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## High schools again provide holiday helpers

By Steve Williams

While much of Knoxville's interest, along with their thoughts and prayers, has been in the deadly and destructive wildfires that struck the Sevier County area recently, the holiday season has continued with its many events on the local scene.

And once again, high school student-athletes and cheerleaders have stepped up to help out.

"The Halls cheerleaders have done several community service projects this Christmas season," said Cheri Duncan, cheer coach, via e-mail last week. "We worked Fantasy of Trees and Angel Tree."

At the Fantasy of Trees, the Halls cheerleaders worked the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, painting faces and doing the potholder activities.

After that, the Halls cheerleaders worked two full weekends wrapping gifts for donations for the Angel Tree at West Town Mall.

"Last weekend (Dec. 10), we collected over 11 shopping carts full of donated items and wrapped a ton of gifts for donations," said Duncan.

"We feel that it is very important to give back to the community that has been so supportive of us. We as a squad have everything that we need and want to make sure that others have the same."

Central High's cheerleaders rang bells Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 8



Central High cheerleaders, including seniors Kiley Palmer (left) and Emma Kelly, helped the Salvation Army help others throughout the day and into the night on Dec. 10.

p.m. at Kroger in Fountain City, reported Coach Jackie Raley.

Members of Fulton's softball team were volunteers at the Subway Race Against Cancer the week before Thanksgiving break, noted Coach Jason Settle.

The Bearden baseball team partnered with the Salvation Army on Dec. 3 in the Red Kettle campaign.

"We rang bells and welcomed guests to the Kroger at Northshore and Pellissippi," said Bulldogs skipper



Bearden High's boys basketball team helped with the annual Weigel's Family Christmas.

John Rice. "Also, we volunteered as ushers on Dec. 10 for the Nativity Pageant

of Knoxville at the KCAC." Jimm Allen, Assistant

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## Unpaid school lunches get Audit attention

By Mike Steely  
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The Knox County School System has been wrestling with the problem of unpaid student lunches. While about half the students in the 88 schools get free or reduced lunches there's a growing number of parents who don't send lunch money with their children.

Russ Oaks, Chief Operating Officer, told the county's Audit Committee last week that the system had issued a request for proposal for collection of the debt but received no replies.

"We're going back to the well one more time," Oaks said. If no replies are received on the updated request Oaks says the system is "going to have to look at our process" in collecting the money.

"We're taking in about 50 percent of what is charged," he said, noting that the system is about \$115,000 in arrears so far and that's about the same as last year. He explained that when the system contacts a parent about unpaid food charges "we try to work through the process" and help them qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Commissioner Hugh Nystrom commented that some families may not know how to fill out the necessary forms. Audit Chairman David Shields

said he is concerned about the "root cause" and added, "There's something there."

"I wish I knew," Oaks said of the cause. He said the unpaid lunches began around 2008 with the downturn in the economy and has continued to grow.

"Fifty-three schools receive free or reduced lunches," Oaks said, explaining that the schools selected have at least 50% of the population with families falling below the federal guidelines. He agreed that getting social service agencies involved in spreading the word about the programs would help and said the system will be "revisiting" the free lunch program at the end of this school year.

Internal Auditor Andrea Addis reported to the Audit Committee and announced some "Good News."

She said the peer review conducted on her department resulted in the highest rating and said the review, run by an out-of-state audit department, cost only \$3,300 of the \$15,000 that was projected.

She also reported on audits of Parks and Recreation's tool inventory and said her department has recommended that employees there stop using their personal tools

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## 'Tribute Truckster' is now rolling year round

*God's peace and comfort tell  
us when cardinals appear,  
angels are near!*

By Steve Williams

In its fourth year on the roads of Knoxville and East Tennessee, the Family Truckster is looking better than ever.

Owner Dave Moore has given her a bright, fresh pea-green paint job, the same color she donned when the Christmas Vacation movie, starring Chevy Chase, came out in 1989.

But it's not the original color on the Truckster that excites Moore the most this year. It's the tribute to special people Moore is starting with the Truckster.

It starts with Virginia and Emmett Moore, Dave's parents.

"Mom just had her seventh heavenly birthday," said Dave. "It'll be two years this coming April when Dad passed away. He was a Marine and World War II veteran and received the Purple Heart."

The other four Moore is honoring include Zaeveon Dobson, a 15-year-old Fulton High sophomore student-athlete who was senselessly killed just about this time last year as

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

While two women take each other's picture with the Family Truckster, Dave Moore (in Big Orange cap) speaks with Sarah Alexander and her son Harrison Fortenberry, fans of the classic movie Christmas Vacation, outside Knoxville Center last week.

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Halls High cheerleaders, including freshmen Maggie Beeler (left) and Jaiden Mathes, collected over 11 shopping carts full of donated items at West Town Mall for Angel Tree.

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Principal at L & N STEM Academy, stated "Our swim team met at the West Towne Mall to shop together for the Angel Tree last weekend (Dec. 10). They donated quite a bit!"

The Bearden boys basketball team's community service involved volunteering at the annual Weigel's Family Christmas, reported James Scales, Bearden assistant coach.

"The one that comes to mind is a service project our boys basketball team recently did while playing in

a Thanksgiving tournament in the Bahamas," e-mailed Melissa Tindell, Director of Communications at Christian Academy of Knoxville. "CAK players transported suitcases of relief supplies for residents in the Bahamas, who recently suffered the effects of a hurricane."

The holiday spirit of giving will continue this week as Tennessee School for the Deaf's girls basketball team will be shopping and delivering Angel Tree boxes, noted Luke Benson, TSD Athletic Director.

# Difference between a Chapter 13 and a Chapter 7 bankruptcy

Tennessee has the highest number of bankruptcies of any state in the country, so it might be useful to understand the differences between the two most common types of bankruptcies.



By Jedidiah McKeenhan  
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A Chapter 7 bankruptcy, or a straight bankruptcy, is where you are asking the courts to discharge your debts. Essentially, the debt is zeroed out. This is more likely the better option for

anyone with little to no assets and maybe no job or steady source of income. The process takes place over a 3 to 5 month time period and wipes everything clean so the filer can start fresh.

Any non-exempt property sold due to the bankruptcy is distributed to creditors, so this may not be the preferred option for homeowners or property holders.

In a Chapter 13

bankruptcy, or a reorganization, you have to file a plan showing how you will pay off your past-due and current debt. It is essentially a repayment schedule over a 3-5 year period that will allow you pay back your creditors at a reduced rate. In almost all cases, you get to keep your home and your vehicle. This option is typically for people that make a little bit more money and have money coming in on a regular basis to make these payments.

To determine which option is best for your

situation, or to begin the bankruptcy process, it is best to talk to an attorney with experience in this area.

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he shielded two girls from gang gunfire.

Moore also is paying tribute to this reporter's father, Bob Williams of Clinton, who enjoyed a ride in the Family Truckster during the holidays last year. He passed away March 5 at age 87.

"I immediately knew how much he cared about his family, his community and his Vols," said Moore. "He touched my heart and reminded me so much of my father."

Lady Vol coaching legend Pat Summitt, who died last summer after a battle with Alzheimer's, is being honored not just for her outstanding coaching career and contributions to women's basketball, but

also because she cared about others, especially the fans.

"I still remember the time she dressed up like a cheerleader and sang Rocky Top with Bruce Pearl for the fans at a game," said Moore.

The sixth tribute goes to one of our country's most popular presidents and what he stood for - John F. Kennedy.

"JFK was and is still remembered for his famous quotation - 'Do not ask what your country can do for you,'" said Moore. "Ask what you can do for your country."

"I like to break that down to ask what you can do for your community."

The "Tribute Truckster," as Moore now calls it, also

is decorated with a cardinal and a ribbon the favorite color of each honoree wrapped around the cardinal with a bow on top.

Kennedy's ribbon is red, white and blue. Dobson's is Fulton maroon.

Names of each honoree also will be listed on the Tribute Truckster's window.

"Tribute Truckster doubles as a tribute to individuals who 'caretributed' to making our 'caremunities' and our world a better place because they cared," said Moore.

"So Tribute Truckster will go on year-round paying tribute to those that cared. At Christmas it will be the Christmas Vacation Truckster and in the summer it will be the Wallyworld

Summer Truckster, but 365 it will be paying tribute not just to the movie, but to individuals that truly cared and will be honored and remembered 365 with the Tribute Truckster."

The Truckster received overall first place awards in three Christmas parades this year at Wartburg, Maryville and Oak Ridge. It also has been a big part of two Christmas Vacation movie theme parties.

"The popularity of the Family Truckster has grown a lot in the last year or two," said Moore.

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# Publisher's Position Whining about the Electoral College



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The Knoxville News Sentinel came out last week with a milquetoast editorial noting the Democrats, still smarting over the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States, want to debate the need for the Electoral College. Eventually the Sentinel came to the point after traipsing around the edge of the issue. Not surprisingly,

they come down on the side of the Democrats. The Sentinel cited a forum attended by Congressman Steve Cohen and Congressman John Conyers. Conyers is an elderly, ultra liberal congressman who has been in Congress since 1965. Conyers represents the City of Detroit in Congress, while Steve Cohen represents largely the City of Memphis.

The Sentinel cited Hillary Clinton having won more than 2.5 million more popular votes than Donald Trump; Clinton won better than 60% of the vote in California, while Trump won less than 32% in the Golden State. Clinton's majority in California was 4,269,978 votes. Is there any rational person who believes California should pick the President of the United States? If

so, there's no need to even have an election outside of California and the rest of us would just have to live with whatever choice those folks made, but in the present political climate, you can bet your boots it would be a Democrat, which is the point for these folks prattling about the Electoral College. America is not a democracy, but rather is a representative Republic. Hillary Clinton won on the East and West Coasts and in the big cities and was crushed pretty much everywhere else.

