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City Council

Distance dropped between beer sales and churches

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday to do away with any distance requirements between beer retailers and churches. The 5-3 vote came after several churches and ministers spoke for and against the change.

The ordinance was changed because of a state law allowing liquor and beer sales with a state license within the city, negating any local ordinance. The council

did not change the 300-foot distance still required between beer sales and funeral homes, day cares, hospitals, etc.

Pastor Rodney Arnold of One Life Church championed the effort to allow beer sales and said that 15 churches agree with eliminating the distance requirement. Proponents said that current regulations inhibit "storefront churches" from locating in shopping

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Eight future teachers received scholarships to help offset expenses while they fulfill their respective student teaching requirements at the KCRTA's scholarship luncheon at the Foundry.

Aspiring teachers receive scholarships to continue education

By Ken Lay

Eight aspiring teachers recently received scholarships to continue the pursuit of their respective teaching credentials at the Knox County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Foundation luncheon.

The event was held at The Foundry at the World's Fair Park on Thursday, November 17.

Tara Hamlin was awarded the Colleen Bennett Scholarship. Alexis Huddleston received the Tom Underwood Scholarship. Emily Lowery was honored with the Hunter Daughters' Scholarship.

The Robert Dagley Scholarship was awarded to Santiago Munoz. Sarah Neeson was presented with the Frank Smith Scholarship and Kelly Tate received the Chris Williams Scholarship.

John Tourtellotte, a former actor who seeks to teach Theater and English, was awarded the Reuben and Pat Hunter Scholarship

and Brittany Wright was awarded the Bonnie Goff Scholarship.

Many of the students honored are re-entry students with full-time jobs. Some hold multiple jobs and are in the midst of raising their own children.

Teaching will also serve as a second career for many of the honorees.

Award presenters included: Bill Crosland (a retired elementary school principal who served at Copper Ridge and West Haven Elementary School); Knox County Board of Education Chairperson Patti Bounds; Judy Rehder; Nancy Gerhardt; Dr. Mary Lou Kanipe (a former Bearden High School principal who is the daughter of Frank Smith); Vicki Andrews; Chris Vandergriff (a former teacher at the North Knox Technology Center and Halls High School wrestling coach) and Bonnie Lockwood, a retired school librarian and longtime friend of Bonnie Goff.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Tony Earl of Angelic Ministries tops off the Christmas tree with the assistance of Danny Smitty and helpers Brent, Claudia, Jane and Jo. The Ministry is in need of children's toys and other items.

Angelic Ministries needs your help

By Mike Steely
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Angelic Ministries will host 25 families in need every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout December and supply them with Christmas gifts and various other sundries and household goods the families need. The ministry supplies everything from clothing to furniture for families that have lost most, if not all, of their household belongings. Some clients are struggling to come out of homelessness to start their lives again.

Tony Earl, Executive Director, paused while putting up a Christmas tree last week at the ministry's 1218 West Central Avenue location in the former Merita Bread factory, in order to take The Focus on a tour of the Christmas gift section there.

The section is ready for the first 50 families and will be restocked following each visit but there's a need right now for early teen and children's gifts. The families that come each week are normally referred by churches and ministries and are allowed to pick what they need and also get hot chocolate and cookies. This December Angelic Ministries are accepting any family that comes in for assistance.

"We also need hygiene items for children and adults, men's pants in size 36 and smaller and men's underpants," Earl said. The ministry

receives no money from any government funds or agencies and operates solely on the support of caring churches, ministries, private companies, organizations and individuals.

"It's a great undertaking, we just want to make sure we have enough gifts," he said.

Donations are received Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Many of the people who volunteer or were clients are featured on Angelic Ministries' Facebook page. The work on the building, the programs there, what is needed and the purpose of the ministry are also featured there.

Earl said they are proud of the graduates from their rehab program, many of whom have gone on to universities, found employment, started their own business or stayed to help out with the ministries.

New this year is equipment in the garage behind the building that can provide oil changes for families. Every Wednesday five families are chosen for the service thanks to a grant from United Way. The hope is to expand that service to more families.

There's also a new woodworking shop for training.

"In this economy people just can't get ahead," Earl said.

Office hours at Angelic Ministries are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. All donations receive a tax receipt. If you'd like to volunteer or schedule a tour for your organization the Angelic staff welcomes you and asks you to call Tammy, the Volunteer Coordinator, at (865)523-8884.

Another ministry of Angelic is to help men coming out of homelessness or other rough situations to get on the road to responsibility and self-sufficiency. The ministry has a number of homes in Knoxville where the men live and are able to disciple as a new Christian, train in a job skill and be mentored in a caring, structured environment. The men serve the ministry by picking up, sorting and organizing donations, and helping families to load items. That part of the ministry is also supported by a national network called Christian Men's Job Corps.

Angelic Ministries, Int. began in 2002, and is a non-profit non-denominational ministry. The primary ministry of Angelic Ministries is to reach out with the practical love of Christ to people entering their doors by providing them furniture, clothing, linens, kitchen supplies, and other needed household items at no cost to them, all wrapped in the love, encouragement, and prayers of the staff and volunteers who serve those who come to the ministry.

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Notary Public: What Does that Title Mean?

At some point in your life, you've probably had to have an important document notarized, and there has been this section at the bottom for a "Notary Public" to confirm that you are who you say you are and they witnessed you sign this document. Sounds weird, and a little unnecessary, so what exactly does the term Notary Public (or Notary) mean and what is their purpose?

Someone who is a Notary is actually a public official, although it is an unpaid position. They are allowed to charge fees for providing notary services, or they can notarize documents for free.

A Notary's primary purpose is to deter fraud in the execution of documents. As an impartial third party, a notary will verify that someone is who they say they are when they sign a document, typically by checking someone's identification. Documents that might need to be notarized include wills, property deeds, powers of attorney, and court documents. Under Tennessee state law, all of these documents are required to be notarized before they can be finalized or filed.

A Notary also has the power to administer oaths and take depositions, affidavits, and acknowledgments.

So how does one become a Notary? Usually there is an office at the courthouse in the county in which you live where they can help you fill out forms and pay the necessary fees to become a Notary. Becoming a Notary also requires that you obtain a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, which usually costs less than \$200.00 to you. The purpose of the surety bond is to provide you protection as a Notary in case someone sues you for executing something you should not have, much like an insurance policy.

For how long can someone be a Notary? Typically, the license by the state for a Notary is good for four years, with the option to keep renewing the Notary license indefinitely with the payment of a renewal fee and the obtaining of a new surety bond.

Can a Notary in Tennessee notarize documents outside of the state of Tennessee? Well, they can if they desire, but I would not recommend it as Tennessee is the entity which has provided Notaries their authority.

So how does someone actually notarize a document? In order to notarize a document, all the Notary has to do is witness someone sign a document, confirm that the person signing the document is who they say they are, then sign their name to the document and then use a special seal to stamp the document. The seal is used to identify that they are indeed the one that witnessed and approved the signing of the document.

If I need something notarized, where would I go to do it? Most banks and law offices have a Notary on their staff, and if you ask nicely, they would probably be willing to notarize a document for you for free! They will simply want you to show them some identification before notarizing whatever it is that you have brought them.

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centers and said the existing local law is outdated.

"The ordinance does absolutely nothing to keep alcohol away from churches," Arnold said, referring to the current law being superseded by state law. He said the current law stopped his church from leasing facilities four times.

About fifty church members who opposed the change attended with their children and held up signs during the debate, all standing at one time.

Rev. Charles Jenkins of Oakwood Baptist cited 150 churches that are members of the Knox County Baptist Association and spoke of the addictive and destructive nature of alcohol.

"It's all about the safety and health of our children," he said.

Opponents of the change, before the council for the second and final reading, called the distance requirement the "first line of defense" noting that many churches have schools and children are present often during the day.

Doug Stauffer of Antioch Baptist Church said the council should give respect to religion, use common sense, and said the prohibition of the use of alcohol was "Biblical." He was critical of the churches that were granted beer permits for special occasions and supported the change. He called the support by churches in dropping the distance requirement "Hypocritical and deplorable."

"There is no excuse for a church to be in the business of beer and alcohol sales," he said.

Councilmen Nick Pavlis and Nick Della Volpe both spoke against dropping the distance requirement. Pavlis said the change could have "unintended consequences" and said beer sales next to churches could be disruptive.

"Churches are a sanctuary of safety and prayer,"

Neighborhoods awarded project funds

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Each year neighborhood associations can submit project funding requests to the Office of Neighborhoods for review. On Tuesday the City Council approved over \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Small Grants Program for seven neighborhood groups.

The Historic Holston Hills Community Club received \$3,000 for the second phase of their enhancement efforts and usability of Holston Hills Community Park.

The Timbercrest Neighborhood Association also received \$3,000 for their Family Friendly Park for new playground equipment with the idea of increasing the number of families using the park.

Vestal Community Organization's Greenway Park Project was awarded \$3,000 to revitalize the area, provide new green space and increase community pride.

The View Park Neighborhood Watch received \$1,700 for an entrance sign project to increase visibility, brand their neighborhood and upgrade the look of the area.

A signage project at Historic Fourth & Gill received \$1,900 to increase visibility and connectedness of the Birdhouse as well as additional signs.

Morningside Heights Homeowners Association gets \$3,000 for their Community Center Reception Project to increase usability of the center by residents.

RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association receives \$4,500 for their Aesthetics Program to improve their connectedness to downtown, making their area more inviting to neighbors and draw people to the East Hill area.

Anyone wanting more information of the Office of Neighborhoods may contact David Massey at (865)215-3232 or Debbie Sharp at (865)215-4382.

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The Knox County Board of Education is moving to hire a new superintendent as the Search Committee discussed beginning the hiring process by placing ads in national trade publications.

Meeting in the small Board Conference Room Tuesday and led by BOE member Amber Rountree the members of the committee, Susan Horn and Tony Norman, suggested placing a general advertisement and putting the details of the position, the school system, and other information on the internet for applicants to read. Most applications are expected to come over the internet although paper applications will be accepted.

While the Search Committee hopes to handle the hunt for a new administrator more or less on its own with the school board's approval, they also discussed the possibilities of using approved vendors or



Amber Rountree, standing, speaks to the Superintendent Search Committee. The committee decided to begin an advertising campaign in various nationally-read magazines and began to set qualifications for applicants.

issuing a request for proposals to hire someone to vet the 15 or so applicants designated by the committee.

Some of the language in the search criteria may be changed including deleting "minimum credentials" and requiring at least 3 to 5 years of public teaching experience, and requiring a Master Degree.

The advertising would begin in December and applications would be deadlined for January 13th. Norman asked that a draft of the ad be back by then and also asked the costs of a national media advertisement.

Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas offered his staff to help receive the applications, which he said

could number as many as one hundred. Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler said the search could take up to three months to resolve and Thomas said he'd stay on if needed for a few weeks to show the new hire around.

Rountree opened the meeting by saying she felt like they were "flying blind" in organizing the search.

"It is imperative that we have this job posted before the new year," Rountree said.

Horn questioned the costs of hiring a search firm as opposed to "doing it ourselves" and added that the Board of Education may "need help once we pick the top 10 people." She also said that an inquiry about finalists should be

conducted in each applicant's home district to get more information.

A discussion about compensation for the new superintendent centered around \$227,000 per year with a suggestion that it could be \$230,000 for the right candidate. The BOE will apparently set the salary in their December meeting.

"I don't think we have to increase the salary a lot to guarantee we're going to get the best quality leader," Rountree said. She suggested that May 1 might be the beginning of a transition for the position.

Thomas said that a new person may be in position by June 1.

Norman said that the top two or three candidates should be interviewed by the whole board and be guests at public hearings.

The Search Committee meets again on December 13th at 10 a.m. to review the ad and the information that will be available on the internet.

Antique Addiction a superb place to shop

By Mike Steely
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It may well be the cleanest and best organized antique shop in the region and Kim and Donna are proud of their store and merchandise.

Not only does Antique Addiction have lots of vendors but the ladies also offer their own selection of items. Located at 3529 West Emory Road in Powell, just off Clinton Highway, the large store offers a friendly, knowledgeable and inviting atmosphere.

Operated by Daniel and Kim Pratt and Donna Braden and her husband Kurt, the store had been located in Solway but quickly outgrew their space there. About a month ago they moved to the new location and now have more than 5,000 square feet with 15 vendors and room for more. Lots of antique customers quickly followed the ladies to their new location.

"We buy out estates and have a little bit for everyone," Braden said.

Pratt added, "We even have one piece that was picked by American Pickers."

In Antique Addiction you'll find everything

from needlepoint items to record albums, classic radios, glassware, ceramics, cast iron, vintage toys, lunch boxes, and a pre-Civil War cabinet that opens to become a desk.

As you walk around the store and view the vendors' sections you will find primitive pieces, paintings, quilts, etc. The store features vintage Christmas items, cameras, advertising signs and items, and even jewelry.

"We have tobacco tins, penny shooter banks, cast iron banks, pedal cars, and a wide variety of antique and vintage furniture," Pratt said.

There's even a 1950s style kitchen, lots of cookie jars, oil lamps and rotary phones. If you're looking for the unique you'll find it at Antique Addiction.

"I love the history part and to hear people say they had that item as a child," Pratt said, noting that even younger people are getting into "mid-century" items.

"Both our husbands are veterans and are proud to have served our country. We give a 10% discount to veterans every day," Braden said.

Antique Addiction is open Monday through Saturday



Donna Braden and Kim Pratt of Antique Addiction invite everyone to their new and larger store in Powell. If it is antiques, vintage or collectibles you seek than this large, well organized store is for you. Photo by Mike Steely.

