

Board of Education Approves Two Superintendent Candidates

By Pete Gawda

With little discussion at their meeting on Wednesday evening the Knox County Board of Education readily approved Knox County Assistant Superintendent Bob Thomas and current Hamblen County Superintendent Dale Lynch for consideration for superintendent. But it seems some board members felt there should be a third choice.

Search committee chair Amber Rountree said the previous day her committee reviewed the six finalists in alphabetical order and looked at their good qualities. She said they looked particularly at their experience in managing a large number of personnel and in planning large budgets.

She said both finalists met those two requirements and both have extensive experience in public education.

Board member Terry Hill first brought up the idea of a third candidate, beginning a lengthy discussion. She said she became concerned when this unnamed third candidate was rejected in the previous day's search committee meeting. "Eliminating this candidate may not be in the best interest of the board." She did not want any perception the committee was not transparent and fair. While she and several other speakers did not mention a name, it soon became obvious who they were taking about.

It was search committee member Tony Norman who first mentioned the name, Jon Rysewyk.

"I just don't feel comfortable with him as our superintendent at this time," Norman said of Rysewyk, adding, "He is a great guy. I like him."

Gloria Deathridge said Rysewyk met all the criteria established by the board for superintendent candidates.

Rountree said the committee thought it would be an ideal situation for Rysewyk to continue in his present position as interim chief academic officer. She added that he has the qualities to be a superintendent one day.

As for the number of personnel supervised Hill said

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County Commission

Commission honors Jack Huddleston



Former Commissioner Jack Huddleston was honored last week by the Knox County Commission for his public service and securing funding for a much needed traffic light in the Gibbs Community. Huddleston and his wife, Joyce, were joined during the presentation by Commissioner David Wright, right.

School system announces proposed rezoning plan

By Pete Gawda

The long-awaited preliminary school rezoning plan is now available for public comment. Not only does the plan set attendance zones for the new Hardin Valley and Gibbs middle schools, it also adjusts the zones for Farragut, Karns, Holston, Carter, Vine and South-Doyle Middle Schools.

At least two school board members expressed approval of the proposed rezoning shortly after it was announced.

"It is clear Knox County Schools made a good faith effort to listen to the people," was the opinion of Terry Hill, whose district includes Ball Camp Elementary School, Hardin Valley Elementary School and Hardin Valley Academy.

Gloria Deathridge, whose district includes Holston Middle School and Vine Middle Magnet, said she has received no negative comments on the proposed zoning. She was especially pleased that some long bus rides have been eliminated.

The new Hardin Valley Middle School zone would include all of the existing Hardin Valley Elementary zone and a portion of Ball Camp Elementary zone east of Pellissippi Parkway and north of Lovell Road. It would also include all the current Farragut Middle School zone north of I-40, west of Pellissippi Parkway, north of Kingston Pike and east of Lovell Road.

The new Hardin Valley Middle School would have an estimated enrollment of 850. Farragut Middle School enrollment is projected to drop from 1,436 to 1,300.

About 500 students in the current Gibbs and Corryton Elementary School zones would go to the new Gibbs Middle School.

One of the major concerns expressed by parents at the public forums, students crossing a river twice daily on school buses, was addressed.

Most students who live north of the Tennessee River and are currently zoned to South-Doyle Middle would be rezoned to attend Vine Middle School. Parts of the current Carter and Holston Middle School zones would also be rezoned to

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Closing of Lovelace Road Denied

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What began as a plea from residents near the end of Lovelace Road, which dead-ends at Melton Hill Lake, ended last week when the Knox County Commission voted unanimously to leave the narrow road open to the public.

Some residents have complained about illegal behavior and disturbances near the end of the road. Other area residents said they needed the road to remain open so they could access the lake and launch their boats. If closed the nearest boat launch would have been miles away from the neighborhood.

The requested closure, some 1300 feet of road before its ending at the lake, was denied primarily because the Tennessee Valley Authority owns the adjacent land and probably half of the roadway.

Commissioner Brad Anders

made the motion to deny and Commissioner Hugh Nystrom noted that TVA would have to approve any closure of the route.

State Bills

The commissioners also discussed several pieces of legislation that are being introduced in the state house and senate.

Commissioner Charles Busler mentioned a bill regulating Bed and Breakfast lodging that would prohibit local governments from taxing that growing temporary lodging business.

"The state wants to control it and it should be local zoning in our own county," Busler said.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker said that Senator Becky Duncan Massey has a bill that would require a special Red Bar imprinted differently on driver licenses issued to people too young to buy beer. Massey's bill would require under-age drivers

to be given a license printed vertically with a red bar across the edge.

Schoonmaker also complained that the current Presidential Primary ballots used in Knox County should have the party candidates first, all the other candidates below that and the selection of presidential convention delegates at the bottom. Schoonmaker suggested that some people may not want to select delegates.

Chairman David Wright noted that Senator Richard Briggs has introduced a bill that would create a Domestic Abuse Magistrate for Knox County.

The Manor

Teresa Lawson, Supportive Services Coordinator for The Manor at Northgate, spoke to the county commission last week about affordable independent living for disadvantaged senior citizens. The Manor at

Northgate is unique to Knox County in that the "high rise" apartment complex at 4301 Whittle Springs Road supplies living for seniors 60 and older who cannot afford to live elsewhere. Lawson said The Manor, part of KCDC housing, is the only such program in the state.

She said that more than 10,000 people will turn 65 every day and that although the facility only charges 30% of an individual's monthly income, some residents can't afford that amount.

"I just want to make sure you are aware of us and don't forget about us," Lawson said.

Commissioner Michelle Carlinger recognized The Manor's effort and said that several other groups, including the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association, help out there.