We would not even be having this conversation were it not for the fact the leftists and Democrats simply didn't think Donald Trump could win under any circumstances, either the popular vote or in the Electoral College. Filmmaker Michael Moore lumbered to

Trump Tower and informed the President-Elect he had lost and demanded he step aside. Moore published the rest of his "to-do list" on Twitter, which was to abolish the Electoral College, electronic voting and "restore the voting rights of former prisoners." By "prisoners", he means convicts and ignores the fact felons have the right to petition a court to restore their rights. Virginia governor Terry McAuliffe, a Clinton ally, attempted to restore the voting rights of 200,000 convicted felons, few, if any, of whom had gone through the legal process to have their rights restored. McAuliffe did manage to restore the voting rights of 67,000 convicts and some 21,000 of them registered to vote.

Clinton's strength was almost entirely confined to the Northeast, the West

Coast and major metropolitan areas. She squeaked by in Minnesota, won Illinois, Colorado and New Mexico. That was it. If the Electoral College did not exist, cities like San Francisco, Boston, New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles would have outsized influence in determining the election of an American president. The Democrats would like to confine the rest of us to the status of having the misfortune in living in a "fly-over" state. Clinton and her campaign team made the crucial mistake of flying over Wisconsin and Michigan and now Democrats are bellowing we need to do away with the Electoral College.

Evidently, these people think everybody else ought to shut up, pay more taxes to pay the way of the Democrats' favored

constituencies and be content to allow them to reshape the country however they wish.

Folks need to read more history. Without the smaller states in this country, from a population and/or geographical standpoint, the American union would not be what it is today.

Things are becoming more and more polarized and if the states that backed Trump formed a new America, the blue states would be bankrupt in about ten minutes. They ignore one big and pertinent fact: why would any state wish to remain in a Union where they have no say nor any voice?

They wouldn't. Think about that.

## Committee seeking applicants for superintendent position

By Pete Gawda

Knox County is another step closer to having a new Superintendent of Education thanks to action taken at Tuesday's meeting of the Superintendent Search Committee.

Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler reported that he was working to secure prices for a testing firm to administer psychological and other tests that the committee wanted for the top applicants. He stated that if the cost was under \$10,000 the testing firm could be considered a vendor and as such would be able to administer tests

in January. However, if the cost was more than \$10,000 the committee would have to go through the request for proposal process to secure a testing company. This process could take until early March. He promised to continue his research and present definite information at the next meeting.

As an example of the kind of testing the committee was looking for Susan Horn distributed copies of an actual test report. The extensive 23 page report, with the name of the subject redacted, was very specific listing such things as general characteristics and behavior,

how to communicate with the applicant, the applicant's ideal work environment, the applicant's natural style of dealing with problems and the applicant's areas of weakness.

Committee Chair Amber Rountree reported that the application is already online and one completed application has been received.

The deadline for submitting applications is January 13. At their next meeting on January 17 the committee will review the applications received. In the meantime the committee members will be able to get

copies of any applications received. The committee will meet again on January 31.

The committee plans to narrow the field of applicants to 3 to 5. These finalists will be administered a round of tests by a testing firm to be determined and the final selection will be made by the entire Knox County Board of Education.

Rountree speculated that if too few people apply the committee might have to evaluate what is keeping people from applying.

Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas noted that the committee had a good



PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA.

Attending Tuesday's Superintendent Search Committee meeting were, left to right, Board of Education members Tony Norman, Susan Horn, Amber Rountree and Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler.

process in place and if it didn't result in a significant number of applicants they would have to hire an outside recruiting firm.

The committee agreed

upon an initial salary range of \$200,000 to \$240,000 as a negotiating tool. This salary range will have to be approved by the entire board of education.

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# Unpaid school lunches

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and request the proper tools before job assignments. She also reported that Internal Audit team hopes to audit several items in the future including the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes programs, the Sheriff's Department, the Fee Offices, the Forensic Center and the School's Physical Upgrade program.

Nystrom complimented Addis and the four-person department telling her the efforts "have not gone unnoticed."

Deputy Law Director David Buuck echoed the compliment noting that Addis took over the Audit position following years of politics there.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker proposed

that the chairman, Addis, and Commission Chair Dave Wright meet and look at Internal Audit to see if it is complying with the Knox County Charter. Shields appointed Addis to coordinate that effort and schedule meetings of the group.

The committee heard a Hotline report from Mark Jones, Human Resources Director, who reported receiving only eight complaints in the past six months. Shields asked him if there shouldn't be more activity on the Hotline and Jones said he's been posting information about the service at schools and adding it to the new employee handbook.

Schoonmaker suggested that the Hotline be moved to the county audit department and Jones said that

"would be fine." Jones said he and Addis have already discussed that move and Nystrom asked that the Hotline be considered at the new Ethics Committee meeting.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell told the committee that revenue for the county is up \$7.4 million over last year.

"So far we've seen the revenue growth we expected," he said, adding that property tax collection is good and the overall collection rate over the past 10 years is about 99 percent. He also said that the hotel-motel tax collection is ahead of the budget.

The Audit Committee also voted to hold the next committee meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 1:30.

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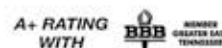
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## Knox County School Museum announces Honor Roll

By Mike Steely  
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If you or anyone in your family attended a school in Knox County you probably have fond memories of the school, your classmates, and those bygone days as a youth. The Knox County Museum of Education remembers also and is a special place, a gem of memories, just south of the river.

Located in the Sarah Simpson Professional Development Technology Center at 801 Tipton Avenue, the museum paused recently to honor the people who created and operate the collection of archives there.

Historian Robert Booker was the speaker and he was an organizer of the Austin High School Alumni, director of Beck Cultural Center and the first African-American elected to the state legislature from Knox County. Bucker recalled the history of Knoxville and Knox County Schools beginning with an 1871 vote to approve a tax to fund schools. He noted that in 1986 Knoxville merged with Knox County to form the current county-wide school system.

He was honored for his support of the museum from its beginnings.

The museum began when two lifelong friends, Benna



*The Knox County Museum of Education Honor Roll of 2016 gather for a group photo during the museum's 10th annual Induction Ceremony recently. (Photo courtesy of Jack E. Williams)*

van Vuuren and Beecher Clap found there was not a source or collection about the schools. The idea of a museum blossomed in 2005. A former superintendent, Earl Hoffmeister, suggested that Ms. Van Vuuren call Sue Boyer, a supervisor in the system. The museum opened its doors in 2006 in the historic old Knoxville High School and remained there until it moved to its current location in 2013.

At the museum you'll find high school class jackets, annuals, photographs, class histories, trophies, and much more. Most of the volunteers are Knox County graduates and the

museum is open Monday through Fridays from 11 until 4 p.m. It's a non-profit corporation and you can donate or volunteer by calling 865-579-8264 extension 1072. You can also visit the Knox County Museum of Education on the internet at [www.knox-schools.org/museum](http://www.knox-schools.org/museum).

Ms. Van Vuuren was honored by the museum for her efforts to establish and run the facility. She has been the power behind the effort, author of many articles, and recognized locally and nationally for her efforts. When she was mentioned during the ceremonies by host Wayne Smith, those attending gave her a

standing ovation.

Also inducted into the Honor Roll during the 10th Birthday Celebration were Beecher Clapp, Sue Boyer, Jim Boyer, David Huntsinger, Roy Mullins, Mary Halsey, Dr. Sam Bratton, Dr. Paul Kelly, Tom Underwood, David Armstrong, Jack Williams, Patricia Hunter, and Jody Davis.

In her recent article in the Volunteer Newsletter sent to supporters Ms. Van Vuuren said, "Now we find ourselves needing additional funds that will sustain our needs and growth including a part-time employee. Let's continue to build and preserve

our Educational Histories, not only for our pride and enjoyment, but for our future generations."

The Museum relies on the Knox County School System for space and physical support but is a separate entity. The system does not furnish supplies, equipment or staff. The support of the Museum comes from donations and the annual "Sock Hop" event. People can donate to honor a loved one, become a Guardian, Ambassador or Friend.

Donations can be mailed to Knox County Museum of Education, 810 Tipton Avenue, Knoxville, Tn. 37920.

## City seeks nominations for Good Neighbor Award

The City of Knoxville is looking for a few good neighbors.

Good neighbors not only mow their yards and keep their animals in line. They also welcome new neighbors, watch out for others, help their disabled or elderly neighbors, attend neighborhood meetings, pitch in when needed and generally look out for their neighbors' safety and quality of life.

If you know someone who fits this description, nominate him or her for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

"The kind of neighbors we're looking for go above and beyond the call of being neighborly," says Neighborhood Coordinator David Massey.

Last year's winner, Mechanicsville native David Gillette, was honored for his significant roles in organizing the Mechanicsville Homecoming parade and establishing a

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## Lease of Carter Convenience Center questioned

By Mike Steely  
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The future of the Carter Convenience Center was discussed by the Knox County Commission last week in preparation for tonight's regular meeting agenda. Keeping the lease between the county and John K. Chesney for \$2,000 a month was debated against the idea of the county finding suitable land and building a county owned and operated center.

The Convenience Center, just off Asheville Highway and south of the Andrew Johnson Highway, gets about 3,700 visits a week according to Dwight Van de Vate, Director of Public Works, and is the last convenience center not owned by the county.

Commissioners Randy Smith

and John Schoonmaker asked the director how long it would take if another site were found that the county could purchase and if two acres at the current site is large enough.

Van de Vate said that the cost could be more than \$700,000 to relocate the trash collection center and construction could take up to a year. He also said that the proposed agreement with the property owner can be canceled given a 6-month notice.

Schoonmaker said that the new convenience center site in Karns "set a standard of excellence out there. It should be the standard for the rest of Knox County."