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Our Neighborhoods

Looking for fading history in downtown

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For the most part Knoxville's Old City is empty during weekdays with a few people coming up from the City-County Building and other downtown offices to get lunch there. The nightlife that surges on the weekends fades away during this time and it's a good place to take a stroll, peek into businesses in the historic area, and look for the ghosts of the business that once were there.

If you look above the ground floors of several buildings you'll find faded old painted signs that appear as ghost images. The Armetta Ice Cream Parlor sign on the side of the Sullivan Building recalls a family of Italian immigrants who lived upstairs and operated their ice cream parlor below.

Across the street if you look between buildings you'll see a "See Rock City" sign. There is much to see with a weekday walk through Old City.

The Old City got its name in the 1980s as the much neglected area began revitalization. Located along Central and Jackson Avenue between Summit Hill and Magnolia and Gay Street and Hall of Fame Drive the district has become a popular nightlife area with restaurants, taverns, artsy stores, residences, etc.

A notorious place to visit



PHOTOS BY MIKE STEELY.

The faded sign for Armetta's Ice Cream Parlor is visible on the side of the Sullivan Building in Old City. The Italian family that operated the business after the city closed the saloons lived upstairs.

or live in earlier days the district began to attract businesses and questionable residents and customers following the railroad reach there in the 1850s. During the 1880s it became the home of many well known establishments and manufacturing companies.

In 1985 many of the buildings, including the Southern Railway Terminal, were added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The White Lily Building

Not too many years ago White Lily Flour was THE home of the most used flour in the southeastern region. Like other Knoxville brands such as JFG Coffee, Mountain Dew or Sterchi Brothers, the brand was very popular and widely used.

The White Lily building was built in 1885 by the J. Allen Smith Company. The popular flour was made

until 2008 along with other brands like Evidence cake flour, Clover Leaf Cookies, and several other brands.

It is said that the name, White Lily, was for Smith's wife Lillie.

In 2112 Dewhirst Properties bought the historic building and renovated it to become White Lily Flats, a four-story apartment building. The structure has studio and one and two bedroom apartments with commercial spaces on the first floor.

The JFG Building

While many people believe that JFG Coffee began in Knoxville it actually was started in Morristown in 1882 by the Goodson Brothers. Relocating about 1924 in what is now the Old City, James Franklin Goodson and his brother tried several places in the district before moving to the well-known building at 200 West Jackson, now the home of another DeWhirst Apartment Building.

There are many, many other historic structures in the area that remain and are in use including the Vernacular Commerce Warehouse, the Carhard Building, the Emporium Building, Sterchi Lofts and others.

A walk around the Old City and the nearby streets

may bring many surprises including alleys decorated with art and graffiti, a new building site being excavated and more. Although

the Old City has places that may not be the oldest in downtown Knoxville, no area has a more rich and controversial history.



The Sullivan Building

In the center of the Old City the Sullivan Building stands as a guardian of the district, a bold façade facing Central as an icon of earlier days.

Built by Irish immigrant and Union army officer Patrick Sullivan who lived above the saloon he operated on the ground floor, the building now houses the Lonesome Dove Western Bistro.

Historic Cavett's Station development halted

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The old burial ground on Broome Road, high on the hill above West Gallaher Road, is known as Mars Hill Cemetery but historians know it as the burial place of the Cavett family. The family settled there before statehood, built a fortified cabin, and was attacked by the Chickamauga Cherokee. A slaughter took place after the white settlers surrendered at the hands of War Chief Doublehead.

The exact location of the fort, or cabin, has not been located and there are apparently unmarked

graves outside the boundary of the cemetery. A local developer was planning to build a subdivision there but recently the homeowners in the area apparently stopped the plans when they turned out for a Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting.

Bentley Fields was to be a 31-lot single family development on 11.6 acres. MPC members noted they had received "hundreds of letters and emails" against the proposal. Members of the West Hills Community Association appeared before the commission to voice their displeasure, citing the history of the

vacant land, the graves believed to be there, a huge sinkhole on the property and an anomaly found that might be the site of the pioneer fort.

The planning staff recommended the development but put eleven conditions on the plans. The staff was recommending a 25-foot buffer between the known graveyard and gently scraping some of the area to see if there are human remains.

While the application was compatible with existing zoning in the area, MPC Director Gerald Green said the historic nature of the property "makes it challenging for

the staff recommendations."

Mark Jendrek, a Doublehead Lane resident, told the commission that the rectangular anomaly found should be investigated and asked the MPC to turn down the request or postpone it.

Archeologist Travis Hurdle of Cultural Resources Analysis, Inc. told the MPC that the first goal is preservation. Hired by the developer to investigate the vacant lot he said that probing could locate graves and that an archeologist would be present when scraping of the topsoil is done.

The rectangular footprint, the commission learned, could be

the site of an old church instead of the historic fortified cabin.

Commissioner Art Clancy suggested that the historic site was lost years ago and noted that he'd never seen a proposal for development with so many restrictions. He moved to approve the plan subject to the staff restrictions. He suggested that the neighborhood or someone buy the rectangular anomaly to preserve it.

Commissioner Charles Thomas commented, "All these issues are having a cumulative effect" and noted the presence of the large

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What would make a mechanic with more than 20 years of experience want to open his own car repair business?

"I want to be able to 'help my help' and come together to support our families and help our customers," says David Weismuller.

"I looked around a lot," he said about choosing the location for his business, a garage with four bays and room for lots of auto repairs. He said he has the option of adding two more

bays to handle even more vehicles. "I love this location," Weismuller said of his new shop at 1810 North Broadway Street.

All Tune and Lube Total Car Care does everything from oil changes for only \$14.90 to major motor work, brake and transmission work, and most kinds of general auto and truck repair.

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Weismuller said it is frustrating that people have to

pay for airing up their tires and that's why he offers air for free. He also said that the shop will diagnose an "Engine Light" for free and that a brake job on most cars starts at only \$69.99. That includes front pads and labor.

Bronson Tolliver runs the front desk at All Tune and Lube. "I like the direction we are headed and David is really good with employees," Tolliver said.

Asked about the most unusual thing he's found during his career, Weismuller said he's found tools in the frame of cars left there by workers during manufacturing. He spent many years working at a Chrysler dealership where he began as a shop cleanup guy.

He said he's adding more and more equipment,



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who desire to use photography to shine God's light in a dark world.

Recently, photographers Julie Kinder McMillan, Jon Laster, Kelly Randolph, and Steve Ellis, along with a team of

15 support members who help with the logistics, provided about 65 free portrait sessions and prints for approximately 30 different families in Kentucky. This first event was done in conjunction with Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. "Our mission is to serve

God by serving people with the skills and talents He has given us," Ellis said. Crosslight gives families a gift of memories with their families at a point in their lives when they are just struggling to make ends meet. For many, the photos taken by Crosslight members are the first pictures they have had made together as a family. "It was a great event and we plan on more in the future," Ellis added. To explain their purpose and reason for doing this ministry, Crosslight references a familiar scripture in 1 Peter 4:10: "Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God" (HCSB).

"The goal of Crosslight is to use photography whenever and however we can to serve others, support ministries, and share the love of Jesus," Ellis explained. "This may be through family portraits or by using photography in



Picture of Crosslight Ministry Team, courtesy of Steve Ellis, Light House Studio

support and promotion of various ministries across several denominations. The possibilities are endless," he added.

While the skilled photographers donate their talent, plans are underway for a funding drive to help with costs of the project including prints and equipment, as well as general promotional materials. The first event to raise money and awareness took place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Crosslight provided family Christmas

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Senator Howard Baker PART EIGHT

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Fresh from his titanic reelection victory in 1972, Howard Baker returned to the United States Senate on the cusp of becoming a national figure.

Richard Nixon had also won an historic reelection victory, but it quickly unraveled. When the Senate appointed a bipartisan committee to investigate the Watergate break-in, Minority Leader Hugh Scott informed Senator Baker he would be the ranking Republican on the committee. Scott smoothly informed Baker that every Republican in the Senate had recommended him for service on the special committee. Howard Baker accepted the assignment, but was far too shrewd not to recognize that serving on the Watergate Committee was fraught with danger for any Republican senator. Baker had been an admirer of Richard Nixon and the president had campaigned for the Tennessean in each of his campaigns. Many Washington insiders believed Hugh Scott put Howard Baker on the Watergate Committee to punish him.

If so, Hugh Scott did not reckon with Baker's ability and honesty. The one question asked during the interminable hearings that is still remembered today was asked by Howard Baker: "What did the President know and when did he know it?" The Watergate hearings were televised and millions of Americans appreciated Howard Baker's simple sincerity and his calm demeanor. Baker complimented the storytelling, folksy Sam Ervin of North Carolina, who chaired the committee.

While having a press conference at the Tri-Cities Airport in February of 1973, Baker was asked by a reporter of the senator's impression of the Watergate Committee. Senator Baker drawled that he "wished I had not been asked" to serve on the committee.

Baker's stepmother, Irene, who had succeeded Howard Baker, Sr. in Congress, once said of Howard, Jr., "He's like the Tennessee River. He flows right down the middle."

Howard Baker launched another political career with the Watergate Hearings. Baker selected Fred Thompson to serve as the Minority Counsel to the committee.

Senator Baker began receiving considerable media attention all across the country. Baker also began receiving attention in other quarters, some of which was not entirely welcome. There were more than a few ladies who began inquiring about the senator. Unknown to some of these ladies, Joy Baker frequently worked in her husband's Senate office. Some women were rather aggressive and wanted Senator Baker's home telephone number, to which Mrs. Baker always

replied, "I'm sorry, but we're not permitted to give out the Senator's home phone."

Evidently that answer didn't satisfy one woman who demanded to know why not and Joy Dirksen Baker retorted, "Probably his wife wouldn't like it."

"And how do you know that?" the woman wanted to know.

"Because I'm his wife," Joy Baker replied.

Mrs. Baker recalled opening a letter from a young woman in Wisconsin. The young woman went on at length how "darling and cute" the Tennessee senator was and concluded her letter with, "Obviously you're married. If this situation should ever change, would you please let me know."

Mrs. Baker's nickname for her husband was "Penny," which was a derivative of Baker's middle name, Henry.

Around that time, Joy Baker had to have a hysterectomy, but complications set in, which included a bowel dissection. Mrs. Baker later related doctors had told the senator she "might not make it." Although heavily sedated, Joy Baker remembered, "Well, every time I opened my eyes, my husband was there."

With the resignation of Richard Nixon and his return to California, Gerald Ford assumed the presidency. Howard Baker seemed a logical choice for vice president and he was reputedly among the top contenders for the spot, but Ford finally opted for New York governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Baker, unlike many politicians, was not consumed by politics. Senator Baker had a wide variety of outside interests and enjoyed playing tennis and golf and his hobby of photography became legendary. "I'm not sure that I'll ever be a candidate for anything other than the United States Senate again," Baker said at a news conference. "If I am I can promise you that it will not be as a candidate for Vice President."

Baker noted he had supposedly been a leading contender for the vice presidency in 1968 and 1974 and drawled, "I'm the world's leading authority on the proposition that that's the most helpless position in politics that you can be in."

Senator Baker shrugged off questions as to why he had not been selected by Ford to serve as vice president. Baker said he didn't know and "I have no curiosity."

Howard Baker predicted his former aide Lamar Alexander would be elected governor that fall and believed the Democratic nominee, Ray Blanton was running an outmoded campaign by simply trying to unify Democrats. Senator Baker opined, "In Tennessee, about a quarter of us are Republicans and



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Howard Baker, 1973.

one quarter are Democrats, but the overwhelming preponderance of voters in 1974 are independent spirited. You can unite the Democratic party til you're blue in the face and you'll get beat."

Richard Nixon's fall may have made Howard Baker a national figure, but it played hell with Republicans across the nation. The 1974 elections were a disaster for congressional Republicans and little better in state races. Baker's protégé, Lamar Alexander, fared little better than most other Republicans that year, after a promising start.

Democrats, smelling blood, had gone through a bitter primary with no less than twelve candidates for the governorship. Blanton had good name recognition from his failed campaign against Baker in 1972, but he was hard pressed to win against Knoxville banker Jake Butcher. Former senator Ross Bass was making his last hurrah as a statewide candidate, but his candidacy never caught fire. Blanton won the primary by an eyelash, winning with less than 23% of the vote. The former congressman only ran ahead of Jake Butcher by 16,650 votes.

Blanton, referring to the Watergate scandal, crowed that he could return to Washington and visit his friends, while Lamar Alexander would have to go to the penitentiary to visit his own friends. Those words would likely have special meaning to Ray Blanton just a few years later.

Senator Baker was wrong in his assessment of the coming election. Blanton did indeed manage to rally Democrats and 1970 gubernatorial nominee John Jay Hooker and former senator Albert Gore campaigned with him in upper East Tennessee.

Blanton used a populist theme as the gubernatorial campaign came to a close, decrying workers being laid off, the exorbitant profits of big oil companies in particular and big business

in general.

"Under Democrats you live better and eat better," Blanton said.

Thirty-three year old Lamar Alexander tried hard to break down the wall of Democratic unity with little success. Both campaigns, as they always do, claimed they were confident of victory. Alexander speculated he would win with 55% of the vote, while the more bombastic Blanton said he would pull 60% of the vote on Election Day.

Neither were right.

Blanton managed to pare down the traditional Republican margins in East Tennessee, which had been his strategy when he ran against Howard Baker in 1972. Ray Blanton ran well in Middle Tennessee and rural West Tennessee. Although Senators Howard Baker and Bill Brock had campaigned hard for Alexander, as did Governor Winfield Dunn, the 1974 election was a Republican debacle.

