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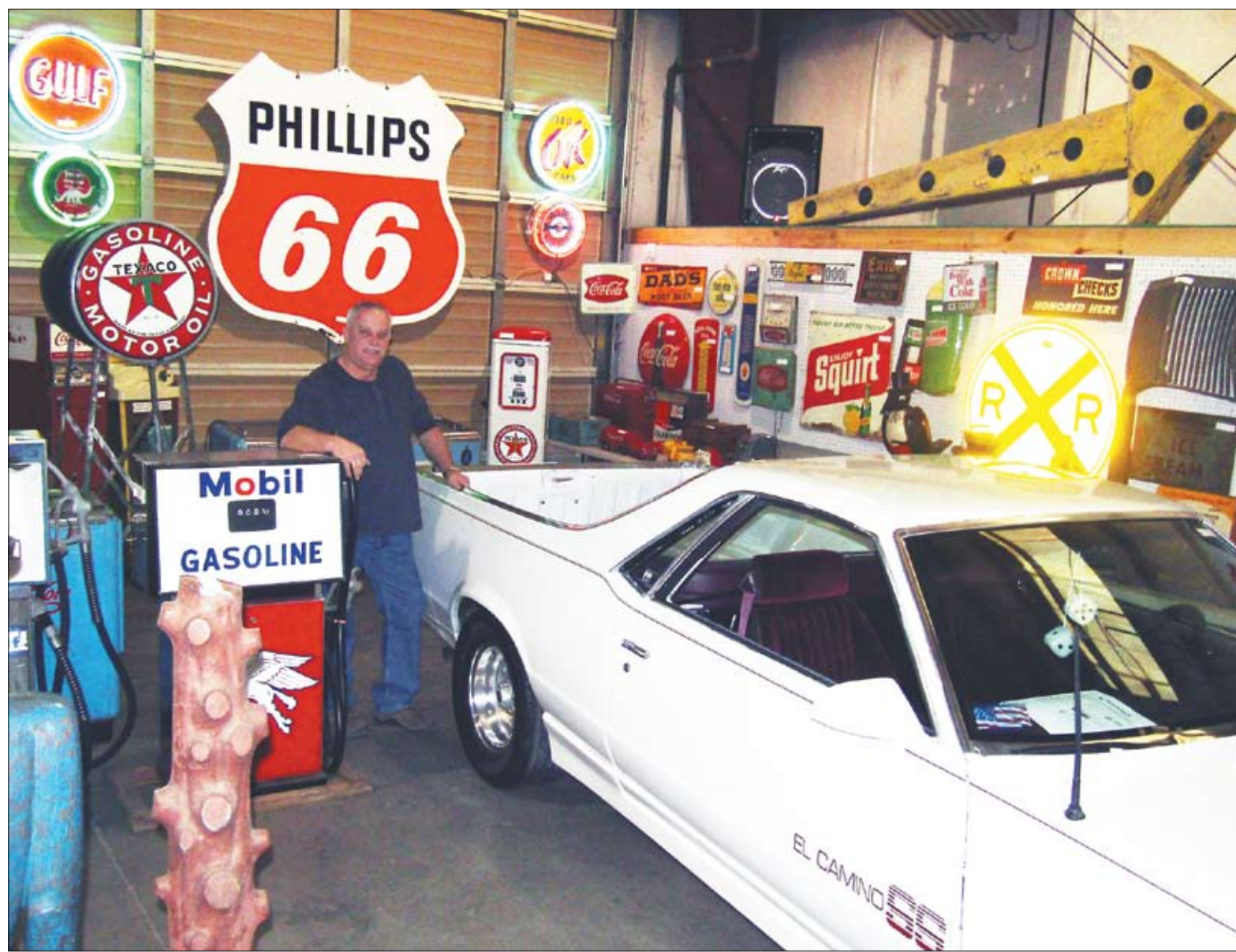


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Advertising signs, pedal cars, gas pumps and so much more will be available at the 12th Annual Advertising Auction at Fountain City Auction Saturday. Pictured with the El Camino is Fountain City Auction owner Greg Lawson.

You gotta be there!

By Mike Steely
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If you are a fan of tv shows “American Pickers” or “Storage Wars” or are into history, you won’t want to miss Fountain City Auction’s 12th Annual Advertisement Auction. The much anticipated event begins at noon Saturday at the auction’s 4109 Central Avenue Pike location.

Some dealers and collectors wait all year for the huge selection of advertising signs, toys, gas and oil items and much, much more. This year, Fountain City Auction owner Greg Lawson is offering some very special things including an 1880s Studebaker Farm Wagon, a big-block El Camino and a large variety of children’s pedal

cars.

Bet you didn’t know that Studebaker made farm wagons before it made cars, did you?

The auction house can sit about 300 people and it is not unusual to see the place packed with people looking for that special item or that special deal. Many arrive early to preview the hundreds of items.

Lawson saves many of the items, especially the name-brand gasoline signs, all year just for the event.

“We get items in throughout the year and receive bids online and on the telephone. People are always surprised at the unique products we offer that are hard to find. Some people collect advertising

products for their homes or offices and other people are looking for that special item that brings back memories of the past,” Lawson said.

One of the items in this year’s auction is a “bicycle built for two” and there are also items like pinball machines, Pepsi and Coke coolers, a Superman lunchbox, wind-up toys like a Dick Tracy Squad Car and a Charlie McCarthy car, porcelain signs and so much more.

What else might you find at the annual Advertising Auction? How about gas pumps, neon signs, oil cans, vintage porcelain signs, a 1940s Coke drum machine, and signs for gasoline companies like ESSO, Texaco, Mobil, Gulf, Phillip’s

66, and Sinclair!

You can peruse most of the items at www.fountaincityauction.com. You can also find Fountain City Auction on Facebook or call (865) 604-3468.

The auction holds weekly sales each Friday and is located just off the Merchant Drive exit of Interstate 75. It’s located just east of the interchange and drivers can turn right on Central Avenue Pike and follow the road a few blocks to the large auction house.

Bring the family and join the fun Saturday starting at noon. You may find something you’ve been looking for over the years.

2016

What a

year! Pt 1

By Mike Steely
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What a year 2016 turned out to be!

The year saw surprising local and national elections, some new faces, and the departure of some officials. If there was one main story of 2016 in Knox County it has to be the change in the Board of Education, including the departure of the superintendent and the search for a new school director. The Knoxville Focus followed these and other stories throughout the year along with sports coverage, opinion, neighborhood features and stories of the people, places and history of our area.

January

Beginning in January The Knoxville Focus informed readers of what was happening locally and began with the Knoxville Area Transit seeking public opinion of bus and trolley service and a growing demand for a Safety Center to treat offenders with minor criminal charges who are addicted or mentally disabled and need help rather than jail.

January also saw Susan Horn kick off a successful campaign for 5th District School Board and the former school board being lectured by the Law Director about open meetings. Then Superintendent James McIntyre, seeing the writing on the wall, cut a deal with the school board and announced he would be leaving the position, walking away with more than \$227,000. The E-911 Board wrestled with who would supply the radios and whether or not to join a regional and state-wide emergency system.

Jim Weaver kicked off a campaign for Property Assessor eventually losing to former Assessor John Whitehead.

Jennifer Owen opened her successful campaign for school board and since then has led much of the changes to policy including setting board duties relating to the superintendent’s powers. The League of Women Voters began sponsoring several forums, drawing large crowds as the county commission candidates spoke.

The month ended with

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Public Works Department Racks Up Eleven State, Local Awards

From sustainability innovation, to individual skill competitions, to historic building restoration, to a socially relevant art community project, three departments within City of Knoxville Public Works have taken home 11 state and local awards as 2016 winds to a close.

“These awards are a result of employee dedication and City investment in new projects to substantially improve quality services for Knoxville residents,”

said David Brace, Senior Director of Public Works. “I’m proud to be on a successful team of such hard-working people.”

The City of Knoxville Public Service Department was well-represented at the Tennessee Chapter American Public Works Association (TCAPWA) Conference in Memphis, Tenn., held in November.

The team finished Third Place Overall in the State Equipment Rodeo that was hosted at the conference.

The City of Knoxville team members include Josh Duncan, Caleb Melton, Scott Jenkins, Wayne Miley, Scott Proctor, Elie Muncey, Billy Baker, Danny Hickey, Terry Prater, Jeremy Alexander and James Edwards.

“This highlighted our employees’ impressive capacity for the precise, technical skill levels required to provide quality services for the citizens of Knoxville,” said Chad Weth, Public Service Director.

The State Equipment Rodeo is comprised of individual events related to various municipal services. The Public Works Department took First and Second Place in the Knuckleboom competition, and Second Place in the High Lift competition.

The City also won the TCAPWA “Project of the Year Award” for its new Public Works Service Center, which was opened on Morris Avenue in September 2016. The LEED-

certified building runs on a geothermal heating and cooling system alongside other sustainable features that are expected to reduce energy costs for City operations by 30 percent. The new three-story building now houses staff from the Public Service and Engineering departments and also includes the City’s Employee Health Center.

The Tennessee Recycling Coalition (TRC)

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McIntyre's notice being announced and a snow and ice storm hitting East Tennessee, bringing out city and county road services and seeing neighborhood children taking advantage of sledding and snow playing.

February

The quest of a Safety Center saw a county sub-committee being established and Sheriff J. J. Jones pushing for the project. Community activist Vivian Shipe, a long-time promoter of such a center, was named to the committee.

Ground breaking for the Gibbs and Hardin Valley Middle Schools took place and interest in the upcoming Primary Election grew as candidate forums continued. Early voting got underway and school board member Mike McMillan questioned the state's required student testing.

The Republican Primary saw the defeat of incumbent commissioner Jeff Owens who lost to Hugh Nystrom. Law Director Bud Armstrong defeated Nathan Rowell. Incumbent Brad Anders defeated challenger John Ashley.

Several candidates had no party opposition including Commissioners John Schoonmaker and Dave Wright. Carson Dailey ran unopposed in the 8th District and eventually defeated his Democratic opponent. A candidate forum was held by the Fountain City Business and Professional Association and the Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood Association.

Republican First District candidate Michael Covington continued his campaign, eventually losing to Evelyn Gill in the general election. Second District candidates Michelle Carringer and John Fugate faced off in the Republican Primary with Carringer winning in the general and Democrat Laura Kildare within her primary.

Democrats in the primary race included First District Commissioner Rick Staples and Evelyn Gill, with Gill pulling off a surprise victory. Staples would eventually be selected to replace State Legislator Joe Armstrong who resigned after being convicted of tax



Former Knox County School Superintendent James McIntyre watches as Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced a deal to build new middle schools for Gibbs and Hardin Valley. McIntyre would shortly announce he was leaving as director of schools.

evasion. Early voting turnout was heavy in Knoxville and Knox County.

The school board began a search for an interim superintendent.

March

It became apparent in March that some members of the E-911 board wanted the director to leave and Brad Anders led the effort to remove Bob Coker. The massive roadwork along Cumberland Avenue continued with parts of the busy UT corridor closed for construction.

District Attorney Charme Allen spoke in support of a Safety Center saying the county was under a federal mandate to ease crowding at the jail.

The Planning Commission Staff began working on new subdivision regulations for the county and public meetings were held about possible changes. A discussion about requiring sidewalk in county development requests began. Eventually the MPC began revamping the entire zoning ordinance.

The county asked the state to match a \$500,000

effort to develop a new park next to the I.C. King Park. Governor Haslam met with Knox County Mayor Burchett and Sheriff J.J. Jones promising funds for a Safety Center but the funding never made it into the final state budget.

The City voted to establish new parking meters and wine sales in supermarkets began to be authorized.

County At-Large Commissioner Ed Brantley brought up wrecker charges during a meeting and local attention turned to the state house races. The Focus began interviews with those county commissioners who were leaving the elected offices starting with Commissioner Mike Brown and then featuring Commissioners Amy Broyles, Jeff Ownby and Sam McKenzie the following month.

County Commission Chairman Dave Wright and Commissioner Mike Brown pushed the External Auditor for a forensic audit of the Knox County School System. CPA Jim Morrison joined the County Audit Committee.

Although school employees were promised a 4% pay raise it became apparent the proposed school budget would not include it. Instead their pay raise was included at 3%.

