequoyah Hills Association began a fundraiser to restore Papoose Park

and donations came from private individuals and the city pitched in on the effort. The effort was completed in 2014 and the park was the location that year of the Dogwood Arts Festival

ribbon cutting opening.

Melina Ethier, Beautification and Restoration Director of the neighborhood association, told The Focus that an anonymous donor pledged

\$30,000 for restoration of the old fountain, bringing the goal of raising \$60,000 to completion.

"Now our fundraising energies will be directed to Panther Fountain which

will be a more expensive and extensive endeavor," Ethier said.

Ethier said that restoration of Sunhouse Fountain may include recreating the 12 bronze frogs, as in the original, which sit on lily pads and spout water into the fountain. All of the original frogs are missing.

"We'd like a total redo. For 90 years the Talahi Fountain has been cobbled back together. The concrete has started to crack and there are several false bottoms in the fountain."

The \$30,000 in state funds came from excess state funds according to Ethier.

Talahi Park is just west of the Sequoyah Greenway and next to Sequoyah Park. The name, which honors the Cherokee Tribe, was originally "Old Papoose Park" and was part of the Talahi subdivision built by Robert L. Foust. The Native American theme runs now throughout Sequoyah Hills, so named for the inventor of the Cherokee Alphabet.

Kids get structure, guidance at Richard Yoakley School



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Located on Washington Pike the Richard Yoakley School teaches students that have been suspended from other schools. Depending on the offense the students spend a semester or a school year there.

By Mike Steely
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If you have driven Washington Pike between Broadway and I-640 you've passed by the Richard Yoakley School, formerly known as Alice Bell School. Richard Yoakley is not your usual Knox County school and you may have wondered what they do there.

Students in the 6th through 12th grades attend classes there and most of them are there because of behavior issues.

Principal Seth J. Smith, a 20 year veteran of the county's middle and high schools, spoke at a recent meeting of the East Towne Business Alliance and described the alternative school. He said the school provides personal relationships to each and every student.

"Kids need structure and guidance," he said, explaining that students at Richard Yoakley have been suspended from their "base" schools for various reasons. Depending on the offense the students remain there for a semester or up to a full school year.

"This is an opportunity for kids in a smaller environment," he said. Smith, now in his second year leading the school staff of fifty, said he is "impressed with the staff."

"Most of the kids have had very limited academic success. When they walk in the door we want them to know we are interested in them," Smith said.

Suspended Knox County students are mandated to attend the school. Most arrive for class

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 Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?
 If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.
 When I first started

driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.
 Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next things you know boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.
 I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying "damn" in "Gone With the Wind," it seems every new movie has "hell" or "damn" in it.
 The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.
 No one can afford to be sick any more. \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.
 Well, you get the general idea of life back then. We grumbled and growled about everything but look where we are now.
 I blame this vicious circle on the Industrial Revolution which began over a century ago when production of goods moved

from home businesses, where products were generally crafted by hand, to machine-aided production in factories. It really started when Samuel Slater brought new manufacturing technologies from England and founded the first U.S. cotton mill in Beverly, Massachusetts.
 And so it began. Each generation saw prices rise in every area of life. The salaries sometimes didn't rise along with the commodities but people managed to survive. Can you imagine people fifty years from now exclaiming, "Well, back in my day, houses rented for \$1,000, cars were around \$20,000, a loaf of bread only \$3.00"---Well, most of us won't be around then, but our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be. Pity them!
 Thought for the day: Everybody, sooner or later, sits down to a banquet of consequences.
 Robert Louis Stevenson.
 Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or call (865) 748-4717. Thank you.

Magnolia Avenue discussed at East Knoxville meeting

By Mike Steely
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As no candidates showed up to speak at the monthly meeting of the East Knoxville Community the dozen or so citizens who attended turned their attention to the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape proposals and other items in their area.
 Organizer Michael Covington used the event, held the day before the election last week at the Burlington Library, to announce that the group will meet through April and then disband.
 "We've lived up to our mission to get information out about our concerns," Covington said.
 "We started in the midst of a crisis—Walgreens was closing, there were concerns about the coliseum and auditorium,

and diversity was questioned," he said, adding, "We now have a better sense of why things get done slower."
 "When the Magnolia Avenue project was introduced you would have thought segregation was being brought back," Covington said.
 Councilman Nick Della Volpe said that fears of gentrification of East Knoxville would happen after the historic street project is completed were "misguided."
 One citizens said the proposed improvement there is "nothing but a landscaping project" and pointed to the rumor that a professional baseball stadium would be built there may have spurred the city's efforts to improve the area.
 The use of tax

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Richard Yoakley Principal Seth Smith speaks to the East Towne Business Alliance about purpose of the alternative school and the "personal relationship" the school tries to establish with every student.

Kids get structure, guidance at Richard Yoakley School

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 through supplied transportation. They then go through a security check just inside the front door.
 Each student can earn more and more freedom while there. Initially every student is escorted between classes and to meals.
 Dealing with behavior problems at Richard Yoakley is "not just one day" according to Smith. He said humorously that some need a "kick in the pants and some need a hug."
 The teachers and the teacher aids work with students about anger, profanity, social intervention and other issues. Many of the students are from lower income families.
 "Suspension doesn't work," he said, referring to students suspended

to their homes and not attending an alternative school. He said that Knox County Schools are in a "transition about how we discipline students."
 "We are trying to prepare them to go back to their base schools," he said.
 One Yoakley student spoke to the alliance saying that he'll miss the structure there when he returns to his school. Smith said the school teaches the same curriculum as other middle and high schools but adds discipline.
 When students process through Richard Yoakley Smith says he has a farewell for them. He says, "I love you and I never want to see you again."

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Senator Howard Baker

PART SIX

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Although Howard Baker had not been selected as Richard Nixon's running mate in 1968, his political star continued to rise. Even as Howard Baker's political fortunes rose, 1969 was a difficult year for the Baker family.

Everett McKinley Dirksen was the last of his kind. A golden throated orator of a time gone by, the "Wizard of Ooze" to some, an artist and patriot to others. Dirksen's only child, Joy, was Howard Baker's wife. Everett Dirksen had been Minority Leader of the United States Senate for a decade when he died on September 9, 1969. Dirksen had first come to Congress in 1933 just as Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated as president. Voluntarily, Dirksen retired from Congress in 1948 due to failing eyesight. Two years later, his eyesight much improved, Everett Dirksen challenged Senator Scott Lucas, then the Majority Leader of the United States Senate. Dirksen won decisively and had remained in the Senate ever since. Senator Dirksen had been reelected to another six-year term in 1968 at age seventy-two, but the years had not been kind to the Illinois solon. Once somewhat stout and robust, Dirksen began to look thin and gaunt. The senator also looked older than his years. A very heavy smoker, the lines were deeply etched in his face beneath Dirksen's carefully tousled gray curls. One reporter once commented, "His face looks like he slept in it."

Dirksen's magnificent voice helped him to become a recording artist and his Gallant Men album became a national best-seller.

When speaking at a fundraiser in Chicago in 1966, Dirksen had intoned, "No, you can't eat freedom, or buy anything with it. You can't hock it downtown for the things you need. When a baby curls a chubby arm around your neck, you can't eat that feeling either, or buy anything with it. But what in this life means more to you than that feeling, or your freedom?"

Everett Dirksen's final years were difficult, as he suffered from emphysema, once coughing so hard it cracked a vertebrae in his back. After hours, Senator Dirksen still clutched a highball in one hand and a cigarette in the other. Dirksen had entered Walter Reed Hospital where he had quietly undergone an operation for lung cancer and died five days later. Doctors valiantly tried to resuscitate Senator Dirksen, working on him for two hours before pronouncing the old political warrior dead.

Howard and Joy Baker joined the other mourners as Everett Dirksen's body lay in state beneath the rotunda of the Capitol. They heard President Richard

Nixon say, "Our great men are the property of the country. Everett Dirksen of Illinois was and is the common property of the 50 states."

Senator Howard Baker made the response to President Richard Nixon's eulogy of his father-in-law. His remarks were typical of Senator Baker, as they were brief, simple and quietly eloquent. The theme of Baker's remarks about his late father-in-law was that Everett Dirksen was both a realist and an idealist. It was a description that Dirksen would have liked.

President Nixon gave Senator Dirksen's widow, Louella, and the Bakers the use of Air Force One to make the trip back to Illinois with the body.

Everett Dirksen's death was not only a personal loss to Howard Baker and his family, but it left the Republican ranks in the Senate disoriented. Despite the family ties, Howard Baker had frequently disagreed with his father-in-law. When he first arrived in the Senate, Baker had urged that freshman senators be given more important assignments, something that did not meet with the approval of Everett Dirksen.

Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania became the acting Republican leader of the United States Senate after Everett Dirksen's death. Scott had been in Congress since 1941 and many of the younger Republican senators began to urge Howard Baker to run for Minority Leader.

Baker was hampered in his first bid to become Minority Leader due to his relative youth, as well as having been in the Senate only two years. Still, Howard Baker got strong support from many of the "Young Turks" in the Senate. Baker also had the support of some more powerful Republicans including Barry Goldwater, who had just returned to the Senate after a four-year absence.

The sixty-eight year old Hugh Scott found himself hard pressed by the forty-three year old Howard Baker. Soon there were rumors that Scott would become leader and Senator Baker would become the Minority Whip. Baker immediately denied there was any compromise. "The people I am counting on are first-ballot votes for leader. I am not running for whip," Baker said.

Scott cobbled together an odd coalition of older conservative Republicans with liberals and moderates to edge Howard Baker 24 - 19. Baker's relative inexperience in the Senate was the primary reason most senators gave for supporting the veteran Hugh Scott.

Two years later, Baker ran against Hugh Scott for Minority Leader yet again. Kentucky's senior senator,

John Sherman Cooper, who had been in and out of the Senate since 1946, was one of the most respected Republicans in Congress. Cooper had backed Scott in 1969, but in 1971 he generated headlines when he endorsed Baker for leader. Howard Baker lost yet again, but by a smaller margin than in 1969.

Senator Baker did not entirely give up his leadership aspirations, but it would take ten years before he managed to make his way to the top of the Senate hierarchy. Ironically, perhaps Howard Baker's most famous assignment in the United States Senate may have been as a result of his challenge to Hugh Scott. Reputedly, Baker was placed on the "Watergate" Committee by Hugh Scott as punishment for having run against him.