As Lamar Alexander was losing to Ray Blanton, two GOP congressmen were defeated. Dan Kuykendall of Memphis lost to Harold Ford by less than 800 votes. LaMar Baker of Chattanooga lost to Marilyn Lloyd by just over 6,000 votes.

The toxic Watergate atmosphere was too much for Alexander and other Republican candidates to overcome. Richard Nixon's overwhelming victory in Tennessee, as well as that of Howard Baker, had helped young Robin Beard to beat Congressman William Anderson in West Tennessee. In 1973, the Republicans held both Senate seats, the governorship, and five out of nine congressional seats. By 1975, the pendulum had swung back and the Democrats won the governorship and two additional Congressional seats.

In 1975, Howard Baker began pondering the possibility of running for president. Gerald Ford's standing in the polls was quite low and it seemed

likely never having been elected president in his own right, a challenger for the GOP nomination might emerge. Senator Baker, in Albuquerque for a fundraising dinner, acknowledged he was considering just such a challenge to President Ford. Baker said that much would depend "to a large degree on what President Ford might do."

Gerald Ford did indeed attract a challenger, but it was not Howard Baker.

Former California governor Ronald Reagan announced he was running and Reagan's candidacy largely precluded that of other candidates.

Initially, the Reagan challenge was fizzling and Ford appeared to be gaining strength until the former governor dealt the president a defeat in the North Carolina primary. Reagan went on to crush Ford in Texas and Tennessee became a battleground state. Governor Reagan came to Baker's own Huntsville for a gigantic rally, accompanied by his wife, Nancy. Senator Baker had infuriated many Reagan backers by openly endorsing President Ford. That endorsement became a festering sore with many conservative Republicans who, over a period of time, began to have a special loathing for Howard Baker.

The results of the Tennessee GOP presidential primary was almost a draw, yet there were hard feelings in the wake of a very close contest for the Republican nomination.

Baker thought he might well be Gerald Ford's choice to run as vice president, but Ford chose Kansas senator Bob Dole instead. It was a curious decision as Ford was expected to run well in the prairie states while Howard Baker might have brought some strength to the Republican ticket against the first Southerner (outside of Lyndon Johnson who had succeeded John F. Kennedy) to be nominated by the Democrats in the modern era. Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second best state

in the country after Georgia, which helped to take Senator Bill Brock down. Brock had met his goal of winning more than 100,000 votes than he had in his 1976 campaign, but still lost to Nashville attorney Jim Sasser by more than 77,000 votes.

The Democrats had managed to improve their showing in the Volunteer State, carrying Tennessee in the presidential election for the first time since 1964. The Republicans held only three of Tennessee's nine Congressional seats and once again, Howard Baker was the lone Republican to hold statewide office in Tennessee.

Howard Baker and helped to build Tennessee into a genuine two-party state and two election cycles had undone much of what he had accomplished.

Senator Hugh Scott had decided to retire in 1976 and Senate Republicans would be electing a new Minority Leader in 1977. Michigan senator Robert Griffin, who had been serving as Republican Whip, would be hard to beat and when Howard Baker announced he would run for GOP leader, many believed it would be an uphill battle. Baker won by exactly a single vote.

Howard Baker had long ago alienated many members of the far right when he had helped to pass the Clean Air Act, as well as the voting Rights Act, but his helping to shepherd the Panama Canal Treaty through the Senate caused some of them to become positively unhinged.

Many ultra conservatives had long disliked Howard Baker for his moderation and careful consideration of issues on their own merits. Nor did Baker's endorsement of President Gerald Ford over Ronald Reagan sit well with many conservatives. That dislike was burning red-hot with many conservative activists as Howard Baker prepared to face the voters in 1978.

Steamed Kitchen Windows

This time of year always makes me sit back and think about times gone by. I grow a bit nostalgic, and just a fleeting thought can fill my eyes with tears.



By Joe Rector
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The weather cools too quickly for my aching joints, but years ago it never bothered me a lick. We boys in the neighborhood would arrive at home from school, change into our old play clothes and shoes, and let the screen door slap the jam as we ran to the side yard for a game of tackle football. Games lasted until dark. We'd stop only when the call "Supper" drifted out of doors in the neighborhood. We swept off the dust with our hands and rubbed grass-stained knees before turning toward our houses. It was a sad time because we knew that night would swallow the rest of the day and deny us more plays of glory until the next afternoon.

Even though fingers and toes numbed from the drop in the temperature, we

boys were covered in sweat from the game. The smell from a young boy is a mixture of dirt, exertion, and hormones. Feet proved to be so smelly that shoes were required until

bath time. We quenched our thirst during those epic football battles with water straight from the hose. The taste of plastic flavored the water, but no one cared; it still revived us enough to continue the game.

When Jim and I walked toward the door that opened into a hall next to the kitchen, we noticed that the windows were steamed. That was the sign that supper was cooking and almost on the table. No matter what the menu included, we were always ready and willing to eat. To the right of the door was a huge oven, an oversized appliance that could cook six pies at a time. The same pots with which Mother began house-keeping sat on eyes of the stove. They'd hold such

things as stewed potatoes, hominy, soup beans, and corn. Another vessel would be filled with meat or spaghetti and sauce.

At the far end of the room sat a large round oak table. Chairs surrounded it, and as soon as we sat, the warning not to lean back in them greeted us. Plates and silverware were set and ready for the onslaught of three brothers who could devour all the prepared food and still be hungry. A large glass of milk was poured for each of us, and they would be filled again midway through supper. Mother warned us to hold our forks correctly and not to use them as shovels.

The best thing in that kitchen was Mother. She sat upon her S&H green stamp stool, and in front of her were a cup of cold coffee, a pack of cigarettes, and a pad and pen. While she yakked on the phone, her right hand pushed a pencil as she drew doodles that covered the page. On that stool, she found the first rest she'd had after a day of teaching, cooking, washing, and cleaning for her

family. She never uttered the first complaint.

After supper came time for homework and baths. We'd sit on the edge of the tub as the water ran and splash it in an effort to make Mother believe we were actually washing ourselves. Sometimes we were caught and sent back to "do it again." We donned pajamas, watched a little television, and then made our ways to bed.

The outside temperatures quickly cooled the block and plaster walls. We curled up underneath quilts that our Mamaw had made. They warmed our bodies, and we drifted off to sleep.

Those were good times, but I don't want to go back. I love my life now, my wife and family and friends. Still, I miss those carefree times. I also miss Mother and my brother and several of the boys with whom I grew up. This evening I'm going to walk down to the yard where so many football games took place and just spend some quiet time remembering. I'll look on my way back inside my house to see if the windows are steamed.



Rosie's World

Recipes

Kroger's is my favorite place to do my grocery shopping and they reward me by sending me money-saving

coupons and also delicious recipes. Thanksgiving has gone by and I know some of you have baked cookies but now it's time to do some serious cookie-baking for Christmas. Instead of the usual chocolate chip, peanut butter, and sugar cookies, here is a recipe for something different.

Chocolate-Walnut Triangles

First you have to make a basic cookie dough:

1-3/4 sticks (14 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened.
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon table salt
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg
2 cups all-purpose flour.

Now add to that 1 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1 cup finely chopped walnuts. Mix briefly until incorporated. Divide dough in half. Form each half into ten inch logs and wrap in parchment. Press logs into long triangles. Chill until firm.

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Cut logs crosswise into 1/4 inch slices. Place on parchment lined baking sheets 2 inches apart. Bake until barely brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on sheets, 2 minutes, then transfer to wire racks. Makes 4-5 dozen.

Now, if you have any left-over turkey, it can be a delicious addition to a creamy broccoli and cheddar cheese casserole.

1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 small onion, diced
8 oz. sliced mushrooms
1 can (14 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1/2 c. 2% milk
1/2 c. light sour cream
4 cups cooked turkey, diced
2 cups broccoli florets
Salt and pepper to taste.
Cooking spray
8 oz. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and sauté for five minutes then add mushrooms and sauté 3 minutes, or until softened. Add cream of mushroom soup, milk and sour cream, stirring to combine. Stir in turkey and broccoli florets, adding salt and pepper to taste.

Coat 8x8 casserole dish with cooking spray, and pour mixture into dish. Sprinkle cheddar cheese overtop. Bake, uncovered for 20 minutes. Serve immediately. Enjoy!

Thought for the day: It is not good for all our wishes to be fulfilled; through sickness we recognize the value of health; through evil the value of good; through hunger, the value of food, through exertion, the value of rest. Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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

Historic Cavett's Station development halted

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isinkhole, possible graves, traffic, the neighborhood concerns, and density of lots in the proposal.

"We are downplaying the significance of history here. If we don't acknowledge that right now and try to protect it then it's all going to be gone," he said.

Commissioner Laura Cole said the site is "pretty significant" and said there are too many questions

about what remains there.

MPC Staffer Tom Brechko recommended adding a part of the property not designated for the scraping inquiry to the proposal but Thomas said the site was "a terrible place to put this" development.

Proponents argued that the developer had met the legal requirements and should be allowed to proceed. The motion to approve, with the staff's restrictions, failed 8-7.

Voting "No" were Lomax, Thomas, Gayle Bustin, Cole, Mike Crowder, Elizabeth Eason, Mac Goodwin and Janice Tocher. Voting "Yes" to allow the development to proceed were Clancy, Longmire, Herb Anders, Jeffery Roth, Chris Ooten, Patrick Phillips and Scott Smith.

Cole than moved to deny the Concept Plan and the vote was the same and the plan was denied.

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West Valley honors recently retired coach

By Ken Lay

Chuck Comer went out on top. Comer, the longtime West Valley Middle School boys basketball coach, walked away from coaching after guiding the Wolves to a James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament Championship last February. He built the West Valley basketball program from scratch and his teams won Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference and county tournament championships and he left a huge legacy since coming to the school when it opened in 1999. Comer may not be coaching this season but he remains a presence as a physical education instructor at the school. And on Thursday, Nov. 17, the school honored its longtime coach before the current edition of West Valley's team defeated rival Cedar Bluff 33-7. The visiting Giants are coached by Comer's son Alex, a one-time assistant for the Wolves.

The younger Comer went on to lead the Lady Wolves to multiple championships before returning to the boys game at Cedar Bluff this season. For Chuck Comer, Thursday was big day as he received a standing ovation from the crowd (largely West Valley students). He also caught up with some former players and longtime friends who were once coaching rivals. Among those in attendance were former Cedar Bluff coach John Melnick and longtime Faragut boys coach Bobby Henry. Plans are in the works to



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Former West Valley Middle School basketball coach Chuck Comer was honored recently by the school. Comer, pictured here with principal David Claxton, established the program in 1999. He retired from coaching after guiding the Wolves to a 2016 middle school tournament championship.

dedicate the school's court in Comer's honor. Both Melnick and Henry received similar honors from their respective schools. West Valley principal David Claxton said at the ceremony that he hoped the court would bear Comer's name by the beginning of next season. Comer, a humble and stoic man, couldn't help but show a little emotion when Claxton read a list of his accomplishments. But for the one-time Catholic High School coach, coaching and

teaching are about simple things. "It's humbling," Comer said of the ceremony and subsequent reception held in his honor. "You just try to do the best job that you can as a coach. "You just try to be fair to the kids." Comer was more than fair. He remains a beloved figure and current Wolves head coach Noel Landrin that he's more than welcome to stay around the program. "I think the world of Coach," Landrin said. "I was his assistant for

the last two years and I learned a lot from him. "As long as he's here, it's his program and he will always be the coach." Claxton also has high praise for West Valley's former coach, who won 202 games along with championships, academic and sportsmanship awards. "I've been here as an administrator for five years and he's one of the finest men that I've had the

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Newcomer Lausanne favored by five points over Webb

By Steve Williams

Lausanne is like the new kid on the block in TSSAA Division II-A high school football. The Webb Spartans have heard a lot about him this season. Now they'll get to see him up close. Pronounced "Law-Zann," the Lausanne Lynx of Memphis (13-0) will play Webb for the BlueCross Bowl state championship Thursday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. (CST) at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. According to the Sonny Moore Computer Power Ratings, Lausanne is a five-point favorite over Webb.

"They're coming on," said veteran Spartans head coach David Meske. "They're really good." It's a good bet the Lynx have heard of the Spartans' rich football history, which includes eight state crowns and three in the past four years. Lausanne has never won a state football title but has three state championships in other sports, including one in boys basketball, one in girls basketball and one in girls golf. It is officially called Lausanne Collegiate School. It began as a select private girls school in 1926.

Boys started attending its upper school in the late 1970s, not long before the Spartans gave Knoxville its first state football champion in 1981. "Going into this season, they were one of the teams picked to win our division," said Meske, who took over the Webb program in 1985 and logged his 250th win during the regular season this year. The Lynx hasn't disappointed. In fact, they have been putting up eye-opening scores all season long, starting with a 54-10 win at Germantown in their opener. Lausanne trounced 2015

state champion St. George's 41-12 and Harding Academy 24-21 in early September and ECS 41-14 in mid-October. The score against Harding Academy was exactly the same as what Webb beat the Lions by in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs. The Lynx, whose school colors are Navy blue and gold, rolled past Tipton-Rosemark 42-7, DCA 40-7 and USJ 30-14 to reach the finals. "They compare with Alcoa," said Meske, "and it could be like games we had against Oak Ridge

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Vols Expectations Not Reached

By Alex Norman

It says something that the biggest game of the Butch Jones era at Tennessee was taking place 650 miles away between two teams that didn't have "Vols" in their nicknames. When Florida held on to beat LSU, Tennessee's chances of winning the SEC East for the first time in 9 years were dashed. A few hours later, when Butch Jones met the media following the Vols 63-37 win over Missouri, he had an interesting reaction when asked about the Florida win, which meant the Vols would not be heading to Atlanta. "The only thing that matters is being 1-0 this week and controlling what we can control, and that's winning the football game," said Jones. "We never addressed it one single time, and I think when you look at it, our character was displayed once again with our players. But again, everything is about our team and working to be 1-0 and that's all that matters."