April

The month began with the city council beginning to discuss possibly dropping the distance requirement between beer retailer and churches. The matter was to come back up later and pass and now the county is beginning to discuss the

matter.

The Fountain City Lake received funds for a new pump, pipes and improvements and the poor attendance at the KTA Advisory Board was a subject of discussion by Sandy Booher. The meeting of the citizens group were poorly attended and, by the end of the year, the group was disbanded and their duties passed to KTA and KAT.

Oliver (Buzz) Thomas, President of Greater Schools Partnership, was selected by the Board of Education to serve as Interim Superintendent. He was warmly welcomed and a new spirit of cooperation between the administrative office and the teachers started and lasted until the school board elections.

The city approved a new contract for improvements at Lakeshore Park, investing more than \$ 6 million thus far into improvements there. The Will Skelton Greenway reopened after improvements and the City Council began loosened it regulation on where and when Food Trucks can operate.

Scenic Knoxville celebrated eight years with successes in banning digital signs, message boards and regulating abandoned signs.

Randy Nichols, assistant to Sheriff J.J. Jones, announced there was no money in the state budget for the Safety Center. Commissioner Jeff Ownby said the state promised, on closing Lakeshore Mental Health, to fund such local needs.

The E-911 Board moved toward joining the regional emergency system and the Vestal Festival plans were

announced.



Robert Woods, as William Blount, speaks with Alan Sims during the 225 year Knoxville Celebration at Fort James White. Various events took place as the city celebrated its history.

May

City Mayor Madeline Rogero announced no property tax increase and pledged \$200,000 for the operation of the proposed Safety Center. By the end of the year pressure was on the city to match the county's \$2 million pledge.

County Mayor Burchett released his budget figures and held a series of public hearings at several Senior Citizens Centers. Citizens in the Choto and West Knox County strongly objected to a medical clinic being established there, which they feared would become a drug treatment office.

Bud Armstrong was elected as Law Director and the city moved to further restrict quick cash stores. The Disabled American Veterans called for donations and wheelchairs.

The city announced awards to various neighborhoods for several projects and several homeless advocates spoke at a City Council meeting.

The American Legion appealed to City Council to change the zoning on their headquarters, an old church just off Asheville Highway, so they could sell it and the site become an auction house. Eventually they won and the MPC began drafting zoning regulations to permit the auction locations in other zones.

Dr. John Tumblin released his latest book "Fountain City, People Who Made a Difference."

Peace Officers who passed away in 2015 were remembered at the Civil Coliseum.

Former Gibbs English Teacher Mabel Acuff turned 100. Commissioner Brad Anders questioned County Employees getting only a 2.5% increase when teachers were getting 3%.

June

Summer began with the City of Knoxville celebrating its 225 year birthday with a number of celebrations including a festival at Fort James White and a visit to the city by the state Tourist Commissioner.

Area mayors met in Knoxville and noted the disparity in funds from the federal



Ground breaking for the Gibbs Middle School ended a many year effort by that community.



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Publisher's Position Predators in Our Schools



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Steve Reilly of USA Today had a story in the Gannett newspapers in Tennessee that every parent and grandparent ought to read. Apparently Reilly researched his article for an entire year and discovered “that education officials put children in harm’s way by covering up evidence of abuse, keeping allegations secret and making it easy for abusive teachers to find jobs elsewhere.” USA Today touted the story as “the most comprehensive national review of teacher discipline to date” and Reilly has reviewed “thousands of court filings and employment records and surveyed state education officials to determine how teachers who engage in misconduct remain in the education system.” I have to take my hat off to Steve Reilly, he’s done a whiz-bang job of ferretting out facts every family needs to know. Reilly gives clear and

specific examples of teachers who either never should have been hired to work with children or who should have been fired immediately after an initial incident. Steve Reilly’s article is strong stuff; Reilly concludes, “As a result (of the USA Today investigation), schoolchildren across the nation continue to be beaten, raped and harassed by their teachers while government officials at every level stand by and do nothing.” Reilly starts off by providing the particulars about Kip McFarlin, who was a coach at the Orangefield High School. There were several serious complaints from students about McFarlin’s inappropriate behavior. After the complaints from six students were investigated, it was discovered McFarlin had been using “sexually suggestive language” and told one student he “would date her if he were younger.” McFarlin, to put it mildly, was never reported to law enforcement agencies nor was he fired and Reilly notes officials “hid his behavior from state regulators, parents and coaches.” Orangefield school officials merely wanted rid of McFarlin and the local school district attorney informed the school superintendent, “This incident does not have to end McFarlan’s (sic) career.”

She recommended McFarlin be allowed a “graceful exit.” McFarlin found another teaching job at a school where no one knew about his past problems and inappropriate behavior with students at Orangefield. McFarlin later had sex with one of his students, a 16 year-old girl. Many of these cases are in flagrant violation of a new federal law which forbids school systems from signing secrecy agreements with teachers who are suspected of crimes involving students, a practice Reilly points out that is referred to as “passing the trash.” Passing the trash, Steve Reilly writes, involves the secret contracts that “hide details of sexual behavior and sometimes pay teachers to quit their jobs quietly.” Naturally that practice allows these folks to simply go to another school system and find another teaching job with what appears to be a clean record. Reilly notes this practice is especially dangerous for private schools and those organizations designed to serve youngsters as they are responsible for doing their own background checks and almost never have access to any information relating to teachers who were disciplined for truly inappropriate behavior. Tennessee has had it’s own problems and the

State Board of Education was moved by another report by USA Today and the Nashville Tennessean. Previously Tennessee had received a failing grade for its systems of background checks. Prior to the State Board’s actions, Tennessee schools had hired some teachers who had had their teaching licenses revoked in other states. The case of James Aaron Swafford was a motivating factor in moving the State Board of Education to action. Swafford had been teaching in North Carolina and his teaching license had been revoked after he was discovered writing love letters to a sixteen-year-old student. Swafford won an appeal overturning the decision and his lawyer noted at least 20 other examples where the state board had allowed teachers who had committed similar offenses with children “to be reinstated or apply for reinstatement, after suspensions and training or a combination.” Swafford went on to teach at a Warren County high school and was soon writing love letters to yet another teen-aged girl. Swafford also sent the 17-year-old girl underwear. Swafford landed a teaching job at South-Doyle High School and was finally fired after striking a student-athlete. Swafford’s story was not unusual. Steve Reilly’s

USA Today story noted: “Although abusive teachers make up only a fraction of 1% of the nation’s teaching corps, USA TODAY found dozens of teachers who lost one job after being accused of abusive behavior and had no trouble getting hired somewhere else.” The USA Today investigation revealed many school systems prefer “passing the trash” rather than dealing with lawsuits and fighting with the teachers’ unions who almost always fight any termination hearing. Yet it isn’t easier for the students. Congress has required states to pass laws that forbid “passing the trash,” but many states have been mighty slow to comply with the federal law. Thus far, according to Steve Reilly’s article, only Connecticut and Texas have followed through, while Missouri, Pennsylvania and Oregon already had laws on the books to prevent confidentiality agreements in such cases. Not surprisingly, many state legislatures don’t want to provoke a fight with the teachers’ unions, some of whom have fought efforts to fix the problem. Jan Hochadel, head of a teacher union in Connecticut, complained, “This will limit the ability of employees and employers from negotiating separation agreements and

could potentially result in a flood of teacher termination hearings.” Hochadel’s complaints were ignored and the Connecticut legislature passed the measure with but a single dissenting vote. Did you notice Ms. Hochadel’s statement never mentioned concern for protecting students? It was no mere omission. As I have said before, kids don’t pay union dues and teachers’ unions protect the good, the bad, and the downright terrible without making any particular distinction between those classes of teachers. While our own legislators are opining about raising the gasoline tax, it seems to me a more worthy cause would be tightening Tennessee’s laws to protect our children from predators lurking in our schools. To be fair, legislators ought to write a law to make it a serious offense to falsely accuse any teacher of a crime or inappropriate behavior. Obviously, our own teachers’ unions will complain, wring their hands and cry if the legislature tightens the law, but we also have to comply with the edict of Congress. The legislature needs to eliminate the practice of predators floating from one school system to another, allowing them to prey on another set of youngsters. Not only has Congress required it, protecting our children demands it.



Life in 1917

Another New Year is here for me-- and you. It is hard to contemplate what the new year will bring, what will we see? What will we hear? What will we do? Just as it is hard for me to contemplate what happened a hundred

years ago, in 1917. So I looked it up on Google and here's what I found:
In 1917, my mother was three years old. (That wasn't on Google, just an afterthought of mine.) That year was also one of the coolest and driest, although my mother walked through snow at various times.
In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson declared war on Germany which started the "War to end all Wars." Also the third Rose Bowl game was played with Oregon University

defeating Penn State.
Between ten and fifteen thousand blacks walked down Fifth Avenue in New York to protest racial discrimination and violence. (sound familiar?)
Everything cost less, but, of course, you also earned less. Loaf of bread was seven cents, a dozen eggs was thirty-four cents, a quart of milk, nine cents, and a pound of steak was twenty-six cents.
Phyllis Diller, the comedian, was born 1917 and died in 2012.

Buffalo Bill, who was born in 1846, died in 1917.
Many similarities between those years and these years. But many things changed and there are some that remained the same.
So there you have it. There are thousands who died and were born and many events occurred in 1917 which, of course, cannot be mentioned here. We have 365 new days to look forward to. Let's take one day at a time:
I'm only human,

I'm just a woman
Help me to believe
In what I could be
And all that I am.
Show me the stairway
That I have to climb,
Lord, for my sake,
help me to take
One day at a time.

One day a time
That' all I'm
asking of you.
Give me the strength
to do every day
What I have to do.
Yesterday's gone,
sweet Jesus,
And tomorrow may

never be mine
So, for my sake,
teach me to take
One day at a time.

I don't know who wrote these words, there were about ten different people credited with writing them, but the thought is beautiful and the words had to be written from the heart. That's all that matters. Happy New Year!
Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

Public Works Department Racks Up Awards

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acknowledged John Homa, the City’s former Solid Waste Manager, this year with the Tom Haddle Memorial “Recycler of the Year” Award. Before retiring at the end of 2015, Homa served the City as Solid Waste Manager for 16 years, initiating recycling programs in Knoxville such as the Medication Collection Program and the Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program. The Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) recently announced the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department as recipient of three of its state awards. The Four Star New Facility Award (\$250K-\$1 million

budget) was awarded for the Baker Creek Preserve. A partnership project between the City of Knoxville and the Legacy Parks Foundation opened in stages over the course of 2016, the Preserve helped connect more pedestrian and bike paths in South Knoxville’s Urban Wilderness. The 100-acre park space includes 7.1 new miles of trails, a professional downhill gravity trail expected to draw nationwide visitors, and a Kids’ Adventure Play Area, complete with giant hanging bamboo chimes, miniature climbing walls, in-ground slides, and a mini bicycle pump track. The Four Star Arts Award was given for the Zaevion

Dobson Memorial Mosaic. As a part of the City of Knoxville’s “Summer in the City” internship program, staff from the City’s Civil Service Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Knoxville Arts and Fine Crafts Center staff worked with the interns to create a nine-piece mosaic that honored the life and heroic efforts of 15 year old Zaevion Dobson, who was killed in December 2015 while shielding two classmates from gun shots. Knoxville received TRPA’s Four Star Renovated Facility (over \$1 million budget) for the historic restoration of the Lakeshore Park Administrative Building. Built in 1884 for the Lakeshore

Mental Health Institute, the building now extends office space to the Parks and Recreation Department with sustainable upgrades. Local non-profit Knox Heritage also recognized the historic restoration project with its Fantastic Fifteen Knox Heritage Preservation Award. “I think that few realize just how broad a spectrum the parks and recreation field actually is,” said Joe Walsh, Director of Knoxville Parks and Recreation. “The fact that Knoxville received awards in such diverse categories this year tells me our passionate recreation staff members have a very well-rounded approach while serving the Knoxville

community.” Earlier this year, the Tennessee Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) announced the 2016 recipient of its Young Engineer Award is Karen McKeehan, a Civil Engineer for the City of Knoxville. Since 2013, McKeehan has overseen Knoxville’s pavement program, one

of Knoxville’s largest capital improvement projects, as well as other road, sidewalk and greenway projects. McKeehan provides supervision to professional and technical staff for completion of plans and specifications. For more information on the City’s Public Works Department, visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/publicworks.