Howard Baker played a pivotal role in helping the Republican tide to rise in Tennessee and it would soon rise to a peak. Governor Buford Ellington had only barely turned back a challenge inside his own party from Nashville attorney John Jay Hooker in 1966 and was not eligible to succeed himself in 1970. Tennessee's senior U. S. senator, Albert Gore, was up for reelection as well. Despite Howard Baker's victory in 1966, there were many Democrats in Tennessee who fully expected the Democratic nominees to win the general election.

The 1970 Republican primary for governor became a crowded affair with at least four serious candidates competing for the GOP nomination. Many Baker loyalists supported the candidacy of Knoxville attorney Claude K. Robertson, who had served as State

Chairman of the Tennessee Republican Party. Nashville industrialist Maxey Jarman was well financed, while Bill Jenkins, former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, became the candidate from upper East Tennessee. Lastly, there was a young and remarkably personable dentist from Memphis, Winfield Dunn.

Republicans faced a primary in the 1970 Senate race as well. Congressman Bill Brock of Chattanooga had been considered an almost certain candidate for the last two years. Congressman Dan Kuykendall had been interested in running and had been the GOP nominee in 1964 against Senator Gore and had run a respectable race. Eventually, Kuykendall decided to seek reelection to Congress from his Memphis district and Tex Ritter entered the Republican primary.

Today, those people who recall Tex Ritter remember him as the late actor John Ritter's father. Yet Tex Ritter had long been a popular entertainer for decades. Ritter had starred in numerous low-budget westerns from the mid 1930s until 1950. Tex Ritter continued to act occasionally and was also a country music star and sang High Noon (also known as Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darlin'), the ballad from the classic movie of the same name starring Gary Cooper.

Tex Ritter returned to Tennessee, moving to Nashville, in 1965. Ritter performed at the Grand Ol' Opry. Ritter's entry into the U. S. Senate race came as something of a surprise to many, as Bill Brock was considered the heavy favorite to win the GOP nomination. It was Tex Ritter

who gave Senator Albert Gore the nickname, "The Old Gray Fox" of Tennessee politics.

Senator Howard Baker, keen on building the Republican Party in Tennessee, conspicuously and pointedly remained neutral in the GOP primaries. The gubernatorial contest was hard fought and Winfield Dunn emerged as the winner, running well all across the state, but winning 95% of the vote in populous Shelby County. Congressman Bill Brock crushed Tex Ritter, winning almost 75% of the vote.

Contentious primaries were hardly the property of Republicans in Tennessee. The Democrats had a bitter gubernatorial battle of their own, which was won by John Jay Hooker. Senator Albert Gore had faced his own primary, challenged by Hudley Crockett, who had been a television news anchor and later press secretary to Governor Ellington. Handsome, articulate, and folksy, Hudley Crockett gave the senator quite a scare. Gore only beat back Crockett's challenge by 31,000 votes. Crockett had run surprisingly well in West Tennessee and the fact Senator Gore won just 51% of the vote made him an inviting target for Republicans.

Albert Gore was anything but a favorite of the Nixon White House. President Nixon had faced Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress and wanted to increase the number of Republicans in both the House and Senate. The Tennessee Senate race became a priority for the Nixon administration.

Howard Baker fell in line behind both Bill Brock and Winfield Dunn, campaigning hard for the Republican ticket. Although

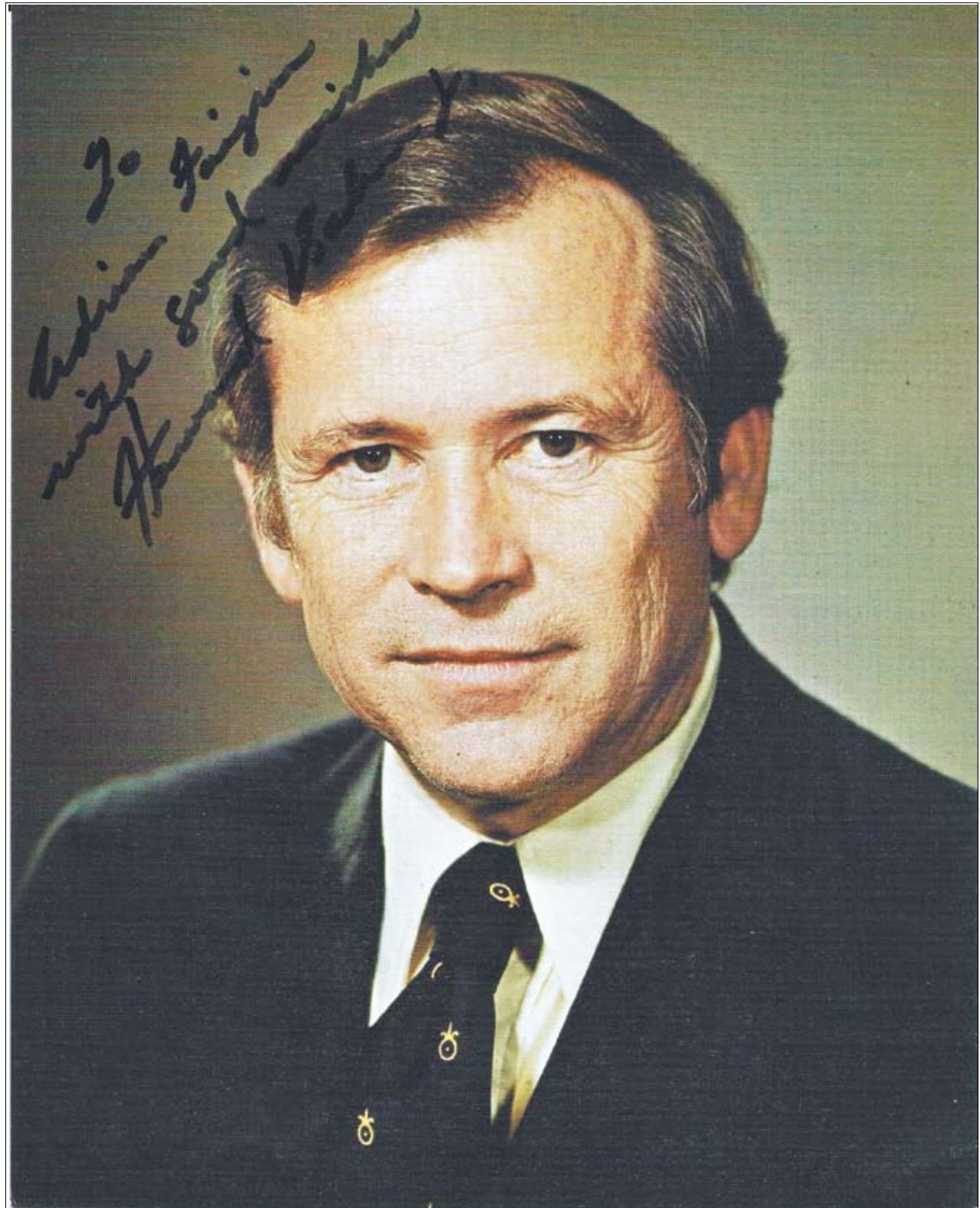
he was the titular leader of Tennessee Democrats, Governor Buford Ellington refused to endorse John Jay Hooker. The memory of the ferocious primary in 1966 still lingered and left the governor bitter. Nor did relatively conservative Ellington do much to help Albert Gore.

Bill Brock beat Albert Gore by more than 40,000 votes, while Winfield Dunn became the first Republican to be elected governor since 1920. Dunn beat John Jay Hooker by more than 66,000 votes.

Republican victories in statewide elections had been rare events, usually only possible when some calamity befell the Democrats but Tennessee was no longer a one party state. Howard Baker's election to the United States Senate in 1966 had proven not to be some sort of aberration. Republicans had carried Tennessee in every presidential election since 1952 with the exception of Lyndon Johnson's victory in 1964 when GOP nominee Barry Goldwater had suggested selling the Tennessee Valley Authority.

With the arrival of the New Year, Republicans occupied both U. S. Senate seats, the governorship and held four of the nine Congressional seats in the Tennessee delegation.

Howard Baker would have to run for reelection in 1972 and already a West Tennessee congressman was eyeing his seat longingly. That congressman was Ray Blanton and he, too, would leave his mark on Tennessee and Tennessee politics, but his legacy would be quite different from that of Howard Baker.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee, circa 1975

Hovering



By Joe Rector
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Thwack! Thwack! Thawck! The sound grows louder as the sky fills with the same sound coming from hundreds or even thousands as they hover. What can it be? Helicopter parents are either constantly present or on call to sweep into any situations that might arise. It's a different world from the one in which most of us grew up.

The smothering by parents begins early. Take a look at any sporting event. For instance, t-ball fields are loaded with players. Ringing the field is an army of canvas chair toting parents. Most of the participants have little knowledge of the game and even smaller attention spans. They dig in the dirt, sit in the outfield, or chase each other.

Moms and dads are steely eyed spectators. They expect to see their children on the field, not in the dugout. Dads are convinced that their offspring are superior athletes and should always be in the line-ups. They

won't hesitate to corner the coach to give him an earful about his incompetence. All parents are keenly aware of the score and urge the coaches to play to win, even if that means leaving someone else's child on the bench for the entire game. Meanwhile, the most important thing to those little ones is finishing the game so that they can claim their snacks and drinks.

Parents circle the classroom and wait for something negative to occur. Then they dive bomb teachers; the attacks come in the forms of emails, phone calls, and principal visits. An assigned low grade on a report card is viewed as a declaration of war by moms and dads. They demand to know what the problem is. Before long, the line, "My child has never made a grade below an A or B" booms from the parent. They also declare that a bad grade keeps their young scholars from obtaining scholarship offers from colleges. And even when kids go off to college, some parents continue to hover and will attack over low grades or make-up work policies. It's not unheard of for parents to call or visit professors to discuss material content and grades.

The blame for such unacceptable grades

is laid at the feet of the instructor. She is too hard; she doesn't explain the material well enough; her classroom management prevents the child from learning. Nothing is ever the fault of students, those who refuse to pay attention in class or those who simply refuse to turn in assignments. If these two things are the reasons for low grades, moms want to know if their children can make up the work they've refused to do in the first place.