Wait. Wait, wait, wait... Jones is saying that they never discussed winning the SEC's Eastern Division once? That is either a big bunch of hooley, or it is as short sighted as humanly possible. "You never heard me talk about it. Never heard the players talk about it. Our goal is to be 1-0 every week, and what happens, happens," Jones added. "Again, I'm not going to sit in here and complain. We just won eight games, and that hasn't been done here in a long time. We have an opportunity to win nine. Obviously we have strong expectations for this football program..."

Well, Tennessee did win eight regular season games last year, and won nine games overall, but who's counting. But this is where the Tennessee fans frustrations with Jones gains serious steam. Jones has done a very good job building the program back up after the Lane Kiffin midnight run, and the three years of a de facto death penalty under Derek Dooley. Over the past 4 years, the Vols have posted a 29-20 record (press time prior to Vanderbilt game) with two bowl game victories. The Vols snapped an 11 game losing streak to Florida, beat rival Georgia twice, brought in some solid recruiting classes and yes, Butch Jones has certainly made Tennessee relevant again.

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Gibbs gains confidence, upsets three teams en route to title



By Steve Williams

Gibbs' 14-under Varsity team got on a roll in the Knox Metro Youth Football League's post-season tournament and captured the NFC division championship despite being seeded No. 6 out of seven teams.

After going 1-5-1 in the regular season, the Eagles won four games in 10 days, capping their remarkable tourney run with a 20-6 victory over top-seeded Bearden on Nov. 10 at John Tarleton Park.

Gibbs had defeated the EKAA Runners in the last game of the regular season after tying West a couple of games before then.

"That gave my players a lot of confidence," said Coach Johnny Brewton.

Gibbs started the tournament with a 28-0 win over No. 7 seed Halls on Nov. 1. Then came the first big surprise, a 14-8 win over No. 3 seed Karns. The Eagles toppled No. 2 seed Hardin Valley 38-19 in the semifinals.

"I credit the late season charge to our players," said Brewton. "We made changes on offense, going with a more power set with a wishbone look. Our offensive line play got a lot better also with the new look, but I have to give most of the credit to our defense going from a 3-5 to a 4-4. Down the stretch the defense played lights out."

The players bought in to the changes and earned their first championship.

"This team has made it to the playoffs every year since they were 8 years old only to fall short, but something happened to this team that coaching could not provide. They started to believe in themselves. They got confidence."

"In the closing minutes of the championship game, all I could do was sit back and watch—watch a team that I had coached for years. Knowing that this was the last year with this team and they were finally going to win the championship. I was excited for a group of players that I have been able to develop a long lasting friendship with. I was proud of them and they were so excited to finally win it."

The changes on offense enabled Gibbs to control the ball more.

"The biggest and probably the most important thing was the play of our defense," said Brewton.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

8U GRASSHOPPERS AFC
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8U GRASSHOPPERS NFC
Catholic 40, New Breed 0

9U GRASSCUTTERS AFC
Central 20, Falcons 0

9U GRASSCUTTERS NFC
FBA 19, West 0

12U JR VARSITY AFC
Farragut 20, Central 14

12U JR VARSITY NFC
Bearden 27, Carter 19

14U VARSITY AFC
Farragut 23, Falcons 12

14U VARSITY NFC
Gibbs 20, Bearden 6

"They played great against a very good offense. Defense is what won us the championship."

Brewton is one of the longtime coaches on the Knoxville youth football scene. He played tailback and strong safety at West High and was a senior in the fall of 1981. He wanted to play college ball and had some offers but decided to give it up.

Twenty-seven years ago, he got a phone call from Bill Wilson, his high school coach.

"He said he wanted me to coach his 14-under team that he was putting together," recalled Brewton. "I had never coached anything in my life, but he believed in me. He believed in me enough to tell me I was going to coach. 'No' was not acceptable."

"I look back over the years. The enjoyment that I have gotten from coaching is priceless. Many days I'll be out and hear someone yell, 'Hey Coach.' It's great to see players that you had a part in their lives and look how they have grown into great young men."

No doubt this year's championship season will always rank high among Brewton's football memories.



BEARDEN: 12U JR. VARSITY NFC CHAMPIONS. Team roster: Players - Joshua Lovett, Jr, John Harrison, Skylar Terry, Noah Giger, Ethan Payne, Max Whitehouse, Mason Long, Blake Loftis, Jarrel Parker-Smith, Zach Passafume, Harrison Lossiah, Andrew Lenz, Robert Clark, Barret Baxter, Da Warner, Damarion Jackson, Nathaniel Korniyenko, Xzander Finney, Carlos Parker, Conner Smith, Parker Gibson, Javier Alvarez, Christian Blanco, Aedan Hudson, Malachi Nutter, Dominique Canales, Gus Burgin. Coaches - Josh Lovett, John Harrison, Raphael Castle, Nathan Harrison, Ross Hudson, Christian Pangborn.



GIBBS: 14U VARSITY NFC CHAMPIONS. Team roster: Players - Tae Rucker, Tyler Beard, Simeon Farmer, Elijah Beeler, Mason Cole, Colton Qualls, J. A. Pittman, Austin Meyers, Colby Dalon, Keegan Katz, Matthew Woodard, Mason Ogle, Patrick Spears, Hayden Glenn, Kaden Sampson, Chance Summers, Blake Burdick, Dawson Stinnett, Christian Underwood, Jacob Willis, Zack Lawson, Preston Dennison, Luke Warwick and Mountain Swenson. Coaches - Joe Curington (defense), Jimmy Ball, Ty Brewton, Caleb Bales, Drew Cope and Johnny Brewton.



CATHOLIC: 8U GRASSHOPPER NFC CHAMPIONS



FARRAGUT: 12U JR. VARSITY AFC CHAMPIONS. Team roster: Players (as pictured) -- Logan Minix, Aiden Smith, Ayson Mohr, Kanye Harris, Carson Donathan, Javis Mynatt, Carter Mayfield, Trace Corum, Major Newman, Eli Jones, Connor Reynolds, Martin Aranda, Samuel O'Leary, Hugh Reed, Josh Whittington, Simeon Sharp, Connor Capps, RaaPhell Mayes, Corey Walker, Garrett Rice, Hayden Todd (not pictured: Donovan Ferguson). Coaches -- Eric Todd, Derrick Freeman, Alex Rice and Raa'Phell Mayes.

YOUTH FOOTBALL 'SECOND HALF' PLAY ON DEC. 5

The second half of The Knoxville Focus' feature on local youth football will be in our Dec. 5 issue, featuring team photos of the remaining eight Knox Metro League champions for 2016, including 6U flag teams, 7U junior hopper teams, 10U minor pee wee teams and 11U pee wee teams.

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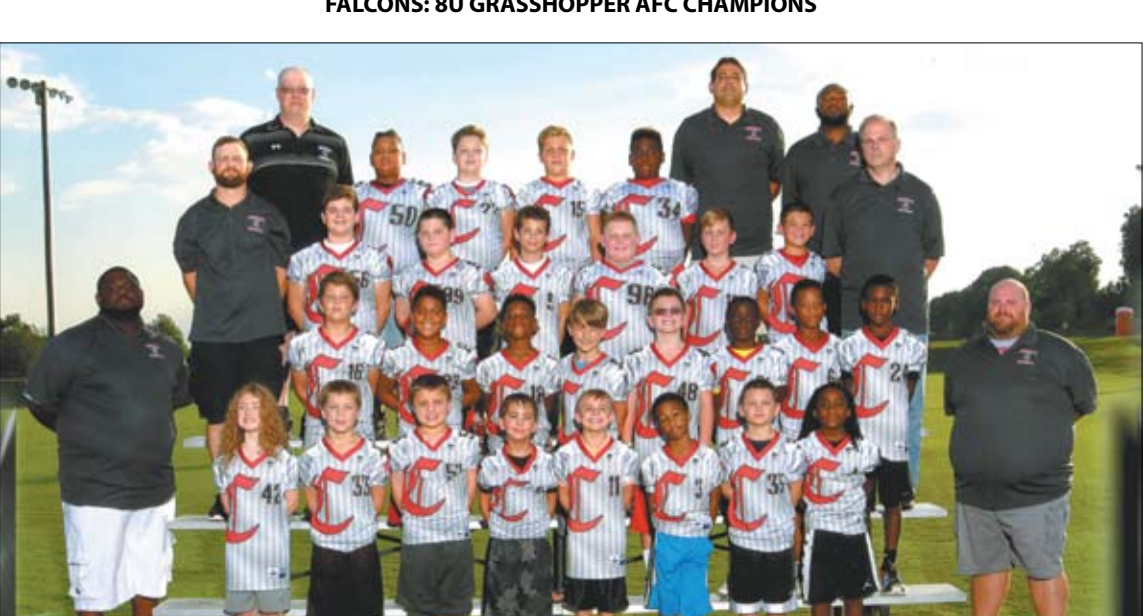
FARRAGUT: 14U VARSITY AFC CHAMPIONS. Team roster: Players – Blake Cragen, Charlie Burns, Alex Brown, Bridges Coffey, Cade Brooker, Eli Purcell, Dion Williams, Brayden Lay, Logan Foody, Zach Hopson, Bryce Burkey, Hunter Long, Joe Maine, Evan Fornea, Matt White, Carter Nussbaum, Zach Garabrandt, Cameron Erb, Jordan Tatum, Andrew Doane, Dane Nussbaum, Spencer Davis, Johnathan Secrest, Eli Harville, Noah Hoffman, Alden Maxey, Carson Mansfield, Dawson Brown, Cannan Jackson, Seth Hoffman, Carter Schuermann, Tyson Williams, Evan Jones, Alex Taylor, Aidan Stoddard, Connor Scoggins, Cameron Murphy, Sam Tabler, Dennis Longmire. Coaches – Eric Dye, Roy Stone, Steve Long, Randy Pudelek, Allen Doane, John Garabrandt, Hal Brooker, Chase Scott.



FBA: 9U GRASSCUTTER NFC CHAMPIONS. Team roster: Players -- Quinton Ball, Isaiah Boyd, Cody Chitwood, Kameron Kerley, Austin Kirk, Cameron Mercer, Cooper Mercer, Blayne Morris, Sam Pittman, Liam Powers, Will Pressley, Zaccary Ross, Hunter Toney, Elijah Whitener. Coaches -- Brad Kirk, Bill Powers, Ken Pressley.



FALCONS: 8U GRASSHOPPER AFC CHAMPIONS



CENTRAL: 9U GRASSCUTTER AFC CHAMPIONS. CENTRAL BOBCATS 9U AFC CHAMPIONS: Team roster: Players – Marquez Sharp, Jaden Johnson, Greg Tate III, Ellia Williams-Smith, Ryan Holloway Jr., Conner Wilkerson, Mckale Hayes, Dominic Cicilia, Peyton Lewis, Elias Childers, Tyler Purcell, Dyllon Vanidestine, Colton Denton, Mark Morgan, Bryson Maddox, Joe Moore Jr., Davis Bunch, Adrain Daughtry, Shavar Young Jr., Dshaun Battle, Aiden Deal, Ayden Allen, Landon Hatfield, Shaun Fortson, Chris Dacus, Judd Taylor, Jaxson Davis, Jake Holbert. Coaches – Jared Coker, Shavar Young, Joe Battle, Danny Paris, Rusty Bunch, Jeff Stooksbury, Mark Childers and Nic Davis.

Central Bobcats continue strong three-year run

By Steve Williams

There were no surprises in the Knox Metro Youth Football League's two 9U Grasscutter post-season tournaments.

The No. 1 seed Central Bobcats blanked the No. 2 Knoxville Falcons 20-0 in the AFC finale at John Tarleton Park, while First Baptist Academy shut out West 19-0 for the NFC championship in another No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup.

"This is a special group of Bobcats," said Central 9U head coach Jared Coker. "They are 46-2-1 in 3 years."

Central won two out-of-town bowl games in 2015, including the Pig Bowl at Wartburg, and also won the South Clinton Charger Bowl this season.

In posting a 10-0 record in the regular season and winning the Knox Metro title, the Bobcats averaged scoring 34 points per game, while giving up an average of only five points.

Farragut upset the top-seeded Falcons 23-12 in the 14-under Varsity AFC championship game. Strong line play helped the No. 2 seed Admirals move past the perennial power.

There were also wins by lower seeded teams in 12U Jr. Varsity finals as No. 3 seed Farragut

outscored No. 1 seed Central 20-14 for the AFC crown and No. 3 seed Bearden beat top seed Carter 27-19.

One 8U grasshopper division had some surprises as No. 2 seed Catholic crushed No. 5 New Breed 40-0 in NFC play. New Breed had knocked off No. 1 seed Karns 26-7 in the semi-finals.

The top-seeded Falcons stopped No. 3 EKAA Runners 14-0 to capture the 8U AFC crown.

BULLDOG BOB: Longtime Bearden youth football commissioner Bob Dixon passed the torch to Josh Lovett last season, "but he still helps out with the program," said Josh.

"Bob put in 30 years as commissioner. He's a great guy and did wonderful things for our organization.

"We worked together last season and I officially took over leading into this season," continued Lovett. "Bob also was the 8th grade coach for a long time."