Van de Vate said the proposed agreement, with an option for 10

years, would expand the facility in the Carter Community. Smith said that as Carter grows the county might want to look for a new location for the center.

The director said the county has leased the site from Chesney for 10 years and never had a problem with the property owner. He said the county has tried to buy the site but Chesney doesn't want to split up his property there.

Commissioner Carson Dailey said, "Hopefully we will look to the future and find a site."

"It's something we've been working on for years," Chairman Dave Wright said seeking of the opportunity to update Karns before Carter can be updated.

Smith moved that the idea be carried to the regular meeting

with no recommendation.

The commissioners also discussed picking two topics to bring up during a luncheon today at Litton's Restaurant with the state legislative delegation. Various subjects were mentioned but Wright selected talking about roads and revenue. The revenue topic may include asking the legislatures to push collection of internet sales taxes beyond Amazon, which pays state taxes.

The commissioners also voted to include in today's discussion changes proposed by the Rules Committee including policy at Zoning hearings when an applicant doesn't appear.

Consent items that should pass during today's meeting include the closing of Lovelace

Road, approval of a \$100,000 PetSafe donation for a dog park at Plumb Creek Park, a \$800,000 Community Block Grant to Helen Ross McNabb Center for housing of homeless veterans, and a discussion on the future of Rule High School. Also on consent is approving a contract with Dr. Donald S. Keeble as Medical Director for the Sheriff's Corrections Division.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill questioned a contract with Power School Group for assessment management and the school's hiring of Millsaps Gowen Government Relations to lobby in Nashville.

Chairman Wright named Commissioner Ed Brantley to serve on the Arena Use Committee.

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# Parkridge Neighborhood promotes Historic Overlay expansion

By Mike Steely  
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There are over 944 buildings in the Parkridge neighborhood and many, but not all, are within the designated H-1 Historic Overlay District. The Parkridge Community Organization is urging all the residents to attend an MPC public meeting at the O'Connor Senior Center tonight at 6 p.m. not only to hear the proposal but also to speak up on the expansion.

Rebecca Loy, a Parkridge resident, has asked The Knoxville Focus to remind home and property owners of the meeting and touch some of the people not included in a notification list of 100 residents being contacted.

The MPC's Kaye Graybeal will host the meeting and lead discussion on the idea of expanding the historic designation in order to help preserve the area, thought to be nationally recognized as the best preserved portion of the early 20th century in what was known then as "Park City."

More than 800 of the structures are "contributing" structures for the Historic Overlay

but, like the non-contributing buildings, these homes and other buildings are scattered across the neighborhood. Some of the structures are important parts of Knoxville's urban history but not recognized as historic at this time.

The designation would put Parkridge more closely with the larger Edgewood-Park City National Register Historic District. New construction, demolition or exterior renovation, under the proposed designation, would be reviewed by the Historic Zoning Commission.

The Parkridge Community Organization is a non-profit group committed to the well-being of the neighborhood. Formed in 1982 the group has worked on historic zoning issues, gives an annual neighborhood home tour and deals with related neighborhood issues. You can get more information from the MPC or call Ms. Graybeal at (865)215-3795. You can also go on facebook to Parkridge/Park City and get more information.



Rosie's  
World

## Continuing

I want to add the various tributes to Christmas that are celebrated around the world.

A very interesting country that celebrates Christmas is India. Compared to other religious festivals, Christmas is quite a small festival in India, due to the number of people who are Christians (about 2.3%) compared to people who belong to other religions. The population of India is over 1 billion, so there are over 25 million Christians in India.

Midnight mass is a very important service for Christians in India. The whole family will walk to the mass and this will be followed by a massive feast of different delicacies and the giving and receiving of presents. Churches are decorated with poinsettias and candles.

Instead of traditional Christmas trees, a banana or mango tree is decorated. Christians often put a small oil burning clay lamp on the flat roofs of their houses to show their neighbors Jesus is the light of the world.

Christmas in Norway wasn't celebrated until about the year 1000 or

1100 when Christianity first came to the area. Before this people celebrated in the middle of winter a rite to proclaim the harvest is gone and to look forward to spring.

The children in Norway go carol singing and they often dress up as characters from the Christmas story such as the Wise Men and Shepherds. The most famous Christmas custom in Norway is the big Christmas tree which they give to UK as a present to say "thank you" for the help UK gave them during world War II.

A Norwegian Christmas tree is decorated with small paper baskets made in the shape of a heart. It is said that Hans Christian Anderson invented them in 1860s.

Many different types of cakes and biscuits are eaten at Christmas. One of the most popular is a special bread that has raisins, candied peel, and cardamom in it.

Does Russia celebrate Christmas? Yes, to a certain extent. The Orthodox church does celebrate Advent which lasts forty days. The official Christmas and New Holidays last from December 31, to January 10.

Mostly the cause of celebration commemorates the end of a good harvest. Some people don't eat anything on Christmas Eve until the first star has appeared in the sky, then they will eat a porridge

made of wheat or rice with honey, poppy seeds, berries and walnuts. In the past some people would throw a spoonful of the porridge upon the ceiling. If it stuck there, it was meant they would have good luck and a good harvest. Presents were given out on New Year's Eve.

It is hard to ascertain if the Russians celebrate Christ's birthday but there are a few who go to midnight church services. And they have Christmas trees. On New Year's Eve children hold hands, make a circle around the tree and call for "Grandfather Frost," their version of Santa Claus, to bring them presents.

As you can see nearly all the countries I've mentioned celebrate this holiday with presents, lots of food and different customs. When all the presents have been opened, when the feast is cleared away, when the shreds of wrapping paper are discarded, and when the sparkling lights are turned off, the memory of our Christ's birth and His remarkable love should remain with us throughout the year. Merry Christmas to all!

Thought for the day: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

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

## No Habla Ingles

Stepping outside our comfort zones is a scary thing. Little control over many



By Joe Rector  
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situations is available, and our nerves are frayed in dealing with the simplest tasks. We can learn so much about the rest of the world and, in some cases, learn to empathize with others. Recently, I substituted for a class in ELL (English Language Learners), better known to some of us as English as a Second Language. Fifteen students arrived in first period, and they made their ways to assigned seats. The first orders of business each day includes observing a moment of silence and saying the pledge of allegiance to the flag. I hustled the students and assumed that they understood what I had said. They stood and placed hands over their hearts, and they dutifully stumbled through recitation of the pledge. The fact that they didn't understand the words they were reciting was apparent.

I wrote a couple of sentences on the board; students were to correct the mistakes in them. Many finished the work in short order, but some, instead, reached for cell phones. They typed the sentence into those phones and found the Spanish translation. That is the way they completed the work.

Throughout the class period, students chattered and giggled and laughed. They also conversed in Spanish, a language in which I am not in the least bit proficient. That meant I had no idea what they were saying. An uncomfortable feeling settled over me. Were they commenting about me? Was the laughter the result of an action I'd done? Was the class conspiring to leave the room and me behind? After several uneasy minutes, I instructed the class to converse only in English. I was teasing them but hoped they might at least use some of the language that I did comprehend.

It was then that I realized what

everyday life is like for these students. For most of them, English is a language that they speak in broken strands. They pick up on common terms and phrases, but too often they can't decipher what others are saying. By the end of the day, all these young folks want is to put on their headsets, listen to their music, and forget about a world in which communication is difficult. They are anxious to go home where their families speak a common language and life is more comfortable.

I approached one student who was new to the class. The teacher hadn't yet created a folder for him, so I retrieved a thick packet of worksheets and handed it to him with instructions to complete the work during class. He smiled and nodded. I walked back to my desk and watched. The boy flipped one page at a time, and his face was a mixture of confusion, frustration, and a bit of anger. My lack of knowledge of Spanish put me at the same disadvantage that the student faced. Because we could not communicate, he couldn't tell me that he did not understand, and I was unable to explain instructions or offer any help to him.

The Spanish-speaking population of the US continues to grow. Folks will arrive with little or no ability to speak the language of this country. Not being able to do so will isolate them and condemn them to a struggling existence. What we must do is teach them the language as soon as possible and make it the first and most important objective. Then these new people to our country will find assimilating into the American culture much easier. At the same time, we should understand the struggles that they face and extend both help and understanding. Think of it this way: how comfortable would you be if your family suddenly moved south of the border and tried to start a new life from scratch without speaking the language? It's not a matter of liking or disliking them. It's a matter of empathizing with them and the difficult times they face. As good, caring people, we must be willing to offer as much help as possible until they are fully integrated into our country and its culture.

## City seeks nominations for Good Neighbor Award

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neighborhood entrance sign. Additionally, he helped a neighbor care for her ill husband and sister, and then, after their deaths, took her into his own home so she wouldn't be alone.

The award was named for the late Diana Conn, a beloved member of South Knoxville's Old Sevier Community Group; she died Sept. 11, 2012, and was presented the inaugural award posthumously at the 2013 Neighborhood Conference.

A committee of the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council will select the winner, who, along with

other finalists, will be recognized at the 2017 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

To learn more and download a nomination form, visit [www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods) and click on Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

Nominations should be sent by Tuesday, Jan. 17, to Debbie Sharp by email to [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or by mail to Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Or call Debbie at 865-215-4382 to receive a hard copy of the form in the mail.

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# Charlie's Unexpected Blessing

By **Ralphine Major**

"I was totally surprised when I got my orders and found out I was going to Salzburg, Austria. I had to look on a map to see where it was located!" he said. "That was the beginning of a beautiful journey of a lifetime," he added. Charlie Lovell was drafted into the Army on November 13, 1953, and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and weeks of military police and leadership training at Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. "Korea was just winding down, and we all felt like that was where we were going," he said. Instead, his unit was sent to Salzburg. "It was an



**Picture of Charlie Lovell from 1954-55 as a Military Policeman**

absolutely beautiful city located on the Salzach River, and I didn't realize until years later the importance of our being there," Lovell added.