Even when young folks enter the workforce in permanent jobs, some moms and dads are sticking their noses where they don't belong. They contact employers with concerns about their policies. Reports have aired that describe situations where parents come into businesses to argue with bosses over the disciplinary actions they've meted out to children, even though the "child" is a college graduate and an adult.

Some young adults can't escape parents at all. It's especially bad when they can't afford to pay rent and end up in the basement of their parents' house. Some moms snoop in their children's possessions. They critique wardrobes and nag about personal hygiene. Dads still shotgun questions about groups and boyfriends

or girlfriends. Both parents inappropriately inquire about finances. They want an accounting of every dime spent. Sometimes they contact bosses to plead for a bump in salary for their children.

Things are surely different from how most of us grew up. Our parents sent us to school with warnings that we'd better complete our work and behave. Trouble at school meant trouble at home. Moms and dads worked hard; they had little or no time to fit in our ball games that were nothing more than play. If we made it to college, already we knew not to mess around or any financial help that came from home would dry up. The last thing we wanted was to live at home again. Our time had come to spread our wings and fly. Parents felt the same way, and, as Bill Cosby put it, they wanted us out of the house before they died.

Life would be better all-round if parents quit over-protecting their children. The best way to survive in this world is to meet it head on. Mistakes become invaluable learning tools. They will never happen and children will be forever handicapped in adult life if helicopter parents hover over their children.

Magnolia Avenue discussed at East Knoxville meeting

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increment programs along Magnolia and the need for the city to lure businesses there and create a "businesses friendly" neighborhood also saw discussion. Covington said the community needs to be united in its efforts. Future plans for the Standard Knitting Mill were also discussed.

Clarence Vaughn III, Director of the Police Advisory and Review Committee, asked what could be done to lure young professional African Americans to the area and Covington recommended finding a location

along Magnolia Avenue where people can gather and talk about business development.

Someone suggested the former Swan's Bakery building for that purpose.

Della Volpe updated the others about improvements at East Towne Mall and said that the former Dillard's store there may be bought by the new owners at the end of the year.

Covington announced that County Commissioners Carson Dailey and Michelle Carrington will speak at the group's next meeting on Monday, December 5. Other commissioners may also attend.

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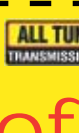


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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Central and Fulton will square off again in playoff rematch

By Steve Williams

The lights will be brighter than ever on Broadway this Friday night.

An unexpected rematch will pit Fulton at Central in the Battle of Broadway Part II.

Many high school football fans had been expecting a Catholic vs. Greeneville showdown in the Class 4A quarterfinals this week. But the Falcons and Bobcats pulled off surprising wins in second-round action.

Fulton rolled at highly-regarded Catholic 46-25, while Central took out previously unbeaten Greeneville 16-14 on the road. Now the two old rivals will be playing for a second time this season and the stakes have probably never been higher in this series.

The Bobcats defeated Fulton 21-19 in the final week of the regular season in Fountain City.

Central advanced in dramatic fashion as quarterback Trey Mitchell threw a 43-yard game-winning touchdown pass to Louis McNair with 6.8 seconds remaining.

"It was a great game between two really special programs," said Central head coach Bryson

Rosser via e-mail Saturday. "Coach Ballard has done a great job with his team. I am very fortunate to lead such a wonderful group of young men.

"The key to the win could easily be the Hail Mary that we scored with six seconds left in the game. Our defense played lights out again, led by Isaac Buell and Jahvere Weste. Our offense was unable to score a bunch of touchdowns, but had a consistent running game behind the offensive line and running back Jadarius Sackie.

"We are very happy and blessed to be in the quarterfinals of the playoffs and are looking forward to another great game against Fulton. Coach (Rob) Black has been very successful and he will have his team ready to play. Both teams are playing good ball and we look forward to the opportunity to dress up one more Friday night."

Catholic Coach Steve Matthews was gracious in defeat.

"Fulton played a great game against us, they kept us off balance on offense and made the big plays on defense when they needed it, too. They played a great game."



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Johnny Hutchinson (left) and Dorian Williamson share a hug as the Fulton Falcons celebrate a 46-25 win at Catholic Friday night.

ON THE WARPATH: South-Doyle's Cherokees continued their turnaround season with a 34-11 win at Gibbs in Class 5A second-round action. They are now 7-5 after going 0-10 last season.

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Roadrunners still have work to do after 74-50 win

By Steve Williams

There's an old saying in sports that "offense sells tickets and defense wins championships."

Based on its latest performance, if Austin-East's football team wants to reach its goal of a state title this season, it still has work to do on the defensive side of the ball.

The Roadrunners were impressive on offense in their 74-50 Class 2A second-round win over visiting Hampton Friday night, but Coach Jeff Phillips wasn't pleased with his defense and said that will be a focal point of needed improvement by defensive coaches and players this week.

"Heck no," Phillips answered when asked if the Roadrunners displayed a state championship defense against the Bulldogs from upper East Tennessee.

Austin-East (11-1) will host Happy Valley (11-1) in the quarterfinals this Friday at 7. The Region 1-2A champion Warriors advanced with a 24-7 win over Grace Christian Academy.

The swift Roadrunners were stopped only once on offense by Hampton, but their defense at times got burned trying to stop the Bulldogs, who eliminated A-E from the playoffs last season.

Coach Phillips believes the 124 points scored by the two teams



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Brothers Xavier and Isaiah Ligon team up on a play Friday night at Austin-East in the Class 2A playoffs. Xavier, a senior, blocks as Isaiah, a freshman, carries the ball for A-E against Hampton at Sam Anderson Field. The Roadrunners outscored the Bulldogs 74-50.

combined are the most to ever be tallied in a high school game at George "Dusty" Lennon Stadium.

As the game was finally coming to an end after almost three hours, one press box observer joked, "They played a football game and a track meet broke out."

Not long after it was over, Coach Phillips had already started preparing for his team's next game. He wasn't in a laughing mood, either.

The final tally did look more like a

basketball score.

Senior quarterback Darius Harper had a huge night in the scoring fest as he ran for four touchdowns and passed for three more.

Harper's scoring jaunts covered 19, 9 and 54 yards and an easy one from the 1. His scoring passes went 32 and 41 yards to Kashif Warren and eight yards to Xavier Ligon.

Shannon Cozart jr. contributed TD runs of 37 and 56 yards. Gedarian Mobley scooted in from the 1 and

from 49 yards out.

Kicker Eduard Hakizimana also stayed busy, with nine PAT kicks.

Hampton junior running back Hunter Davenport at times looked like the fastest player on the field as he ran off and left the Roadrunners. His 62-yard scamper on a pitchout two minutes into the game raised eyebrows and gave the Bulldogs an early 8-0 lead.

The Roadrunners, however, would score four times before Davenport struck again with a 78-yard takeoff. He would go on to catch TD passes of 66 and 78 yards from junior quarterback Jason Russell and added scoring runs from the 1 and 5. Russell also added a 1-yard plunge.

Austin-East led 21-8 after the first quarter, 42-24 at halftime and 55-38 after three stops.

The Roadrunners punted one time in the third quarter on fourth-and-four from the Hampton 49.

With the Bulldogs trailing by 17 late in the third quarter, Warren intercepted a pass thrown by Russell.

The last points of the game came with 6:29 remaining.

"We gave too many big plays due to lack of communication amongst the defense," added Coach Phillips. "We were on the field for a long time and I think that wore us down some."



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Lady Demons overcome foul trouble to down rival Gresham

By Ken Lay

For much of its non-league victory over Black Oak Ridge rival Gresham, the Halls Middle School girls basketball team was in foul trouble. But the Lady Demons had just enough depth to accomplish what needed to be done.

Halls kept its perfect record intact with a 41-23 victory over the Lady Gladiators Thursday night at Halls Middle's Warren-Walker Court.

"We had lots of foul trouble," Lady Demons coach Richard Lee said. "We had two girls foul out and we had two other girls with four fouls and those were all starters. We had 20 fouls tonight.

Despite the foul woes that plagued Halls (2-0), the Lady Demons managed to hold a slim 18-13 advantage as Gresham (1-1) hung tough throughout the first 24 minutes of the contest.

Guard Macy Kirby scored 16 of her game-high 24 points before halftime. Halls got its other bucket in that span from Grace Lawson.

"Gresham hung in there and they really played us tough in the first half," said Lee, who saw his squad open the 2016-17 campaign with a 48-24 non-league road victory over Emory Road rival Powell on Monday, Nov. 7. "In the second half, we were able to make a couple of plays here and there and we played better."

Halls Middle's defense

stiffened after the break and allowed the Lady Gladiators to score just 10 points over the final 24 minutes.

The Lady Demons were able to pull away thanks to a modest 14-8 third-quarter surge that made the score 32-21 and all but put the game out of reach.

But the Lady Gladiators didn't quit and their coach, Brett Huffaker, didn't have any complaints with their effort.

"I was really proud of our girls," he said. "They gave it all they had.

"They left everything on the floor and you just have to give the credit to Richard. He has a great team."

The Lady Gladiators did boast a balanced offensive attack.

Aaniyah Jonson led the way with seven points. Mackenzie Babb added six.

Both teams return to action today (Nov. 14) as they open the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference portion of their respective schedules.

Halls will face a tough test when it travels to West Valley. The Lady Gladiators, meanwhile, will host Vine. Both games tip off at 4:30 p.m.

Gresham and the Lady Demons will renew acquaintances on Monday, Nov. 21 for their annual conference tilt in Fountain City and Huffaker has that date circled on his calendar.

"I can't wait to see them again at our place," he said.

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said. "I didn't even believe it happened till I got back to the sideline. They said you brought it in! It's great to get a team win. It's Hardin Valley history," Clay added.

Hardin Valley scored another touchdown on Colton Burns' 43-yard touchdown run. Burns started out running the ball to the left, then cut back right for the touchdown for a 14-0 lead with 1:28 left in the first quarter.

Riverdale tried a trick play on special teams in the first half. The Warriors got all the way to the Hawks' 21-yard line before the Hawks forced a fourth down. The Warriors tried a fake field goal, but Michael Scruggs dropped the pass in the end zone.

Following the first quarter,

both teams' defenses held the offenses in check till the fourth quarter when Riverdale began its comeback on Savion Davis' 55-yard touchdown run with 9:25 left to play. Foster's field goal gave the Hawks just enough of a cushion at 17-6 to withstand the Warriors' rally in the last few minutes.