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A bailiff is a court officer who is often a retired



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policeman or security officer who is charged with keeping order in the courtroom. They will make announcements at the beginning of court for everyone to pay

attention and turn off your cell phones. They will ask everyone to stand when the judge is entering and leaving the courtroom. They will hand documents

from the lawyers to the judge. They will swear in witnesses, and they will handcuff individuals who the judge orders be taken in to custody.

Probably most important, if you are in the audience and have a question about whether you are in the right courtroom or anything else, the bailiff is the person most likely to know the answer to your question.

It is always a good idea to get on the bailiff's good side if at all possible

because they may be able to get your case heard earlier or help you in locating the courtroom or office that you need to find.

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Vine Middle. Students who reside west of the Holston River and are not part of the rezoning to Vine Middle School would be rezoned to Holston Middle School.

The new Gibbs Middle School would have an estimated enrollment of 500. The estimated attendance at South-Doyle Middle would drop from 989 to 850. The attendance at Vine Middle would increase from 333 to 550. Carter

Middle would drop from 828 to 650 while Holston Middle School attendance would drop from 874 to 575.

A more detailed description of the proposed rezoning as well as maps can be found at www.knoxschools.com.

A liberal "grandfather" principle has been instituted which would allow students who have been rezoned and their young siblings to remain at their current school.

Thomas and Lynch are finalists for superintendent

By Pete Gawda

At their meeting last Tuesday morning the superintendent search committee narrowed the list of applicants for Knox County Superintendent of Schools down to Bob Thomas, currently assistant Knox County superintendent and Dale Lynch, currently superintendent of schools for Hamblen County in Morristown. These two names were to be presented to the board of education at their meeting on March 1st. Assuming both nominees are approved at that meeting, one of them will be elected Knox County Superintendent of Schools at a special meeting at 3 p.m. on March 20.

While the committee members were in agreement as to the top two candidates, the other local candidate, Jon Rysewyk, interim chief academic officer for Knox County Schools came in a strong third. However committee members felt he was doing a great job in his present position and should remain there.

"He understands people in the system," Tony Norman said of Thomas. "The breadth of his experience is stunning."

"What you see with Bob (Thomas) is what you get," was the opinion of committee chair Amber Rountree. She also called him a great listener. "He speaks the truth in love," she added. "I think he genuinely cares about our system."

"Fundamentally, he's got the experience. In all categories I think he did a good job," was Norman's opinion of Lynch.

Rountree called Lynch "a consensus builder." She went on to say, "He has been a champion for public education. He embodies what we are looking for in a leader."

Susan Horn added that Lynch has experience with budgets and personnel.

"They all had features that would make them a great leaders," Rountree said of the candidates.

"I think this committee has enacted in the matter required of the board," asserted Rountree. "We have been transparent."

Commission honors Larry Kendall Graham



The late Larry Kendall Graham was memorialized last week in a presentation by the Knox County Commission. Commissioner Charles Busler made the presentation to Graham's wife, Caroline, for 40 years of service as a teacher, coach and inspiration to his students. The presentation was attended by his family.

Superintendent search committee defends its actions

By Pete Gawda

Things got lively at last Monday's work session of the Knox County Board of Education as the superintendent search committee was forced defend its actions. Also during Monday's work session, the interim superintendent announced the completion of the preliminary rezoning report.

The superintendent search committee took some heat from other board members for not having a definite rating system or rubric to select superintendent candidates. Committee Chair Amber Rountree said she is hesitant to constrain board members to a rubric. She said the intangibles are often what defines a superintendent and added that at the previous week's meeting, committee members discussed the key areas they would focus on. She is looking for a "servant leader."

Gary Dupler, deputy law director, warned that the information from the psychological testing administered to the applicants cannot be divulged in a rubric system

which would have to be made public.

Board member Mike McMillan expressed the opinion that the other board members should know the criteria the committee used to derive their selections. He thought there should be some kind of definite scoring system. He compared the situation to a class of students where two may be promoted but they have received no grades. He said he didn't think this was right even though he did not think anyone was hiding anything.

Board member Lynne Fugate agreed. She wondered how the process could be transparent if the board members did not know the weight the committee members put on each item used to evaluate applicants. She noted that if a search organization were used, they would know the rubric used.

Rountree said her committee went through the list and had lengthy discussions about the good traits of each applicant. She said a rubric would muddy the waters. "I think we acted in good faith,"

she added.

"We just basically agreed on everything," asserted committee member Tony Norman.

"We are going to agree to disagree," said McMillan, who wanted to attach numbers to evaluating traits. "I think the public expects a little bit more out of something as important as this."

Susan Horn, another member of the committee, reminded the board that they did not want a number attached to teacher evaluations. By the same reasoning she was not in favor of a numbered ranking system for superintendent applicants.

"It doesn't matter if you make a rubric or not," said Norman. "It is still a subjective process. This is a judgment call. I trust this board in total to make the right judgment."

Board member Patti Bounds offered the opinion that it was unfair to ask the committee at this late date to develop a rubric.

Turning to other matters, Interim Superintendent Buzz

Thomas announced, without going into detail, that the preliminary rezoning plan was completed and is available at knoxschools.org.

"We were very intentional about two things," Thomas said. "Listening to the public and doing what they asked."

Thomas thanked Russ Oaks, chief operating officer, and Rick Grubb, administration director, for the tremendous job they did on this project.

Thomas also announced that Pre-K applications will be available March 1 and those applications could be turned in during Pre-K round ups at selected school sites April 3 to 11.

Fugate informed the meeting of the board policy on dress codes that she was proposing to revise. She was offering revisions that would ensure the policy was equally enforced for boys as well as girls and that facility and staff are held to the same standard of dress. The policy change was scheduled for its first reading at the school board meeting on March 1.