The new Bearden commissioner also was head coach of Bearden's 12U Jr. Varsity NFC championship team this season.

Fans shouldn't have to ask, 'Where's Waldo?'

Western Michigan, the only unbeaten team in the College Football Playoff rankings other than Alabama, has been on College Gameday and is in the hunt for a Cotton Bowl bid.

But the thing the Broncos would like the most but won't get from the CFP voters is an opportunity to be in the playoffs and compete for the national championship.

It's not right. So why don't the gods of college football make it right? They could if they only would.

Basketball gets it right or comes a lot closer to it than football. March Madness gives about one out of five NCAA Division I basketball playing members an opportunity to win it all and be No. 1. Only about one out of 30 get the chance in football.

College Gameday was on hand at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo for Western Michigan's 11th victory on Nov. 19, a 38-0 blowout of Buffalo as quarterback Zach Terrell passed for a career-high 445 yards and four touchdowns. Despite that win,

the Broncos remained No. 21, while Houston slipped past them after its big win over Louisville.

There are currently 10 teams with two losses and four teams with three losses ahead of Western Michigan in the rankings.

All of these schools have football programs respected enough for a No. 1 ranking. Tennessee is four spots ahead of the Broncos at No. 17 and claims six national titles. If Western Michigan can be No. 21, why can't it be No. 1? We all know that's not going to happen unless there is a change in the existing system.

Let's take a vote sports fans. If heavy underdog Donald Trump can be voted president of this country, Western Michigan ought to be able to play for a national championship in football. It's a game, a sport, a pastime, nowhere near as important as who is running our country. Yet, college football won't let an underdog have a chance.

The Broncos were to have played Toledo (9-2) last Friday (after our press time) and you better believe

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West Valley honors recently retired coach

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pleasure to know," Claxton said of Comer. "He coaches Teams for Christ and he's still involved in [our Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter]."

Throughout the years, Comer also earned the respect of his opponents. Melnick and Henry remain among his closest friends and Melnick said that he remembers his basketball foe as a classy competitor.

"He was a fierce competitor," Melnick said. "Chuck was the ultimate competitor and he's just a great guy."

Henry and Comer only coached against each other for one season before Henry left the middle school coaching scene but Henry remains a central figure in Comer's life.

"We're great friends and we vacation together," Comer said. "It's great to see him there and it's great to see all these guys and it's great to have my family here. My wife is here and I have two sisters who were able to come and be here."

Alex was there for the ceremony but during the reception, he was coaching the

Giants.

But father and son are somewhat inseparable.

"It was great to have Alex around," Chuck said. "I always bounced ideas off him and he bounces ideas off me."

Alex echoed his dad's sentiments.

"I knew him long before most of these people ever did," the younger Comer said. "I knew him as a father and I knew him as a coach."

"Coaching with him was a great experience."

Chuck Comer's coaching influence knows no boundaries at West Valley. Lady Wolves coach Josh Ballard holds Chuck in high esteem.

"It's great to have him around. Chuck is a great man, great teacher and great coach," Ballard said. "It's an honor to get to coach on the same floor that he coached on."

"I was able to continue what Alex started and if I can have half the impact that Chuck has had, then I would be happy and consider myself successful."

Vols Expectations Not Reached

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But the sin of missing out on winning the SEC East, at a time when that division is as weak as it has been since the divisional play started in 1992, is glaring.

Actually, the Vols should have won the East the past two years. In 2015, Tennessee blew a double digit lead in the 4th quarter at Florida, including a 4th and 14 conversion that would have won the game. If the Vols closed things out, they would have won the division.

And this season, Tennessee somehow beat Florida and Georgia and still lost the East. The Vols overtime loss at Texas A&M and yes, even the 49-10 defeat to Alabama is acceptable. But coming off a bye week and then losing on the road to a mediocre South Carolina team is unacceptable.

That loss is what kept the Vols from Atlanta.

Now, this might help Tennessee in the long run. The Vols could end up in a great bowl game because they didn't play for the SEC championship. Come on, you don't actually think Tennessee was going to upset Alabama, do you? There's a better chance of Donald Trump choosing Hillary Clinton as

U.S. Ambassador to Portugal than the Vols winning a rematch.

Seeing the Vols get bludgeoned by the Tide won't help recruiting, nor would it soothe the psyche of the Tennessee coaches and players.

But Jones's denial that they even talk about getting to such a game rings hollow for a fan base that has been extremely supportive during some tough times. Tennessee hasn't won the SEC since 1998, and that's a significant drought for this program. Vols fans want to know that the coach their donations and ticket sales help give over \$4 million a year wants that success as badly as they do.

Jones is a cliché machine, and eventually all the talk of "Team 120" and "individuals" and "magnitude" rings hollow. The petty fighting with the press does as well.

Tennessee could end up with 10 wins, and that would once again show improvement from year to year for this program under Butch Jones. That is the truth.

It's also the truth that in 2016, the Vols did not live up to expectations.

Even if Jones won't admit that there are bigger goals than going 1-0 every week.

Strong finish lifts Lady Panthers over Jefferson County 53-49

By Ken Lay

Powell High School's girls basketball team earned a victory that it really coveted in the first round of the Central High School Thanksgiving Tournament. The Lady Panthers had to earn this one.

"I was really glad to see them play a whole game and I'm really proud of them," Lady Panthers coach Christin Webb said after her squad nabbed a 53-49 win over Jefferson County on Monday, Nov. 21 at Central High School. "We've really struggled in our last couple of games and tonight, I was glad that they played the whole game and got this win. "We've opened this tournament with them the last

three years and this is the first time that we've beaten them. They're a good team and our girls really wanted this win. I know they did."

And Powell (2-2) had to work hard to get it. The Lady Panthers were down by five points with 3 minutes, 12 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. The Lady Patriots took a 49-44 lead when Cayla Smith buried a 3-point jumper.

Smith, who finished the game with 11 points (including eight in the first half); scored Jefferson County's last basket of the game.

Powell's defense stole the show down the stretch. The Lady Panthers had four crucial steals down the stretch. They also blocked a pair of late shots by the Lady Patriots while the game was still

in doubt.

Powell, which trailed 25-24 at halftime and fell behind 40-35 by the third quarter's end, pulled to within 49-46 when point guard Haley Schubert converted a shot with 2:49 left in the final stanza.

Kaitlyn Lentz buried a game-tying 3-pointer with 1:39 remaining. Powell took the lead for good a short time later when Madison Tidmore had a steal and converted a layup to make the score 51-49 with just under a minute to play.

Jefferson County had one last chance to re-knot the game but Donna Raby blocked the Lady Patriots' final shot from close range.

Brooke Huffaker sealed the game when she made a pair of late free throws that

provided the final margin.

Huffaker finished with 19 points for the Lady Panthers, who held a slim 14-10 advantage at the end of the opening quarter. Schubert added 12 points while Raby finished with nine points. Tidmore scored six.

The Lady Patriots had three players post double figures in the scoring column. Makaila Woolard led Jefferson County with 14 points. Ryleigh Fritz added 12 and made three long-range jumpers over the final eight minutes. Smith finished with 11.

Tournament play continued through Saturday but results were not available at press time.

Powell wins after slow start against Patriots

By Ken Lay

Powell High School boys basketball coach Gary Barnes knew one thing about Jefferson County High School. He knew that the Patriots were a physical team.

"They're very physical and their coach [Chris Poore] does a good job teaching them how to screen hard," Barnes said after his Panthers notched a 64-49 victory in the opening round of the Central Thanksgiving Tournament in Fountain City on Monday, Nov. 21.

Jefferson County's physicality gave the Panthers (3-1) early. The Panthers fell behind 8-2 before the scored the final 15 points of the first quarter to open a 17-8 lead by the end of the frame.

The second quarter was a different story as the Panthers opened that stanza with a 19-2 run and took a 27-20 lead when Westin

Reynolds scored with 1 minute, 45 seconds remaining before halftime. Powell was able to retain that separation and led 32-27 at the break.

Jefferson County was playing without starting point guard Elijah Dial, who was injured and the Panthers were able to exploit the Patriots' backcourt ball-handling woes by employing a tenacious pressure defense.

"I thought we played great defense," Barnes said. "After the first quarter, I thought that we did a good job matching their intensity and physicality. They're a good basketball team."

"They're always one of the toughest team around."

Powell extended its advantage to 39-25 as guard Jack Richards scored the first seven points of the second half.

The senior would go on to score a team-high 20 points

and spark Powell's balanced offensive attack.

Richards was the only Panther to score in double figures. But he received help from a supporting cast as Desmond Billingsley, Matt Samples and Reynolds all scored nine points.

Barnes said that he hopes that Richards' performance would garner some attention from some small college basketball coaches.

"I think some small college coaches should start paying attention to Jack," Barnes said. "He's been a great leader for us this year. He's a great player and he's worked hard. He's a good kid."

"He's kind of old-school. He played freshman basketball and then he played JV for a couple of years. He's worked hard and he's come up through the ranks."

The Patriots, meanwhile, were able to keep things close. After Richards' tear,

Jefferson County answered with a 10-0 run and pulled to within 39-35 when Nathan Seal buried a long-range jumper to make the score 39-35 with 2:24 left in the third stanza.

Powell finished the frame on a modest 7-2 run to open a 46-37 lead by quarter's end.

The Panthers had an inauspicious beginning as they committed a turnover. Seal cashed in on Powell's miscue and buried another 3-point shot to pull the Patriots to within 46-40 with 6:49 remaining.

Jefferson County, however, never came any closer as Powell finished the game in strong fashion.

Darius Allen, of the Patriots, led all scorers with 24 points. He scored 17 before halftime and finished the game with three 3-pointers.

Webb overcomes tough

start to pound Rebels 61-38

By Ken Lay

For the first quarter of its victory over West High School, Webb School of Knoxville's boys basketball team struggled with the Rebels' pressure defense. But after a sluggish beginning, the Spartans got things figured out.

"During the first quarter, I think we really struggled with their pressure," Webb coach Ricky Norris said after his team overcame a slow start to notch a 61-38 victory over West in the first round of the Central Thanksgiving Tournament on Monday, Nov. 21 in Fountain City. "They have some of the best athletes in town and there's no question about that. We knew that we were going to see that pressure."

The Spartans (3-0) settled down and took control of the game after halftime. Webb, however, fell behind 19-12 early as the Rebels (1-2) started fast. The Spartans rallied to pull even at 28-28 by the end of the first half.

Webb was able to tie the game despite the fact that three players made it into the scoring column over the first 16 minutes. Myles Rasnick and Chase Ridenour each scored 13 points before halftime while Emory Lanier had two before the break.

"Chase played well and Myles Rasnick really did a great job for us tonight," Norris said.

Ridenour had a game-

high 24 points while Rasnick added 21 and Lanier finished with seven.

Webb also got five points from Charlie Wyrick and two from Guthrie Bouchard-Dean but the difference in the game proved to be a tenacious Spartans defense. Webb also won the rebounding battle after halftime.

"We held our own on the glass and we thought coming in that that might be a difference in the game," Norris said.

While the Spartans accomplished their goals after halftime, the Rebels simply couldn't answer the bell in the third quarter.

Webb opened the second half with an 8-2 run and took a 36-30 lead. Defensively, the Spartans were also stingy.

West managed to score just 10 points after the break and didn't make a field goal in the fourth quarter.

Adding to West High's misery were multiple turnovers and lack of rebounding.

Rebels coach Chris Kesler was obviously frustrated after his squad fell apart over the final two quarters of contest.

"Webb is well-coached and they're a very good basketball team," Kesler said of the Spartans. "It's always good to play a team like them early in the year because they give you a measuring stick so you can see where you're at."

Fans shouldn't have to ask, 'Where's Waldo?'

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I was pulling for Western Michigan. My hope is they will win out and capture the Mid-American Conference championship.

There was talk last week that Western Michigan would get a Cotton Bowl

bid if it went 13-0 and was the highest rated conference champion among the non-power conferences. That was the best college football could do for the Broncos.

Baloney! Change the system. Make an exception, and not just this season, but every season to allow every undefeated team in the playoffs.

With five teams this season, the playoff committee could put No. 4 vs. No. 5 on one side of the bracket with that winner to play No. 1. On the other side, they could put No. 2 vs. No. 3. If the favorites win, you'll end up with No. 1 vs. No. 2. It's that easy.

And if I may borrow the name of the stadium where the Broncos have toiled and done everything in their power all season, no one should have to ask where Waldo is when the playoffs commence.

Newcomer Lausanne favored by five points over Webb

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and Harding Academy.

"They are good up front and big, averaging about 260 pounds. They also have a running back who is a Mr. Football finalist."

Webb has won 11 straight games since falling to Alcoa 38-13 in its season opener. A 69-48 win at St. George's put the Spartans back in the finals.

"We have so much speed at the skill positions and so much depth at the running back and

receiver positions," said Meske when asked what the strength of this team has been.

Hunter Green, a junior and two-year starter at quarterback, has thrown for over 1,000 yards, 15 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

"Offensively, he's the leader," said Meske. "He gets everything done."

"Defensively, we have three or four leaders."

Morgan Ernst at outside linebacker, "Mike" linebacker Brody Leonard and

a "quiet leader" in senior Jack Nadaud were mentioned prominently by the Webb coach.

Nadaud, a defensive end, had seven sacks in the win over St. George's.

"He's not a yeller or screamer, just a leader by example and the way he plays," said Meske.

Montgomery Bell Academy (10-2) will go against Brentwood Academy (9-2) in the Division II-AA finals Thursday night at 7.

Moore's Computer Power Ratings has Brentwood

Academy favored to beat MBA by nine.