"It's a great job by our kids of hanging in there, being very resilient and fighting all the way to the end," Hawks' Head Coach Wes Jones said. "We've just played great team football. It's icing on the cake for these kids right here. They played their hearts out."

Jones talked about Friday's quarterfinal matchup against 12-0 Oakland. "Why not play number two? What do we got to lose?"

Foster leads Halls past Gladiators in MS hoops

By Ken Lay

Halls Middle School's boys basketball team picked up its first win of the new season Thursday night by taking advantage of its inside game.

The Demons got a big effort from a pair of post players and that was enough to help them nab a 54-47 non-league victory over Black Oak Ridge rival Gresham at home.

Elyjah Foster scored 25 points to lead Halls (1-1) before a spirited crowd in the home opener for the Demons, who opened the 2015-16 season with a loss to Powell in another non-league rivalry game on Monday, Nov. 7.

"He's working hard," Halls Coach Bill Warren said of Foster, who scored 16 of his game-high total before halftime. "He played a good game tonight but he still has a long way to go."

The Demons also had forward Ethan Crawford score 10 points as the Gladiators (0-2) struggled to defend Halls' inside game.

"I told the kids at half-time to concentrate on getting the ball inside to [Foster], because even if he didn't score, he could open some things up for us."

The Demons were hot early in their first home game of the season at Warren-Walker Court. They opened a 20-9 lead by first quarter's end.

It appeared that Halls would cruise by Gresham, which lost its season opener to rival Whittle Springs early last week, had other ideas.

Gladiators' first-year head coach Tom Poisal (who formerly coached the girls at Halls) employed a pressure defense and when the visitors implemented

their full-court defense, the Demons struggled.

Gresham scored the first seven points of the second stanza and pulled to within 20-16 when Luke Ferguson and Greg Moore scored back-to-back baskets midway through the frame.

The Gladiators never trailed but they pulled to within 22-21 late in the quarter before Halls scored the final seven points of the first half.

"Their pressed rattled us," Warren said. "We played a great first quarter and we played a good minute in the second quarter, but the five minutes in between weren't very good.

"This is a game of runs but it's also a game of giving up runs. But fortunately for us, when we went through a bad spell, we were able to make some good plays. Our inexperience showed tonight and

a lot of our mistakes were caused by our inexperience."

While the Demons were able to assert control on the inside, the Gladiators received the bulk of their offense from their guards.

Moore led Gresham with 12 points. Ferguson and Prince Westfield finished with eight points each. Brian Bolton added seven points.

The two teams will meet again on Monday, Nov. 21 for their annual Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference showdown in Fountain City.

Both the Demons and the Gladiators will open their league schedule this week. Halls will travel to West Valley while Gresham will entertain Vine in Fountain City.

Tip-off for both games is slated for approximately 5:30 p.m.

New coach inherits veteran squad at Bearden

By Ken Lay

Jeremy Parrott is a new face in the Bearden High School boys basketball program.

Parrott, the former Cherokee High School head coach, was tapped to replace Mark Blevins, who resigned after last season, is one of a few newcomers in the program.

"We're excited," said Parrott. "We're a little things team. We have to do the little things well. We have to rebound and we have to play good defense.

"We have the hard parts of the game down. Now, we have to work on some fundamental things."

The Bulldogs, who were one of the top teams in Knoxville during Blevins' 22-year run, began the Parrott era with a 26-14 victory over Halls Wednesday night in the Tennova Tip-Off Classic at Thompson-Boling Arena.

But the new coach wasn't all that happy after the 12-minute exhibition contest against the Red Devils.

"We have to do better with the little things and they better come," Parrott said. "Those are what are going to determine whether we're just going to be a good team or if we're going to do what we want to do,"

The pieces are in place as the Bulldogs return 11 players who saw time on Bearden's varsity squad last year.

Junior point guard Dakota McGowan has started several games since he arrived as a freshman three years ago. Sophomore guard Trent Stephney emerged as one of the area's top players as a freshman last year.

Other key returners who saw key playing time last year or dressed for varsity games last season include: Ques Fair (sophomore, guard); Drew

Pember (sophomore, forward); Dre'Jean Dave (senior, center); Roman Robinson (sophomore, guard/forward); Trey West (sophomore, guard); Kordell Kah (sophomore, forward/center); Shawn Stacy (sophomore, forward); Shamarcus Brown (sophomore, forward/center) and Justin Ketterl (junior, center).

Bearden opens its season Tuesday at Grace Christian. The Bulldogs host Jefferson County Thursday night. Both the Rams and the Patriots made deep postseason runs last year.

Several other area teams were in action Wednesday.

Webb 16, Austin-East 14: The Spartans were balanced in a win against the Roadrunners.

Emory Lanier and Todd Walker each scored five points. Jarrett Kyle added four.

Ronney Pierson and Jalen Tate had three points each for Austin-East.

Farragut 23, Gibbs 15: Nick Rogers, the reigning District 4-AAA Player of the Year, scored 19 points for the Admirals.

Brennan Davis finished with 13 for the Eagles.

Carter 22, Central 9: Parker Haun had eight points to lead the Hornets past the Bobcats.

Karns 31, Fulton 27: Teahzjawn Hodge-Harper and Jefferson Holt had late buckets to lift the Beavers past the Falcons, who won the Class AA State Title in March.

IN TUESDAY NIGHT'S GAMES: West edged Knoxville Christian 19-16; Christian Academy of Knoxville downed South-Doyle 23-11; Concord Christian School routed Tennessee School

for the Deaf 34-7 and Catholic toppled Berean Christian 32-10.

West 19, Knoxville Christian 16: The Rebels boasted a balanced offensive attack against the Knights, who have had back-to-back stellar seasons.

Charles Dupree led West High with six points. Tyrone Patterson added five and Quez Johnson finished the 12-minute contest with four points.

Knoxville Christian, an independent school which will face some of the top Knoxville Interscholastic League squads this season, got five points from Aro Kacoull.

Concord Christian 34, TSD 7: The Lions boasted a potent and balanced offensive attack in their debut Tuesday as they had seven players score at least four points.

Matthew Massengill and Brian Latimore scored six points each to lead the way for Concord.

The Vikings, meanwhile, got all of their offense from Marcus Jones on this night.

Catholic 32, Berean Christian 10: The Irish's Jackson Rowan equaled the Eagles' offensive output in this abbreviated game. Catholic also got eight points from Luke Jackson and six from Brock Jancek.

Jacob Dunn finished with five points for Berean Christian.

CAK 23, South-Doyle 11: The Warriors were hot from beyond the 3-point arc against the Cherokees. CAK made five of its seven outside shots en route to knocking off South-Doyle.

Isaiah Sulack and Turner Helton paced the Warriors with six points each while Hunter Reynolds added six.

The Cherokees got six points from Raphael Lee.



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Central and Fulton will square off again in playoff rematch

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“We are very excited about the win Friday night and the opportunity this young football team has ahead of them,” said head coach Clark Duncan via e-mail. “Defensively, we played great, forcing five turnovers against a very good offensive team. Offensively, we ran the ball exceptionally well. Our offensive line did a great job against a very big and physical defensive line. Overall, we played all three phases of the game well. We will need to continue to do this in order to compete against a very good Morristown West team this Friday

at South-Doyle.”
WARRIORS FALL: Christian Academy of Knoxville saw its season come to an end in a 45-13 loss at Elizabethton in the Class 3A playoffs.
“We struggled last night in several areas,” said CAK head coach Travis Mozingo via e-mail. “We turned the football over, which always makes it difficult to win – several turnovers left the defense with short fields, compounding our struggles. Adding to that was our continued battle with injuries Friday night.
“Elizabethton is a well-rounded team, so give their players and coaches credit.

“For me, as a first-year coach here in Knoxville, I enjoyed every minute spent with my players. I am especially proud of the seniors this year. It can be very difficult to have a coaching change in your senior season, but they’re a special group of young men, who come from great families. I am excited for the future of CAK football.”
RAMS OUSTED: Grace Christian Academy head coach Randy McKamey said it was a “tough loss” after his Rams were eliminated 24-7 at Happy Valley in the Class 2A playoffs.
“We fought bad field position battle all night,” said McKamey

via e-mail. “They are a very good senior-dominated football team. We gave up a big play in the second quarter on 3rd and 20 that led to a long touchdown pass to Dylan Street. He’s the fastest player we have seen all year. He runs a laser 4.3 40-yard. They got a field goal late in the second quarter that made it 17-7 at half.
“We lost our tailback (concussion) and a starting lineman in the first half (knee injury). In a game like tonight’s, it makes it tough when kids go down. You’re playing in a hostile environment and to top it, playing a very well-coached team that is 11-1.”

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AT A GLANCE (Knoxville-area teams)

SCORES	
SECOND ROUND (Friday, Nov. 11)	
CLASS 6A	Hardin Valley Academy 17, Riverdale 14
Maryville 42, Dobyns-Bennett 14	
CLASS 5A	Morristown West 20, Halls 17
South-Doyle 34, Gibbs 11	
Farragut 33, Rhea County 30	
CLASS 4A	Central 16, Greeneville 14
Fulton 46, Catholic 25	
CLASS 3A	Alcoa 55, Scott 28
Elizabethton 45, CAK 13	
CLASS 2A	Austin-East 74, Hampton 50
Happy Valley 24, Grace Christian 7	
CLASS 1A	Coalfield 54, Cloudland 14
Greenback 49, Oneida 7	
DIVISION II-A	Webb 24, Harding Academy 21

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QUARTERFINALS	
CLASS 6A	Blackman (9-3) at Maryville (12-0)
Hardin Valley Academy (9-3) at Oakland (12-0)	
CLASS 5A	Morristown West (10-2) at South-Doyle (7-5)
Ooltewah (10-2) at Farragut (11-1)	
CLASS 4A	Fulton (8-4) at Central (10-2)
CLASS 3A	Elizabethton (11-1) at Alcoa (11-1)
CLASS 2A	Happy Valley (11-1) at Austin-East (11-1)
CLASS 1A	Coalfield (11-1) at Greenback (12-0)
SEMIFINALS	
DIVISION II-A	Webb (10-1) at St. George's (10-2)

A season of many turns may end up where Vols wanted

The 2016 Tennessee football season neared like most others, with anticipation and excitement, though many thought this one might be special.