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Governor Haslam's 33% Gas Tax Hike

Diesel fuel tax would increase 70%



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As you've read here many times, the Knoxville News Sentinel is utterly predictable. The News Sentinel has never seen a new tax or an existing tax increase that they didn't like. So, the Sentinel surprised no one when it proclaimed Governor Bill Haslam's proposal to increase the gasoline tax was "reasonable" and "fair." Another Gannett newspaper, the Nashville

Tennessean, hailed the gas tax hike as "bold" and "responsible." I beg to differ. While it is certainly "bold," I would also call it "huge." The gasoline tax is supposed to be a "dedicated" tax, meaning it can be spent only on roads, infrastructure, etc., yet the Tennessee General Assembly in past years found ways to raid it when they needed money for other things. There's not a reason in the world to believe that won't happen again should the desire for more money become pressing. As we all know, there are numerous groups asking the legislature for more and more money every year. If all of this was not bad enough, the governor has added an amendment to the bill to throw the doors wide open to allow city and county governments to raise the

sales tax, the property tax and virtually every tax known to mankind through local referendums. As you can readily see, the bill is a veritable cornucopia of tax hikes. Furthermore, while the governor describes the tax increase in term of pennies, it is a 33% increase in the existing gas tax. The proposed tax increase for diesel fuel is more than 70%. Unfortunately, that's not the worst aspect of the proposed gas tax hikes. The governor, and this is certainly "bold," proposes to link the tax hike to the Consumer Price Index, which means it could go up every year. Governor Haslam and his gas tax increase supporters will tell you that linking the tax hike to the Consumer Price Index merely allows the tax to "keep up with inflation," as the Sentinel

did, but what it really means is an automatic increase as inflation goes up. Basically, the tax will rise along with the price of milk, bread, food, and household goods. What may NOT go up is your paycheck. How many working folks receive pay raises as inflation rises? None that I know of. When inflation goes up, our dollars buy less, so the governor proposes to hook a tax to an index that is surely to rise. Wow! Theoretically, the index could go down, but that's about as likely as Hillary Clinton turning down a speaking fee. This year Tennessee is projected to have a surplus of about \$2 billion and President Donald Trump is proposing to spend \$1 trillion on infrastructure across the country. State Representative Jason Zachary has already

introduced an alternative bill taking some of the surplus to begin work on some pending road projects. I understand there are a few other legislators sponsoring similar alternative bills in Nashville. It seems prudent to wait and see what, if anything, the President and Congress might do and what Tennessee's share might amount to before attaching a higher tax to a kite and seeing how high it can fly. The argument that we should increase fuel taxes because they hasn't been raised since 1989 is odd to me. In my opinion, simply because a tax hasn't been raised in a while, doesn't that mean it's time to raise it again. At the same time, the governor proposes some very modest tax cuts, including a reduction in the sales tax on food

from 5% to 4.5%. Do you suppose you will feel that cut to the same extent you feel the increase in the gasoline tax? Nor do any of us believe that gasoline will remain at its current relatively low price. It never does and many of us can easily recall when it was approaching \$5.00 per gallon. Furthermore, the 70% tax increase on diesel fuel will increase the cost of transporting goods, which in turn always increases the cost of those same goods to consumers. Indexing a tax is a truly terrible idea; imagine if your mortgage payment or rent was indexed, how long do you suppose you'd have a place to live? If you think the governor's gas tax hike is a bad idea, you can find and contact your legislators at capitol.tn.gov.

9/11 Tribute Center honors Bearden Middle teacher

Every year, the 9/11 Tribute Center honors teachers who create exemplary projects that guide students to understand the historical and humanitarian impact of September 11, 2001 and Feb. 26, 1993. The center makes it a priority to collect, reward and share the creativity and commitment of teachers that have engaged students in unique projects that focus on historical and humanitarian aspects of 9/11 history, making the lessons of 9/11 tangible to

children too young to remember. This year, former New York City Police lieutenant and current Bearden Middle School teacher Stephen Shedden, along with BMS art teacher Michael Weininger, have been recognized for his project's ability to enable students to experience 9/11 as a lesson in civic engagement using language arts, civics, visual and media arts and community service in which students research,

discuss, analyze and try to understand 9/11. As such, he will receive a monetary gift for his school and a Certificate of Merit at a formal ceremony held at the 9/11 Tribute Center in New York City. Each gift is donated by a 9/11 family foundation. The awards are presented by a Regent of the New York State Education Department. The ceremony took place on Feb. 26, in tribute to the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993.



Pictured at last week's board of education meeting are Bearden Middle School's Michael Weininger and Stephen Shedden.

Are fines for illegal sales to minors too low?

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Are the fines for selling beer to minors in Knoxville too low? Rob Frost, city council attorney, is looking at surrounding counties and comparing fines and will report back to the Knoxville Beer Board with his findings. The city is also looking at requiring a "plan of action" by beer permit applicants that would be a checklist of how to check a driver's license. It is a continuing and growing problem in both the city and the county as both jurisdictions look for ways to curb the illegal sales. During the city's beer board


meeting Tuesday Chairwoman Brenda Palmer told The Focus that it is surprising that many of the violations occur inside restaurants. While many are at convenience stores, a large number are not. Some of the illegal sales over the past few months have occurred at places like Bonefish Grill, Applebee's, Bistro by the Tracks and Bravo Cucina Italiana. Those restaurants appeared before the board last week to report their progress. A spokesman for Applebee's said the employee that sold the beer to a minor had 23 years as an employee

but was fired. The current law in the city fines the owner of the business and not the employee. Another restaurant owner reported that a 48-day suspension and a fine resulted in a loss of \$38,000 in sales and a 25% downturn in overall business. New applicants for a beer permit included the Dogwoods Arts Festival, East Tennessee Kidney Foundation, Merchants of Beer, Pinnacle Theatre, the Clarion Hotel, The Plaid Apron and Beer, Bourbon and Barbeque. The Clarion applicant asked for a postponement on the application explaining that the company has

purchased the Days Inn on Central Avenue Pike and is remodeling and adding a restaurant. Pour Tap Room's application for self-serve beer was deferred until the board's March 28th meeting. Attorney Frost said the city is meeting with the proposed pub to "craft an ordinance" and added that Police Chief David Rausch is involved in the reviewing of new rules to permit or limit how customers may

draw their own beer. "We hope to have something in the next two weeks," Frost said. "Our

goal is to have something the board, the police department and the law department can live with."