It is like a lesson in history to hear Charlie recount the events. Lovell was in the 202nd Military Police Company, a part of 7601

Headquarters Company, that was the authoritative force of the occupation forces. Austria was taken over by the Germans in 1938. After the war, in 1945, the U.S. Forces moved in and took control; however, they were not there to control but to help in the revitalization of the country.

After a 13-day trip across the Atlantic to Livorno, Italy, Charlie arrived in Salzburg. His company commander learned that Charlie was a professional baseball player and asked if he would like to play basketball and softball. Charlie welcomed the opportunity to play ball. The commander offered Charlie a job in his office; but first, Charlie had

to learn to type. After four weeks in an Austrian typing school, the former baseball player learned to type---40 words per minute! That certainly caught my attention. As a former typing teacher early in my career, I spent several semesters learning to teach business education courses.

One of the work details Charlie volunteered for was to go to the little town of Oberndorf, about 50 miles to the north on the German border, to investigate an accident where a farmer claimed a GI had hit his fence and damaged part of it. Charlie and another member in his unit investigated and gave the farmer 50 shillings to repair the fence. The next

part of Charlie's story is fascinating.

As Charlie and his partner were going through town, they saw a little church and noticed several people going in and coming out. They decided to go over and see what was going on. "To our amazement, it was the church where Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber wrote Silent Night, probably the greatest Christmas carol of all time!" Charlie said. What a special moment for Charlie to be serving his country in a faraway land and find himself in the house of worship where history was made! "It is one of the great highlights of my life," Charlie said. "Silent Night is such a beautiful and quiet

song," he added. The veteran recalls candlelight services at church where the beloved carol is often sung soft and low. And Charlie had been in the very place where it began! "... Christ the Saviour is born." Merry Christmas!

**Piddle Diddle update:** Our new children's book, "Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, Goes to Hawaii," as well as our first book, "Piddle Diddle's Lost Hat" (favorite Santa hat), is a perfect gift this Christmas for little ones or for anyone who likes penguins! Books are available at Barnes & Noble on Kingston Pike, bn.com, amazon.com, or www.majorbooksofjoy.com for autographed copies.

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Powell guard Haley Schubert (in motion) had a big game to lift the Lady Panthers in a comeback win over Emory Road rival Halls Tuesday night. Schubert scored 14 points for Powell, which trailed at halftime, in a 54-30 district win over the Lady Devils.

## Big second half propels Lady Panthers over Halls 54-30

By Ken Lay

For the first half of its District 4-AAA basketball game against rival Halls the Powell High School girls basketball team struggled. The Lady Panthers were down by two points at halftime.

But a halftime pep talk from coach Chrstin Webb was all that Powell needed to spark a big second half and result in a 54-30 victory over the Lady Devils at Jim Hunter Gymnasium.

"At halftime, we just talked about taking care of the ball and I think that our defense picked up the pressure in the second half and that led to some easy opportunities on offense," Webb said. "I was really proud of the way the girls played in the second half."

The Lady Panthers (7-4 overall, 4-1 in the district) did enough early to open a 12-9 first quarter lead at home against their rivals but the Lady Devils (4-7, 3-2) mounted a second-

quarter rally and took a 20-18 lead thanks in part to the efforts of Panda Riggs and Griffen Parker.

Parker had seven of her eight points in the second stanza while Riggs, the only Lady Devils player to post double figures in the contest had four of her 11 points before halftime. Harper Cherry had five points over the first 16 minutes for Halls but she was completely silenced after the break.

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## Dynamic Guard Duo Sparks Rebels to Win

By David Klein

Led by its outstanding guard duo of Easton Upchurch and T.D. Blackmon, the Maryville Rebels' boys' basketball team defeated the Hardin Valley Academy Hawks 75-60 on Tuesday, December 13. Upchurch scored 17 and Blackmon had 13 points.

"Those two guys have started for three years," Maryville Head Coach Mark Eldridge said. "Those two guys are as good as anybody around. When you have two senior guards that are really good, good things

happen," he emphasized.

Blackmon did his damage by slashing to the hoop for scores while Upchurch made three 3-pointers during the game. "When you got somebody that goes to the goal really well, it opens up the outside," Upchurch said. "We usually work well together."

Maryville led most of the game and started to pull away from Hardin Valley during the third quarter as the Rebels outscored the Hawks 20 to 9 in the quarter.

"As the game progressed, our distance kept

progressing," Eldridge said. "It was the first sign that we looked like a pretty good basketball team. We finally put two to three quarters together. We didn't turn it over, we made shots, and we got to the rim really well. I was really pleased with the performance tonight."

Maryville out-rebounded Hardin Valley and nearly doubled the Hawks' rebounds in the first half, according to Eldridge. "We thought we had an advantage in the paint," Eldridge said. "The way they play, they can get hot, but the way they play, they can also

give up some rebounds. We wanted to score more in the paint than they did because we knew they would be shooting a lot of 3's."

Maryville's biggest lead was 22 points in the fourth quarter before Hardin Valley's Tristen Waite poured in 15 of his game-high 28 points.

Maryville improved to 6-2, 2-1 in District 4AAA and hosted Lenoir City on Friday, December 16. Hardin Valley fell to 5-5, 2-1 in District 4AAA and hosted Bearden on Friday, December 16.

## Hey Saint Nick (No, not you Saban), please give us a new coach

Dear Santa,



By Steve Williams

It's that time of year when I send you a list of things I would like to see in the world of sports. This year though it's going to be a little different.

I'm focusing on Tennessee football and specifically head coach Butch Jones. He didn't have the kind of season most Tennessee fans were expecting. The 8-4 record was far from it. Even the 5-0 start was

shaky.

The Vols still had a chance to win the SEC East after the upsetting loss at South Carolina, and things were looking good until LSU failed to help us and beat Florida.

A trip to the Sugar Bowl would have been a sweet consolation, but Tennessee got run over at Vanderbilt. Former Vol Tim Irwin, on his Sunday morning radio show, described it best. He said the Commodores' running lanes looked like "interstates."

While Tennessee fans' feelings ranged from disappointment to disgust, Butch spent only 41 words in his opening statement about the loss to the Commodores in his post-game media conference that night. That was nowhere near enough to make us feel better. For comparison, after the unbelievable win at Georgia, Butch tossed out 374 words.

Stability is a key to having a solid program in major college football. And with that said, the UT program will be better off if Jones can be successful and return the Vols to SEC title contention like they've been many times before. On the other hand, every disappointing season makes it that much harder to get back to that level.

Not having an athletic director aboard (lame duck AD Dave Hart seems to be just soaking the clock until retirement day) makes things even worse. A true AD could issue Jones a vote of confidence or put his fanny on the hot seat. As it is, Jones' status is up in the air. He lost support from a good portion of the fan base this season. It's not good when one becomes the butt of jokes.

Santa, my fondest memory of this past campaign was seeing an ecstatic Butch Jones break down on the field after Josh Dobbs' Hail Mary pass to Jauan Jennings beat Georgia in Athens.

Butch was overcome by emotion. The TV camera caught a glimpse of his deliriously happy face before he dropped down to one knee I believe to say thanks. That brief look reminded me of Johnny Majors' facial expression when assistant coach Bill Higdon jumped into his arms on the sidelines after the Miracle at South Bend in 1991.

As a Tennessee fan myself, it warmed my heart to see Coach Jones show so much excitement about a Vol victory. It wasn't planned, that's for sure.

Butch needs to let his feelings out more often. He needs to celebrate when Tennessee fans celebrate. He needs to hurt when Tennessee fans hurt. He can't just say it. He has to show it.

So I've put together a list of things I would like to see from Butch in the future. Change, remember, can be good . . .

Butch, don't be so uptight. Loosen up. Unbutton your collar. Let your shirttail out sometimes.

Come to work a little later. Let others do their job and trust they will. Work smart but find time for fun and maybe a few pranks. (Rick Barnes, I've heard, could assist you in this area) Enjoy the moment. Cherish how

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# Smith, Irish run past Bulldogs 82-51

By Ken Lay

Mike Hutchens was the master of the understatement early last week.

“We played well tonight,” said Hutchens, Catholic High School’s longtime boys basketball coach.

Played well?

The Irish certainly did. They handed Bearden an 82-51 defeat in a non-district road game on Monday, Dec. 12. It was the Bulldogs’ worst home loss in recent memory.

Catholic (6-1) has played all of its games on the road this season. The Irish have lost just once and that was

to Chattanooga-McCallie.

Bearden and Catholic have long been West Knoxville rivals but the Bulldogs and Irish hadn’t played in the last two seasons because former Bearden coach Mark Blevins decided to drop the series after a close win in 2014.

“We had that close game when I started four freshmen and coming off the floor, Mark told me that he was going to quit playing us,” Hutchens said.

Blevins is now coaching in Alabama after his tenure with the Bulldogs ended in tumultuous fashion last

season. New Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott renewed the series.

Bearden has struggled at times this year. The Bulldogs, at their best, have beaten Maryville and routed Farragut. They, however, have lost to Stone Memorial and Austin-East.

Against Catholic, it was a night of struggles for the host Bulldogs. The Irish opened a 27-13 lead by the end of the opening quarter and things were never really in doubt from the outset.

“We were good tonight,” Hutchens said. “Our defense played well.”

The Irish also boasted a balanced scoring attack and the mercy rule was invoked midway through the final stanza when Catholic opened an 80-44 lead.

“I can’t remember them losing at home like this,” Hutchens said.

Catholic senior point guard Luke Smith showed the fans in attendance why he’s one of the state’s top players. He buried six shots from beyond the 3-point arc en route torching the Bulldogs for 33 points.