ONE FOR SURE: Heading into last Friday's Division I state semifinal games, Knoxville was assured of having at least one team playing in the BlueCross Bowl this week at Tennessee Tech as Farragut hosted South-Doyle in the Class 5A semis. The 5A state title game will be this Friday night at 7 (CST).

In other semifinal games scheduled last Friday involving Knoxville-area

teams, Maryville travelled to Oakland in a showdown of unbeaten 6A powers, Central played at Marshall County in 4A, Alcoa went to Sequatchie County in 3A, Austin-East was at Marion County in 2A and Greenback was on the road at South Pittsburg in 1A.

This Friday's title games will be Class 1A at 11 (CST), 3A at 3 o'clock and 5A at 7 p.m.

Saturday's title card will include Class 2A at 11 a.m., 4A at 3 in the afternoon and 6A in the nightcap at 7.

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Demented

We've all seen it. What a tragedy when a loved one or a friend begins to fail. Once it was called senility because failing mental faculties were associated with the aged. However, the most common cause of cognitive decline (dementia) is Alzheimer's Disease and can occur in younger people like Coach Pat Summitt. How ironic that the original 1906 description of this terrible disease by Dr. Alois Alzheimer occurred in a group of young adults and was labeled "presenile dementia" - as if it were natural for old folks to become demented.

The most common cause of dementia is Alzheimer's Disease, though it can't be definitively diagnosed without a pathological analysis of brain tissue showing beta amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles. This is arcane medical-ease, and this column is not the place for me to pontificate on pathological descriptions

of amyloid plaques, Lewy body deposits or mechanistic tau protein dysregulation. However, perhaps this is a place to describe the basic characteristics of the major dementing diseases.

All of us age, and our mental quickness begins to decline after our twenties. Interestingly, many innovative scientific discoveries are made earlier in life rather than later. Fortunately, accumulated life experiences more than compensate for our loss of abstract thinking. I may have once been sharper, but now I'm wiser. Doctors sometimes use the term age related cognitive decline. Primarily this manifests as simple lapses in memory and doesn't affect the ability to function. Another medical term is mild cognitive impairment which can be measured with careful psychometric analysis, but, again, there's no loss of daily functioning. And though some people with memory loss develop

dementia, many do not.

Since we don't confirm the suspicion of Alzheimer's Disease with brain biopsies, it's best to describe the most common of the neurodegenerative brain diseases as dementia of Alzheimer's type or DAT. Since this degenerative disease preferentially affects the temporal and parietal lobes of the brain, short term memory problems and visual-spatial defects are early signs. Events of long ago are easily recalled whereas remembering the contents of breakfast cannot. Also, recalling three items on a memory screening test is problematic because of damage to the hippocampus, an area of the brain which helps consolidate new memories. Parietal lobe dysfunction is demonstrated by difficulty drawing a clock face, orienting the numbers and correctly placing the hour and minute hands. Only later do emotional issues, keeping appointments, planning, traveling, shopping and cooking occur. People eventually become apathetic, begin to wander and become unable to do activities of daily living such as dressing and bathing.

Strokes can cause vascular dementia, though the principle feature is paresis. Recurrent strokes can result in memory loss, difficulty naming objects and the loss of executive functions such as planning, shopping, etc. In

evaluating dementia doctors should consider vitamin B12 deficiency, hypothyroidism and depression which can masquerade as cognitive decline. Also, drugs like alcohol and even Benadryl can cause confusion by interfering with brain chemistry. Lastly, brain trauma (dementia pugilistica), HIV or prion infection, obstructions of brain spinal fluid flow and genetic diseases like Huntington's Disease can cause dementia.

Less common than DAT is Lewy Body dementia. This condition often begins with symptoms like Parkinson's Disease, but without the characteristic tremor. Dementia can occur late in Parkinson's Disease or in a rarer group of patients with "Parkinson's Plus" syndromes. Lewy Body dementia often causes psychiatric symptoms including hallucinations and delusions. Lastly, an entity called frontotemporal dementia preferentially affects the frontal lobes of the brain and presents with language problems and difficulties in social and personal function rather than memory issues or visuospatial dysfunction so common in DAT.

As a doctor I've always used the term demented in a medical context. However, in the process of becoming a writer I've become more interested in words, the tools we use to communicate. Recently, I learned that Mr. Webster

gives a second definition of demented as someone "not able to think clearly or to understand what is real." The Trump derangement syndrome seems to fit the unhinged reaction of snowflake collegiates, protesters who march, block streets and destroy property, the people on the airline who booed a family hurrying to catch a plane for their soldier son's funeral and the audience who booed Vice President elect Mike Pence at a performance of Hamilton. A southerner with class would never invite someone into their house, single them out and then insult them as did the cast of the play who lectured Mr. Pence. We now learn that none of the cast voted; yet they deign to insult a gentleman like Mr. Pence and We The People.

It is obvious where eight years of community agitation has taken us. We are at each other's throats like no time since the Civil War. Some years ago I wrote that we are engaged in a "barely civil war." And over the last ten years it has become much worse. Threats are now being made against members of the Electoral College, sanctuary cities promise to defy Federal law, California is talking about succeeding and Democrat/leftists vow to continue ruling the country despite being a minority. The Democrat brand has been decimated

by Obama and his policies which were rejected in 2010, 2014 and 2016. Republicans have the Presidency, the Congress and the vast number of State Legislatures and Governorships.

As Obama once told Eric Cantor and Republicans, "Elections have consequences." Yes, they do, and it's time to get over it and get to work fixing the mess that's been created. I'm sorry that I have to keep speaking out against Obama, Democrats and leftists. But, unfortunately, they never quit in their quest to send those who disagree with them to the back of the bus. The Democrat Party has become the party of the east and west coasts, and their only plurality is in large cities rife with crime. The people have decided it's time for a change. The Democrats need to become the "loyal opposition" as were the Republicans over the previous eight years. I challenge Democrats to look up the definition of loyal opposition and help to make America Great Again.

If you liked this essay, check out my book of essays "Well...What Did the Doctor Say" available online at Amazon and Barnes&Noble. A great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer!

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The Gospel Unites

There is one thing you can't miss today - tension between races. Be it African-American, Hispanic, or Anglo. People are on edge. People of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds struggle with racism. Where does that come from?

In Genesis 11, the story is told of the Tower of Babel. The people struggled with pride and lust for power. They were punished by God by having their speech confused. They could not understand each other and scattered into different nations. Human pride leads to racial and national



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

division. In Genesis 12, right after this account, God comes to Abraham and promises to bring a salvation into the world that will bless "all the families of the earth." The Hebrew word for "families" (mispahah) means people-groups, nations, or races. God wants to take down the walls of racism that human sin and pride have put there.

In Acts 2, something happens that is miraculous. At Babel people who spoke the same language couldn't understand each other. Now people who spoke different languages could

understand each other. They could understand the preaching of the gospel by Peter and the apostles. The curse of Babel is reversed. Jesus wants to unite all nations, and all nations are invited to come into His kingdom. This preaching to every language in Acts 2 emphasizes that God shows no partiality. Christians are part of a new nation - a holy one. We follow a spiritual leader: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Friendship across racial barriers is important. For too long

we have been segregated and divided due to race and cultural differences. In Revelation, we have a picture of every tribe and language and people and nation united (Rev. 5:9; 7:9; 11:9; 14:6). This is what Jesus came to do. There is to be an end to all racial division and hatred.

Between Genesis 12 when the promise to Abraham is made, all the way to Revelation, the Bible speaks against racism. For example: Moses' sister Miriam was punished by God because she rejected Moses' African wife on account of her race (Numbers 12). Jonah was condemned because he disregarded Nineveh primarily on the basis of race and politics. Peter, through a

vision and the conversion of Cornelius the Gentile centurion, was taught about the sinfulness of racial bias (Acts 10:34-36). Paul saw Peter refusing to eat with the Gentile Christians and he confronted him about his prejudice. He told Peter he was "not acting in line with the gospel" (Galatians 2:14). The gospel proclaims that we are all sinners and in need of God's grace.

Racial and cultural differences can and must be overcome for the sake of the gospel. What Christians have in common is greater than cultural differences.



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Ethics Committee chooses officers

By Mike Steely
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“I’m wondering why we don’t have many complaints anymore,” said Commissioner John Schoonmaker, the Knox County Ethics Committee’s newly appointed Commission representative. As a non-voting member who replaces former Commissioner Mike Brown, Schoonmaker voiced a concern that may be felt among other members. Schoonmaker was seated during the recent meeting and the appointed commissioners voted to elect two attorneys to head the body. Mae Killebrew-Mosley, the past chair, said she wants to remain a member but not serve as chairperson because she is pursuing her Master’s Degree. Attorney Garrett Swartwood was chosen as chair and Attorney Jonathan Cooper as vice chair. Both men were active last year in questioning how complaints were being handled. One of the members asked why the Ethics Committee hasn’t heard anything more on a complaint from the Sullivan

family against the Sheriff’s Department and Animal Control officers. Since the case was in litigation a rule passed on a motion by Brown with county commission last year prohibits the Ethics group from accepting or reviewing such cases.

Members expressed concern that the “litigation” limit on their duties was not a matter they could have responded to and that the language may have been drawn up by the Law Department and Commissioner Brown.

David Buuck, Deputy Law Director, told The Focus that while his office doesn’t withhold complaints from the Ethics Committee it does review complaints to see that they are properly submitted. He also said that the county’s state-mandated hotline has become the main tool for complaints but there haven’t been any complaints except for the Sullivan issue and one school system complaint which was referred to the school system for action.

The committee also learned that CTV will no longer be

televising their meetings. Community Television General Manager David Vogel told The Focus that the request not to cover the Ethics Committee meetings came from the Law Department. Vogel said that the Law Department would notify CTV when there’s a need to cover the meetings.

Chairman Swartwood told The Focus that given few complaints the committee now meets once a quarter instead of monthly unless an Ethics inquiry is needed. The committee has no powers beyond reviewing a complaint and, if found to be probable, to refer it back to the appropriate department for action.

Other members of the Ethics Committee include Barbara Chandler, B. DeWitt Burleson, Raj Patel, Gina Oster, Bobby Barker and Roy Kruse. Non-voting members, aside from Commissioner Schoonmaker, are Captain James Carson of the Sheriff’s Department and Dean Rice, the representative of the County Mayor’s Office.

Ethics complaint goes to Law Department

By Mike Steely
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An ethics complaint about a \$160,000 purchase of body armor for the Sheriff’s Department will apparently go to the Knox County Law Department for review. If the complaint is found credible the Ethics Committee could hear it in their next meeting on February 11.

Filed by Rusty Burton against the Sheriff’s Office and former county Procurement Director Hugh Holt the charge claims several violations of the purchasing code and policies. Burton is a supply dealer for law enforcement but hasn’t done business with the county.

The Ethics Committee may or may not hear the complaint depending on findings by the Law Department. The review will look to see if there is culpability in Burton’s charge and, if so, the Ethics Committee would hear it.

While Burton charges that any purchase over \$100,000 must go to the County Commission for approval the Sheriff’s Office replied that the contracted supplier got the business because of a current contract agreement giving the county a 10% discount.

Holt, who oversaw the purchase, resigned shortly after to join the Sheriff’s Office as procurement director.

Burton is charging that the use of an e-commerce card was an attempt to avoid creating a purchase order. The vests were purchased from Summit Uniform Solutions in Knoxville.

Some Ethics Committee members including non-voting Commissioner John Schoonmaker have voiced a concern that complaints are not reaching their committee. A resolution in the past county commission sidetracked any complaint if it is a legal court action and the complaint can only be heard after a court decision.

The complaint by Burton is not, thus far, before a court. However, the existing contract agreement with Summitt Uniform Solutions may keep the complaint from reaching the Ethics group.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 22, 2016 on or about 10:00AM local time**, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by KEVIN LAWSON AND KRISTY LAWSON, to GLENN BALLETT, Trustee, on November 23, 2015, as Instrument No. 201512220037707 in the real property records of Knox County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Pacific Union Financial LLC
The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:
Situating in the City of Powell, County of Knox, State of Tennessee.

Situating in District 6 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 18, Emerald Court Subdivision, as shown by map of the same of record in Plat Cabinet N, Slide 106-D, Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Benchmark Surveying, Inc., Benjamin J Mooreman, Surveyor, dated May 11, 1995, and bearing Drawing No. 95-117.

This being the same property conveyed to Kevin Lawson from Christopher A Ahlers, single by deed dated 06/20/2012 and recorded 07/02/2012 in the Office of the ROD for Knox County in Instrument Number 201207020074806

Also known as 2757 Elston Brae Drive, Powell, TN 37849
Parcel ID# 067FA-018
Tax ID: 067FA-018
Current Owner(s) of Property: KEVIN LAWSON AND KRISTY LAWSON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **2757 Elston Brae Dr., Powell, TN 37849**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.
SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.
All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities’ right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.
This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason,

the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.
MWZM File No. 16-000066-840

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Clayton W. Bollig and Daniel Onks executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated November 15, 2011 and recorded on November 17, 2011 in Instrument No. 20111170027406, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (the “Holder”), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 22, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 24TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 21R1, RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21-R & 22-R, BLOCK H, SEQUOYAH HILLS SECTION 1, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO 201110270022855, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION

BEING the same property conveyed to CLAYTON W BOLLIG, MARRIED by deed dated NOVEMBER 15, 2011, of record in Inst NO 201111170027405 in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee
Parcel ID Number: 108PB006
Address/Description: **3636 Woodland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.**

Current Owner(s): Clayton W. Bollig.
Other Interested Party(ies): N/A
The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and
All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
Brentwood, TN 37027

PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 16-15421 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Hiep Tran executed a Deed of Trust to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Lender and Wesley D. Turner, Trustee(s), which was dated December 14, 2004 and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Instrument No. 200412150049003, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (the “Holder”), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 20, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 40, of the MIDDLEBROOK RIDGE Subdivision, as the same appears of record at Instrument No. 200403160086001, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which Map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Hiep Tran, Unmarried, by Deed dated December 14, 2004, of record at Instrument No. 2004121500049002, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 090MB 040
Address/Description: 8501 Antler Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.