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Restart

Okay, 2016 is in the rearview mirror, and I say good riddance. Don't get me wrong; I am always thankful for the time I have in this life, but the past year has had enough negatives to keep me from

wanting to relive it. I'll take the future... and hope. I'm pretty sure we all need to look for a "restart." At least that's what I'm calling for in 2017.

One thing that needs a restart is the world where news organizations deliver stories each day. Over the past year, many politicians and special interest groups have demonized newspapers and television newscasts. They are accused of being "biased" and "liberal." Other groups have accused the media of pandering to the inconsequential events that surround one candidate. The simple truth is that both sectors of the press have fallen into a trap. Not enough news is available to fill up each 24-hour cycle. To continue to bring in advertising dollars, these establishments have begun making trivia newsworthy. They give twists to ordinary events; they analyze the simplest things, and both liberal and conservative stations and papers can come up with an endless supply of talking heads who will support their biased views.

It is time for the TRUE news media to push the restart button. Their roles are to report the news without slant, not make it. In times past, folks sat down in the evenings to watch Walter Cronkite or Huntley and Brinkley. Those legends



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reported the news but never editorialized it. We also got a half hour of local news twice a day. The newspapers gave more in-depth coverage of stories, but the material was based on facts, on the 5 W's of "who, what when, where, and why. Sources that folks find on Facebook are NOT news organizations. They are sites that make up news or boldly lie about a story to make it favorable to their sides.

We also need a reset on the latest ideas about the U.S. and its place in the world. Too many of our leaders are pushing for a pull back from involvement in areas of the world. They declare that our only involvements should be with those countries that will provide benefits to us. That kind of thinking is swimming in ignorance. Isolating ourselves will not end problems. The void that we leave will be filled by another country, and its power and influence will grow as our decreases. To stop the spread of ideas that are in conflict with democracy, our country must remain a key force in the world and its affairs. No, we don't have to be the policeman of the world, but we do have responsibilities as a superpower. Refusing to address countries and problems will eventually lead us to becoming a second-class country.

Most of all, the time has come for us to restart our dealings with others in our own country. The presidential election of 2016 has proven to be the most divisive event of the last few years. The winners are less than gracious in the victory. They prefer to rub

salt into wounds and to get even with those who did not support their candidate. The losers are set on discovering something that will overturn the elections results. Even though their candidate won the popular vote, our country determines winners based on the electoral college. So, these disgruntled individuals must hold their noses and accept the outcome of our election process.

We have plenty of challenges ahead. Unless a person is living in a fantasy world, he realizes that campaign promises are rarely kept. Folks, no wall is going to be built; illegal immigrants are not going to be rounded up and shipped south of the border. Old jobs are not coming back; they either don't exist, no longer pay enough for a good living, or won't be around as soon as technology replaces workers. Our duty is to make this country a place of opportunity for all folks. That starts with making sure each person is educated in some area or trained in some skill that meets the world's needs. We must learn to get along with folks of all races. Bigotry and racism will destroy us long before an outside enemy will.

A new year is here. Isn't it time to put away old grudges? Shouldn't we offer an olive branch to those with whom we have differences? Don't we want a country that allows free speech in the media while demanding that it be objective? Can't we take care of our affairs and still be the leader that the rest of the world looks to for guidance? These are the things that I hope 2017 will restart. God knows we need it.

Is the house too big or the lot too small?

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Let the cart swing before the horse," said Knox County BZA Chairman Marcus Chady recently when addressing a developer wishing to put a large house on a small lot. The request came from Kevin and Barbara Addis who were represented by Dan Mitchell; the proposed new home would be built at 10200 Ivy Hollow Drive in the Reagan Landing Subdivision in Hardin Valley.

The Addis couple were requesting a 10-foot setback from the street instead of the standard 20 feet. Mitchell explained that the oddly shaped property, on a cul-de-sac, has a topographical problem.

Greg Thomas spoke for the Homeowners Association and called the proposed house's location a "difficult lot." He said that the HOA has been the "self government" there for nine years and, of the 133 lots originally planned, 120 lots now have houses. He also said that the HOA requires a 20-foot setback and noted that more detailed plans need to be presented.

"The neighborhood is concerned. To move it 10 feet from the curb would look awful," he said.

Chairman Chady noted the HOA's objection to the request but also said that the zoning regulations stays clear of HOA restrictions, adding, "We have no authority there."

"Regardless of our ruling you (the HOA) retain your legal rights to approve or deny," he said.

Mitchell pushed the BZA for approval but noted that the HOA might reject the plans.

"We're going to design the house specific to the lot," he said. He agreed that he'll work with the Homeowner's Association. BZA suggestions included decreasing the size of the proposed house.

"I don't want my owners to spend thousands of dollars in plans only to come back here and have them denied," Mitchell said.

"I could better evaluate the request if I saw a site plan with topography and a footprint," Chady said. He added that he wasn't comfortable with the sketch of a plan presented to the board.

Other BOA members commented about needing better plans and Mitchell agreed to meet with the HOA and come back in January with a site plan.

In other action the zoning appeals board approved a request for decreasing the parking spaces at Crossroads Center shopping complex by 25 spaces to make room for a drive-through ATM Machine.

The board also approved a request from Kristie Cavin for a variance on the driveway at the storage business at 6829 Tice Lane, increasing the size from 40 feet to 72.2 feet and approved a request from Gregory and Teresa Davis for a front yard setback decrease from 30 feet to 20 feet for property at 12601 Mallard Bay Drive.



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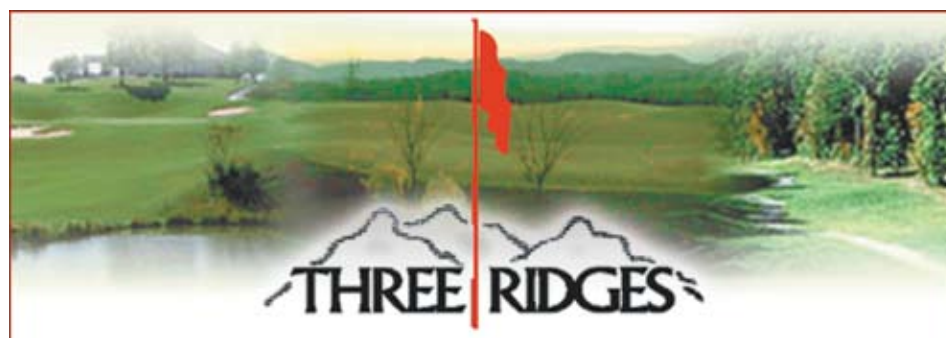
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Deadline Extended for Orchid Awards Nominations

Keep Knoxville Beautiful has extended the deadline for nominations for its beautification awards, the Orchids. Nominations are now due by the end of the day on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

"Nominations were originally due on December 16th," said Executive

Director Patience Melnik, "but due to the busy holiday season, we did not have as many submissions as usual. There have been a tremendous number of Orchid-worthy projects this year, and this extension will allow

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Deadlines set for historic preservation grant process

For the third year in a row, the City of Knoxville will grant a total of \$500,000 to owners of historic residential or commercial buildings through its Historic Preservation Fund. Requests for proposals (RFP) are being accepted now by the Department of Community Development. The deadlines for this process are as follows:

- Mandatory pre-proposal meeting: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, Room 511 of the City County Building (400 Main Street). Your proposal will not be considered if you don't attend this meeting.

- Deadline for questions to be submitted (in writing) to the Assistant Purchasing Agent: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

- Proposals due: Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017

Mayor Madeline Rogero created the Historic Preservation Fund with an initial commitment of \$500,000 in the 2014-15 budget, and an additional \$500,000 has been approved by City Council each year since. The fund is intended to help fill

financing gaps for renovation of historic properties within city limits.

In all, 14 construction projects have received grants. Completed projects include:

- Façade restoration of the Kerns Bakery Building
- Marquee restoration of the Tennessee Theatre
- Main structure roof replacement of Park City Church

"These grants have led to the repair and restoration of several significant, historic structures that may otherwise have languished," said Becky Wade, the City's Director of Community Development. "Our goal is to help bring back these buildings so they can be utilized and enjoyed by our community."

The RFP for Funding for Improvements of Historic Buildings can be found at www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids. Applicants must own the property; funding will be secured by a deed of trust on the property. The point of contact for this RFP is Janice McClelland, jmccllelland@knoxvilletn.gov, 865-215-2063.

Our Historic Homes



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Among the hand-made bricks of the historic Lonas-Dowell House on Middlebrook Pike is a single brick said to contain the fingerprint of one of the founder's children. The 1858 building, which housed recovering Confederate Soldiers during the Civil War, was restored by Knoxville architect Tom Weiss and is now for sale through Wood Realty.

The Lonas-Dowell House

By Mike Steely
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Throughout Knox County are many historic homes and structures. Many predate the Civil War and others were designed or built by iconic architects. Many of the structures have been preserved and renovated and that effort continues as local developers are working to restore various downtown buildings, schools, and homes for use.

One of the historic homes available for use as an office or company headquarters is the Lonas-Dowell House at 6432 Middlebrook Pike. The impressive two-story brick structure stands near the entrance to

Dowell Springs Business Park, an attractive and active complex of medical and office buildings.

Initially the family that settled there spelled their name "Lones" but over time it became Lonas.

Originally the center of the Jacob Lones farm, the house was built by his son, Charles Lones. The farm was more than 120 acres and included a spring house and a slave cemetery. Slaves made the bricks from local clay and helped construct the home. The walking trails through the adjoining Dowell Springs Business Park have historic markers noting those archaeological sites. A small family cemetery has the grave of Charles,

noting he was born in 1812 and died in 1888, and Rebecca Johnson Lones, 1822-1863.

The home was occupied for about 130 years by the Lonas descendants and the name is a combination of the first and last families to live there. In 2000 the site was donated to Knox Heritage, who obtained a historic overlay there so no one could demolish the home. In 2005 it was sold to Tom Weiss who restored the grand old structure.

Until recently the home was occupied by Oak Springs Wealth Management and is now for sale through Wood Realty. It sits near the proposed Tennova

Hospital.

The 3,000 square foot home has hardwood floors, fireplaces, six offices, two bathrooms and lots of history. Michael Wood told The Focus that the home is ideal for any business and is zoned PC with a historic overlay. He said that Weiss still owns the property and did a great job of restoring it.

"We get lots of calls about it," he said, adding that it is not only for sale but also offered for lease.

The Dowell Springs Business Park and surrounding acreage is attractive and features a spring, creek and waterfalls.



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Ray Blanton

PART TWO

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Tennessee had lost a congressional district in the redistricting in 1971. Congressmen Ray Blanton and William Anderson, both Democrats, would likely have run against one another if both sought reelection. Anderson flirted with a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination while Blanton had his sights set on the Senate seat held by Howard H. Baker, Jr. Blanton's optimism, while impressive, was likely misplaced. Congressman Blanton seemed to believe Tennessee remained a fundamentally Democratic state even though the GOP held both seats in the United States Senate, the governorship and four out of nine congressmen. Howard Baker was the first Republican popularly elected to the U. S. Senate from Tennessee and Blanton seemed to think it had been a fluke. 1972 would be Howard Baker's first reelection campaign and there was every reason to believe he would be difficult to beat.

Blanton's strategy was simple; hold down, as best he could, Baker's expected heavy majorities in traditionally Republican East Tennessee, while winning handily in Middle Tennessee and carrying his native West Tennessee.

Ray Blanton made his candidacy official, declaring he would run for the U. S. Senate on April 15, 1972 in Shiloh, Tennessee. Speaking at a fish fry, Blanton told his audience, "I am not running against Howard Baker. I am running for those Tennesseans who have no voice in the United States Senate."

Congressman Blanton said his candidacy was motivated to help "the Middle American - - - the neglected worker."

"For the first time in decades, the majority of Tennessee Democrats and Independents have no representation in the United States Senate. For the first time since the Civil War, both United States senators come from and reflect the views of one geographic area of our state", Blanton complained.

The populist congressman did not miss an opportunity to remind his audience both Republican senators from Tennessee were wealthy. He said he was sure "that the wealthy candy company executive (Bill Brock) and the wealthy banker-lawyer (Howard Baker) can or even want to articulate the views and needs of a majority of our people.