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One of the homeless camp sites in Halls was a picnic table covered with plastic where someone slept beneath the table. A stolen "No Trespassing" sign hangs in the bushes deep inside the illegal squatters camp.

Homeless Camp Cleaned Up in Halls

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You may ask yourself, "How can people live like that?"

Just behind several businesses in Halls you find something you don't expect, a littered homeless camp. Normally you'd think of the random camps for street people as a downtown Knoxville problem. Yet here and there outside the city the homeless find places away from view to set up camp.

Behind O'Reilly's Auto Parts and Walgreen's Pharmacy, north of Crippen Road, is a large overgrown lot of several acres with paths cutting through the brush and into the trees. The access road behind both businesses was littered heavily with food wrappers and cans.

Several camp sites were in the woods, some with plastic sheets used for shelter, one with plastic covering a picnic table beneath which someone had slept, and another site with wood pallets standing end on end to form a little room. One site had what looked like a new plastic cooler with a bike helmet inside.

Just across the knoll there was a camping tent with a bedroll, empty pizza box, and some personal clothing inside.

The camp seemed abandoned last week when a truck arrived from the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Deputy

Walter Brogdon directed the half-dozen prisoners he had brought, mostly young men with charges like DUI, to begin cleaning up the access road. The men began at one end and worked their way down the road and then into the campsites.

Deputy J.H. Wright walked into the site conducting a tour of the camp and the cleanup crew continued hauling things out in bags and throwing it onto the trailer behind the truck.

Deputy Wright said that the homeless seek out wooded areas here and there in the county and especially in the area of Cedar Bluff and Campbell Station Road. He said they hold up signs to beg for money and may do some dumpster diving behind restaurants where discarded food may be found.

"They move into patches like this," he said.

Wright said he doesn't know who the latest inhabitant was that was living in a tent behind Elder's Ace Hardware but that he had hoped to encounter him and "offer him some services."

"I don't want people to think we're just hard core law enforcement and if you're here we're going to run you out. CAC provides services for homeless people but many of them don't take advantage of those services," Deputy Wright said.

Safety Center Opponents Fill Meeting

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It has been a long and bumpy road but as the idea of a Safety Center for mentally ill public offenders is within site there's another obstacle: community reaction.

With \$1.5 million for each of two years that may be coming to Knox County from the state, a county and city commitment for funding, and a facility already selected for a Behavior Health Urgent Care Center just off Western Avenue at 3343 Dewine Road, community objection appears to be growing.

The Public Hearing on the issue Thursday evening continued to see strong questions and objection from many neighborhood residents. Some accused the county, city, sheriff's department and attorney general of trying to "shame them" into accepting the facility.

Despite reassurances from the sheriff's office and the director of Helen Ross McNabb Center that clients would be taken to and from there by officers and not released during a three-day stay, residents were not satisfied.

The repeated complaint is that the "Safety Center" isn't suitable for a residential neighborhood. The proponents are supporting converting a former church, next to the McNabb Center just off Western Avenue. McNabb Center Director Jerry Vagnier, Sheriff J. J. Jones, District Attorney General Charme Allen, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Knoxville Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons all addressed a packed meeting at Cumberland Baptist Church on Western Avenue. The idea was to explain the proposed facility, how non-violent offenders would be processed and housed, and to ease fears of the surrounding neighbors. The sheriff told the audience that none of the patients, when discharged, would be released at the facility but would be taken "downtown" or to their family homes to be released.

The public comment session got aggressive and loud at times, one resident interrupting a women who



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Former Commissioner Mike Brown (left) chats with Commissioner Carson Dailey during the Safety Center hearing. Brown, a long supporter of a treatment facility, spearheaded a committee to promote creation of the center.

supports the facility and there were charges that the public meetings were heavy-handed and a "slap in the face."

When the attorney general spoke about who would be admitted to the facility she was questioned about other violent offenders who might be housed there for the three day detox period. She said that families or courts could place offenders there while normally law enforcement officers would decide if a person should be admitted.

She said that most patients in the proposed 24 bed facility would be low level misdemeanor offenders, such as pan handlers. She also said that people referred to the center after family charges against them would be reviewed before being admitted or turned down.

Vagnier said the McNabb Center there already houses 40 volunteer patients in the current facility and said the new facility, which could take up to \$2 million to completely renovate, would be totally secure. He also said that the McNabb Center will be asking the Metropolitan Planning Commission for a "Use on Review" decision to permit the detox center.

The Sheriff's Department is also planning to house a Sheriff's Substation at the location.

Several citizens questioned if a three-day stay could adequately treat drug or alcohol addiction and Vagnier said that the program would include discharge plans that would include case management to get people back in their community, working with other agencies and organizations and help with permanent housing. Families of the patients could also visit and get included in the treatment.

Some local residents suggested other locations for the facility including the former St. Mary's Hospital or other available locations closer to downtown Knoxville.

Vivian Shipe, a long-time proponent of such a treatment center, related a story about a family member who, after repeatedly being arrested, finally got treatment and has rejoined society.

Questioned about an age limit for patients there Vagnier said the facility would be for adults only. He said there is a "tremendous need" in the community for teen addiction but there is no facility to treat them.

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that Lynch actually supervised fewer personnel than Rysewyk since Hamblen County has fewer students than Knox County.