And when Smith didn’t score, he was busy beating Bearden’s pressure

defense and finding his open teammates.

“Luke Smith is the best point guard in Knoxville and I don’t think there’s any doubt about that, especially after tonight,” Hutchens said. “You can’t press us.”

Bearden tried and paid dearly.

When the Irish broke the Bulldogs press, they scored easily. Smith was the night’s big star.

But he picked up plenty of help from his supporting cast.

Center Brock Jancek scored 20 points. Chase Kuerschen added 16 points

and Tony Scott finished with eight for Catholic, which led 46-28 at halftime.

Ques Glover and Roman Robinson scored 13 points for Bearden.

Bearden may have endured a tough night against the Irish but the Bulldogs bounced back Tuesday night to notch a 51-36 District 4-AAA win over defending district tournament champion Heritage.

Bearden (5-4 overall, 3-0 in the district) got 28 points from Fair and led the Mountaineers 29-12 at halftime.

# Panthers overcome slow start to down Red Devils 62-43

By Ken Lay

Powell High School boys basketball coach Gary Barnes wasn’t pleased with his team’s start Tuesday night.

“We didn’t come out ready to play,” Barnes said after his Panthers overcame a sluggish start to nab a key 62-43 District 3-AAA victory over Emory Road rival Halls before a spirited crowd at Jeff Hunter Gymnasium. “We didn’t have the energy that we’ve had in most of our games.”

“Maybe we were just a little intense.”

Powell (8-3 overall, 3-2 in the district) fell behind the Red Devils 9-2 early before bouncing back. The Panthers closed out the opening quarter with an 11-4 surge and the spurt enabled the home team to pull even. Powell knotted the game 13-13 by the

end of the quarter. Powell actually had a 13-9 lead before Halls scored the final four points as Connor Sparks made a pair of steals and converted the Powell miscues into two easy layups.

The Panthers quickly turned the tide in the second stanza as Desmond Billingsley got hot. The sophomore guard scored seven points in the second quarter and knocked down a shot just before halftime to give Powell a 32-22 lead after the break.

From there, the game was never in doubt despite that the Red Devils (7-4, 4-1) were able to hang around thanks to guard Jordan Corvette, who led all scorers with 27 points.

Corvette, who buried five 3-pointers in the contest, had 17 of Halls High’s 21 second half points. Jordan Biliter scored

four points after the break and that was all the points that the Red Devils could muster after the break.

Halls coach Randy Moore said that Corvette received very little help after the game and added that he was ashamed after the game.

“When you only have one guy scoring, you’re not going to beat anybody,” Moore said. “I think Powell just out executed us. They played faster and they played harder.”

“I’m embarrassed. As a coach, I’m embarrassed with our execution.”

Despite their offensive woes, the Red Devils were still in the game. Halls, which pulled to within 32-31 when Corvette made a steal and hit a layup with 2 minutes, 22 seconds remaining

in the third quarter.

But Powell quickly recaptured the upper hand and expanded its advantage to 40-31 when Jonah Miller buried a 3-pointer with 1:02 left in the frame.

Biliter made it 40-33 as time expired.

Powell posted a dominant fourth-quarter effort. There, the Panthers got some big contributions from players who had been relatively quiet all night.

Josh Woods scored six of his seven points over the final eight minutes. Charlie Richards also had five points in the final frame and Caleb Tripp, who led Powell with 20 points, had five in the fourth quarter. Richards finished the game with nine points.

Barnes said his team really came alive in the latter stages of the game.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

**Powell’s Matt Samples (22) battles with Halls High’s Jordan Biliter in the Panthers’ 62-43 victory over the Red Devils Tuesday night in Powell.**

“I was really pleased with the way that we executed in that fourth quarter,” he said. “There’s a lot of positive that we can take out of here. It’s always positive any time you beat Halls.”

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## Hey Saint Nick (No, not you Saban), please give us a new coach

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fortunate you are to have the job you do. Go home a little earlier. Stop and smell the roses occasionally on the way.

Have faith in your players. Give them opportunities to make big plays. Coach them in such a way that they will be comfortable and not looking over their shoulder every time they make a mistake.

Smile more, scowl less. Communicate professionally with the referees. Kid around with them when there’s a time for such. They are human just like you. They make mistakes

just like you do. Let them referee and you coach. They’ll respect you for it. And every now and then when you do have to growl, they’ll pay closer attention to your complaint.

Reduce the number of slogans. Eliminate the clichés. Talk like the rest of us and off the cuff. When times call for it, speak from the heart.

Admit your mistakes and learn from these experiences. It’s okay to be wrong. Being stubborn can be worse and prevent progress.

Throw away the notebook in your back pocket that has the names of those who

have criticized you. Don’t sweat the small stuff.

I’m not seeking to change Butch the person. But I would like to see a different Coach Jones. We need to see him hurt when we’re hurting. We want to see him jump for joy when we celebrate.

We’re in this together. Let’s make it a long ride for the sake of the program.

So Santa, not for 1-0 but for a new beginning, how about a win over Nebraska in the Music City Bowl for Butch, the Vols and all Tennessee fans come Dec. 30. And wrap it, please, in Orange and White.

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# Story, third in nationals, is named to Team USA for race in Scotland

By Steve Williams

Globetrotting is next for cross country runner Rebecca Story of Christian Academy of Knoxville. Fresh from placing third in the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships in San Diego on Dec. 10, the CAK junior has been selected by the USATF to represent Team USA in Edinburgh, Scotland at the Great Edinburgh Cross Country Challenge in January.

"It is an honor to go, and I look forward to traveling with USA Olympians and professional runners next month and representing the United States," said Story via e-mail last week.

Story posted a time of 17 minutes, 35.4 seconds over the 5K course in the 38th annual Foot Locker Nationals at Morley Field, Balboa Park. It was Story's first time to run in the Foot Locker event.

Sophomore Claudia Lane of Malibu, Calif., led all the way in capturing first place with a time of 17:04.8. Nevada Mareno, a senior from Raleigh, finished second in 17:08.3.

Niamh Schumacher of The King's Academy (17:57.3) came in 15th place to earn third-team All-America honors.

"I felt really great about how I performed," stated Story, who made first-team All-America by finishing in the top five.

"I felt good the whole race and I executed my strategy on the course by attacking the hills and moving up one place at a time. I was really excited about coming in third against such a competitive field."

Story said the Foot

Locker experience was fun.

"I spent the first day or two getting to know other runners from all over the country and enjoying the Foot Locker experience. I think that made me relax and not be stressed or worried about my performance. The other runners were super nice which made the entire weekend really fun."

Schumacher, a senior who has signed with UT, was very disappointed with her performance.

"My body just felt weak from the very start of the race, which has never happened to me before," she said via e-mail.

"I am, however, thrilled to have finished as an All-American, and I think that my performance at Foot Locker Nationals will be extremely motivating to me as I train for indoor and outdoor track."

Niamh called it an "incredible experience" to run with the nation's best.

"It was such an honor to be surrounded by runners who I admire and then be able to test myself against them. I really enjoyed the feeling of being part of a team for the South, and making friends with people who love running as much as I do."

Schumacher placed third in the South regional with a time of 17:24 to qualify for the nationals.

Reed Brown of South Lake, Tex., captured the Foot Locker boys' national crown. He took control in the final quarter mile of a race that featured more than 10 lead changes en route to a 15:01.8 victory.

The South swept the team titles.

Qualifying for the Foot Locker Nationals took



Above: Rebecca Story of CAK takes third place in Foot Locker Cross Country Nationals Dec. 10 in San Diego. Left: Niamh Schumacher of The King's Academy earned third-team All-America honors for finishing in 15th place in the Foot Locker Cross Country Nationals.

# Hardin Valley withstands Maryville's rally

By David Klein

The Hardin Valley Academy Hawks' girls' basketball team turned away a rally by the Maryville Rebels on Tuesday, December 13 at Hardin Valley. The Hawks' Paige Gentry provided four key free throws in overtime for a 54-51 Hawks' win.

After struggling earlier at the free throw line, Gentry was perfect in overtime. "I was very, very nervous at the foul line," Gentry said. However, she drilled all of her free throws in overtime. "I knew I had it, and knew I could make it."

Gentry also credited the late defense by the Hawks. "Our defense was very on point tonight," she said.

Maryville rallied from a 40-33 deficit with 5:44 left in the fourth quarter by going on an 11-4 game-closing run. The Rebels tied the game on Lindsey Taylor's layup with six seconds left. Olivia Pepperman's blocked shot sent the game to overtime on the Hawks' last possession.

Besides her free throws in overtime, Gentry drilled a 3-pointer, the only field goal Hardin Valley scored in overtime.

Powered by an effective defense, the Hawks went on a 14-2 run to end the third quarter with a 38-29 lead.

The Hawks' Bekah Hampton led Hardin Valley in scoring with 16 points, 12 of those came in the first half as Hardin Valley took a 21-19 halftime lead.

Courtney Carruthers of Maryville led all scorers with 24 points.

"We played good defense down the stretch," Hawks' Head Coach Jennifer Galloway said. "It was just a great win for our program. Maryville's a very, very, good team, a very well respected program. Our girls knew that we were going to have to give 32 minutes of basketball. In this case it was a little bit longer."

Hardin Valley improved to 9-1, 3-0 in District 4AAA and played Bearden Friday night, December 16. Maryville fell to 4-4 overall, 1-2 in District 4AAA and played Lenoir City Friday.

# Big second half propels Lady Panthers over Halls 54-30

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The Lady Devils took a 23-18 lead when Riggs nailed a long-range jumper to start the third quarter before Powell's defense was able to clamp down and stymie the Halls High offensive attack.

After Riggs converted her third-quarter 3-pointer, Powell defense surrendered just seven points throughout the rest of the

contest.