"Their record and their reputation indicate they prefer to parrot the traditional special interests philosophy of an elitist party."

Congressman Blanton also acknowledged Tennessee's Democrats had been bitterly torn apart, helping to lose offices they had held for decades. Blanton readily admitted his own party was "badly divided." Blanton told his listeners he could "unite the party."

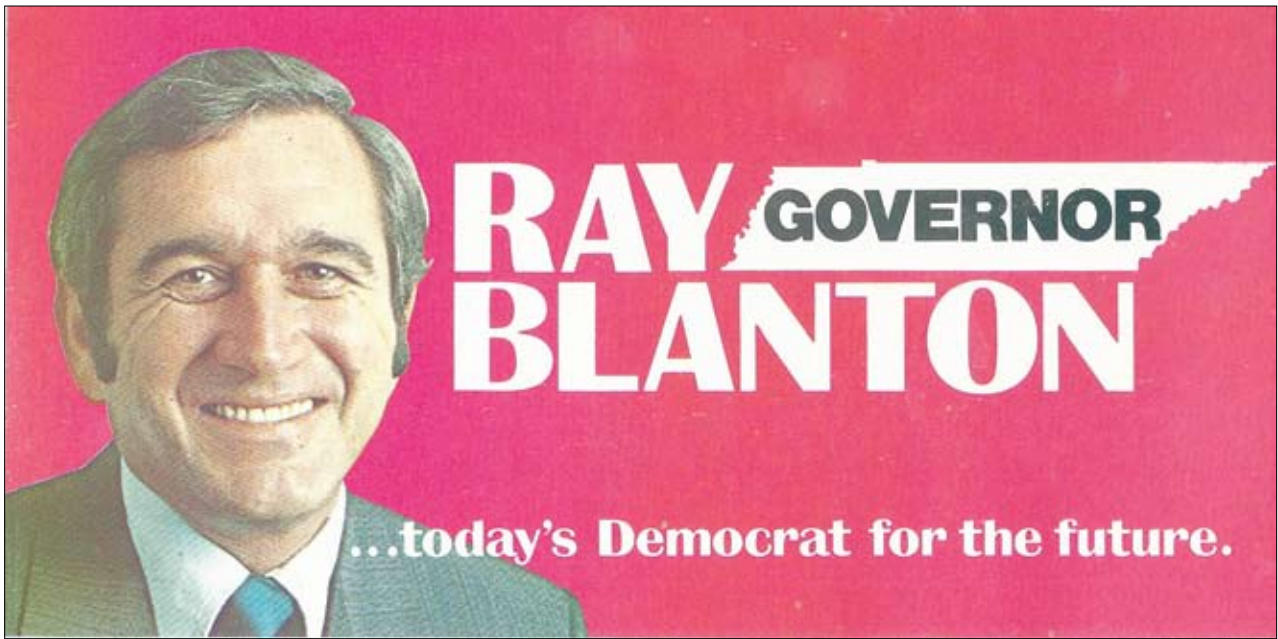
Blanton drew three unknown opponents inside the Democratic primary and was very careful not to criticize his challengers to ensure he would lead a united party into the fall election. Despite his desire for party unity, Ray Blanton was a shrewd politician and recognized presidential candidate George McGovern would be a dead weight in Tennessee. Richard Nixon had carried Tennessee in his failed 1960 campaign and again in his successful 1968 bid. It was a certainty Nixon would carry the Volunteer State by an even larger majority in 1972. Blanton aligned himself with "Wallace Democrats," meaning those Tennessee Democrats who had supported Alabama governor George Wallace in 1968. There were tens of thousands of such Democrats in Ray Blanton's own West Tennessee.

Blanton was largely unknown in East Tennessee and bad luck seemed to dog his campaign from the start in the eastern region of the state. Scheduled to attend a rally in Sullivan County, the candidate was snowbound in Gatlinburg. When Congressman Blanton was due for a press conference in Tri-Cities, he was half an hour late due to fog in Nashville.

Harried about his lack of enthusiasm for McGovern, Blanton finally said he would vote for the Democratic presidential nominee, "because I have always voted for Democrats and I am a Democrat." Blanton was also quick to point out he was not at all pleased with the platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention.

When queried as to what precisely about the platform did not suit him, Blanton said he could not agree with his party's positions on gun control, amnesty for draft dodgers and busing.

Congressman Blanton was asked if he would agree to sit on the same platform with McGovern, should the presidential candidate visit Tennessee. "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it,"



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Color brochure from Ray Blanton's 1974 gubernatorial campaign.

Blanton replied.

Blanton tried hard to convince voters Senator Howard Baker was nothing more than a "rubber stamp" for President Nixon. Congressman Blanton promised he would tangle with McGovern should the South Dakotan be elected president whenever he felt the chief executive proposed legislation or programs contrary to the interests of Tennessee and Tennesseans.

It was an odd strategy for Blanton to employ, especially considering there was no hope that George McGovern could carry Tennessee. Still, Ray Blanton was careful to draw the distinction that he was not running against Howard Baker.

"From the very first I have said I was running for the people of Tennessee and not against Howard Baker," the congressman reiterated shortly before the Democratic primary.

Blanton's opponents inside the Democratic primary loudly denounced him for the congressman's refusal to debate or even appear at the same functions. Ray Blanton retorted the Tennessee Democratic Party had been seriously damaged by "blood-letting primaries and I refuse to be a participant in this activity."

Congressman Blanton blithely predicted there would be a much larger than expected vote inside the Democratic primary as he believed many Republicans were disappointed in GOP statewide officials.

"They expected more, and in fact I think they were promised more, than has been delivered," Blanton said. "This goes with being an incumbent. Baker is the first statewide Republican in 50 years who has had to run on his record."

Blanton's strategy of trying to avoid attacking his opponents paid off on Election Day. He won more than 76% of the votes cast, rolling up almost 300,000 votes statewide. His nearest competitor was more than 250,000 votes behind.

Senator Howard Baker proved to be at least as adept a campaigner as Blanton. Moreover, Baker entered the race personally popular in Tennessee and it looked to be a big Republican year. Still, the senatorial contest

would answer the question if Republican victories had come only because of infighting amongst Tennessee Democrats. Baker's reelection would prove the GOP remained competitive and that Tennessee had become a two-party state.

Congressman Blanton tried to convey the notion that the Republicans were beginning to fight amongst themselves. Both Howard Baker and Bill Brock were reputed to have national ambitions and those same ambitions had caused friction among their own loyalists. Governor Winfield Dunn labeled the idea "a bunch of hogwash."

Continuing his cautious approach in keeping the Democratic Party united, Blanton boasted endorsements from both former senator Albert Gore and Gore's opponent in the 1970 primary, Hudley Crockett. Despite having voted against most civil rights legislation while serving in Congress, Blanton had the support of most black voters in Tennessee.

Yet, Blanton wasn't able to hold every important Tennessee Democrat. Popular Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley endorsed Baker and Nixon. Briley was quite happy with the federal revenue sharing program and Howard Baker was the father of that same program.

Ray Blanton's charges about Senator Baker's record began to draw scrutiny from the press. Claiming the race was "neck and neck", Blanton cited a poll done by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. A reporter for the Nashville Tennessean actually went to the trouble of contacting the committee and discovered no polling had been done in Tennessee.

Blanton cried that the "big copper barons" had made substantial contributions to Baker's campaign, which he termed "grudge money". Once again, the facts proved to be otherwise, with Senator Baker having received two contributions of \$200 from two officials of the American Smelting and Refining Corporation, which was interested in zinc, not copper.

Ray Blanton was even more vociferous in maintaining Howard Baker had been absent from the Senate when that body was considering important

votes on school busing, which was then a hot button issue, especially in Nashville. Another fact check revealed Senator Baker had not missed a single Senate roll call on the subject. In fact, Baker dramatically cancelled his campaign schedule to return to Washington to help break a filibuster intended to delay or kill a strong anti-busing bill, which the Tennessean had co-sponsored. That was an especially risky strategy for Blanton, who had not had a sterling attendance record while in Congress.

It was pointed out that Senator Baker had been the sponsor of every major bill dealing with the environment coming before the U. S. Senate for the last six years and Ray Blanton had been absent from the House of Representatives for more than half of the roll call votes on environmental legislation.

Likewise, Blanton castigated Howard Baker for having routinely opposed increasing Social Security benefits, which was not true. Baker had backed every increase in Social Security benefits during his term of office. The total increase amounted to an astonishing 58%.

As the senatorial campaign drew to its close, Blanton launched a media tour across the state accompanied by legislative Democrats, including future governor Ned Ray McWherter.

In spite of Blanton's claim the race was close, Howard Baker crushed him on Election Day, carrying sixty-four of Tennessee's ninety-five counties. Baker won by almost 275,000 votes. Baker carried each of Tennessee big four urban counties, even beating Blanton soundly in heavily Democratic Davidson County.

Speaking before his supporters, Baker declared, "It was a fantastic victory."

Howard Baker's reelection to the United States Senate was one of the more decisive wins in modern Tennessee politics.

Blanton attributed his defeat to the top of the ticket. "It was McGovern and money," the congressman opined.

"I offer my opponent congratulations. I know he will be a good senator to all

the people like we planned to be."

Yet while making his concession speech, Ray Blanton gave Tennesseans a hint to what the future might hold.

"I want to be perfectly honest with you and that is that I am not removing myself from the political scene. Because I'm still concerned. I'll always be part of it," Blanton declared.

While Congressman Blanton congratulated Senator Baker, his concession speech was more a tacit indication he was already thinking of the next election in 1974. Blanton said he would "start tomorrow to tell the people of Tennessee and the nation that we intend to restructure this party...to have the George Wallaces on one hand and the Kennedys and the blacks on the other...it is the great umbrella."

Throughout Blanton's race for the United States Senate, many supporters speculated the congressman had little to lose. If he ran Howard Baker a close race, he would be the odds on favorite for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1974. The enormity of his loss certainly added nothing to his luster and despite Democratic setbacks over recent years, there were a plethora of potential candidates looking at running for governor in 1974.

Hudley Crockett, who had run Senator Albert Gore a close race inside the Democratic primary in 1970, was eyeing the governor's race. State Treasurer Tom Wiseman was letting it be known he would run for the nomination. The legislature was filled with prospective candidates; House Speaker Jim McKinney, Ned McWherter, and Lieutenant Governor John Wilder were already being mentioned as possible candidates. There was speculation John Jay Hooker, who had run in 1966 and 1970, would run yet again.

The field would both expand and contract as 1974 approached. One thing was certain; Ray Blanton was not done with politics.

A New Year's Resolution

Wow—what a year 2016 proved to be with its turbulent election, as we bring a close to the year its time to be hopeful as we ring in 2017. It seems as though a short time ago



By Howard Baker,
RN BSN

we were setting goals and making New Year's resolutions for 2016. I admit the holiday season of 2016 has been one of the fastest and most stressful for me that I can remember. I welcome the close of 2016 as Hobo the Wonder Dog and I prepare to ring in the New Year. 2016 saw more than its fair share of rioting, terror attacks, and celebrity deaths. 2016 may be a record for celebrity deaths: Nancy Reagan, Muhammad Ali, John Glenn, Glenn Frey, David Bowie, Prince, Arnold Palmer, Gene Wilder, Anton Yelchin, Zsa Zsa Gabor and George Michael to name a few. We also lost quite a few celebrity animal deaths: Scooter, the world's oldest tomcat age thirty. Toughie, the last known Rabbs' fringed tree frog. Cookie, a Major Mitchell's Cockatoo age 82. Arturo, the polar bear, died at age 31; he was at the center of controversy between Mendoza Zoological Park and animal rights groups. Baxter, the Jack Russel Terrier mix, was a rescue dog adopted by Paul LePage Governor of Maine. Bretagne, a rescued Golden Retriever who searched for survivors at ground zero after the 9/11

attacks. She was 16 years old.

A New Year's Resolution of losing weight, exercising, or to stop smoking are all great—but, have we kept those well intended resolutions made after

a holiday season of over-indulging in comfort foods, endless parties, and shopping? Every year I search for the perfect New Year's Resolution until my head hurts and maybe I give this yearly tradition too much effort. I reflected on my 2016 New Year's Resolution of being more like my dogs.