Current Owner(s): Hiep Tran.
Other Interested Party(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Bank of America; and Certified Capital, LLC.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and
All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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File No.: 16-11686 FC01

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 19, 2016 on or about 10:00AM local time**, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville,

Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GREGORY BALLARD, to NETCO, INC., Trustee, on August 25, 2012, as Instrument No. 201209040014569 in the real property records of Knox County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC

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

SITUATED IN THE NORTH 8TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOTS NOS. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, AND 43, BLOCK E IN THE INGLE ADDITION TO CASWELL, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN UPON MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 98, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOTS 38 THROUGH 42 HAVE A FRONTAGE OF 50 FEET EACH ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, WHILE LOT 43 HAS A FRONTAGE OF 49.4 FEET ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, AND SAID LOTS LIE ADJACENT FORMING ONE BOUNDARY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET, AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, 299.4 FEET TO A POINT, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 37 AND 38, BLOCK E, IN THE INGLE ADDITION TO CASWELL, TENNESSEE; THENCE RUNNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE FIRST ALLEY SOUTH OF CEDAR STREET, 150 FEET TO A POINT; COMMON CORNER TO SAID LOTS 37 AND 38 IN SAID BLOCK IN SAID ADDITION; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, 309.4 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 43 AND 44 IN SAID BLOCK IN SAID ADDITION; THENCE WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 147.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY OR A PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GREGORY BALLARD UNMARRIED BY INSTRUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 FROM GEORGIA LEE ALLEN FILED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 200809120018260 IN THE KNOX COUNTY RECORDS.

Tax ID: 060KA006
Current Owner(s) of Property: GREGORY BALLARD

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **6012 Darby Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.
SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.
All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or

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

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

WHEREAS, C & L Partnership, LLP conveyed to D. Michael Tranum, as Trustee, real property in Knox County, Tennessee by a Deed of Trust dated June 29, 2007, and recorded on June 29, 2007, as Instrument No. 200706290107561 in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee; as further secured by a General Assignment of Leases and Rents dated June 29, 2007, and recorded on June 29, 2007, as Instrument No. 200706290107562, said Register’s Office (collectively, the “Deed of Trust”), to secure payment and performance of the debt described in the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, SunTrust Bank (the “Bank”) is the owner and holder of the debt secured by the deed and beneficiary of the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Bank, as such owner, holder and beneficiary, appointed Laura F. Ketcham of Miller & Martin PLLC as Successor Trustee by Appointment of Successor Trustee filed of record on November 1, 2016 as Instrument No. 201611010028110, in said Register’s Office; and

WHEREAS, default has been made under the Deed of Trust and the Bank has declared the entire balance due and payable and has instructed the Successor Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Successor Trustee, on **Monday, December 12, 2016, commencing at 11:00 a.m.**, local time, outside the main front entrance of the City-County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash the property therein conveyed and described as follows:

Situating in District No. 8 of Knox County and being all of the property shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet O, Slide 193-D, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map reference is made and incorporated herein for a more particular description, said property being located at the intersection of Loves Creek Road and Millertown Pike containing 1.29 acres, more or less.

Property address: **2520 Loves Creek Road, Knoxville, Tennessee**, Map/Parcel No. 060HA00301.

BEING the same property conveyed to C & L Partnership, LLP by Warranty Deed dated June 29, 2007 of record as Instrument No. 200706290107560 in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER WITH (i) all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the above-described property, (ii) all fixtures attached to the above-described property or any buildings or improvements situated thereon, and (iii) all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements and appurtenances of any kind benefiting the above-described property, all means of access to and from the above-described property, whether public or private, and all water and mineral rights.

The sale shall be in bar of the legal, equitable, and statutory rights of redemption, exemption or homestead, all rights arising by virtue of marriage,

and all other similar exemptions and rights arising under or created by an applicable statute or judicial decision, all of which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, but excluding any statutory right of redemption of a governmental agency, state or federal, that survives this sale as a matter of law. Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Successor Trustee.

The Deed of Trust is subject to the following: (a) unpaid taxes or assessments against the property; (b) recorded easements, restrictions, conditions, covenants, setback lines, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the property; (c) dedication of roads affecting the property and applicable governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations; (d) prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust or other interests of record; (e) matters that an accurate survey of the property might disclose; and (f) any tenants which may be in possession of the property, to the extent they have any rights to remain in possession of the property that survive foreclosure.

To the best of the Successor Trustee’s knowledge, information and belief, there are no Federal or State tax lien claimants upon the subject property which may require notice pursuant to the terms and provisions of T.C.A. § 35-5-104, T.C.A. § 50-7-404(b)(2)(B) or T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.

THE PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT COVENANTS OR WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

Successor Trustee, at her sole discretion, at the time and place appointed above for the sale, to accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of her trust obligation under the circumstances, reserves the right to do any or all of the following:

(1) Postpone the sale of all or any portion of the property by public announcement at such time and place of sale, and from time to time thereafter postpone such sale by public announcement at the time fixed by the preceding postponement or subsequently noticed sale, and, without further notice, make such sale at the time and place fixed by the last postponement, or in her discretion, give a new notice of sale.

(2) Appoint an agent to sell the property in accordance with the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust and to take other action which the Successor Trustee may take thereunder.

(3) Elect to delay the sale for a reasonable time during regular business hours on the same day to be continued at the same place at the announced time in order to enable any bonafide bidder to determine and submit a bid, so long as no potential purchaser is thereby precluded from placing a bid.

(4) Elect to sell the property in any other manner as may accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of her trust obligation under the circumstances.

The failure of the high bidder to close this sale shall be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, the Successor Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is capable and willing to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the debt described in the Deed of Trust.

CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER:
C & L Partnership, LLP

OTHER POSSIBLE LIEN HOLDERS OR HOLDERS OF INTEREST:
Empire Petroleum Partners, LLC
8350 N. Centraul Expy, Ste. M2185
Dallas, TX 75206-1600

East Town Exxon LLC
230 S. Roane Street
Harriman, TN 37748-7435

Dated: November 15, 2016
Laura F. Ketcham, Successor Trustee
Miller & Martin PLLC
832 Georgia Avenue, Suite 1200
Chattanooga, TN 37402

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Holiday Happenings

‘A Christmas Carol’ comes to the Clarence Brown Theatre Mainstage

With a brand new look, stunning costumes, traditional carols, an adaptation guaranteed to enrich your holiday season, PLUS \$10 tickets for children 5 to 12, “A Christmas Carol,” returns to the Clarence Brown mainstage through December 18. At each performance, patrons can enhance the experience by enjoying special holiday treats at the concession stand and taking pictures with “Scrooge and Tiny Tim” in a new, specially designed photo experience which will be stationed in the main lobby.

The \$10 children’s tickets can only be purchased by calling or stopping by the Box Office at (865)974-5161.

Talk Back with the actors will take place Sunday, December 4 following the matinee. Deaf Night at the Theatre, where all patron interactions including the performance is interpreted in American Sign Language, will take place Sunday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 6 at the CBT Family Feast, families can attend dinner at 6:00 p.m. and then see the show for only \$10. The Open Captioned performance is Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information on the various engagement events listed above, please contact the Box Office at (865)974-5161.

Appalachian Ballet presents ‘The Nutcracker’

The Appalachian Ballet Company will present the annual holiday tradition “The Nutcracker” in their 45th anniversary season. The production features live music by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The Appalachian Ballet Company will present four public shows December 3 at 7:30 p.m. and December 4 at 3 p.m. at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium AND December 9 at 7:30 p.m. and December 10 at 3 p.m. at the Clayton Center for the Arts in Maryville.

Two school matinees (includes K-8 curriculum guide covering common core standards) will be presented at 10 a.m. at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium on December 1 and 2. For tickets call Knox Tickets at (865)656-4444 or Clayton Center at (865)981-8590.

Candlelight Lessons and Carols

St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Broadway, invites you to a Candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m., featuring Bible readings and prayer interspersed with carols, choral music and congregational singing. This service is based on a service that originated in England in 1918 at King’s College, Cambridge, beginning a tradition that is nearly 100 years old. Music includes O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Lo, how a rose e’er blooming; and choral arrangements by Boris Ord, Gustav Holst, Paul Manz and John Rudder. For information, please see stjamesknox.org or call (865)523-5687.

Candle Making Workshop at Marble Springs State Historic Site

Marble Springs State Historic Site will host a Candle

Making Workshop on Saturday, December 3 starting at 11a.m. This hands-on workshop will teach visitors about lighting sources of the 18th century; participants will get to make their own beeswax candle by the open hearth. Packing a lunch is recommended. Reservations are required and space is limited to twenty participants. The enrollment fee is \$20 for the cost of materials. Details are subject to change. For more information call (865)573-5508, email info@marblesprings.net, or visit our website at www.marblesprings.net.

Christmas at Chilhowee

The Chilhowee Park lighting of the tree on the Chilhowee Park Bandstand and more will take place Friday December 9, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be live music and many free activities. Build a gingerbread house with Austin-East Culinary Arts Department. There will be train rides for all ages, pictures with Santa Claus, marshmallow roasting, hot cocoa, face painting, balloon animals, and more. The Muse Knoxville will have special activities.

Christmas Candlelight Tours at Marble Springs

Marble Springs State Historic Site is proud to present Christmas Candlelight Tours on Saturday, December 10, from 4-8 p.m. Experience the historic site through the soft glow of candle light. The historic buildings will be decorated with fresh greenery. Music, open hearth cooking, baked goods, and warm drinks will set your heart aglow with holiday spirit. Details are subject to change. Entrance is a suggested \$2 donation. For more information please call (865)573-5508, email info@marblesprings.net, or visit www.marblesprings.net.

Christmas Cantata

Concord United Methodist Church presents its annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This year’s musical is Appalachian Winter by composer Joseph Martin, who utilizes early American folk hymns and spirituals combined with meaningful narrative to allow the familiar Christmas story to be heard in a new way.

Members of the Concord Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and friends combine their 65+ voices with a full orchestra and organ, conducted by Rev. Mike Stallings, Pastor of Worship & Worship Arts. Soloists include sopranos Nancy Owens, Wendy Maness from the bluegrass and Americana band Westwend and Katy Warnick, member of the Concord Youth Choir, Farragut High School Choral Ensemble and an All-East Tennessee Choir participant. The orchestra is comprised of local musicians, including members from the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and from the Concord UMC Orchestra, in addition to Concord’s organist, Betsy Segraves. Narration will be voiced by Concord UMC Pastors Larry Trotter, Wil Cantrell, Glenna Manning and Chris Luper.

Concord United Methodist Church is located at 11020 Roane Drive in Farragut. The community is invited to bring family and friends to enjoy this wonderful seasonal

Don’t trash non-working Christmas lights, recycle them

County offers options for recycling strands

With the post-Thanksgiving, turkey-induced stupor barely worn off, many families will be pulling Christmas decorations out of the attic and preparing to trim the tree and deck the halls.

In the spirit of Clark Griswold, moms and dads across Knox County will test thousands of feet of Christmas lights, only to discover that many that worked fine last year don’t work this year.

For anyone who finds themselves facing down the Christmas light Grinch, Knox County Solid Waste has a holiday message: Don’t send those lights to

the landfill, recycle them instead.

Christmas lights will be accepted for recycling at the following Knox County Solid Waste locations during regular operating hours:

- Dutchtown Convenience Center, 10618 Dutchtown Road*
- Halls Convenience Center, 3608 Neal Drive*
- John Sevier Convenience Center, 1950 W. Gov. John Sevier Highway*
- Karns Convenience Center, 6930 Karns Crossing Lane*
- Household Hazardous Waste facility, 1033 Elm Street

*A Goodwill attendant will be on-site at these locations to accept Christmas lights for recycling.



experience!

Christmas Nativity Festival

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 6024 Grove Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918, invites the public to attend a nativity festival on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to celebrate the birth of Christ this season. Come reflect on the true meaning of Christmas by viewing numerous nativity exhibits while listening to live musical performances. Children’s activities with light refreshments and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring new pairs of socks, gloves and canned goods to donate to the Corryton Hospitality Pantry. The pantry is a coalition of fifteen different denominations throughout the community who are dedicated to providing

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, Kishanrao Motherangari conveyed to Mark E. Lapczynski, as Trustee, real property in Knox County, Tennessee by a Deed of Trust dated May 28, 2008, and recorded on June 2, 2008, as Instrument No. 200806020090491 in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee; as further secured by an Assignment of Rents, Profits and Leases dated May 28, 2008, and recorded on June 2, 2008, as Instrument No. 200806020090492, said Register’s Office (collectively, the “Deed of Trust”), to secure payment and performance of the debt described in the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, SunTrust Bank (the “Bank”) is the owner and holder of the debt secured by and the beneficiary of the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Bank, as such owner, holder and beneficiary, appointed Laura F. Ketcham of Miller & Martin PLLC as Successor Trustee by Appointment of Successor Trustee filed of record on November 1, 2016 as Instrument No. 20161101002811, in said Register’s Office; and

WHEREAS, default has been made under the Deed of Trust and the Bank has declared the entire balance due and payable and has instructed the Successor Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Successor Trustee, on **Monday, December 12, 2016, commencing at 11:00 a.m.**, local time, outside the main front entrance of the City-County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash the property therein conveyed and described as follows:

SITUATED in the 2nd Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 15th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known as Block HH of Cold Springs Addition, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 800 (formerly map Book 3, page 106) in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the northwesterly line of Magnolia Avenue, said iron pin marking the common corner to Lots 8 and 9, Block HH in Cold Spring Addition, said point also being distant 400 feet in the southwesterly direction from the point of intersection of the northwesterly line of Magnolia Avenue with the southwesterly line of Milligan Street, and from said point of beginning running thence along the common dividing line between Lots 8 and 9 in a northwesterly direction 175 feet, more or less, to an iron pin in the southeasterly line of an alley; thence along the southeastern line of said alley in a northeasterly direction 94 feet to a point, said point being distant in a southwesterly direction 6 feet from the common corner of Lots 10 and 11 in said Block in said Addition; thence running a southeasterly direction on a line at all times 6 feet from the common corner of Lots 10 and 11; thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwestern line of Magnolia Avenue, 94 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

Property address: **2817 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee**, Map/Parcel No. 082FR-022.