"In the second half, Powell came out and turned up the heat," Halls coach Randy Moore said. "In the second half, Powell came out and played hard and our girls were passive."

Halls managed to score just one point in the final period and that was a free throw by Parker.

The Lady Panthers closed the game with a 19-1 run. Brooke Huffaker buried

three 3-pointers after half-time and scored 11 of her 13 points over the final 16 minutes to give the Lady Panthers the spark that they needed to notch a crucial home league win.

She was one of three Powell players to post double figures in the scoring column. Haley Schubert led all scorers with 14 points and Kaitlyn Lentz finished with 10.



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# Effort, teamwork spark fast start for Lady Bulldogs

By Ken Lay

It's all about teamwork effort and defense for the Bearden High School girls basketball team. That formula has helped the Lady Bulldogs; the two-time defending District 4-AAA Champions, get off to a blazing start.

Bearden (9-0 overall, 3-0 in the district) is at its best when it shares the basketball. The Lady Bulldogs, who picked up a couple of victories early this week, lost several players to graduation. But that hasn't hindered their efforts out of the gate.

"I just can't say enough about the effort that these girls give every night," Bearden coach Justin Underwood said after his squad used a potent and balanced scoring attack to rout Catholic 55-16 at home on Monday, Dec. 12. "Everybody but one player scored for us and I think the girls did a good job finding our girls in the post and I thought our post players really did a good job."

Against the Lady Irish (1-6), it was Isabel Soldner (a returner from last year's team and junior Grace van Rij (a newcomer) who took control of the contest.

Soldner scored three points (all in the first quarter) but was a solid force on the glass against Catholic, which had a height disadvantage inside. She combined with van Rij to

terrorize the Lady Irish inside. The junior newcomer scored six of her eight points before halftime to help Bearden open a 34-8 lead at the break.

The Lady Bulldogs, who led 17-4 by first quarter's end, also got a significant from freshman post presence Jakhya Davis, who finished the game with 14 points, including eight over the first 16 minutes.

The Lady Bulldogs dominated things inside but that was only part of the story. Junior point guard, one of the area's top outside shooters, buried three 3-point shots and had 12 points, Annaka Hall, a sophomore guard/forward, added eight points.

Alanah Story led the Lady Irish with six points.

Bearden returned to the floor Tuesday night and notched a 58-30 District 4-AAA home win over Heritage.

Against the Lady Mountaineers, Lee scored 17 while van Rij added 10. Hall, Soldner and Jalia Arnwine, another one of Knoxville's top shooters, finished with eight points apiece.

Bearden has won its first three league games. The Lady Bulldogs have routed rival Farragut and Heritage. They've also picked up a tough 44-35 road win at Maryville. The Lady Rebels entered the season with a chance to dethrone Bearden as district champion.

By Alex Norman

Lane Kiffin has been the head coach of an NFL team (Oakland).

Lane Kiffin has been the head coach of two of the all-time top 15 college programs (Tennessee, Southern California).

Lane Kiffin has been the offensive coordinator for an Alabama team that has won three straight SEC titles and is poised to win their second national championship in a row, thanks in part to his tutelage of quarterbacks.

And today, Lane Kiffin is the new head coach at Florida Atlantic University, based in that tradition rich college football hotbed of Boca Raton.

So how did this (makes quotes motion with fingers) happen? Wasn't Kiffin's image supposed to have been rehabilitated by now after three years working for Nick Saban in Tuscaloosa?

The answer is obviously yes, but it hasn't worked out that way. Kiffin's name was put into the coaching echo chamber by sports media and his agent Jimmy Sexton, but it never got any traction with the people that actually matter. The athletic directors at Power 5 conference schools simply didn't want to take the chance.

The biggest school that Kiffin got an interview with was Houston from the American Athletic Conference. The Cougars aren't a blueblood, but they've proven to be capable of hanging with the big boys. They've also turned into a program that serves as a springboard to Power 5 conference jobs. Art Briles (Baylor), Kevin Sumlin (Texas A&M) and now Tom Herman (Texas) each spent a relatively short period of time at Houston in the past decade.

But Houston promoted offensive coordinator Major Applewhite instead of giving the reigns to Kiffin. And according to Houston's Board of Regents Chairman Tilman Fertitta, it wasn't that tough a decision.

"He was no closer than anybody else. Those (stories about him being close) are all put out by his agents, because that's the way they play the game. Lane Kiffin did not show me anything that Major Applewhite did not show me," Fertitta said to a Houston radio station. "Sure, he's been a head coach and he's been an OK head coach. But I can tell you this. (Kiffin) was not a safe hire."

Kiffin never got a sniff at LSU or Oregon. He couldn't get an interview the year before at Syracuse.

Plain and simple, Lane Kiffin is still toxic.

In many respects, Lane was born on third base in the football world. His Dad is Monte Kiffin, the legendary football coach, so Lane got his foot in the door early and often. Lane was a 31 year old Southern Cal assistant coach got the head coaching job with the Oakland Raiders in 2007. He got the gig mostly because Raiders team owner Al Davis couldn't get Steve Sarkisian to take it. So Davis walked down the hall at Southern Cal and simply hired the next assistant he could find. Fired after a little over a year, Kiffin was hired only a couple of months later by Tennessee, and we all know how that ended.

A little over three years at Southern Cal only brought more embarrassment, but somehow Kiffin kept getting chance to prove himself.

Now, at 41, Kiffin will once again have an opportunity to show everyone that he has matured, and that he is no longer the brash jerk we all saw in Knoxville and Los Angeles.

The best thing to happen to Kiffin was the Nick Saban media policy. Alabama assistant coaches are only allowed to speak to reporters once

a year, that opportunity coming before the season begins. If Alabama plays in the postseason, they are required to talk to the media by the bowls. Otherwise they are quiet as a church mouse.

Kiffin got into trouble when he spoke to reporters. At Alabama all he had to worry about was coaching football. But at Florida Atlantic, that won't be the case. The Owls haven't been to a bowl game since 2008, and have won only 9 games in the past 3 seasons combined. They needed to do something to jump start their program and get them some attention, and hiring Lane Kiffin will do just that.

But remember, with the publicity will come criticism. The first recruit to sign with Florida Atlantic since Kiffin's hiring is JUCO quarterback De'Andre Johnson. If the name rings a bell, it should. Johnson was kicked out of Florida State for punching a woman in a bar last year. But Kiffin is willing to give Johnson a chance, despite his mistakes. Reportedly the University president and AD signed off on the decision to bring Johnson to Boca.

Lane Kiffin and Florida Atlantic sound made for each other.

# Mayor announces 'rapid response' greenways service crew

Mayor Madeline Rogero on Wednesday introduced the City's new Greenways Service Crew, which will build two new miles of greenway per year while also addressing ongoing maintenance of the City's nearly 100-mile network of greenways and trails.

"With the Greenways Feasibility Study, we now have a plan to connect greenways throughout Knoxville. This new crew will expedite our progress in linking more neighborhoods into our greenways network," said Mayor Rogero. "Additionally, this crew means that we have a rapid response team to address maintenance calls reported to 311 by greenway users."

The five-person service crew will hit the greenways daily, armed with a small fleet of new equipment, including an off-road truck, a wood chipper, a smaller greenway-sized dump truck that will be able to release mulch on either

side, an ATV, and a skid steer. The crew even has two mountain bikes that will assist in quickly accessing the more remote parts of the greenways system. The equipment cost about \$135,000.

The creation of the new in-house Greenways Service Crew will speed up the City's response to maintenance requests from residents through the City's 311 Call Center. Dedicating a crew to focus solely on greenways also will accelerate construction of new trails at a key time.

Last summer, City officials unveiled a detailed plan for strategically adding 24 miles of connected greenways in 13 different corridors. The Greenway Corridor Feasibility Study is a blueprint for the most comprehensive greenways build-out in the City's history. The City currently has \$3 million in capital funding marked for greenway construction.

"Basically, we now have a crew waking up every day thinking specifically about greenways - how to improve greenways as a daily service to Knoxville residents," said Chad Weth, Public Service Director. "We're also looking forward to assisting Parks and Recreation as they expand the greenway system."

The announcement was made Wednesday at the corner of Martin Mill Pike and Ogle Avenue, which will soon be the end point for the 0.7-mile Mary Vestal Greenway extension. The Greenways Service Crew began work on the extension earlier this month. The segment will take advantage of a closed street adjacent to Vestal United Methodist Church and connect to the existing greenway in Mary Vestal Park, forming a

combined total of a 1.1-mile greenway.

Joe Walsh, the City's Parks and Recreation Director, said this connection will eventually link to Fort Dickerson Park and the Urban Wilderness trail system, as outlined in the Greenways Feasibility Study.

"We're excited to have the Greenways Service Crew to maintain and build greenways in-house," Walsh said. "This gives us the ability to pursue our plan of a city-wide connected greenway network."

Officials stipulated at Wednesday's announcement that while the goal will be to build two miles in-house per year through the new Greenways Service Crew, a large resurfacing project of an existing greenway could occasionally affect that number.

The new crew will supplement an innovative contract the City has in place with the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club to maintain all trails in the Urban Wilderness.

Officials also celebrated the completion of the Vestal Gateway Arch on Wednesday, which will serve as a portal to the Mary Vestal Greenway once the extension is completed.

Gene Burr and Mallia Engineering designed the arch, which would have cost an estimated \$30,000 were it not for a long list of local community members donating time, labor and materials. The Vestal

Community Organization also plans to build a plaza and pavilion adjacent to the arch and greenway in the near future.


The Greenways Service Crew is the most recent reorganization effort to enhance service on City greenways. In 2012, Mayor Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch announced the Knoxville Police Department's Parks and Greenways Patrol unit, a team of eight officers that systematically surveys all parks and greenways within the City.