It doesn't matter if I run a quick errand or take a weeks' vacation, on my return Hobo and Skyler greet me with the same enthusiasm. If I step on their paw or hurt their feelings they accept an apology and quickly move on. When I bake treats for them, they stand patiently by the stove as if I were creating a masterpiece or the cure for boredom. A ride through the National Parks with their heads hanging out of the window with their ears flopping in the wind is like an exotic vacation. WOW, how a dog reacts with such excitement to seemingly insignificant acts of friendship and kindness—no expectations, no conditions, just tail wagging fun. In return I have their friendship and love, they notify me when the mail runs, warns me of nearby cows and squirrels on our drives,

and seemingly know when I need a friend to lean on.

Last year I suggested a New Year's Resolution of simply doing random acts of kindness? Imagine our actions kind in nature, no expectations or motives, simply just an act of kindness. If we made altruism and giving part of our everyday life, helping a neighbor, buying a cup of coffee for a stranger, or simply volunteering our time and skills to someone in need. Researcher Stephen Post believes you get more health benefits by helping others than you would by smoking cessation or exercising. Researcher Elizabeth Dunn, found people who spend money on others have greater happiness than those who spend it on themselves.

Can you imagine how life



would be if we approached family and friends like our dogs, and what a difference this tail wagging attitude would make in our relationships? How do you feel when someone does something kind for you? Now, think how you feel when you do something kind for someone else.

My 2017 New Year's Resolution is going to be to approach life more like Hobo the Wonder Dog and Skyler and to bark less and wag more. Let's try it together and see if our new year is not filled with more joy, happiness, health, and fun!



Welcome 2017!

"... but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead," Philippians 3:13 (New American Standard). Paul's words in his letter to the

Philippians always come to mind at this time of year. The window of time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day seems perfect for reflecting on the year about to end and focusing on a new year about to begin.

Many people set goals to lose weight, exercise more, or get more sleep. Some resolve to do more to help their fellow man, make new friends, and spend more time with "old"



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friends. Others vow to devote more time to Bible study and prayer, seeking God's will in their daily life. The tragedies of Gatlinburg's recent wildfires have, no doubt, caused many people to realize that it is so important to live each day to the fullest.

In 2017, may we all enjoy special moments with family and friends and appreciate the beauty of nature all around us. May we find joy in simple things like a sunrise or sunset, the smell of honeysuckles or rain, and the sound of birds singing or children laughing. God bless and Happy New Year!

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Lady Devils overcome obstacles to win tourney opener

By Ken Lay

Halls High School girls basketball coach Randy Moore isn't used to seeing things come easily for his team this season and fate dealt the Lady Devils another pair of surprises Wednesday at the Bearden Super 16.

Halls was scheduled to play at 10 a.m. against Austin-East but the Lady Roadrunners dropped out of the tournament a week before the event.

That meant that the Lady Devils had to play Chattanooga Brainerd and the game was moved to 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the Lady Panthers.

No problem.

Halls was hot early and cruised to a 61-24 victory at Bearden High Wednesday morning.

The Lady Devils, who were without the services of Harper Cherry (shin splints) and Emma Cummings (mission trip), got off to a blazing start.

"I thought we played really well in the first half, especially after the first three minutes of the game," Moore said after watching his squad dart to a 33-6 lead by the end of the opening quarter. "I thought we did well with the press and we turned them over."

"It's great to come in after Christmas and get a win. It was great to win. We were without Emma and she's started some games for us. She's on a mission trip. Harper has shin splints and the trainer kept her out."

Halls (6-7) dressed seven players for the game but the Lady Devils proved to have enough power to make short work of the Lady Panthers.

Five of those seven players scored and three posted double figures before halftime as the Lady Devils held a 52-17 advantage at halftime. Halls was particularly effective from beyond the 3-point arc before the break.

The Lady Devils buried nine long-range jumpers including eight before the break and six during the inaugural barrage in the first quarter.

Panda Riggs led all scorers with 19 points. She scored 15 before halftime. Cailin Weaver and Griffen Parker had 15 points each.

Rachel Drumheller added eight points and Abby Nelson finished with four in the game that was played with a running clock throughout the entire second half.

Faith Alexander scored eight points to pace Brainerd.



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Eddie Courtney, in his 40th season at Farragut High and 21st as head coach, saw his Admirals score 38 unanswered points in a 45-35 come-from-behind win over Independence in this season's Class 5A title game at Cookeville on Dec. 2. For his part, he was voted the Knox County Coach of the Year by his peers.

After 40 seasons and state title, Courtney is honored by peers

By Steve Williams

It certainly wasn't easy, as Farragut turned what some felt was a rebuilding season into a first-ever championship campaign.

For his efforts, Eddie Courtney, who guided the Admirals' ship to their treasure, has been honored by his peers as The Knoxville Focus – Coaches' 2016 Knox County Coach of the Year.

Courtney, in his 21st season as Farragut head coach and 40th overall on the Admirals' staff, received 14 votes for the award. Bryson Rosser, who in only his third season at Central, led the Bobcats to their first state title appearance in 17 years, garnered the remaining three votes.

Head coaches at the 19 Knox County high schools which play football, including Division I and II and all classifications, were requested by the Focus to vote for a Knox County Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, excluding

themselves and their own players as candidates.

In addition, the local coaches were asked to submit players from their respective teams for an All-Knox County "first team" and "honorable mention." Seventeen coaches responded, while one did not have any honorees and one did not reply.

"Coach Courtney and his staff did a tremendous job this year," said veteran South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan. "People don't realize how hard it is to get to the state championship game and then win it."

Duncan's Cherokees played and lost twice to Farragut this past season, including a 45-14 defeat in the semifinals.

As Farragut's head coach since 1996, Courtney, whose overall won-loss record now stands at 152-90, has had good teams but never one to advance beyond the quarterfinal round.

This season did not look that promising either as far

as state honors go. Farragut was minus four all-stars from the 2015 squad. Only 10 starters returned and there were a low number of seniors on the roster.

The Admirals lost at Oak Ridge 30-25 in Week 3 and nipped arch-rival Bearden 28-27 in Week 4. Farragut, in fact, would not lose again in regular season play, but how far could the Admirals advance against tough playoff opposition out of Region 4?

After a 40-21 first-round win over McMinn County, Courtney made an aggressive play call late in the game that might have made the difference in a 33-30 win at Rhea County.

Farragut fell behind Ooltewah 42-14 in the quarterfinals but rallied. Quarterback Adam Fulton's touchdown pass to Jacob Warren with 1:05 remaining in regulation tied the score at 42-all. The Owls responded by getting in field goal range, but a 27-yard attempt missed as time expired.

Farragut went ahead at the beginning of the second OT and stopped Ooltewah on fourth-and-2 for the victory.

After the semifinal win over South-Doyle, Courtney, a cancer survivor since 2005, got a Gatorade bath as the Admirals celebrated their state title berth.

The challenge that lurked at the BlueCross Bowl in Cookeville was huge. Independence was defending champion, ranked No. 1 and 14-0. The Eagles flew to a 35-7 lead in the second quarter.

But the Admirals, 13-1 and winners of 11 in a row, didn't quit. Courtney smiled in a halftime TV interview after his team scored before intermission. Farragut would go on to score 38 unanswered. Courtney couldn't hold back the tears after the game.

After 40 years, so many were happy to see Courtney win it all, and particularly his peers.



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Scott's OT goal lifts 'tired' Ice Bears to 3-2 victory

By Ken Lay

It took a little overtime but no one associated with the Knoxville Ice Bears was complaining after the team picked up a key victory over the Mississippi RiverKings on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum.

"It was great to get those two points [in the standstays] tonight," said Berkeley Scott, who tallied the game-winning goal to give the Ice Bears a 4-3 win with 1 minute, 33 seconds remaining in the overtime period. "It was important for us to get two points against a team like them especially when they're ahead of us in the standings."

Thanks to a regulation tie, the RiverKings (14-6-2) also picked up a point in the heated Southern Professional Hockey League Standings.

Knoxville (11-6-2) saw a tough trend continue against Mississippi Tuesday night. The Ice Bears darted to a 3-0 lead in the first period only to see the RiverKings rally to tie the game when Cullen Bradshaw scored 3:57 into the third period.

Knoxville, which won its last game 4-1 over Roanoke on Dec. 23 before taking some time off for the Christmas holiday, had lost its previous weekend series to the RiverKings. The Ice Bears were swept in a two-game series at home on Dec. 16-17. Knoxville had leads in both of those contests.

"This was big for us, especially after we gave them two wins that last week that we played them," Scott said. "There was a little bit of déjà vu tonight but we were able to get it done."

The Ice Bears gutted out a hard-fought win despite the fact that they were

short-handed on defense. Travis Jeke was recently called up to Elmira of the East Coast Hockey League. Knoxville's defensive depth took two more hits in the game when Brad Pawlowski suffered an arm injury late in the first period and Jake Flegel went down in the second stanza. Neither returned and Pawlowski will miss significant time according to coach Mike Craigen.

"We were a tired bunch of guys," Craigen said. "There's really no secret plays to hide tired legs. We definitely had to work a little harder than we wanted to to get this win."

"But we're happy to get it and we're all really happy."

Knoxville was dominant in the first period and the Ice Bears took a 1-0 lead when Joseph Manno scored just 1 minute, 4 seconds into the game.

Knoxville extended its advantage to 2-0 when Luke Sandler buried the puck past Mississippi goaltender Brad Barone with 17:36 left in the period. Manno and Scott were credited with assists on the game's second marker. Jake Rivera made 3-0 at the 11:45 mark of the opening frame.

Knoxville outshot the RiverKings 11-7 in the first period.

But the tide turned in the second period. Mississippi got the first 10 shots of the frame and the RiverKings got goals from Robert Linderos and Dustin Jesseau to trim the Ice Bears' lead to 3-2.

Bradshaw's marker represented the last scoring in regulation and that set the stage for Scott's overtime heroics.

Knoxville netminder Brian Billett (4-4-1) made 32 saves in the contest.

Humphrey comes up big in 'ugly' win for Red Devils

By Ken Lay

Luke Humphrey played perhaps the best game of his high school career Wednesday night.

Humphrey, Halls High School's reserve center, grabbed some crucial rebounds and made some clutch shots to help the Red Devils outlast Austin-East 62-61 in the opening round of the Bearden Super 16 at Bearden High.

"Luke played really good," Halls coach Randy Moore said. "He rebounded. He made big shots. Luke Humphrey carried us tonight."

Humphrey was the only player that Moore would single out for praise on this night.

"This was an ugly game," Moore said. "It was really ugly. We didn't play well. We shot poorly and we didn't execute but I'm proud of the boys for hanging in there."

"I'm sure that our [shooting] percentage from outside was terrible. But we were still able to win the game and that's the important thing. That's what this is all about. We didn't play

well and I don't think they played particularly well either. We both looked like we were still on a Christmas retreat. But man, I'd rather win ugly than lose pretty. I'd rather do that any day of the week."

Humphrey scored nine points, including a layup with 15.4 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter that gave the Red Devils a 62-58 lead. Austin-East freshman guard LaRon Dixon knocked down a 3-point shot as time expired to make the final outcome a bit closer.

The two squads slugged through an even and low-scoring opening frame but when the dust had settled, the Red Devils (8-4) and the Roadrunners were knotted in a 12-12 tie.

Offense continued to come at a premium in the second stanza but Halls mustered enough firepower to open a slim 18-14 advantage over the Roadrunners (4-3) by halftime.

The Red Devils extended their advantage to 44-39 by the end of the third

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It's Time to Be Thankful for Tennessee Football...

By Alex Norman

If you listen to sports talk radio... if you log on to twitter... if you check out Facebook... you would think that Tennessee will soon disband the football program and turn Neyland Stadium into condominiums.

The Vols underachieved and boy oh boy is the mob ready to strike.

The head coach is a buffoon. The assistant coaches are morons. The players aren't very good. The fans didn't support the team enough (yes there is fan on fan crime in play here too).

This is what happens when expectations are not reached.

Remember when Derek Dooley said before the 2012 season that the SEC wouldn't have Tennessee to kick around anymore? The moment the Vols lost to Florida everything went downhill faster than Lindsey Vonn in Cortina d'Ampezzo.