I tempered all the preseason fuss a little by asking if nationally-ranked Tennessee was a paper tiger or for real.

The season started with surprising concern as the Vols had to go overtime to turn back Appalachia State, overcome a terrible first quarter against Virginia Tech in front of the big crowd at Bristol and beat Ohio by only nine points.

Concern turned into a punch in the gut when this Tennessee team fell behind Florida 21-0 in the first half.

Then all of a sudden it became a season of thrills, with 38 unanswered points against those

Gators and a victory at Georgia after we thought the game was lost. Hail Mary!

I texted my daughter, Tabatha, who was rooting on the Big Orange from London, with one word ... Hallelujah! ... and wrote the following week this season had already given UT fans their money's worth.

Then it became a season of frustration at Texas A&M, a 45-38 loss in double overtime. I wrote the Vols, despite all of those turnovers, could still have won if Butch had gone for two!

Frustration changed to disappointment in the 49-10 beating we took from Alabama. We were already beat up enough with all those injuries and sidelined starters, so the loss didn't hurt all that much, as in the back of my mind I kind of expected it.

The off week would help us.

We would heal up some and get our legs back. Yes, the fresher Vols would run off and leave those Gamecocks in Columbia. What I thought would be a romp became a struggle. I still thought we would pull it out. We could kick a field goal and win in overtime. But the 58-yard attempt was about 10 yards out of our kicker's range.

An extension of that defeat came the news that Jalen Hurd was leaving the team. I thought he made a big mistake to end his UT career that way. He should have at least finished the season.

As for Hurd's departure hurting the Vols on the field, I had already seen enough of John Kelly to know he would be a more productive running back in Butch's read-option system. And ditto for Alvin Kamara when he's healthy.

The Vols responded with a 55-0 win over Tennessee Tech and I've heard some say they felt the UT players looked to be

having fun and maybe the team chemistry had improved.

At the same time the Vols were putting an end to their three-game losing streak, Florida was on their way to losing at Arkansas.

Now it has become a season of hope.

If Tennessee, which beat Kentucky 49-36 Saturday, wins out against Missouri and Vanderbilt and the Gators lose at LSU this coming weekend, which is very likely, the Vols can pack their bags for Atlanta and the SEC championship game on Dec. 3.

I can see all those car flags with the Power T flapping in the breeze heading down I-75 South now.

And a win in Atlanta would mean ... well, who knows?

Butch has to say “It's one game at a time.” But you and me and all Vol fans, we can say it's fun to hope and dream.

It's still that kind of season.

Anything is possible...

By Alex Norman

A Cleveland franchise won a major sports championship.

The Chicago Cubs won the World Series.

A reality TV star will be our next President.

If 2016 has proven anything to us, it is that anything is possible.

So it got me thinking about things related to Tennessee and the world of sports. What are some things that seem to be centered only in the fantasy world that could one day happen?

Let's light this candle.

Starting on the high school football side... did you know that the Maryville Rebels have ended every season by playing for the state championship for 12 straight years? That's right. The last time the Rebels didn't play for the big gold ball was in 2003, when they lost in the state semifinals in overtime at Morristown West.

It is possible that the Rebels will one day have a season in which they aren't one of the last two teams standing. The bus could break down and the Rebels forced to forfeit a playoff game. Head coach George Quarles

could get a job coaching at Dillon HS in Texas (that joke for all you Friday Night Lights fans out there). The Rebels could decide to run no offensive plays and only punt. You never know.

In the professional side, the Tennessee Titans haven't played in the Super Bowl since the year 2000, and the franchise itself has never won an NFL title. Heck, you'd have to go back to 1961 when the Oilers were winning their second straight AFL championship to find a time when those fans weren't depressed at the end of the year.

But maybe second year quarterback Marcus Mariota is as good as advertised. He's certainly shown flashes of brilliance this season. At press time the Titans had won 4 of their first 9 games. 4-5! Progress! Team ownership could actually do a google search and realize that Mike Mularkey has now been a head coach with three NFL franchises and has a combined record of 22-44 in those stops and sweet Jesus why is he your head coach? Maybe the Titans should hire Quarles.

And then there is college athletics. Oh

Tennessee... there are so many things that need to happen on your playing fields and in your athletic department that seem out of reach. Let's give it a go.

The Lady Vols nickname needs to come back for all women's sports. While for a time it looks like a pipe dream this is something that really could happen. With the tenure of athletic director Dave Hart about to end (he will step down now later than June 30, 2017), the main proponent for what has been a public relations fiasco will leave the UT campus. Whoever takes his place *cough David Blackburn hire David Blackburn this isn't a tough choice cough* will immediately get a boost if Tennessee announces the return of the most recognizable brands in women's athletics to all its teams.

On the field of play itself, Tennessee wins the Southeastern Conference championship. It's been 18 years since Tee Martin, Peerless Price and Al Wilson lead the Vols to their title on their way to the BCS championship. But hey... why not Tennessee and why not in the next couple of years? The Vols have a solid stable of quarterbacks ready to take over

for Joshua Dobbs in Quinten Dormady and Jarrett Guarantano. John Kelly looks to be the real deal at running back. The recruiting classes have been in the top 10-15 range since Butch Jones's arrival, and should be there again come February. The SEC East isn't exactly murder's row either in terms of quality coaches. Win the division and all you have to do is one game in Atlanta. Also, maybe Alabama coach Nick Saban decides he is done yelling at the local media and his 19 year old players and wants to take another crack at the NFL. Perhaps the NCAA actually realizes that Ole Miss is a cauldron of violations and lays down penalties.

Maybe Butch Jones quits for the Purdue job and Jon Gruden comes to Tennessee. My friend said he saw Gruden at Litton's it is finally happening you guys!

Look, 2016 has proven that the improbable can occur. Life is unpredictable. So climb aboard, fasten your seatbelt and try to get something out of the ride, even if you don't think you will ever get to your destination.

That goes for both life and sports... doesn't it?

Lady Admirals 'ready to go' this season

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's girls basketball team won 20 games last season but the campaign was a colossal disappointment by Lady Admirals' standards.

Farragut, a regular at the Region 2-AAA Tournament in recent years, was bounced by rival Hardin Valley Academy in the District 4-AAA Tournament quarterfinals. The Lady Admirals, who finished fifth in the district last season, had their season prematurely ended by the Lady Hawks.

“Last year was a disappointment but we won 20 games,” Farragut coach Jason Mayfield said. “The effort was always there for us last year but the execution wasn't.

“We lost some close games, including that game to Hardin Valley [in the district tournament]. It was disappointing to get knocked out in the district tournament and not get as far as we have gotten in the past.”

Farragut lost some players to graduation, including Miranda Burt (its top scorer last year) and Maegan Hudson to graduation.

But the Lady Admirals have some key pieces back from last season's squad, which posted a 20-10 record.

Farragut is eager to erase some bad memories that shrouded last year's campaign.

“I think this team is ready to go,” Mayfield said. “But we're still a young team. We're even younger than we were last year.

“We're a little small, so rebounding could be a concern. But we have some good senior leadership.”

Key returners for the Lady Admirals include: Shelby Matthews (senior, point guard); Morgan Carbaugh (sophomore, guard); Jamie Dallas (senior, guard); Brooke Christian (sophomore, guard/forward); Sydney Chapman (sophomore, forward/guard) and Kate McMurry (senior, guard/forward).

Farragut, which split a pair of 12-minute games at the Tennova Tip-Off Classic at Thompson-Boling Arena last week, boasts a talented crop of incoming freshmen as well as senior newcomers Erin Van-Hoosier (who recently completed a stellar soccer career at the school) and Jennifer McBride.

“I don't know what their role will be,” Mayfield said of his two new seniors. “Erin was a big goal scorer in soccer, and tonight, she had a big 3-point goal for us.

“Our sophomore class is strong and we have some good freshmen coming in.”

Farragut dropped a 22-18 decision to Austin-East before bouncing back to beat Gibbs in the pair of abbreviated exhibition games.

IN OTHER GAMES WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Fulton 28, Karns 6: Tilia Tinsley scored eight points as the Lady Falcons cruised over the Lady Beavers. KeKe McKinney, who recently committed to play her college basketball at Kentucky, added six for Fulton.

Carter 21, Central 4: Bailey Trumm scored 10 points for the Lady Hornets, who had little trouble with the Lady Bobcats.

Bearden 25, Halls 4: Nine players scored for the Lady Bulldogs, who have won the last two District 4-AAA Titles and are the defending Region 2-AAA champions. Bearden (27-7 last season) has

made two Class AAA State Tournament appearances in the last four years. But the Lady Bulldogs must replace some key pieces as they compete in the toughest league in East Tennessee.

Shekina McLaughlin scored six points to pace a balanced and potent offensive attack against the Lady Devils, who got their baskets from Panda Riggs and Griffen Parker.

The season opened Tuesday night with Catholic, West High, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Concord Christian opening their respective seasons with exhibition victories.

Lady Irish rout Berean Christian: Catholic erupted for 26 points in 12 minutes Tuesday night as it routed the Lady Eagles 27-2.

The Lady Irish, who struggled mightily last season, got six points each from Alanah Story, Rachel DeBaar and Carlee Hart.

Allie Hancock scored Berean's lone bucket.

West 16, Knoxville Christian 8: The Lady Rebels, who have struggled in recent years, downed the Lady Knights behind six points from

Kimora Reaves and four from Kiana Welch.

Kate Bass and Rebecca Caloro scored four points apiece for Concord Christian School.

Strong finish propels Lady Warriors: CAK scored the final 10 points of its tilt against South-Doyle.

The Lady Warriors held a narrow 8-7 lead before getting hot down the stretch in an 18-7 victory over the Lady Cherokees, who got three points from both Cara Browning and Adalys Brown.

Freshman Reagan Tate buried a pair of long-range jumpers to key CAK's late surge.

Concord Christian 15, Tennessee School for the Deaf 10: Abby Collins, Ashley Penland and Madi Mee each scored three points to lead the Lady Lions to victory over the Lady Vikings.

That trio all return from last year's squad and accounted for a good deal of Concord's offensive production in 2015-16.

Morcheshia Phillips and Amber Holmes scored four points apiece for TSD.