"It sounds like people have made up their minds who they want and adding a third candidate is a moot point," asserted board member Lynn Fugate. "I would like for us not to be so firm in our opinions at this point."

The motion to add Rysewyk to the list of nominees

was defeated by a vote of 4 yes votes and 5 no. Deathridge, Horn, Fugate and Hill voted in favor of considering Rysewyk.

The board will interview the two candidates on March 6. The public can question the two candidates at two separate forums to be held at West High School at 5:30 and 7 p.m. on March 7. Then a special board meeting will be held March 20 at 3 p.m. to select a new

superintendent from the two candidates.

Turning to other business, a number of miscellaneous amended board policies passed their first reading and other amended policies went into effect due to their approval on the second reading.

During the public forum several teachers, citizens and students spoke against proposed cuts to personnel at some of the schools. Each speaker drew a round

of applause from the audience.

Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas responded by stating that the school system has a staffing formula and it is not fun to tell a school they will lose personnel. He said the formula was applied equally to all schools.

"I do want you to know we are hearing you and pushing resources into the schools that need them," Thomas said.

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An Old City Trolley Ride

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville Trolley was parked in front of the City-County Building when I boarded one morning to find that I was the only passenger. The driver, who simply identified herself as Lilly, walked behind the Trolley and asked an illegal parker there to move along. She pulled onto Main Street and turned left on Gay, passing the iconic businesses there in the theatre district. One passenger got on and we rolled on to take a right on Summit and down to Central.

We passed the unique old diner there, soon to be the home of a brewery, and then through the Old City. That early in the morning few of the businesses were open and no one exited or entered the trolley.

Lilly pulled off at one point, to wait for her schedule to catch up, under the interstate bridge at the Old City parking lot. Then she resumed her drive back through the Old City and up Summit, where a few other passengers boarded. By then there were about five passengers.

She turned right, up the hill, and

wound her way to Summit Towers. Changes in transit routes cut back on quarterly-hour stops at the apartment complex and some had complained about that action. A shelter for those residents has been promised and a stop downhill at Summit proposed, but thus far nothing has been done.

The half-dozen residents waiting for the trolley there were mostly elderly, with one man in a motorized wheel chair.

"You're going to have to move," she said, asking two of us to make way for the wheelchair. She dropped the lift and he drove the wheelchair into position, where Lilly trapped the chair in securely.

Once aboard, he told the driver that getting to the trolley from the towers was difficult because someone had cut a ditch there.

She chatted with him briefly and drove back down the winding street to Summit Hill Drive. A few people exited the trolley and she turned left on Locust Street, past the UT Conference Center and continued on to Main. Turning left there and preparing to complete her 20-minute route she

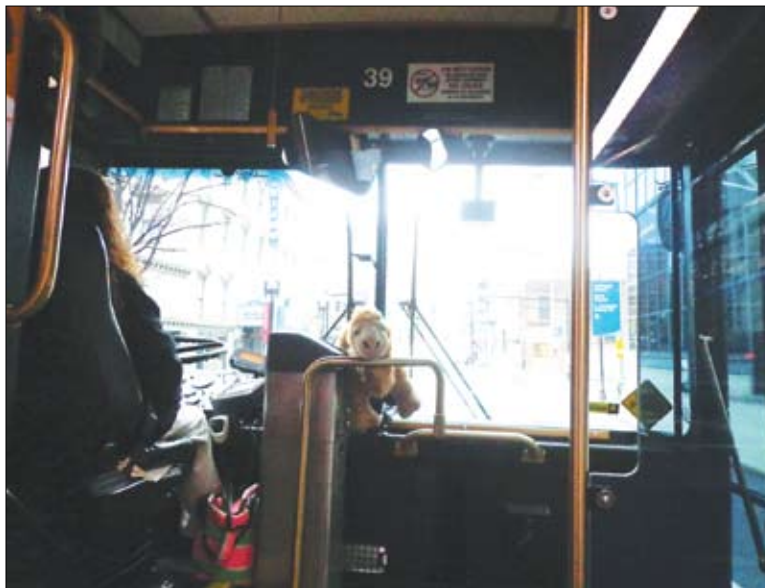


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The Old City Trolley left the City-County Building almost empty, went through Old City with few passengers, and picked up a half-dozen seniors at Summit Towers. The trolley driver was professional and courteous with everyone and assisted a passenger in a wheelchair.

had to honk at another private car parked in the trolley and bus slots in front of the City-County Building.

As half a dozen passengers left, I went to her and told her she did a great job with the route and the care of her passengers. She seemed embarrassed.

The notable part of the trip that stood out to me was the absence of passengers on the way to the Old City and the number of people who boarded at Summit Towers. The morning was damp from an overnight rain and I could imagine those elderly people standing and waiting without a shelter.



From State Representative
Harry Brooks

Last week in Nashville, House members moved forward with legislation to provide additional support to East Tennessee families that had property damaged by wildfires that swept through Sevier County and surrounding areas last November. The bill calls for prorating the 2016 tax assessment for a homeowner's real property or a business owner's personal property, if it sustained damage from the Federal Emergency Management Agency certified disaster area last year. If the tax computed for the 2016 tax year has already been paid by the property owner prior to proration, he or she would receive a refund under the new law.

On Tuesday, Governor Haslam announced that South Korean appliance maker LG Electronics Inc. has selected a location near Clarksville, TN to open their first washing machine factory in the United States. The \$250 million, 800,000+ square-foot manufacturing facility is expected to bring over 500 jobs in its first phase alone. By 2019, the company plans to manufacture the vast majority of their home washing appliances for their U.S. market at the new Montgomery County location. Tuesday's formal announcement further cements Tennessee's growing business partnership with South Korea.