Yes, I've made a skiing analogy. Don't pretend you aren't impressed.

Four years later the expectations were even higher for the Vols. Dramatic wins over Florida and Georgia ramped that hype to levels not seen in Knoxville in over a decade.

Winning the Eastern Division and playing for the SEC title was inevitable. The

Vols were 5-0 with wins over their biggest rivals. Surely this was the time to get to Atlanta.

But those that don't know their history often get a hard lesson in it. Back in 1992 Tennessee beat Florida and Georgia, then inexplicitly lost 3 SEC games to miss out on playing in the inaugural SEC championship game.

The culprits 24 years ago were Johnny Majors open-heart surgery, the rise of interim coach Phillip Fulmer, the return of Majors, and the rise of the Legions of the Miserable. What could have been a historic season on Rocky Top (the Vols had risen as high as 4th in the nation) ended with a coaching change.

This season the culprit was injuries, the inability to develop depth, and coaching missteps.

Losses to Texas A&M and Alabama were understandable. Tennessee was finishing a brutal stretch of games and was running on empty. Losses at South Carolina (after a bye week) and at Vanderbilt (yes, Vanderbilt) are never acceptable.

The Vols ended the regular season 8-4, and instead of the college football playoff, or the Sugar Bowl for the first time since 1991, or the sun and fun of a Florida bowl game, Tennessee

will go back to Nashville for the 2nd time in 6 weeks to play Nebraska at the Music City Bowl.

This isn't what anyone associated with Tennessee football wanted from 2016, and few expected it to go down this way.

But it is the holiday season, and it is a time to give thanks, so let's give thanks for Tennessee football.

Let's give thanks for the opportunity to watch Derek Barnett play for the Vols over the past three years. He will head to the NFL and has the potential to become of the league's top pass rushers for years to come.

Let's give thanks for Joshua Dobbs, and his dedication to school work, charity work, and hard work. Dobbs had a memorable four years at Tennessee, and could end up on an NFL roster next season. And if he doesn't? Dobbs will be just fine.

Let's give thanks for a quarterback battle this spring and summer, with Quinten Dormady and Jarrett Guarantano competing for the starting job.

Let's give thanks that Tennessee football is back to a point where you can be a bit upset if the bowl game location isn't what you wanted. It wasn't long

ago that Tennessee wasn't going to bowl games, and that there were players in the roster that didn't even want to go to bowl games so they lost to Kentucky to avoid the postseason.

Let's give thanks that in December 2016, the University of Tennessee cut the final buyout check to Derek Dooley. For every month over the past four years, Dooley received a check worth approximately \$102,000 from UT.

Each. And. Every. Month.

Let's give thanks that in 2017 Tennessee will get a fresh start with an expected coaching staff shakeup. The realization is that changes will need to be made on Butch Jones' staff and he does understand that.

And let's give thanks that in 2017 Tennessee will have a new athletic director. The "resignation" of Dave Hart, who has been a divisive figure since he arrived in Knoxville in 2011, will be a positive and new blood likely will help energize the team that drives the athletic department engine.

When you break it down this way, you realize things really aren't that bad.

But yeah... a trip to Atlanta woulda been nice...

Stars skipping bowls would end viewers' interest, a la Pro Bowl

College football would eventually suffer if more and more high-profile players do like LSU's Leonard Fournette and Stanford's Christian McCaffery did and skip their bowl games to prepare for the NFL draft.

This would particularly be true if big-name players pulled out of the Final Four playoff games and other high-paid bowl games.

Such developments would reduce fans' interest in those games and in turn reduce what television networks would want to pay for the rights to these games. Less money for the colleges would also take money out of the coaches' pockets. It would have a trickledown effect.

The NFL, in a way, already has seen this happen with its Pro Bowl game.

Football is a popular game, but even this sport can't maintain popularity without its star players.

Doing what Fournette and McCaffery did may be in their best interests, but it's not good for the game.

MORE MOSTELLA: Detrick Mostella's recent scoring surge hopefully earned him a starting berth in the Tennessee lineup for its conference opener at Texas A&M last week.

Mostella pretty much single-handedly carried UT to a 72-68 victory in a rare road game at East Tennessee State and that performance earned the junior wing from Decatur, Ala., the

SEC Player of the Week award. UT hadn't played in Johnson City since 1963.

Mostella's career-high 25 points at ETSU raised his average to 17.7 for the

three games prior to the A&M game in College Station. In that stretch, he was hitting 46.2 percent from the field and 90 percent from the line.

The Vols are scheduled to host Arkansas tonight before going to Florida Saturday.

TRIPLE TROUBLE: Just when I was on my way to buy a Titans' cap and jump on the bandwagon, Tennessee suffered what felt like three losses in one day on Christmas eve.

First, the Jacksonville

Jaguars put it all together for the first time this season and had the Titans down 25-17 when quarterback Marcus Mariota suffered a fractured fibula. That injury didn't help any comeback hopes and Tennessee limped back to Nashville a 38-17 loser.

With their playoff destiny now in the hands of the Cincinnati Bengals in the Sunday night game against Houston, the Titans still had playoff hopes minus Mariota, but Bengals kicker Randy Bullock missed a potential game-winning 43-yard field goal for the third loss of the day.

Before all this happened, the Titans had won four of five games, including victories over the Packers, Broncos and Chiefs. In fact, after Tennessee beat Denver, play-by-play guy

Mike Keith said it was the "biggest win for the organization in eight years."

HERE'S ERIK: A big change in local radio sports talk starts today when former Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge joins WNML 990 programming with a 9 a.m. to 12 noon weekday show, replacing the News-Sentinel Sports Page that had aired from 10 o'clock to noon.

The 30-year-old Ainge, having played college and pro football and coming from a basketball family, is able to give listeners a unique perspective from a former athlete's viewpoint.

I wish we weren't losing the Sports Page show, but I am looking forward to listening to Ainge. And an hour less of Doc is a bonus, too.



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Celebrating 15 Years!

By Steve Williams

There are many senior veterans on The Knoxville Focus - Coaches' 2016 All-Knox County football team but also some up and coming youngsters.

Whoever takes over the vacant Carter High post will have Dakota Fawver returning after starting at quarterback as a freshman.

Veteran Webb School head coach David Meske is pleased he still has Elijah Howard for four more years. The University of Tennessee commitment was among the Spartans' top ball carriers this past season as an 8th grader.

Head coaches of the 19

Knox County high schools that play football, including Division I and II and all classifications, were requested by the Focus to submit players from their own team for "first team" and "honorable mention." Seventeen coaches sent in players to fill the team.

South-Doyle sophomore wide receiver and defensive back Ton'Quez Ball missed 2 ½ games because of injury but was one of the Cherokees' big-play guys as they went from 0-10 to the Class 5A state semifinal round. Two of Ball's three interceptions were "pick sixes."

Elijah Young, a freshman teammate of Ball, rushed for 597 yards and is an athlete.

Karns' Thomas Harper, a sophomore and the younger brother of Devin Harper who was a standout for the Beavers before signing in 2016 with Oklahoma State, is on the All-Knox County team as a kick returner. He also was a wide receiver and defensive back this past season.

Other underclassmen on the team include sophomore wide receivers Stewart Howell of CAK and Dashawn McKinney of Fulton, the Falcons' sophomore QB Xavier Malone and Austin-East freshman defensive back Isaiah Ligon.

Powell Coach Rodney

Ellison is excited about Alvin Stacy's future. The 6-2, 295-pounder was a sophomore nose tackle for the Panthers in 2016 and had seven tackles for loss.

"Every team we played had to double team him," said Ellison via e-mail.

Grace Christian junior defensive ends Ben Arnold and Bryson Morris were disruptors for the Rams, combining for 17 sacks, 30½ tackles for loss and four forced fumbles.

Gibbs Coach Brad Conley will miss senior defensive end Eli Mikos.

"He was unblockable without being held, had incredible motor and athleticism," said Conley.

"Not having him in the second round of the playoffs because of injury was a huge loss."

Oliver Lane will be back for Conley and the Eagles. He's a 6-6, 280-pound junior who already has received offers from Vanderbilt, Missouri, Wisconsin and Northwestern.

South-Doyle running back Kent'ta Tanner's senior season included 1,623 yards and 18 touchdowns. Hardin Valley Academy junior Aaron Dykes rushed for 1,510 yards and 15 TDs.

HVA senior Drew Foster put "98 percent" of his kickoffs in the end zone.

CAK's Cole Smith left

future quarterbacks four state career records to target, including 12,247 total yards.

While Smith was well known for moving the ball, senior teammate Caleb Unkefer stood out on the other side of the line, where he had 15 TFL and five sacks for the Warriors.

Other well-known standouts on the All-Knox County team include Catholic offensive lineman Cade Mays, Fulton wide receiver Zack Dobson, A-E wide receiver Kashif Warren, Central defensive end Isaac Buell and Central defensive back Rondrow Peebles.

Rodgers noses out Sackie for Knox County Player of the Year

By Steve Williams

Catholic High's Amari Rodgers, who became a repeat winner of the Tennessee Titans' Mr. Football Class 4A Back Award in late November, nosed out Jadarius Sackie of Central for The Knoxville Focus - Coaches' 2016 Knox County Player of the Year title.

Rodgers, a wide receiver and defensive back who has been committed to sign with Clemson University since last February 14, received five votes from Knox County head coaches, while the 5-6, 220-pound Sackie, a running back and linebacker who led the Bobcats to the Class 4A state finals, was the choice of four coaches.

Head coaches of the 19 high schools that play football in Knox County, including both Division I and II and all classifications, were requested by the Focus to vote for Player of the Year and Coach of the Year in Knox County, excluding their own players and themselves. The coaches also were asked to submit players from their teams for All-Knox County "first team" and "honorable mention." Seventeen coaches participated, while one declined and one did not reply.

The 5-9½, 221-pound Rodgers is expected to play wide receiver in college and that's where he stood out most during his prep career.

"He is an outstanding man both on and off the field," said Catholic head coach Steve Matthews after hearing about Rodgers' latest accolade. "We are very proud of him."

Farragut running back Cooper Hardin and quarterback Adam Fulton, who were a solid 1-2 punch in the Admirals' voyage to their first-ever state football championship in Class 5A, each received two votes for Player of the Year.

Receiving one vote apiece were Halls QB-LB Caden Harbin, Austin-East quarterback Darius Harper, Catholic WR-DB Chase Kuerschen and West wide receiver Jermaine Buchannon.

Kuerschen was runner-up to Rodgers for this year's Class 4A Mr. Football state award.

According to 247Sports, Rodgers is a 4-star prospect. His 40 time is 4.49. He's a great leaper and plays much taller than his height.

Rodgers is ranked the No. 112 prospect in the nation, the No. 16 wide receiver and the No. 7 prospect in Tennessee.

Amari had been committed to Southern Cal, where his dad, Tee Martin, is offensive coordinator. Martin also was the quarterback on UT's national championship team in 1998. But Rodgers decommitted from USC on Dec. 9, 2015, two days after receiving an offer from



Amari Rodgers of Catholic, The Knoxville Focus - Coaches' 2016 Knox County Player of the Year, runs for yardage against Carter in a 55-14 win on Oct. 14, 2016.

Clemson.

Rodgers received an offer from Tennessee on July 17, 2015. He also has received offers from Florida State, Alabama, California and Texas A&M.

Rodgers helped lead Catholic to the state championship as a junior in 2015. The Irishmen were the state's top rated team, including all classifications, much of the 2016 season, but were upset by Fulton in the second round of the playoffs.

Sackie was a big-play performer on both sides of the ball during Central's remarkable run to their first state title appearance since 1999.

THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS - COACHES' 2016 ALL-KNOX COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVERS: Amari Rodgers, Catholic, sr; Kashif Warren, Austin-East sr; Dashaun McKinney, Fulton soph; Zack Dobson, Fulton sr; Ton'Quez Ball, South-Doyle soph; Shannon Cozart, Austin-East sr; Matt Runge-Gold, Halls sr; Braden Collins, Farragut jr; Sherman Moore, Central sr; Jaden Gibbs, Farragut soph; Thomas Clay, Hardin Valley sr; Stewart Howell, CAK soph; Jake Riley, Carter sr; Ben Andrews, Grace Christian, sr; Jordan Ferguson, Bearden sr; Bill Bower, CAK sr.