BEING the same property conveyed to Kishanrao Motherangari by Warranty Deed of record as Instrument No. 200806020090490 in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER WITH (i) all buildings and improvements now or hereafter erected on the above-described property, (ii) all fixtures attached to the above-described property or any buildings or improvements situated thereon, and (iii) all estates, rights, tenements, hereditaments, privileges, rents, issues, profits, easements and appurtenances of any kind benefiting the above-described property, all means of access to and from the above-described property, whether public or private, and all water and mineral rights.

The sale shall be in bar of the equity or redemption and all rights of redemption contained in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 66-8-101 et seq., homestead, dower, elective share, rights of appraisal or valuation, and all other rights and exemptions of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, but excluding any statutory right of redemption of a governmental agency, state or federal, that survives this sale as a matter of law. Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Successor Trustee.

The Deed of Trust is subject to the following: (a) unpaid taxes or assessments against the property; (b) recorded easements, restrictions, conditions, covenants, setback lines, rights-of-way or subdivision plats affecting the property; (c) dedication of roads affecting the property and applicable degree governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations; (d) prior or superior liens, judgments, deeds of trust or other interests of record; (e) matters that an accurate survey of the property might disclose; and (f) any tenants which may be in possession of the property, to the extent they have any rights to remain in possession of the property that survive foreclosure.

To the best of the Successor Trustee’s knowledge, information and belief, there are no Federal or State tax lien claimants upon the subject property which may require notice pursuant to the terms and provisions of T.C.A. § 35-5-104, T.C.A. § 50-7-404(i)(2)(B) or T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.

THE PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT COVENANTS OR WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

Successor Trustee, at her sole discretion, at the time and place appointed above for the sale, to accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of her trust obligation under the circumstances, reserves the right to do any or all of the following:

(1) Postpone the sale of all or any portion of the property by public announcement at such time and place of sale, and from time to time thereafter postpone such sale by public announcement at the time fixed by the preceding postponement or subsequently noticed sale, and, without further notice, make such sale at the time and place fixed by the last postponement, or in her discretion, give a new notice of sale.

(2) Appoint an agent to sell the property in accordance with the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust and to take other action which the Successor Trustee may take thereunder.

(3) Elect to delay the sale for a reasonable time during regular business hours on the same day to be continued at the same place at the announced time in order to enable any bonafide bidder to determine and submit a bid, so long as no potential purchaser is thereby precluded from placing a bid.

(4) Elect to sell the property in any other manner as may accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of her trust obligation under the circumstances.

The failure of the high bidder to close this sale shall be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, the Successor Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is capable and willing to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the debt described in the Deed of Trust.

CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER:
Kishanrao Motherangari

OTHER POSSIBLE LIEN HOLDERS OR HOLDERS OF INTEREST:
None

Dated: November 15, 2016
Laura F. Ketcham, Successor Trustee
Miller & Martin PLLC
832 Georgia Avenue, Suite 1200
Chattanooga, TN 37402

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COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **EDNA LOWERY PRIDEMORE**
Docket Number **77389-3**
Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA LOWERY PRIDEMORE, who died FEBRUARY 16, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 7TH DAY OF November, 2016
Estate of EDNA LOWERY PRIDEMORE
JOE C. PRIDEMORE, EXECUTOR
2317 WOODMERE RD.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920-2876

Dates Published: *11/21/2016 & 11/28/2016*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **CARDOLYN S. HICKS**
Docket Number **78260-1**
Notice is hereby given that on the 4TH DAY OF

NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CARDOLYN S. HICKS, who died DECEMBER 19, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 4TH DAY OF November 2016
Estate of CARDOLYN S. HICKS
STEPHEN C. WALLING,
ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM,
709 MARKET STREET, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

RUFUS W. BEAMER, JR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
707 MARKET STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

Dates Published: *11/21/2016 & 11/28/2016*

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 the 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**
192582-3
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: *11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19*

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2471, Telemedicine Peripherals, due 12/14/16;
Bid 2472, Cargo Vans, due 12/15/16;
Bid 2473, Badges, due 12/15/16;
Bid 2474, Installation, Troubleshooting and Repair of School Bus GPS Equipment, due 12/19/16;
Bid 2476, Tire Processing Services, due 12/19/16

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/purchasing. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on December 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2009 Kia Optim KNA6E228895288443
2004 Inf 135 JNKDA31A74T205888
2008 Kia Optim KNA6E123185167808
2004 Che Impal 2G1WF52E449110990
1999 For F-150 1FTRX17W3XNAB7627
1994 Acura Integ JH4DC4451RS002930
1995 For Econo 1FTEE14Y5SHB87642
1995 Acura Integ JH4DC4464SS011605
1995 Pon Grand 1G2NW15MXSC841710
2014 GMC Sierr 3GTU2VCE9EG244132
2008 Mer Grand 2MEFM74V98X612416
2004 Kia Rio KNADC125546304321

1998 Toy Camry JT2BG28K9W0230823
1990 Toy Camry 4T1VW22E6LU002680
1996 For Explo 1FMDU34X9TU036608
2001 Dae Nuhir KLAJC522X1K586160
1997 Dod Dakot 1B7GG23X6VS136482
1999 Bui LeSab 1G4HR85X2KH04360
1988 Che Capri 1J1BL512QJR205480
1999 For Tauru 1FAFP53U0XA322264
2001 Sub Impre JF1GF43551G803994
2001 Che Caval 1G1JC124517113297
1999 Mer Grand 2MEFM74W3X723566
1998 Toy Camry 4T1VBG2K0WU855597
2007 Chr PT Cr 3A4FY58B67T512049
2007 Hon Accor 1HGCMM5670A215791
1992 Bui Regal 2G4W654L7N1486867
2005 Jee Grand 1J4HS48N65C536696
2006 For Musta 1ZVTF82H565108789
1995 Toy Corol 2T1AE09B05C116365
2005 Hon Eleme 5J6YH28675L005566
2001 Jee Chero 1J4FT48S01L531501
2003 Cad CTS 1G6D057N030106105
2001 For Explo 1FJZUM83C01ZA08842
2002 For Focus 3FAFP3733Z1R16759
2015 WAB TRAIL 1G9AP0624GT606022
2007 Fre Colum 1FUJAE6CK07LW56788
2007 Suz GSX-R 31JGN7/DA47212929
2004 Chr PT Cr 3C4FY48B14T21583
1998 Lin Town 1LNFM81W3WY621805
2001 Chr PT Cr 3C8FY48B21T603172
1989 Toy Camry 4T1SV24E4KU068698
1996 Acura RL JH4KA9645T000856
2001 Kia Spectr KNABF161315014213
2005 Hon Accor 1HGCMM564X5A149690

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on December 17, 2016 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 5000 Rutledge Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2000 Hon Accor 1HGC65541YA046185
2008 Nis Versa 3N1BC13E78L350787
2008 For Tauru 1FMDK05W78GA08071
2003 Yam N/A JYAC613C63A003127
2014 Chr 200 1C3CCBB82EN136837
1997 Che Blazr 1GN0T13W5V2203743
2000 Chr Conco 2C3HD46R4YH00580
1991 Lin Town 1WDCR21W8MY606897
2007 Vol Rabit WWN0871K3WZ78930
1999 Old Alamo 1G3NKK12TX9C386505
2004 Dod Neon 1B3ES56C54D062603
2000 Cad Devil 1G6KD054XXU176507
1988 Nis Picnu 1N6ND115S2JC337816
1992 Lin Town 1LNLMB82W48U737728
2001 Bui LeSab 1G4HP54XK1U169567
1999 Saa 9-3 YC30D78N57K001637
1997 Dod Intre 2B3HD46T3VH050531
2001 For F-350 1FD0WV36S31EB50266
2002 For Explo 1FMZU73W02B83186

PUBLIC AUCTION

The owners and/or lien holders of the following vehicle are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicle: 2004 Honda UEX VIN# 1HGCMT72634A012804. Failure to reclaim said vehicle by 12/5/16 will result in disposal at auction on 12/6/16 at 1:00pm. Advanced Auto Recovery LLC, 200 E. Inskip Dr. Knoxville, TN 37912, 865-377-3825
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Knoxville, Tn. 37934
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Holiday Happenings

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Farragut Middle School PTO to host Holiday Gift Bazaar

Holiday Shopping takes center stage when the Farragut Middle School PTO hosts its first annual Holiday Gift Bazaar on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Farragut Middle School gymnasium. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Over 40 popular local vendors are slated to participate. Shoppers can choose from an extensive selection of unique, high quality products that are perfect for the home, family, office, or gift-giving. Items to be offered include the best in handmade fabrics, wood and metal crafts, creative pottery, stylish jewelry, boutique clothing, and much more.

The festively themed Holiday Gift Bazaar also features a fun \$1 bake sale, concessions with snack and lunch items, and a silent auction. Proceeds will enable the purchase of new technology for Farragut Middle School.

For more information please contact co-chairs Stephanie Nelson (snelson411@tds.net) or Amy Bush (amyjbush@gmail.com).

North Hills Holiday Home Tour

The North Hills Garden Club is hosting a Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. in historic North Hills neighborhood located just north of downtown Knoxville. The tour will feature seven unique homes, an area church and nearby fire station #11. This festive event has been a neighborhood tradition for over 20 years. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance when purchased from a North Hills Garden Club member or through this PayPal link: <http://bit.ly/2fkV6u0>. Tickets should be picked up on the day of the tour between 3:45 and 7:15 p.m. at the kiosk located at 1726 North Hills Blvd. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free of charge. Refreshments will be served at each home.

Ramsey House Christmas Wreath Workshop

'Tis the Season and no proper door should be without a fresh green wreath. Come and join the staff at Ramsey House and make your own natural green wreath. Ramsey

House will provide the Christmas treats and all the greens and fixin's you will need for your project including a beautiful bow. All you need is a pair of garden gloves and a small pair of garden shears. Julia Shiflett and her Merry Band of Wreath Elves are ready to help you dress your front door or window with your very own wreath. Class fee is \$35, the date is Saturday December 10 (so put it on your calendar) starting at 12:30. Don't be disappointed, call for your reservation before the class is full at 865-546-0745

Tour de Lights

Tour de Lights, Downtown Knoxville, starts at Market Square Bikes on December 16 at 7 p.m.

Join in for this fun, free bike parade through downtown, 4th & Gill and Old North Knoxville. Riders are encouraged to get creative with lights, costumes and decorations. The route is about 5 miles long and takes about an hour to ride at a casual pace. All streets will be completely closed for the event. Hot cocoa and treats are available thanks to Mast General Store and Three Rivers Market. You can RSVP on Facebook, but you don't need to register.

Prizes are awarded at 8:15 p.m. in these categories: Best costume - Adult, Best costume - Child, Best bicycle and/or trailer, Best helmet, Best group with theme, Best all around and runner ups in each category.

*Free bike safety checks and judging for the decorating contest start at 6 p.m.

UT Arboretum Society Holiday Craft Brunch

The UT Arboretum Society is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Brunch on Friday, December 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person for the brunch and materials. A UTAS member will be conducting the workshop which will be held at the UT Arboretum Auditorium.

Cuttings from the Arboretum's Harold Elmore Holly Collection will be used to make the unique wreaths. Participants may bring clippings from their own yard as well. It is suggested that participants bring gloves. Brunch will include breakfast casserole, muffins, juice, and coffee. There will be a maximum of 15 participants. Cost is \$25, payable in advance. Call or email Janet Bigelow at (865) 675-3822 or janet_bigelow@tds.net to register. Sign up today!

Parades

Gibbs Ruritan Parade

Look for "Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin," in the Gibbs Ruritan Club Christmas Parade, Sunday, December 4, 2016, at 2:30 p.m.

Luttrell Christmas Parade

Luttrell Christmas Parade begins on Saturday, Dec. 3 at noon. Parade starts and ends at Luttrell Community Park, Tazewell Pk at Park Rd. For information about participation, please call (865)992-0870 or email cityofluttrell@yahoo.com.

Seymour Christmas Parade

Seymour's 23rd Annual Christmas Parade, "Home-town Heroes" is scheduled for Saturday, December 10. The parade leaves Valley Grove Baptist Church at 3 p.m. and concludes at Kroger. Parade Entry Fee is \$20. After December 8, fee is \$25. Register online at www.seymourTN.org, by phone at (865)851-1157, or email: jlinsen@seymourvfd.com

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