Love for running produces titles and scholarship for Schumacher

By Steve Williams

She started out running cross country just for the love of it her freshman year at The King's Academy.

Winning her first TSSAA state title during the spring of her sophomore season in the 1600-meter run was the launching pad to where she is today – a five-time state champion and University of Tennessee commitment.

Niamh Schumacher (pronounced “Knee-of Shoe-mocker”) capped her prep cross country career Saturday, Nov. 5, with her second Division II-A state championship and she did it with a bang.

She had the best time of all the champions in the four classifications, covering the 5k (3.1 mile) Steeplechase course at Percy Warner Park in Nashville in 17 minutes, 38.65 seconds. That was an astounding 75 seconds faster than she had run when she won the state last fall as a junior.

Schumacher, who signed scholarship papers with UT Wednesday, credits “consistent training” and having the right “mentality” for making such a remarkable reduction in her time.

Niamh was thrilled with her performance at the state and very surprised by her time.

“I steadily increased my mileage and dedicated more time to recovery and strength training,” she explained via e-mail last week. “Running is all about consistency, and it is amazing to see how consistent training can result in such large improvements.”

“While I was racing I really tried to enjoy it and remember how lucky I am to be able to run. I think that mentality was one of the biggest factors in improving my time from last year.”

Schumacher picked Tennessee over Alabama and Texas A&M.

“I was drawn to UT by the coaches because they have so much experience and are extremely passionate about the program,” she said.

“The University is great academically, and it has an excellent program for what I want to study (nutrition).”

In the beginning, Schumacher wasn’t concerned about victories and titles. She simply loved to run.



Niamh Schumacher was certainly dressed for the occasion as she signed scholarship papers with the University of Tennessee last week. The cross country and track standout already has won five state championships competing for The King's Academy.

“As I continued to see improvements in my performance, I was motivated to train intentionally and get better. I think winning my first state title at the end of my sophomore year was the biggest turning point in my running. I gained confidence and truly began to view myself as a runner.”

And the runner became a champion. “I think she will end up being a seven-time state champion,” said Athletic Director Marc Weekly, expecting to see her win a third 1600 crown and second 3200 title during the outdoor season.

“Niamh is very disciplined with cross country and the way she prepares for her races,” e-mailed TKA Coach Jeff Ayers, noting how she trained for this season’s regionals as an example.

“At the end of the race, she felt sluggish and realized she had over trained that week. The next week for the state meet, she adjusted by cutting back the number of miles she ran. This is tough for her because she loves to run.

“She also watches what she eats. Most teenagers eat whatever they like. Niamh is very careful about what goes into her body, because she knows that will affect how she runs.”

Schumacher also has been a standout in the classroom, compiling a 4.25 GPA, said Ayers.

Story calls it ‘definitely a race to remember’ after state win

By Steve Williams

The TSSAA’s list of state champions in cross country looks complete now. Rebecca Story’s name is on it.

The Christian Academy of Knoxville junior, one of the nation’s top prep distance runners, finally captured her first state cross country championship Nov. 5. She said it was “definitely a race to remember.”

Story was clocked in 17 minutes, 49.7 seconds on the 5k (3.1 mile) Steeplechase course at Percy Warner Park in Nashville. She was the Class A-AA state runner-up the past two seasons.

“I had been training all year to prepare for championship and post-season and one of my goals was winning individual and team cross country state titles,” said Story via e-mail.

“I love the team aspect of cross country and the tradition of the Percy Warner state course. I am very proud of how we all

performed!”

Story bettered last season’s time by 56 seconds. She and the Lady Warriors finished third behind Central Magnet High of Murfreesboro and Knoxville Catholic.

CAK teammate Taylor Cosey placed third. Catholic’s Shila Kapaya and Callie Tucker came in fourth and ninth, respectively.

“Percy Warner is unquestionably one of the more difficult courses in Tennessee, but it has always been a course I look forward to,” added Story. “My experience with the course has typically been positive. This year I enjoyed just relaxing and running the course without being concerned with strategy.”

“I believe the competitive field in all divisions in Tennessee this season created some fast times on the course. The weather conditions were favorable with sunny skies and a mild temperature making it a great day for running!”

LOCALS SHINE: In addition to Story and Niamh Schumacher of The King’s Academy winning state titles, Webb junior Carter Coughlin repeated as state champion in the Division II-A boys field and Catholic senior George Goodwyn won the Class A-AA boys race with teammate Jake Renfree taking second as the Irishmen successfully defended their state crown.

Coughlin covered the course in 15:57.16, while Goodwyn was clocked in 16:12.94.

Webb’s boys and girls teams each made it five state titles in a row. The Lady Spartans’ Niki Narayani took second place.

Oak Ridge’s boys team finished in third place in Class AAA as senior Jake Etheridge led the Wildcats with an 11th place showing.

West’s girls, getting a ninth place showing from freshman Madeline Shook and 12th place from Lindsey Stallworth, came in fifth in Class AAA.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

The Walls Came Tumbling Down

As I drove to work November 7, 2008, I marveled at how normal everything looked, where in fact everything had changed. Obama had just been elected President on the promise of “hope and change.” We got the change, and this almost destroyed our hope. However, we didn’t protest in 2008 as paid anarchists do now in big cities. Perhaps we cried inside, but we went to work, rather than asking our bosses to let us off like “cream-puff” college kids who are asking their professors to excuse them from class to mourn Hillary Clinton’s defeat.

Empathy is projecting yourself into another and to feel as they do. I am not gloating over Trump’s historic victory because I know how Democrat-liberal-progressives, “Never Trumpers,” the media and the “Ruling class” must feel. I felt similarly many times over the last eight years.

This was going to be my last essay for the Focus. I had begun to feel “What difference does it make?” For the last several weeks I’d been thinking about what I’d say after ten years of weekly columns. The title was to be, “It is Finished.” Though I had hope, history and pragmatism led me to believe that nothing would ever change, and my hopes would again be dashed by leftists and feckless Republicans.

And then the walls of Jericho (Washington) came tumbling down when one man refused to bend a knee to the tyranny of progressives and the ruling elite. Donald J. Trump acknowledges that he only leads the movement. He recognized that 70% of Americans believed the country was going in the wrong direction, perhaps because he saw as they did. Trump was able to explain in simple terms what was wrong

and offer an alternative to those Hillary Clinton called “deplorables” and Obama referred to as “bitter clingers” (to our guns and religion).

Donald Trump is a leader defined as someone who has fundamental principles, expresses a clear vision, and is able to gain consensus. He rose to the presidency as the personification of a movement that ultimately defeated the world’s “rulers and powers and forces of darkness.” His opposition was legion. With the exception of a few groups every sector of worldwide power hated Trump except We The People.

I wish I believed that Hillary Clinton was sincere in her excellent concession speech wishing Trump success. And I wish I believed Obama was similarly sincere. I hope that Paul Ryan and Republicans will coalesce around the President-elect, and will use the greatest power this party has possessed since the 1920s for the good of American’s freedom and prosperity. We’ll see. Republicans captured The People’s House in 1994 and offered the Contract with America. They faltered and failed. And nothing was done to oppose Obama after the people gave Republicans the House in 2010 and then the Senate in 2014. I agree with the experts and Trump who say that

now the work begins to reverse the damage done to the country. Mr. Corker, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Duncan, WE THE PEOPLE are watching and it’s time to step up and be counted. No more excuses.

Hollywood, the resident communist of CNN, Van Jones, and the anarchist and puppet-master George Soros and his MoveOn.org certainly have not expressed any bonhomie for Trump. In fact, MoveOn has organized hundreds of protests already, despite the fact that as yet Trump has no power. Nor has he any responsibility for the mess Obama and the Democrats have created. Perhaps they all fear a man of resolve and the 60 million who support him and the “new American revolution.”

Tolerance is often necessary in a civilized and multicultural country like America. I tolerate college neophytes and disengaged zombies who only follow the Kardashians, whose minds are so easily twisted by the dishonest media, indoctrinating professors and George Soros propaganda. After all, Joseph Goebbels proved that “the big lie” works. However, sometimes intolerance is both necessary and appropriate. I am intolerant of slavery, liars, Nazis and anarchists.

A materialist believes that only what he can understand or observe

exists. A theist believes in a much greater reality, one which even encompasses materialism. How could the “experts” be so blind and wrong about the Trump phenomenon? Perhaps they refused to see. Of the many statistics in this Presidential contest, two stand out for me. First, Clinton received 6 million fewer votes than Obama in 2012. Many like Colin Kaepernick didn’t vote. Perhaps some of these are assuaging their guilt and earning a paycheck on protest lines.

The second fact is that evangelical Christians came out in droves against Clinton’s abortion policy and to effect future Supreme Court choices. Like many Christians, I prayed for a miracle along the lines of 2 Chronicles 7:14. I see the Trump miracle as Providence in action through his/her/Spirit’s human foot soldiers. Yes, I know there’s no materialist proof of this. But there’s also no proof against my interpretation of prayers and events.

As I consider the events swirling around me, perhaps it would be easier to embrace a monastic life and be oblivious to the world and its evils. However, to paraphrase the Master, to whom much is given, much is expected. St. Augustine was once asked to explain why there so much evil in the world.

He challenged the skeptic by observing, if there is no God, why is there so much good in the world?

Apparently, retreat is not my destiny, especially now that I asked for and witnessed a miracle. God’s words to the prophet Micah (6:8) now resonate even stronger with me as I consider justice and mercy and a humble heart.

In the first few weeks of his presidency, Obama told Paul Ryan, “elections have consequences.” Yes, the country is due for a correction, but the world will not end with the election of Donald Trump, just as it didn’t when President Obama was elected.

As a theist, I embrace the notion that there is a purpose and a plan beyond our abilities to comprehend. Hillary Clinton said, “We are stronger together,” and she’s right. We are also stronger if we keep looking up. I have a hierarchy for prayer concerns. Cub fans might be shocked that I didn’t ask for God’s intervention. However, if you consider the majesty and mystery of the universe, I just wonder if a recently departed “Cubbie” might have influenced the Almighty with a Chicago Cubs baseball cap.