TIGHT END: Jacob Warren, Farragut jr.

LINEMEN: Cade Mays, Catholic jr; John Kerbyson, Catholic sr; Oliver Lane, Gibbs jr; Tyrese Tory, South-Doyle jr; Nate Adkins, Bearden jr; Dakota Davis, Bearden sr; Jake Julian, Webb jr; Jonathan Buchanan, Farragut jr; Chance Bolen, Farragut sr; Andrew Maxey, Farragut jr.

QUARTERBACKS: Adam Fulton, Farragut sr; Darius Harper, Austin-East sr; Cole Smith, CAK sr; Xavier Malone, Fulton soph; Trey Mitchell, Central sr; Chase Cunningham, Catholic, sr; Hunter Green, Webb jr; Dakota Fawver, Carter fr.

RUNNING BACKS: Jadarius Sackie, Central sr; Cooper Hardin, Farragut sr; Jeff Wood, Catholic sr; Ben Flowers, Carter sr; Kent'ta Tanner, South-Doyle sr; Aaron Dykes, Hardin Valley jr; Elijah Howard, Webb 8th grader; Jalil Jefferson, Webb soph; Gedarian Mobley, Austin-East sr; Colton Burns, Hardin Valley sr.

ATHLETES: H.T. Fortner, Gibbs sr; Caden Harbin, Halls sr; Elijah Young, South-Doyle fr.

DEFENSE

ENDS: Isaac Buell, Central sr; Jack Nadaud, Webb sr; Eli Mikos, Gibbs sr; Ben Arnold, Grace Christian jr; Bryson Morris, Grace Christian jr; Caleb Wolfe, Carter jr.

LINEMEN: Elijah Jones, Hardin Valley sr; Ellis Chapman, Hardin Valley sr; Will Everett, Farragut sr; Tyler Davies, Central sr; Caleb Unkefer, CAK sr; Leonard Humphrey, West sr; Zack Stokes, West jr.

LINEBACKERS: Chaton Mobley, Fulton sr; Morgan Ernst, Webb jr; Joe Fluker, Catholic jr; Jake Mahoney, Catholic jr; Rook Landers, Hardin Valley sr; Juwaan Jefferson, Webb sr; Brody Leonard, Webb sr; Chris Hunter, Austin-East jr; Jake Hurst, Carter sr; Carter

Dunlap, Carter sr; Wesley Holt, South-Doyle jr; Bradley Sisler, South-Doyle jr; West Shuler, CAK jr; Ryan Medders, Grace Christian jr; Cameron Miller, Bearden sr; Cal Cook, West jr; Alex Williams, Farragut jr; Cade Burkey, Farragut jr; Drew Butler, Farragut jr.

BACKS: Chase Kuerschen, Catholic, sr; Rondrow Peebles, Central sr; Jack DeVault, Farragut sr; Haydn Tanner, CAK sr; Kamari Smith, Powell sr; Tanner Rhodes, Gibbs sr; Austin Shuler, South-Doyle jr; Isaiah Ligon, Austin-East fr.

SPECIALISTS

KICKERS: Drew Foster, Hardin Valley sr; Andrew Favaro, Webb sr; Sam Frazier, Karns, sr.

PUNTER: Joe Doyle, Farragut sr.

KICK RETURNER: Thomas Harper, Karns soph.

HONORABLE MENTION

Bearden -- JaQuavus Russell, Collin Ironside.

Carter -- Tyreck Minor, Garrett Massey, Clarence Smith, Brendan Caldwell, Isaac Scarborough, John Oglesby.

CAK -- Alex Dalton, Luke Simpson, Grant Richardson, Chase Blackburn, Isaac Gallegos, Daniel Plese.

Central -- Tony Reeves, Louis McNair, Jahvere Weste.

Fulton -- DeShaun Page, Dorian Williamson.

Gibbs -- Dalton Rodgers, Demarcus Hight, Gabe Martin.

Grace Christian -- Zac Headrick, Eli Nordhorn, Andrew Sorrells, Emery Webb, Jackson Daniel.

Halls -- J.T. Freels.

Karns -- Bryson Garrett, Cartez Campbell, Teahzawon Hodge-Harper.

Powell -- Hunain Rasheed, Eric Ludwig, Alvin Stacy, Will Hoyle.

South-Doyle -- Jake Harper, Caleb Wender, Gus McAnally, Jacob Crain, Michael Redding, Rudy Pirtle, Christian Nave, Jamaine Wilson, Nate Holder, Dylan Cameron.

Webb -- Davis DeLozier, Roderick Lewis, Alec Boruff, Isaac Hubbard, Jones Stampfer, Sam Werner, Gavin Norwood, Bryson Glenn, Tommy Jordan.

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Lady Bulldogs overcome sluggish start to beat Franklin County

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's girls basketball team was thrown a curve Wednesday morning.

The Lady Bulldogs had to answer an early wake-up call to play a 10 a.m. game against Franklin County but Bearden, which was originally to play at 11:30 until Austin-East dropped out leaving coach Justin Underwood scrambling to find a replacement.

He was able to get Brainerd to replace the Lady Roadrunners but he flipped the bracket so his squad had to play the first game.

Bearden's offense sputtered early and the Lady Bulldogs found themselves facing a slim 6-5 deficit at the end of the first quarter.

Bearden, however, managed to manufacture enough offense to nab a 48-33 victory over the Rebelettes to keep its perfect record intact.

"It wasn't our best day but we'll take it," Underwood said. "Defensively, I think we were ready to play.

"But offensively, it was just one of those days when the shots wouldn't fall for us."

When asked if the early tipoff was a factor, Underwood wasn't making excuses and he added that he and the Lady Bulldogs may hope to play an early game later. If that comes to pass, it will likely be in Murfreesboro should Bearden (11-0) make another Class AAA

State Tournament appearance.

"If you're fortunate enough to make the state tournament, there's a good chance that you'll play in an early game like this," Underwood said. "We wanted to use this to kind of prepare for that."

After the Lady Bulldogs fell behind early, they were able to use their trademark tenacious defense to take a lead and eventually wrest control of the game.

"We were able to use our defense to create offense," Underwood said.

A re-focused Lady Bulldogs squad took the hardwood with a vengeance to open the second stanza. Bearden outscored the Rebelettes (3-8) 17-5 in the frame and opened a 22-11 advantage by halftime.

And that surge all but put the game away for the Lady Bulldogs (11-0).

While offense was at a premium, Underwood had to like what he saw once his team was finally able to kick things into gear.

Freshman post player Jakhya Davis led the way with 11 points. The Lady Bulldogs again boasted a balanced attack. Trinity Lee scored nine points. Shekinah McLaughlin added eight. Grace van Rij and Kendall Clark had six points apiece. Annaka Hall finished with five and Tytaira Spikes scored three.

Ashtin Holman had eight points to lead Franklin County.

Bulldogs notch comeback win over Carter in Super 16

By Ken Lay

Jeremy Parrott knew that his Bearden High School boys basketball team would have a height advantage against Carter Wednesday night.

And Parrott, the Bulldogs' first-year head coach, knew that if his squad was going to enjoy success against the Hornets, it would have to cash in inside.

"We knew coming in that we had a size advantage," Parrott said after Bearden overcame a rough first quarter to down Carter 67-53 in the opening round of the Bearden Super 16 at Bearden High School. "They're a very athletic team and coach [Andy] Hill is doing a great job with his guys over there.

"You know he's doing a good job because he doesn't have to coach

effort. I had seen them on film and the one thing that stuck out was that they always played hard. We worked on getting the ball inside to our big guys."

That work definitely paid dividends for Bearden (6-5) as Justin Ketterl scored 12 points and was a force on both the offensive glass and Kordell Kah scored seven of his 10 points after halftime.

"He got some big rebounds for us," Parrott said of Ketterl. "And Kordell was big for us. Our post players are working hard and they're getting better every day.

"You could tell that we hadn't played in about two weeks but we were pleased to get this win and advance in this tournament. You can't win a tournament if you don't get the first one."

The Bulldogs dug themselves an early hole as the Hornets opened a 17-12 lead by first quarter's end. Parker Haun scored five of his 17 points in the opening frame for Carter (8-5). Adam Hurd, Ta'Michael Mims and Shawn Page each had four points in the period to help Carter open its early lead.

The Hornets held the upper hand until late in the second quarter Ketterl's offensive rebound and subsequent bucket enabled Bearden to take a 31-29 lead with 32 seconds remaining until halftime.

After taking the lead, the Bulldogs never looked back.

Ketterl scored the final four points in the first half and his offensive punch provided the spark that Bearden needed. Bearden

scored the first nine points of the second half and took a 40-29 lead when Dre'Jean Dave scored with 5 minutes, 8 seconds remaining in the frame.

The Bulldogs kept building their lead and held a 50-39 edge heading to the fourth quarter.

Ques Glover, Bearden's sophomore point guard, scored a game-high 20 points. Fellow sophomore Roman Robinson had nine points.

Haun led the Hornets with 17 points and buried four 3-pointers. Josh Lecroy scored 12 points and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line while Page finished with 11 points, including seven after halftime.

Tournament play continued through Friday but results were unavailable at press time.

Humphrey comes up big in 'ugly' win for Red Devils

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period.

Early in the fourth quarter, Halls took a 46-39 lead when another one of its big men, Jordan Biliter grabbed an offensive rebound and scored at the 7:41 mark of the fourth quarter.

The Red Devils led until Austin-East tied the game at 58 when senior Darius Harper converted a pair of free throws with 1 minute, 19 seconds remaining in the game.

Halls regained the lead for good when Bryson Newman scored to make the score 60-58 with 1:02 left before

Humphrey salted things away a short time later.

Humphrey said he thought his contribution would be needed against the Roadrunners, who were without a pair of starters (who had family commitments).

"I thought I needed to play well because you just never know what's going to happen right after Christmas," Humphrey said. "We didn't play well at times but this is a big win for us over a good team."

The Red Devils, despite some shaky moments got big contributions from several players at crucial times.

Newman led Halls with 20

points. Guard Jordan Corvette added 19 and Biliter finished with 14.

The Roadrunners had four players post double figures in the scoring column. Ronnie Pearson led Austin-East with 17 points. Dixon added 16 while Harper and Dereke Upton finished with 13 points each.

Like Moore, Roadrunners coach Marcus Stanton knew that the game wouldn't earn any style points from either team.

"This thing was really ugly. We didn't play well and we missed box-outs all over the place," Stanton said. "You could tell that neither one

of us had played in a while. I gave my guys three days off and that was a mistake.

"We're an extremely young team and we were without two starters and those guys are upper classmen for us. We play nine freshmen and sophomores and our senior big man Harper was in foul trouble. He played pretty well. LaRon is a freshman and he's going to be good but he's worried about making mistakes right now. He just needs to have fun and play hard. I don't care if you make a mistake as long as you play hard."





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Skeptics and Trucks

As 2017 dawns I'll admit I've become a bit of a skeptic. "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away," I scoured medical journals for the latest scientific observations and innovations. I always wanted to be on the cutting edge of treatment for my patients. However, I realize that it's best not to be the first doctor on the block to use new medications nor the last in the medical neighborhood to use the latest innovations.

Actually, it's more accurate to say I've become skeptical of man because even science has become politicized. For example, every issue of the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) has articles about global warming or Obama-care or other politically correct topics written by PhDs, JDs, MD activists and public health policy wonks. Naively, I used to think of the NEJM as science driven. But,

then I also once considered the NY Times and NPR as reliable. Now, so much has been corrupted by money, power and politics.

Perhaps the Teacher (writer) of Ecclesiastes was right when he said, "Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless." It is said that Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived and he wrote or orchestrated the Song of Solomon as a young man and the Proverbs during his middle age years. As an older man he wrote Ecclesiastes where his skepticism is evident. The Teacher goes on a rant lamenting that "fools are put in many high positions." And he said of experts, "Of making books there is no end." Fortunately, Solomon ends his search for the meaning of life on a high note, advising that meaning is found in doing your best, cherishing your wife, enjoying food

and wine, and presenting yourself respectfully before the Lord and praising Him all your days.