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### Street Creds

About this time every year, lady friends of mine begin to talk about how stressed-out they are. Apparently, their nurturing gene shifts into full throttle as the winter solstice nears, and women feel they must make Christmas “magical” for their children and family.

Now, don’t get me wrong, I appreciate my wife’s efforts. Heck, I and the rest of our clan benefit mightily from the nurturing and loving gene she and most other women possess. I was shocked, however, when Becky asked my blessing to forego putting up Christmas garlands inside our house this year - she had already decorated outside and inside elsewhere.

Getting into the Christmas spirit is a state of mind that sometimes needs to be sought or kindled. Becky

and I use Christmas movies and holiday music to help us transition from late fall into the Holiday Season. And there are also parties and decorations that help us become acclimated. And, though not my style, lots of folks send Christmas greeting cards. In a day where letters by snail mail are few, these greetings are a welcome hello from sometimes lost friends. Even shopping can be tolerable if done in the right spirit.

Advent candles and church sermons also help me. The word Advent derives from a Latin word (adventus) for arrival, portending the latest and annual arrival of the Christ in our hearts. He is, after all, the reason for the season, despite what secularists, militant atheists and self proclaimed “free-thinkers” say.

What is it about the Holiday Season and Christmas that women seek for their families? It’s not the “magic” of a David Copperfield which is orchestrated and comes, so to speak, from the outside in. I believe the genuine magic of Christmas originates deep inside and then radiates outward into a broken and often dysfunctional world. Even Ebenezer Scrooge finally figured this out.

I’m a contemplative guy, a thinker. Patients used to ask me if I did surgery and I would often point to a replica of Rodin’s famous sculpture on my desk called The Thinker and say, “No, I’m a thinker not a cutter.” As a Christian, Christmas is philosophically and theologically important for me, perhaps even more so than Easter. These days, my reflections on the Advent Season, are of Christ entering the world. He would change the course of history, define Judeo-Christian Western civilization and orchestrate our hope and our salvation.

Expanding on this notion, what was Jesus’ purpose when he was born in Palestine two thousand years ago? Historians, atheists and Christians agree that Jesus of Nazareth was a real person who was born

and lived and was condemned on trumped up charges and crucified. There is no evidence to contradict that Jesus led anything but an exemplary life. And through his teaching and actions, which are still changing lives and the world today, he earned street creds (credentials).

After the crucifixion, Christians believe Jesus was resurrected from the dead (not resuscitated). He was subsequently seen by more than five hundred people over the ensuing seven weeks before returning (ascending) to heaven. Christians believe God, embodied in Jesus, lived among us virtuously, taught us and ultimately sacrificed himself for the sins of all men. Christians believe that those who trust in Jesus Christ are promised a better life now and salvation in an afterlife.

I accept, no, I embrace, this mystery and blessing because it makes my life better now and there is the hope of then. But there is more. The Bible is the story of where we came from and why we’re here. I’ve come to believe that the universe, as well as all space and time, is a creation of the power and will of God. This is called the Intelligent Design and Designer perspective. To me, it seems

infinitely more plausible than the notion that the universe just “popped” into being 13.5 billion years ago (from where?) and thoughtful life was inevitable, given sufficient time and opportunity.

Panentheism (not pantheism) is the philosophical concept that all of Creation exists in the created and sustaining sphere of God. In keeping with this notion, the Christian apologist, C. S. Lewis held that God exists outside of space and time - because He created it. The Scholastics led by Thomas Aquinas in the 1300s came to the concept that everything is contained with the universal law/will of God. Within this sphere, the Divine laws of God, like the Ten Commandments, operate. And then, like Russian Nesting Dolls, the next sphere of nature and natural law operates. An example is my dog, Jack, who follows his nature and acts like a dog. The innermost sphere and lowest hierarchical function is positive law, the laws of man.

But God realized that it wasn’t working. Man, who was given free will, was repeatedly choosing his way rather than The Way. As result, God decided to become incarnate and live as an exemplary man.

There is truth in walking the walk, earning street creds and thereby being able to talk the talk. Yes, omniscient God knew what it was to be a man, but by virtue of his life in Jesus, we experience God in a palpable way. Jesus came, “grew in stature and wisdom, and by living an exemplary life and teaching The Way he imparted The Truth to humanity.

In the prologue of my novel, “Epiphany,” (online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble) the reason for the Creation is explored. However, the Bible trumps my philosophical musings and creation theology by more importantly explaining our purpose. Simply put, our purpose is to love and “praise God from whom all blessings flow,” and to love others as we love ourselves - and as He loves us. These are tall orders and we often fall short of this ideal. However, I believe Jesus Christ/God/Spirit completely understands our limitations and loves us anyway; perhaps as we always love our children. It is a mystery and a Christmas gift, as well as an everyday blessing.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

## Five Cold Weather Survival Tips

With Halloween and Thanksgiving memories quickly fading, most of us now have our sites clearly on Christmas and New Years. We have officially made it through half the holiday season as we close out 2016. Hobo the Wonder Dog never complains and he doesn’t seem to mind our outings even on the coldest and wettest of days. Many of us are well aware of the dangers our pets face in hot weather, but what about the hazards cold weather brings to our four-legged family members? Hobo trusted me to make the best decisions and his happiness and well-being hang on me making the right choices.



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

Hobo’s Five Cold Weather Survival Tips will help you navigate the dangers of cold weather while offering suggestions for enjoying winter with your pet.

**Chips and Identification.** Winter weather snow and ice can present challenges for our pets to recognize landmarks and scents that otherwise help them find their way home. Make sure your pet’s identification tag and microchip information is updated and working properly.

**Hot and Cold Cars.** We know automobiles can become mini ovens quickly in hot weather, posing serious injury and even death during the summer months. Solar energy in cold months

can cause an automobile to become too hot for your pet. It is never safe to leave Fido in an automobile unattended.

**Paw Protection.** I use and highly recommend Musher’s Secret to protect Hobo’s paws throughout the year—but I strongly advocate its use during the winter months. Musher’s Secret conditions paws and prevents ice and snow buildup. Musher’s also protects paws from chemicals used to de-ice sidewalks that can cause injury. Learn more [www.musherssecret.net](http://www.musherssecret.net)

**Dress Appropriately.** I recommend that if you are taking your dog out into extreme cold, wet, snow, and icy conditions, dress your dog appropriately. A properly dressed dog enjoys their time outside while keeping them safe and dry.

**Healthy Weight.** I have heard a little extra weight on a dog during the winter helps them keep warm. Extra weight is never a good idea; the health risks outweigh any benefit. However, cold weather does cause us to burn extra calories to keep warm so adjust and monitor your pet’s caloric intake.

Cooler weather is here and I love the opportunity to revisit destinations of our summer trips. Every season offers a new perspective—new experiences; like the seasons of our lives they are ever changing, offering us new adventures to enrich our lives. Hobo the Wonder Dog encourages you to enjoy your holiday season and the cooler weather. Be wise, be safe and we will see you on the streets and trails this winter.

## Christmas in Nature, Part 2



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

Here is the rest of my look at the Christmas season from a nature standpoint, continued from last week.

R is for Rose. As in Christmas Rose. Christmas Roses or Helleborus niger are evergreen perennials that grow 12 to 15 inches tall and have shiny, dark green leathery leaves. Each flower stalk bears a single 2 to 4 inch white bloom (sometimes tinged with pink). They are durable and easy to grow. They should be planted in partial shade

and require deep, fertile, well-draining but moist soil. They bloom starting from November to March, depending on the cultivar. No garden should be without the Christmas Rose. they provide much winter interest to the garden. They also make a great cut flower and can be used in your winter arrangements and decorations.

R could also be for Rosemary. Rosemary is also known as the Christmas herb and has long been associated with Christmas tradition. It fills the air in our home with a fragrant scent, adds flavor to holiday dishes and even as a Christmas **Cont. on page 3**



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- This industry brings in \$32 billion a year, and those numbers are increasing daily.
- Reportedly, 161 countries are affected by human trafficking as either sources, transit centers or destinations.
- 80% of trafficked victims are women. More and more young girls and women are being sold, trafficked, or forced into prostitution.
- The average age of trafficking victims worldwide is 12 years old.
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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## FORECLOSURE NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 7, 2007, executed by ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN and EVON GRIFFIN, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M. WILSON, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 15, 2007, at Instrument Number 200708150014609 (see also, "Default Judgment and Final Order" at Instrument Number 201609230019431);

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, KFA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE SECOND (FORMERLY FIRST) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE NINTH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF LOT 65, MOSES FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, BEING RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 174, IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CANSLER AVENUE (FORMERLY MCGHEE STREET) AND DORA STREET; THENCE NORTHEASTWARDLY ALONG CANSLER AVENUE, 50 FEET TO THE CORNER OF LOT 66 IN MOSES FAIRVIEW ADDITION; THENCE NORTHWARDLY ALONG THE WESTERN LINE OF SAID LOT 66, 100 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE WESTWARDLY, 50 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE EASTERN LINE OF DORA STREET, 100 FEET FROM THE CORNER OF DORA AND CANSLER AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ALONG THE EASTERN LINE OF DORA STREET, 100 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH: SITUATED IN THE SECOND (FORMERLY FIRST) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE NINTH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE NORTHERN PORTION OF LOT 65, MOSES FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, BEING RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 174, IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON AN IRON PIN LOCATED AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CANSLER AVENUE AND THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DORA STREET. THENCE WITH THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DORA STREET NORTH 34 DEG. 59 MIN. 43 SEC. WEST 59.35 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DORA STREET NORTH 34 DEG. 59 MIN. 43 SEC. WEST 59.35 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A 10 FOOT ALLEY. THENCE WITH THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE 10 FOOT ALLEY NORTH 52 DEG. 11 MIN. 53 SEC. EAST 50.19 FEET TO AN IRON PIN BEING A COMMON CORNER TO LOT 66R1. THENCE WITH THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 66R1 SOUTH 34 DEG. 56 MIN. 51 SEC. EAST 61.22 FEET TO AN IRON PIN. THENCE CROSSING LOT 65 SOUTH 54 DEG. 19 MIN. 32 SEC. WEST 50.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.07 ACRES ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF HOWARD T. DAWSON RLS NO. 1301 AND BEING DATED 11-26-01 AND BEARING DRAWING NO. 01 0505A.