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Jesus and Justice

If you take time to read the Bible, you can’t help but notice God’s concern all over the place for the poor. When you look at the life of Jesus, you find Him healing the sick and preaching the good news to the poor (Matthew 11:4-5). The poor were not only physically struggling, but they were spiritually poor as well. Jesus came for sinners, not the righteous (Matthew 9:13). This upset many people, particularly the religious leaders. Jesus hung out with riff raff. Jesus talked with women, a no-no for a rabbi



By Mark Brackney,
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to do in that culture (John 4:27). Jesus made the hero of one of His stories a hated foreigner, a Samaritan (Luke 10:26). Jesus even welcomed children into His arms, another social taboo at that time that saw little concern for children (Luke 18:15). Jesus spent time with outcasts like shepherds, lepers, and tax collectors.

Jesus had a heart for all people, but especially the most vulnerable of society. His concern was not lost on His followers. After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we find the infant church

spreading like gangbusters. A fire had been lit that was not going to be extinguished. Christianity would spread throughout the world in the following centuries. The fellowship they experienced and shared with one another was contagious (Acts 2:42-47).

As recorded in Acts 2:41, there were three thousand converts added to the church in one day. These folks didn’t live in a commune, yet they took care of each other. Later, Acts 4:34-37 records how some of the more wealthy believers sold some of their possessions to give to their poorer struggling brothers and sisters in Christ. Due to this, we are told that there was no needy

among them.

Is this realistic for today? If every poor person were part of a community of faith that took Jesus’ words seriously, I believe this would be realistic. The problem is that many of our churches are more focused on building magnificent edifices and ministries to focus on ourselves instead of caring for the most vulnerable. I honestly wonder what Jesus would say if He worshipped at many of our places of worship. I’m convicted.

In Acts 2:42-47, we see a group of Christ followers who are not worshipping because they have to, are expected to, or are doing it for selfish reasons. What we

see is a body of believers that gladly study the Bible, pray, sing, and fellowship with one another. They share life together. This means they know each other and are involved in each other’s lives. They learn who is hurting or has special needs. Due to this, there were no needy among them.

God expects us to take care of our own families first and foremost (1 Timothy 5:8). Next, we are to take care of those inside our community of faith (Galatians 6:10). Finally, we are to do good to all people (Galatians 6:10). Helping people is not an option; it is expected because God has done so much for us.



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and offerings...a time for thanksgiving and celebration for God’s faithfulness...a time for sharing and caring. For its celebration this year, SMCH hosted its Second Annual Fall Harvest Benefit Dinner and Auction on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at the Mofett Dining Hall in Sevierville. This year’s event developed into a unique experience that captivated the audience with the unleashed talent of international artist Paul Murray performing on stage combined with auctioneer

Brian Gamble of Thompson Carr & Associates Real Estate. During the delicious evening dinner, catered by Chef’s Catering, the audience watched three paintings come alive in minutes as Paul Murray painted with a symphony of magic, choreographed to syncopated music. Paintings were made available for purchase to the highest bidder in the public auction. The evening then gave way to the sounds of auctioneer, Brian Gamble, as he took bids on large **Cont. on page 3**



Approximately fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) was raised to put new carpet in the 27-year-old dining hall. It was an eventful and amazing evening as international artist Paul Murray painted three pictures live on stage, then auctioned them for the benefit of SMCH.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 2, 2014, executed by JUDY L. PECK, conveying certain real property therein described to Liberty Title, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 13, 2014, at Instrument Number 201405130064091; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED SECURITY FINANCIAL CORP. who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, 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 **December 8, 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:

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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.

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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.

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ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED INST # 20060404-0082547, ID# 019MA051, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: SITUATED IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 87, STEWART RIDGE SUBDIVISION, UNIT I, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET M, SLIDE

will, on **December 8, 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 THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, THE SAME BEING LOT 27, BLOCK E, SPANISH TRAILS ADDITION, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET E, SLIDE 41-C (MAP BOOK 53-S, PAGE 55), IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, AND BEING ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF W. L. CLARK, JR., SURVEYOR, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEARING DATE JANUARY 5, 1975.

PARCEL ID: 105 JB 029

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1505 BARCELONA DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923**. 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): DENISE D. PARKER, JAMES H. PARKER

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 18, 2007, executed by ERIC FLANIGAN, HOLLY K. FLANIGAN, conveying certain real property therein described to BENJAMIN DAVID BAER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 28, 2007, at Instrument Number 200708280018249;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Ventures Trust 2013-H-R by MCM Capital Partners, LLP FKA MCM Capital Partners, LLC, its Trustee 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 **December 8, 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:

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288-B, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

PARCEL ID: 019MA051

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4903 STEWART RIDGE RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938**. 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): ERIC FLANIGAN, HOLLY K. FLANIGAN

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 17, 2006, executed by CHRISTOPHER M. MARTIN, LAURA L. MARTIN, conveying certain real property therein described to STERLING TITLES INC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 22, 2006, at Instrument Number 200602220070411;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2006-HE4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2006-HE4 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 **December 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 7TH (FORMERLY 2ND) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 35TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, THE SAME BEING LOT 5, W.S.MCFADDEN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 18, PAGE 113, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE, COMMON CORNER BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 5, SAID POINT BEING DISTANT 503 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF BROADWAY AND THE NORTHEAST LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 4 AND 5, NORTH 44 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST, 204 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 41 DEG. EAST, 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO LOT 4 OF THE MARGARET C. TINDELL SUBDIVISION; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF SAID LOT 4, SOUTH 44 DEG. WEST, 201.4 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF JACKSBORO PIKE, NORTH 42 DEG. 30 MIN. WEST, 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF PRENTICE L. COX, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 11, 1953. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED IS THE SAME AS FOUND IN PRIOR DEED OF RECORD AS A BOUNDARY LINE SURVEY WAS NOT DONE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

PARCEL ID: 048MB007

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5706 JACKSBORO PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CHRISTOPHER M. MARTIN, LAURA L. MARTIN

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CAVALRY SPV I, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF GE RETAIL BANK/LOWE’S CONSUMER, JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST ON FINGERHUT DIRECT MARKETING, JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS, 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.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2009, executed by ERIC FLANIGAN, HOLLY K. FLANIGAN, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 27, 2012, at Instrument Number 201208270012899;

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 **December 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. THREE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE WITHIN THE 26TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ALL OF LET NO. 139 IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS CITY HOMES SUBDIVISION OF WA. GRIFFIN AND PEARLIE M. CRUZE PROPERTY, UNIT NO. 3, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID UNIT OF RECORD IN CABINET B, SLIDE 84-A (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 14, PAGE 134), IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT LYING AND BEING SITUATED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF FEATHER STREET, HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 55 FEET THEREON, EXTENDING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION T

HE WESTERN LINE OF O.P. JENKINS PROPERTY, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERN LINE OF FEATHERS STREET DISTANT IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 793 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERN LINE OF FEATHERS STREET WITH THE SOUTHERN LINE OF TROTTER AVENUE, IF BOTH BE PRODUCED TO THEIR INTERSECTION, POINT AND RUNNING THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOT NOS. 138 AND 139, IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, 138.17 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERN LINE OF O.P. JENKINS PROPERTY; THENCE WITH SAID JENKINS LINE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, 55 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOT NOS. 140 AND 139, IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION, 138.57 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERN LINE OF FEATHERS STREET; THENCE WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF FEATHERS STREET, IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, 55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF SEHORN AND KENNEDY, ENGINEERS, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, DATED JUNE 5, 1945; SAID PREMISES BEING IMPROVED WITH DWELLING HOUSE BEARING CITY NO. 3538 FEATHERS STREET, SAID REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

PARCEL ID: 109FF-014

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3538 FEATHERS ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920-0000**. 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): DOUGLAS HACKWELL, MONIQUE HACKWELL

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

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CURRENT OWNER(S): MARY B. BERRIOS

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

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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 **December 8, 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:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN THE SIXTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND BEING ALL OF LOT 6, CHEVY SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 67-S, PAGE 84, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF PHILLIP V. LYNN, SURVEYOR, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

PARCEL ID: 105GJ006

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **9004 Chevy Ln, Knoxville, TN 37923**. 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): DOUGLAS HACKWELL, MONIQUE HACKWELL

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

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Hobo’s Winter Reads

As we close out the political election season and dive headfirst into the whirlwinds of holiday parties, family gatherings, and struggles of gift giving and shopping, Hobo the Wonder Dog thought maybe giving a few ideas for holiday reading or gift ideas for the animal lover on your shopping list would be a good idea. The Library Journal (LJ) just published a list of recommended consumer books on cats and dogs. These books make perfect gifts for the animal lovers on your holiday shopping list. Check them out of your local library as a personal escape from the holiday madness.

- “Being a Dog: Following the Dog into a World of Smell” by Alexandra Horowitz (Scribner).

Dogs experience the world more through their noses than their eyes and ears, and their encounters with scents are critical. Horowitz details just how much the nose of a dog knows in this fascinating



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

exploration.

- “The Lion in the Living Room: How House Cats Tamed Us and Took Over the World” by Abigail Tucker (S. & S.).

Blending social history, popular culture, and science, Tucker takes readers on a tour of feline history, including their evolution, effect on the environment, and ways in which they have taken over our lives—and the Internet.

- “The Secret Language of Dogs: Unlocking the Canine Mind for a Happier Pet” by Victoria Stilwell (Ten Speed: Crown).

This positive guide for living with canines from the human star of Animal Planet’s It’s Me or the Dog presents enhanced insights into the animal’s communicating behavior—from decoding tail wags to deciphering barks and the doggie eye.

- “The Trainable Cat: A Practical Guide to Making Life Happier for You and Your Cat” by John Bradshaw & Sarah Ellis



Hobo the Wonder Dog snuggles down for winter reading.

(Basic: Perseus).

In this smart, supportive, and accessible read, you’ll learn how to understand your cat and help the beloved family pet deal with daily life more easily—the ride to the vet’s for example, or moving house.

- “A Street Cat Named Bob: And How He Saved My Life” by James Bowen (Thomas Dunne: St. Martin’s).

The movie tie-in edition of Bowen’s affecting autobiographical story

and increase feelings of happiness. Happy reading or at least indulge yourself into some digital pet therapy this holiday season.

Life is better with a dog—Woof! Or cat—meow!