Obviously, my skepticism does not include God. If I had been wiser when younger I wouldn't have trusted man, his words or his institutions like I did. If I had understood that even science is driven by funding, grants and politics, rather than the noble pursuit of knowledge, I wouldn't have been duped so often.

I studied art history in college, but it never occurred to me to question why certain subjects were chosen by painters. We now say, "Follow the money." With this in mind, it explains why rich patrons and Popes were so often lionized. Today, money explains the global warming cabal, where weathermen can't accurately predict the weather tomorrow, but say they can predict from computer models what will happen in twenty-five years. Likewise, modern medicine is not immune to the pursuit of profits or Washington's inexhaustible quest for power.

However, like Solomon, I conclude there is a majestic purpose and a plan, though the latter remains more obscure than I would otherwise choose. The Boy Scout pledge says we must "do our best and our duty

to God and country," and I would add to those we love and serve.

Years ago I wrote an essay referencing the book, "Man's Search for Meaning." Written by a survivor of WWII Nazi death camps, Viktor Frankl would go on to found the psychoanalytic school of logotherapy. This concept holds that man is driven to find meaning in his life rather than being driven principally by a pursuit of satisfaction or by instincts, as Adler and Freud emphasized.

What drives you? Man is a time oriented being. We have a past, a present and hopefully a future. My minister recently said that a pursuit of purpose is more important than the pursuit of happiness. He must have read Frankl. Actually, I believe the two perspectives are interrelated. The Psalmist said, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." We are complex and thoughtful creatures, and it is too simplistic to think an Epicurean pursuit of pleasure alone will satisfy. Nor will understanding and dealing with instinctual drives make us whole. My minister observed that children often give people purpose. I think he's right. And like Solomon, I believe seeking God gives us purpose.

I've found a new purpose for 2017. It's called

downsizing, and it's an oxymoron. Our house has served us well for thirty-six years, but with our girls gone we only use half of the space. Becky designed our current home and has now designed our new home which is under construction on our small farm. She's a woman of many talents. I don't remember much about the construction of our first home because I was working sixty plus hours a week to pay for it. This time I've paid attention and I've learned much, including the "trinity" of building: everything gets bigger, costs more and takes longer - maybe Trump's new hotel in Washington is an exception. Perhaps, if we'd started with a "tiny house" concept our new home would have approached what we need.

We're hoping for a March completion, and so does my daughter and her family who will move into our current home. My builder has been patient with the semi-retired doctor who now has the time to pester him for construction updates.

Perhaps a welcome aspect of the "Trump bump" is the dearth of available labor and subcontractors which now make it more difficult for Kent to find workers and calm my anticipation. We have a good relationship, though he kids me about

my "little truck." In the construction industry one measure of manliness is the size of one's truck. My old Dodge Dakota is big enough for a doctor and Kent "agrees."

We shouldn't judge a book by its cover or a man by his truck. My father-in-law was an exemplary Christian and a fine lawyer, but cared little for his appearance. One Saturday while working in the yard he loaded his daughters into their old Plymouth for a trip to buy fruit trees. As they were driving home with trees hanging out of the trunk, the daughters told Nelson that his Plymouth was shabby. Being a dad and wanting to please his teenage daughters, he whipped his Plymouth into Rodgers Cadillac. Surprisingly, the skeptical sales force wouldn't wait on this large, dirty man in a "wife-beater" tee shirt, driving an old Plymouth with a trunk full of trees. Fortunately, the manager recognized Nelson who promptly paid cash for a new Cadillac while the flummoxed salesmen were stuck transferring the fruit trees to the Cady's trunk.

Wisdom of the ages, and a lesson for the New Year, n'est pas?

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

KCHD's next Diabetes Management Series starts January 12

Classes are free and open to the public

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) offers a free Diabetes Management Series quarterly to help those affected by the disease. The next three-part series takes place Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19 and 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the KCHD auditorium, 140 Dameron Ave.

"Being diagnosed with diabetes is a life-changing event," said Shanthi Appelo, KCHD nutritionist and registered dietitian. "However, successfully managing the disease is possible with the right tools, which include recognizing what leads to changes in your blood sugar levels and learning how to manage

these levels."

The three-class series provides information on how to manage diabetes through diet, exercise and medication. Individuals diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes along with their family members are encouraged to attend. Parking is free. Those interested in attending should call 865-215-5170 to register.

Having diabetes is a risk factor for developing serious health complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower-extremity amputations. In 2014, it was estimated that 10.5 percent of Knox County adults (18+ years) have been diagnosed

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Handmade scarves donated to YWCA Knoxville



YWCA Knoxville staff members are all smiles admiring the 65 scarves for residents and employees delivered by the Knox County Democratic Party and made by Kim Dukes. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Employees modeling scarves (left to right) are Jessica Williamson, Bridget Baldau, Emma Luma, Nora Robinson, Shelby Schilling and Maggie McNally. Picture by Janice Spooone.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 6, 2013, executed by KATHERINE A. KYLE, conveying certain real property therein described to THOMAS H. DICKENSON, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 6, 2013, at Instrument Number 201306080080613 (as modified by "Loan Modification Agreement" at Instrument Number 201507270005969);

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to ORNL Federal Credit Union 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 **February 2, 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 FIFTH (5TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 45TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 16-R-1, RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 16 AND 17, BELLE TERRA SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED MAP OF SAID RE-SUBDIVISION APPEARING OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 78S, PAGE 26 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SURVEY BY J.M. WIDNER, DATED JUNE 13, 1982, WHICH IS DRAWING #1431 WHICH MAP AND PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, TOGETHER WITH SUCH RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF ENJOYMENT IN COMMON WITH OTHER OWNERS OF LOTS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP OF AFORESAID IN THE AREA DESIGNATED ON SAID MAP AS LOT 16R AND/OR JOINT PERMANENT RECORDED EASEMENT AS THE OWNER OF THE LOT HERE CONVEYED MAY BE ENTITLED TO AS SUCH LOT OWNER AND AS A MEMBER OF THE BELLE VISTA HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, AND OTHER CONDITIONS SHOWN OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO MAP BOOK 78S, PAGE 26.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2026 BELLE TERRA RD, 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): KATHERINE A. KYLE
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Belle Vista Home Owner's Association The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 2013, executed by CLAUDE W. ROBERTS, conveying certain real property therein described to MARK ROSSER, as Trustee, as same appears

of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 24, 2016, at Instrument Number 201602240048964; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 26, 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:

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOCATED AND BEING SITUATED IN THE EIGHTH (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF COX LANE WITH SINKING SPRINGS ROAD; THENCE, FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT AND WITH THE EASTERLY MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SINKING SPRINGS ROAD, SOUTH 81 DEGREES, 16 MINUTES EAST 94.88 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES, 43 MINUTES EAST 296.71 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES, 55 MINUTES EAST 43.47 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES, 02 MINUTES EAST 88.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, LEAVING SINKING SPRINGS ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 23 MINUTES EAST 76.21 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES, 50 MINUTES WEST 345.79 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES WEST 264.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF HINDS SURVEYING, DATED DECEMBER 31, 1986.

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CURRENT OWNER(S): CLAUDE W. ROBERTS
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 25, 2017 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by LINDA SHAVER AND LANDEN SHAVER, to FNC TITLE SERVICES, LLC, Trustee, on March 9, 2015, as Instrument No. 201503200050397 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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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:

All the following described premises situate in the 6th civil district of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, and being all of Lot 17, Block M, Unit 8, Stoncrest Subdivision, as shown in map book 65S page 82 (now cabinet E slide 254C) in the Register's Office of for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which map specific reference is made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed unto Linda Short Shaver, Individually, by QuitClaim Deed from Linda Short Shaver, as the Personal Representative of The Estate of Peggy M. Short, dated December 26, 2012, recorded January 7, 2013, as Instrument No. 201301070044455.

ALSO BEING the same property conveyed

unto Peggy M. Short, by Warranty Deed from Forest INC of Knoxville, dated September 12, 1983, recorded September 13, 1983, as/in Book 1797, Page 29.

The Property address and tax parcel identification number listed are provided solely for informational purposes, without warranty as to accuracy or completeness and are not hereby insured.

Property Address: **340 Oran Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934**
Tax ID: 131PH017
Current Owner(s) of Property: **LINDA SHAVER AND LANDEN SHAVER**

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **340 Oran Road, Knoxville, TN 37934**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 355117 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. 56711433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that it 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 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 26, 2006, executed by NORMAN G. GOODRICH, KATHY J. GREEN, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 31, 2006, at Instrument Number 200605310100329;

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

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, 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:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATE IN THE SIXTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT OF WAY OF LACY ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING DISTANT IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, 1750 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE INTERSECTION OF SAID LACY ROAD AND THE CENTERLINE OF KECK ROAD IF PROJECTED TO THE SAME; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING IRON PIN ALONG THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT OF WAY OF LACY ROAD, SOUTH 41 DEG. 43 MIN. 25 SECONDS EAST 118.42 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO LOT 2; THENCE LEAVING LACY

ROAD AND ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF LOT 2, SOUTH 53 DEG. 25 MIN. WEST 368.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE BOUNDARY OF TRACT 2; THENCE ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF TRACT 2, NORTH 41 DEG. 00 MIN. WEST 118.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 53 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 366.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT OF WAY OF LACY ROAD, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ONE (1) ACRE, MORE OR LESS; AND BEING ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WILLIAM L. CLARK, SURVEYOR, DATED 18 APRIL 1985.

Parcel ID: 068 032
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6211 LACY RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): NORMAN G. GOODRICH, KATHY J. GREEN

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated 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 201608230019431);

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 LKX 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 100.28 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 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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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 19, 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 DAVID KAVANAUGH AND LELANA ASBRAND, to LINCOLN TITLE, Trustee, on June 10, 2014, as Instrument No. 201406120070198 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: NATIONAL BANK OF KANSAS CITY

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:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATED in district number (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 No. 33, Wood Harbour Subdivision, Unit 3, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet K, Slide 245-D, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot and also according to the survey of Michael B. Luetheke, TN RLS No. 842, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated March 12, 1996 and bearing drawing No. 96099.

Being the same property conveyed to David Kavanaugh and Lelana Asbrand, husband and wife by deed from Michael P Miller and wife Ann L Miller dated June 11, 2014 and recorded 6/12/2014 as instrument number 201406120070197 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Purported Address: 10912 Twin Harbour Drive, Knoxville TN 37934
Tax ID: 143NE-033

Current Owner(s) of Property: DAVID KAVANAUGH AND LELANA ASBRAND

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **10912 Twin Harbour Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934**, 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 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. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
MWZM File No. 16-000057-391

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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 Parties: 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

UT Professor: Top Three Nutrition Tips for the New Year

“Stop worrying about things not to eat and focus on a positive mindset of what you should eat.”

That’s the New Year’s resolution advice Lee Murphy, professor of nutrition at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is telling everyone this year.

“People often think of resolutions as eating less of something or cutting it out altogether, but I think it’s more fun and realistic to try and think positively about food,” she said.

Here are Murphy’s top three nutrition tips for the New Year:

MORE WATER. Dehydration can occur quickly and

result in headaches, lethargy and crankiness. Drink water throughout the day and aim for approximately half an ounce to one ounce of water for each pound you weigh. For example, a 150-pound person would need between 75 and 150 ounces of water per day.

MORE FRUITS AND VEG- GIES. A healthy goal includes at least two fruit servings and three vegetable servings daily. Visit a local farmers market or grocery and stock up on fresh foods in season with a variety of color.

MORE DIETARY FIBER. High-fiber foods have heart-health benefits,

control blood sugar and help other food move through the digestive tract for healthy elimination.

“These are all things we need more of,” said Murphy. “It can be challenging to stay well throughout the year, but incorporating these three things into your diet will help your body function properly, prevent sickness and simply make you feel better overall.”

Murphy adds that getting 60 minutes of some type of physical activity each day is important for the mind, body and soul.

Diabetes Management Series

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with diabetes. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. and the eighth leading cause of death in Knox County. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if current trends continue, as many as 1 out of 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by 2050.

Due to the prevalence of the disease, KCHD also administers several prevention programs aimed at reducing diabetes rates, including the Nutrition Education Activity Training (N.E.A.T.) after-school program, the walking school bus program, worksite wellness initiatives, breastfeeding promotion and advocacy, community engagement programs, and others.

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