Also on Tuesday, the General Assembly joined the Red Cross in hosting a blood drive at the Legislative Plaza. While my schedule prevented me from donating, members of my staff were able to contribute to the great work the Red Cross is doing in our state and around the world. A single donation can save up to three lives, and the need is constant. I would like to encourage everyone

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Twenty-two Workshops at Neighborhood Conference

By Mike Steely
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Next Saturday there will be lots going on at the Knoxville Neighborhood Conference with twenty-two or more workshops being planned. The event is free to the public but you must register by Tuesday for the free continental breakfast, free lunch and printed name tag.

The annual event, held at the Knoxville Convention Center, draws hundreds of people from across the city and county; some are neighborhood activists within organizations and others are homeowners and citizens interested in safe and controlled neighborhoods.

Kicking off at 7:30 a.m. the event will last until 2:30 and include welcome addresses by both the Knoxville and Knox County Mayor. You'll find more than 80 booths sponsored by public and government agencies.

You can check the internet for registration and further details at www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods.

Workshops include How Local Government Works in a Youth Workshop, Neighborhood Umbrella Groups, How to Save on Your Utility Bill, Creating Placemaking, How to Build your Neighborhood Organization, Youth Recreation Opportunities, Legal Issues for Homeowner Associations, Pets, Wildlife and Nuisance Animals and How to Run for City Council.

There are also workshops on Understanding the City Budget, Zoning and Why You Should Care, Communication Strategies, When a Neighborhood Needs Help, Fighting Blight, Diversity Matters: Finding Common Ground, How to get Involved with Local Schools, Homelessness in Knoxville, Fighting Crime, Walkability, Funding Resources for Neighborhood Groups, and Creative Event Making.

You can get a hard copy of the Workshop Descriptions by registering online or calling Inas Al-Sarmad at (865)215-2113.

City Council

Boutique for Fountain City denied

By Mike Steely
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An appeal by a Fountain City couple, Danny and Kelli Jobe, to rezone a home at 105 Forestal Drive was turned down Tuesday in a vote by the Knoxville City Council.

The Jobes appeared before the council and said that the wife has operated a beauty salon in Fountain City for 16 years and the shop has outgrown its space and needs the home to operate a boutique. Their request before the planning commission was denied and they were turning to the council for help.

Kelli Jobe told the council the small home has been empty for more than 10 years and is almost surrounded by commercial property. In order to have the MPC decision overturned the One Year Plan there would need to be changed but if denied, which it was, the couple's request to change from a Residential (R-2) zone to a Commercial (C-3) had to be approved.

The council voted unanimously to deny the change although the Jobes said they had the signatures of all but one neighbor and from all the commercial businesses nearby.

Two Fountain City Towne Hall members spoke against the change. Carlene Malone cited three reasons why the request should be denied including that the change would "destabilize the entire block." She also said that affordable housing is needed in the neighborhood.

Charlotte Davis said allowing a business there would create "a domino effect."

Kelli Jobe said she would compromise for a C-1 zone instead of a C-3 but that suggestion wasn't considered.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe said the decision was "a tough one" and although the house was next door to commercial property, a change would be "chipping away at a residential neighborhood." He said that the council needed to stick to

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Liar, liar

At some point in this country's existence, things turned upside down. Black became white, up became down, and lies became alternative truths. The last one listed is something



By Joe Rector
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with which all of us have lived and in which we have participated during our lifetimes.

Most of us grew up in households where lying was a major offense by a child. Moms and dads taught us to tell the truth at all times. Some children learned that the road to hell was paved with lies by young folks. In short, we were scared to death to tell a lie and shivered with fear if we were

caught doing so.

If a child told a whopper and then was caught by his parents, the punishments were horrific. Sometimes, a parent would reward a lie by administering a spanking. The

entire time that the child ran in a circle to avoid the swats to his fanny, he was regretting the way he distorted the truth. The pain from the spanking paled in comparison to the little one's embarrassment over having lied or having lost his parent's trust.

On some occasions, moms decided to clean up the lying mouths of their offspring. They marched the offenders to the bathroom

and stationed them by the sink. Washrags were soaked with water, and then Dial soap was lathered to the surfaces. With rags filled with suds, moms demanded their children to open their mouths, and they proceeded to wash teeth, gums, and tongues in symbolic gestures of removing the untruths from the mouths of babes. The after-taste often was enough to set tiny stomachs on edge to the point of throwing up. It also stopped the lying, at least until the memory of the terrible taste subsided.

Another punishment for being less than truthful was grounding. A convicted liar was confined to his room or to the house for an extended period of time. During that entire time of

imprisonment, tensions ran high; children were angry for being stuck at home without friends, television, radio, or computers; parents were miserable as they endured the whining and fit throwing by their children. The hope was that young people would think twice before lying so that they could return to their lives and spare parents of any more agony.

Perhaps the worst punishment for lying was the parental lecture. A guilty child was summoned before his parents and quizzed about his reasons for lying. After a half dozen statements of "I don't know," mom and dad teamed and talked to the young person. Preaching might have been a better term for what took place,

and invariably, at some point in this long-winded speech came the most dreaded line of all: "We are disappointed in you." The offender had no comeback for it, and parents never let him know when and if the disappointment ended. A quick beating was preferable to the lecture because although it hurt, the whole matter was over and done in short order.

Most of us learned our lessons about lying, not that we stopped doing it, but we did a better job of not getting caught. However, some folks never have gotten the hang of lying. They continue to tell outrageous tales and profess that those fabrications are true.

Folks in the government are most proficient in lying. Politicians peddle loads of

them to constituents without blinking an eye. The most infuriating thing is they think all of us believe the lies they tell. The truth is that some of us actually have working minds that have built-in "BS" detectors; we recognize when a person is shoveling loads of it in an attempt to pervert the truth.