Parcel ID: 094F-N-038  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **301 CANSLER AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN AND EVON GRIFFIN

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that the survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS AND FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY

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

All right of equity of redemption, statutory 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, James A Jackson, Jr and Tamekia L Jackson executed a Deed of Trust to Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Lender and Susan Voss, Trustee(s), which was dated November 8, 2013 and recorded on November 12, 2013 in Instrument No. 201311120030208, 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, Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, (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 **January 10, 2017, 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 64, of the Yarnell Station Subdivision, Unit 1, as the same appears of record at Instrument No. 201209120016819, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to James A. Jackson, Jr. and Tamekia L. Jackson, Husband and Wife, by Deed dated November 8th, 2013, of record in Instrument No. 201311120030207, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Parcel ID Number: 117LC038  
Address/Description: **1358 Yarnell Station Boulevard, Knoxville, TN 37932.**

Current Owner(s): James A. Jackson, Jr. and Tamekia L. Jackson.

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.: 16-18666 FC01

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2001, executed by BRENDA GASKIN-RILEY, conveying certain real property therein described to ALLEN J. WARE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 9, 2001, at Instrument Number 200105090077571;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to The Bank Of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, As Trustee For The Holders of The EQCC Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1F who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX

COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 26TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT 7 IN HILLWOOD HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 28, PAGE 90, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT LYING ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEXTER LANE TURNAROUND, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 19, 1978.

Parcel ID: 095N-A-040.00  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2632 DEXTER LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BRENDA GASKIN-RILEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: AUTO CREDIT OF KNOXVILLE The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS AND FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC AND GAULT FINANCIAL, LLC AND CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC AND MIDLAND FUNDING LLC ASSIGNEE OF BENEFICIAL

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

All right of equity of redemption, statutory 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.

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encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time.

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MWZM File No. 15-003131-620  
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# Christmas in Nature

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tree (the Rosemary tree plant). Rosemary can also be used in arrangements, wreaths and Christmas decorations. Its flavor marries well with many meats, lamb, poultry, and roasted vegetables and even in baking or rosemary tea.

S is for Schlumbergera Bridgesii also known as Christmas Cactus. Christmas cactus is a popular, winter-flowering houseplant that makes a great addition to nearly any indoor setting. Christmas cactus is easy to care for and propagates easily too, making it an exceptional candidate for holiday gift giving. The Christmas cactus will adapt to low light conditions, but the plant will produce blooms more readily if exposed to brighter light. That being said, too much direct sunlight can burn its leaves. The Christmas cactus has scarlet flowers that bloom from about November to January. Plants can become quite large specimens and can live for many years. About six to eight weeks before Christmas, place the plant in a completely dark space where the temperature is 60 degrees (such as a closet) for 12 hours each night. Be

Christmas time alongside pines and firs.

As you can see, Christmas is alive and well in the garden, in nature, and to be enjoyed both outdoors and to be brought indoors for decorating, enjoying the greenery, the berries, the fragrances....Enjoy your Christmas season straight from the garden, straight from nature.

“The perfect Christmas tree? All Christmas trees are perfect!”--Charles N. Barnard

“Good news from heaven the angels bring.

Glad tidings to the earth they sing;

To us this day a child is given,

To crown us with the joy of heaven.”--Martin Luther

Merry Christmas to each and every one! May your New Year be filled with peace, joy, health and love.

# We Beheld His Glory

**By Mark Brackney**

While Christmas focuses on the birth of Jesus, let us not forget that He was born to die for our sins and to conquer death. After the resurrection of Jesus, one of the places Jesus appeared on that Sunday was a dusty road that went from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus.

There are two men walking and talking about all the events that have occurred in Jerusalem that weekend. They talk about the crucified Jesus. They are distraught and confused. What do they do now? As they talk, a stranger comes up from behind, who is Jesus, but they are unaware. They begin telling this stranger how Jesus was killed and how they hoped he was the one to redeem Israel. It was now all over, finished. Their hopes had been dashed.

Meanwhile, you have God in disguise, the risen Jesus, who listens patiently to every last detail. Jesus has just gone to hell and back in order to purchase the salvation of these two men, and now these two guys were worried about politics in Jerusalem. Their “deliverer” was now dead.

They said to Jesus the words: “but we had hoped.” How many times have you uttered words similar to these? “I hoped to get that job.” “We hoped the marriage would work

out.” “I had hoped they got all the cancer.”

Who has not been disappointed in life? There are times we get what we don’t want and don’t get what we do want. And when that happens, our hopes are shattered. The Emmaus road is a path we have all been on. We trudge along with faces downcast thinking of what could have happened. We are anxious, fearful about the future, and let down by God.

Our hearts can weigh so heavy that God could be walking right next to us and we wouldn’t know it. These two guys had faith. They just lacked vision. Their focus was on an earthly kingdom. They needed an eye exam. They needed to correct their vision. God had answered all of their prayers and more. They were being delivered from something much more than Roman oppression. They were being released from the power of sin, spiritual death.

All of our “we had hoped” moments should be given new perspective by the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their hope was realized when Jesus broke bread and gave it to them. Two nail-pierced hands served that bread and then Jesus disappeared from their sight. Those two men beheld the glory of Jesus. Don’t miss His glory this Christmas.



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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**

Sale at public auction will be on **January 3, 2017 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 SARAH B THOMAS, to WESLEY D. TURNER, Trustee, on July 20, 2004, as Instrument No. 200408020009518 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., AS PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R9

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 DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 33, WESTBROOKE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET N, SLIDE 2249-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT OR RECORD IN OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2160, PAGE 1142, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SEE ALSO INST. NO. 1199910260032687

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

Tax ID: 104KJ-033

Current Owner(s) of Property: SARAH B THOMAS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9912 OAKLEDGE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS AND WESTBROOKE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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35-5-117 have been met.

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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. 567-1-1433.

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. 16-002890-670

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OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 20, BLOCK W, CRESTWOOD HILLS ADDITION, UNIT SIX, SECTION TWO, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 52-S, PAGE 43, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, AND OTHER CONDITIONS SHOWN OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 105ND-020

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **8906 LYME LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): PAGI D. BRANAUM, RICHARD L. BRANAUM

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

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respect of the Estate of MARGARET MILLER SEAGRAVES who died NOV 18, 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 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016

Estate of MARGARET MILLER SEAGRAVES  
SUSAN SEAGRAVES; EXECUTRIX  
5313 ENDICOTT RIDGE LN. KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

PUBLISH: 12/19/2016 & 12/26/16

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of KENNETH R. SCHNEIDER  
Docket number 78177-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KENNETH R. SCHNEIDER who died September 22, 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.

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

This 22 day of NOVEMBER, 2016

Estate of KENNETH R. SCHNEIDER  
WENDY S. SCHNEIDER; EXECUTRIX  
11144 PLEASANT FOREST DR. KNOXVILLE TN 37934  
NATALIE J IVEY; ATTORNEY AT LAW  
110 COTUILE RD. KNOXVILLE TN 37922

PUBLISH: 12/19/2016

**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE**

TO: ABRAHAM Z. POTTS

IN RE: MARIANA R. POTTS  
V. ABRAHAM Z. POTTS  
NO: 192722-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, non-residents 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 ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, it is ordered that said defendant, ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knoxville, Tennessee and with CURTIS W. ISABELL, an Attorney whose address is 251 SHORT STREET, CLINTON, TN 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main St. Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) weeks.

This 5th day of December, 2016 .

Clerk & Master  
Howard G. Hogan

**NOTICE**

Cause No. 192663-2  
In the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee  
Adoption of Bella Joy Gene' Kirkland, DOB: August 27, 2008 and Jazmyn Marissa Kirkland, DOB: October 23, 2006

By: Susan Patricia Kirkland and Terry Gene Kirkland, Petitioners

Tiffany Nicole Kirkland, Co-Petitioner  
v.  
Rafael Perez Martinez, Respondent

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the residence of the Respondent, Rafael Perez Martinez, is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knoxville, TN, notifying Respondent Rafael Perez Martinez to file an answer with this court and a copy to Plaintiff's attorney, Virginia L. Couch, whose address is 11907 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of last day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to said Respondent. If there is no answer, a hearing on Petitioners' motion for default judgment shall be heard on to be set, 2016. Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of Respondent's parental rights to the children referenced above.

This 18th day of November 2016.  
/s/ Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE**

TO: HUSEYIN CAKMAK

IN RE: BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TENNESSEE, Plaintiff vs. HUSEYIN CAKMAK, Defendant  
192592-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

This 31st day of October 2016  
/s/ Howard G. Hogan  
Clerk and Master

Published: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

**MISC. NOTICES**

**LEGAL SECTION 94**

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

Bid 2470, Long Term Leased Fiber/Ethernet and Internet Service for Public Library, due 01/18/17;

RFQ 2478, Professional Engineering and Design Services, due 01/16/17;

Bid 2483, Maintenance of Proprietary Water Quality Devices, due 01/20/17

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## COURT NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of MARGARET MILLER SEAGRAVES  
Docket number 78352-3

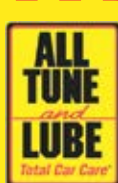
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