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SMCH Fall Benefit Auction & Dinner a Success

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ticketed items, such as an officially autographed boxing glove by Muhammad Ali, an autographed guitar by Taylor Swift, a Royal Caribbean Cruise, a print of the Downton Abbey cast, a print of the Star Wars Episode 7 signed by all the stars, and a two-night cabin stay in the Smoky Mountain provided by Century 21 MVP. All this—and more—was taking place while a silent auction proceeded through the evening, involving many great items contributed by over 100 local merchants and supporters of SMCH.

All proceeds from the auction and dinner benefited Smoky Mountain Children’s Home with a goal of helping SMCH purchase new carpet for the Moffett Dining Hall, a second phase in refurbishing the 27-year-old facility. Smoky Mountain Children’s Home extends a heart-felt Thank You to all of the many contributors who made this event a success.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 7, 2009, executed by TANJA L. WILLIAMS, conveying certain real property therein described to TOUCHDOWN TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 11, 2009, at Instrument Number 200908110011539;

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 **December 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 44TH QUARTER SECTION OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 16, BLOCK B, FAIRBOURN SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 58 S, PAGE 40, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ANY AND ALL MATTERS OF RECORD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES, AND ANY EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 58 S, PAGE 40, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, 10 FT. EASEMENTS ON EXTERIOR LOT LINES WITH 5 FT. INTERIOR LOT LINE EASEMENTS AS WELL AS 15 FT. SEWER EASEMENTS WITH 7.5 EACH SIDE OF LINE. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES, AND ANY EASEMENTS WHICH MAY BE OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE.

Parcel ID: 092F-B-033.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6336 CADBURY DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): TANJA L. WILLIAMS

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 22, 2009, executed by ROBERT J. DAVIS, TABITHA DAVIS, conveying certain real property therein described to HUGH M. QUEENER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 25, 2009, at Instrument Number 200906250085521 (as modified by Loan Modification Agreement at Instrument No. 201603100052329);

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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 **December 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 6 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 18, OF PAINTER FARMS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200601050057634, IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER’S OFFICE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 0786C-016

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7105 PONDSIDE LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**. 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): ROBERT J. DAVIS, TABITHA DAVIS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be 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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Memphis, TN 38103
www.rubinelublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #105496: 2016-11-07 2016-11-14, 2016-11-21

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DUSTIN BROOKS RICHARDS and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, alleged father of APEX LEWIS RICHARDS, born 10-13-2014, Margate, Broward Florida to LAURA ELIZABETH CULPEPPER (MYERS) mother. IN RE: ADOPTION OF APEX LEWIS RICHARDS DOCKET #1-401-16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the respondents, DUSTIN BROOKS RICHARDS and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, alleged fathers of the child, are either a non-resident of the state or whose present whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon them. Accordingly it is ORDERED by the Court that the respondents, DUSTIN BROOKS RICHARDS and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, file an Answer with the Circuit Court Clerk, Catherine Shanks, P.O. Box 379, Knoxville, TN 37901 and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney for the petitioners, whose address is P.O. Box 2564, Knoxville TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as you before Judge KRISTI M. DAVIS, CIRCUIT JUDGE at the Knox County Circuit Court, Div. 1, 400 Main St. Knoxville TN 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17th day of October, 2016
/s/ CATHERINE SHANKS, Circuit Court Clerk
Published: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HUSEYIN CAKMAK IN RE: BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TENNESSEE, Plaintiff vs. HUSEYIN CAKMAK, Defendant NO. 192592-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, and the Motion for Publication of Non-Resident Notice and Affidavit in support thereof, that the Defendant, HUSEYIN CAKMAK, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant file an Answer or other responsive pleadings with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knoxville, TN 37902, and with Stewart M. Crane, plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is 577 Pickle Road, Loudon, TN 37774 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 31st day of October 2016
/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master
Published 11/7, 11/14, 11/21 and 11/28/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **BILLIE ANN HENDERSON**
Docket Number 78211-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of OCTOBER 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLIE ANN HENDERSON who died SEP 19, 2016 were issued the undersigned by the

Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This 21ST day of OCTOBER, 2016

Estate of BILLIE ANN HENDERSON
MARY RUTH HENDERSON
MCQUESSIN ADMINISTRATRIX
670 RIVER RD.,
LOUDON, TN 37774

Dates Published: 11/7 AND 11/14/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **LINDA LEE PHIPPS**
Docket Number 78237-5

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of OCTOBER 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA LEE PHIPPS who died JUNE 2, 2016 were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This 27TH day of OCTOBER, 2016

Estate of LINDA LEE PHIPPS
TY WILLIAM PHIPPS: EXECUTOR
4812 WILKSHIRE DR.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

NATALIE J. IVEY
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
110 COGDILL RD.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

Publish dates: 11/7 and 11/14/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **ANNIS L. WOLFENBARGER**
Docket Number 78184-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH day of OCTOBER 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANNIS L. WOLFENBARGER who died Oct 2, 2016 were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty

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

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

This 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2016

Estate of ANNIS L. WOLFENBARGER
JOHN WOLFENBARGER; CO-EXECUTOR
2423 HOLBROOK DR.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

JAMES WOLFENBARGER; CO-EXECUTOR
2840 DAYBREAK WAY,
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN 37871

Publish dates: 11/7 and 11/14/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER IN RE: SAVANNAH FAITH COPELAND NO. 192527-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, it is ordered that said defendant, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Reggie Keaton, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 39, Knoxville, TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 25th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANY PERSON CLAIMING A SPOUSAL INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1602 MCCROSKEY AVE. KNOXVILLE TN 37917

IN RE: NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC VS ANY PERSON CLAIMING A SPOUSAL INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1602 MCCROSKEY AVE. KNOXVILLE TN 37917

NO. 192231-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Any person claiming a spousal interest in real property located at 1602 McCroskey Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917 a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Any person claiming a spousal interest in real property located at 1602 McCroskey Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917, it is ordered that said defendant Any person claiming a spousal interest in real property located at 1602 McCroskey Ave. Knoxville, TN 37917 file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Nicholas H. Adler an Attorney whose address is 6 Cadillac Dr. Suite 140 Brentwood, TN 37027 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridmore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive

weeks.

This 27th day of October, 2016

/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMAL ANTOINE ALLEN IN RE: HOPE LATOYA ALLEN VS JAMAL ANTOINE ALLEN NO. 191989-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Jamal Antoine Allen a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Jamal Antoine Allen, it is ordered that said defendant Jamal Antoine Allen file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara W. Clark an, Attorneys whose address is 2415 E Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Mike Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of October, 2016

/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Blount County Circuit Court Petition for Adoption

The unknown Father of Desiree Rachelle Stansberry is given notice for the termination of parental rights and for adoption of this child is filed in Maryville, Blount County Circuit Court by James and Martha Ward. A Default Judgment will be granted at a subsequent hearing if no response is made within sixty (60) day of the last date of publication to their attorney, H. Allen Bray, 1501 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804.

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTIONS

Public auction Monday November 28st, 2016 at noon at Fox Road Marina
Sylvan pontoon boat
To satisfy the account of Bill Iannazzo

Public auction Monday November 28st, 2016 at noon at Fox Road Marina
Rinker Fiesta Vee 330
To satisfy the account of Darol Craker

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners November Night Out

Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas are headed out to the Halls area for their next Ed & Bob Night Out in Knox County. Ed and Bob will be at E. B.'s Eats & Treats, 4620 Mill Branch Lane, Wednesday, November 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet the people of north Knox County and listen to their concerns.

Fountain City Art Center Holiday Gift Workshop

Get into the holiday mood as you enjoy making five small gifts with your family and your friends on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.! Sip hot cider and munch on cookies at the Fountain City Art Center while creating a pair of earrings, a book mark, "kimono" or "book" ornaments, an embossed gift card, a simple copper ring, and a stenciled tile.

Sign up for your 1 1/2 to 2-hour crafting blitz today! Please email swilliams@fcartcenter.com or call (865) 357-ARTS for more information.

Each activity is only \$5!

Fountain City Town Hall November Meeting

Fountain City Town Hall, Inc. will meet Monday, November 14, 2016, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike.

Tom Harrington will speak about the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. Tom is a noted speaker and the recipient of the prestigious George & Helen Hartzog Award for Enduring Volunteer Service in the South Eastern Region of the National Park Service as well as the 2005 President's Call to Service Award.

Students from Gresham Middle School will be recognized for outstanding achievement in academics and citizenship.

Happy Travelers Luncheon

Everyone is invited to the Happy Travelers Thanksgiving Luncheon and Gathering on Tuesday, November 22 at North Acres Baptist Church. Music will be provided by

Eternal Vision

Call (865)254-8884 for information and reservations.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful to Hold Beautification Mob Weekend

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) will hold two beautification mobs to plant approximately 18,000 daffodil and tulip bulbs on November 19th and 20th. Volunteers are needed for both days.

KKB will kick off the weekend on Saturday, November 19 by planting 2,000 daffodil bulbs next to the sidewalks of Sevierville Pike and E. Moody Avenue, near the end of the James White Parkway. Planting will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and volunteers will receive a light breakfast and lunch. All tools and supplies will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring a water bottle and wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Parking will be available at the intersection of Sevierville Pike and Compton Street, as well as on surrounding streets.



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New Beverly Baptist Church

The Bowlings will be singing at New Beverly Baptist Church on Sunday, November 20 at 6 p.m. No charge but a love offering will be taken. New Beverly is located at 3320 New Beverly Church Road, off Washington Pike by Target.

South Knoxville Senior Center Art Show

The South Knoxville Senior Center Art Class will be having an Art Show November 30 - December 2 at the senior center. Artists who meet each Wednesday will have their paintings on display from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. All pieces will be available for purchase. Berry's Funeral Home will sponsor an Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 8:30-10:30 to "kick-off" the show. Please come and support your local senior artists. Sandra Curtis is the Wednesday art class instructor. For more information, please call the center at 573-5843.

STAR calls for volunteers

Looking for something fun and rewarding to do this winter? Do you enjoy working with horses and/or people? STAR needs volunteers to assist special needs children and adults with therapeutic horseback riding lessons. Junior Vol Training (ages 10-12) is Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lesson Vol Training (ages 13+) is Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Horse experience is not necessary, closed toed shoes are a must. For more information, call Brittany at (865)988-4711 or visit www.rideatstar.org.

Town Hall East Meeting

THE will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 14, at Eastminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. The meeting will feature "A Celebration of Schools" with School Board Member Gloria Deathridge and representatives of local public and private schools.

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