Lying sometimes is acceptable, such as when doing so spares another's feelings. The majority of the time, however, fibs aren't necessary. The truth serves us better in the long run. Everyone, especially our leaders, should work to end the intentionally false statements that are presented as gospel. It's just not worthwhile in the long run.

Harry Brooks

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eligible to contact their local Red Cross and consider making a difference with a blood or plasma donation.

On Wednesday, HB0534, the gas tax bill included in Governor Haslam's Improve Act, was voted on in the

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House Transportation Subcommittee. The subcommittee voted to pass the bill on to the full committee, but not before adding two significant amendments. Amendment 004087 cuts out the source of the new Highway Fund revenue from an increase on gasoline and diesel taxes and instead would use a percentage of the existing state sales tax revenue. This idea was borrowed from Representative Hawk's bill as an alternative to the Governor's plan. Another amendment was adopted, Amendment 004082, to remove a component of the Governor's plan that tied the increased gas and diesel taxes to the Consumer Price Index. I am

looking forward to hearing the continued debate on this issue over the coming weeks.

As a state representative, a large portion of my time at the Capitol is spent in committee meetings, session, and meeting with constituents and Tennesseans from all over the state. I typically meet with over fifty individuals and organizations each week, and I enjoy speaking with every one of them. This week I met with Alzheimer's Tennessee, the East Tennessee Human Resources Agency, the Presidents of Middle Tennessee State University and South College, and the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists, to name a few. Meeting with

these groups and individuals provides me with valuable information and insight and ultimately allows me to be a better legislator.

As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you in any way. I love to hear from my constituents and I value the information and opinions you share. My office number is (615) 741-6879, and if you would like to reach me on the weekends my home phone number is (865) 687-5987. You can also sign up for a weekly update during session at www.capitol.tn.gov/lyris/h19s.html or email me directly at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov.

Local Airbnb regulation may be stopped

By Mike Steely
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The temporary leasing of a room or rooms in private homes, commonly using firms like Airbnb and Home Away, is a growing industry across the nation. Most commonly these lodgings host visitors temporarily, especially during festival and special events.

In Knox County both the county commission and the city council are looking at ways to regulate and tax that service, similar to the occupancy taxes charged by hotels and motels and paid to the jurisdictions.

Both local plans may be killed by actions of

the state legislature if a proposal before the state legislature passes. A Nashville ordinance, which would tax homeowners renting rooms similar to hotels, has been ruled unconstitutional.

House Bill 1020, introduced by Cameron Sexton of Crossville, and Senate Bill 10372, introduced by Senator Doug Overbey, would regulate the rentals only concerning public health and safety, shutting jurisdictions out of any revenue source.

The City has been looking to regulate the growing industry through zoning regulations.

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New open green space coming to S. Central Street

The rusted chain-link fence, topped with barbed wire, will be coming down soon. Later this month, look for a new linear green space, between James White Parkway and South Central Street, to be opened up.

Blountville, Tenn.-based South East Mowing will be removing the bedraggled old fence, dating back at least 30 years, that runs parallel to Central Street, next to the sidewalk.

The contractor will then install 1,900 linear feet of new 6-foot-tall black vinyl fencing. However, the new fence – minus any barbed wire – will be installed away from Central and closer to James White Parkway, creating a

publicly-accessible open space that's more than 100 feet wide in spots.

South East Mowing, which mowed 29,000 miles of grass and installed fencing in four states last year, was the lowest bidder for the City's fence replacement project. The Central Street work will cost \$26,890.

Last week, new guardrails were installed along James White Parkway – the first step in opening up the green space off Central Street.

"I hear from people all the time who look longingly at the shaded areas on the other side of a rickety rusted fence," said Rick Emmett, the City's Downtown Coordinator.

"They're puzzled why the pretty pines, grassy areas and magnolias aren't accessible for public use.

"We agree with them. In a matter of weeks, this green space will be accessible to Central Street pedestrians, between the PetSafe Downtown Dog Park and the Romanian Church near Cumberland Avenue."

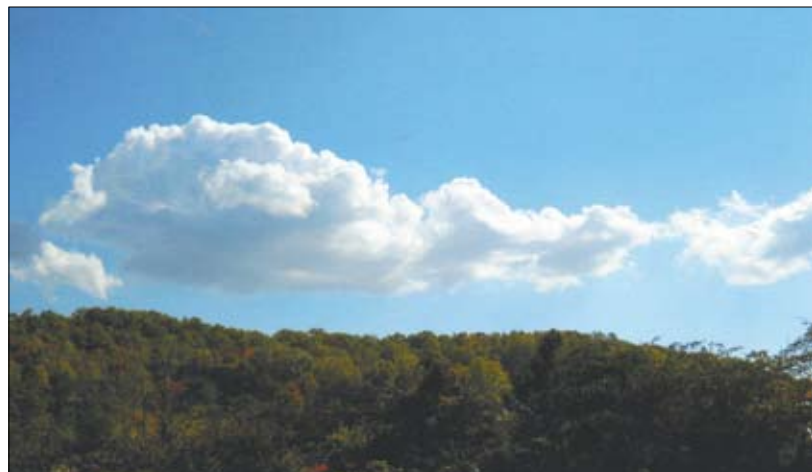
Going forward, Emmett said, the City will continue to consider suggestions from downtown residents and visitors about adding future amenities, such as benches or picnic tables, or possibly enlarging the downtown dog park.



East Tennessee's Changing Weather

With only one snow and record-breaking warm temperatures, January and February are behind us. March has arrived with her usual windy conditions. As I pen this column, several schools have already dismissed in anticipation of the thunderstorms moving across the Volunteer state. A mix of wind, rain, and possible power outages are in the forecast. The stormy outlook brings to mind the storms that took place the last week of June in 2011.

I had only been writing a column for The Focus about four months. My brother had mentioned that cowboy legends James Drury (The Virginian) and Robert Fuller (Laramie and Emergency!) were coming to Morristown's Western Legends Festival. He suggested I contact them about setting up an interview. After I e-mailed Drury, the Morristown



Picture of clouds in an East Tennessee sky by Ralphine Major.

Chamber of Commerce arranged for the Hollywood legends to call me. It was exciting to talk with the cowboy stars we had watched so many years ago on their prime-time television shows. My usual story that week turned into three! The Virginian, Jess Harper (Fuller), and the Chet Atkins Appreciation Society as a followup to the one I wrote on Jewel Harris Atkins (Chet's stepmother and my piano teacher) would make for a busy week of writing.

That last week of June brought

severe storms, turning our East Tennessee landscape into a war-zone look. Power was out for three days, and that brought reminders of the blizzard that occurred the middle of March in '93. I wrote at night by lantern light that week in June and made trips to the library during the day to get the stories ready for publication in The Focus, finally finishing at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon!

Before we know it, the storms will have moved through—and so will March!

Boutique for Fountain City denied

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the planning commission decision.

Councilman George Wallace said that small commercial property is hard to find but added that he could not support the change because of the way the request was submitted.

Councilman Finbarr Sanders said that MPC needs to look at the entire area about future zoning.

In other business the council voted to authorize the mayor to enter into a license agreement with the state for the construction and maintenance of a Riverwalk connector beneath Henley Bridge as part of the redevelopment of Blount Avenue. The connector will provide pedestrian access to the streetscape

enhancements leading to the former site of the Baptist Hospital and eventually connect to the South River Walk.

The council also approved amending the city code to require evidence of financial responsibility for vehicles released and driven away from the city's impoundment lot.

The mayor's request for reappointment of Terry Mosley, Tommie Rush, W. James Taylor, Mark Heinz and Sara Hedstrom Pinnell to the Public Arts Community was approved.

The rezoning of a former church on Lyons View Pike by Dixon Greenwood was postponed until March 28th. Greenwood wants the zoning change to allow an office in the former house of worship.

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THE NEW SEASON – REGION TOURNEY WRAP-UP



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Knoxville Catholic's Luke Smith (left), the tournament MVP, and Brock Jancek are congratulated as they come out of the game in the Region 2-AA finals Thursday night at Austin-East High School. The Irishmen defeated CAK 59-31 to advance to tonight's sectional round.

Neither flu bug nor CAK can stop steamrolling Catholic

By Steve Williams

With neither team up to par health-wise and their overall play also off, both head coaches – Mike Hutchens of Knoxville Catholic and Christian Academy of Knoxville's Shane Wells – called the Region 2-AA boys basketball finals an “ugly” game.

But the Irishmen were the best looking in the 59-31 win that gave Catholic its first region crown since 2003-04 Thursday night at Austin-East High School.

The victory also was the 25th straight for the top-ranked Fighting Irish (28-1), No. 502 in Hutchens' coaching career and gave Catholic home court advantage in tonight's (March 6) 7 o'clock sectional game against Grainger (28-5).

CAK (17-15) will play at Sullivan East (30-7) in the sectionals, also with a berth in the TSSAA state tournament (March 15-18) at Murfreesboro on the

line.

Sullivan East defeated Grainger 82-70 for the Region 1-AA title.

Senior point guard Luke Smith scored 18 points to lead Catholic's fourth win over CAK this season. Smith, who also surpassed 200 assists for the season, was selected the tournament's MVP. Brock Jancek, 6-7 junior center, chipped in 13 points and blocked at least four shots. Junior shooting guard Jack Sompayrac added 10 points.

Hunter Reynolds was the Warriors' lone double-figure scorer with 17 points.

Hutchens unloaded the bench with four minutes left in the game.

“It was (an ugly game),” said Hutchens. “This time of the year, we're bummed up a little bit and the flu has run through us. Chase (Kuerschen) struggled with it tonight and we had two kids go to the emergency clinic earlier in the week. To be honest with you, they

showed me a lot of toughness in this tournament, because we had some key people who were extremely sick and toughed it out and played really well.”

CAK wasn't shooting the ball well from the outside in the first half and fell behind 23-15 at halftime.

Isaiah Sulack, one of CAK's top players, had a bandaged wrist, a result of an injury in the Warriors' huge semifinal win over Fulton.

“We moved a post player to the wing to start the game and we were limited offensively tonight,” said Coach Wells. “I think it was like that both ways. They didn't shoot it great early. They just killed us on the glass. Yeah, it was an ugly game by both teams. Obviously, they were a lot better than we were.”

Catholic committed an uncharacteristic seven turnovers in the first quarter but still led 12-5.

“That's why I was so

frustrated early,” said Wells, “because I felt like it was a big opportunity for us. I didn't think we took advantage of it. Catholic wasn't playing like Catholic.”

Hutchens gave his defense some credit for CAK's below-par shooting performance.

“We got off of screens and chased their two shooters pretty well,” he said. “We had an off night in the first half offensively and our defense carried us through. In the second half, the offense picked up.”

FAMILIAR FOES: CAK knows Sullivan East well. The two teams split two games last season and played again last summer, said Coach Wells. “They'll press the whole game. They do a good job of getting up and down the floor. It'll be an entertaining game.

“Both teams have a bunch of seniors,” added Wells. “It's going to be as

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GCA needs win at Hampton to stay alive

By Steve Williams

If Grace Christian Academy wants to get back to the TSSAA state basketball tournament, the Rams are going to have to take care of business on the road.

Coach Mike Doig's team lost at Harriman 76-63 Thursday night in the Region 2-A finals and will have to travel to upper East Tennessee to play Hampton (22-10) in the sectionals tonight (March 6) at 7 p.m.

Hampton earned the home court advantage by defeating Cosby 75-48 in the Region 1-A title game Friday night. Cosby (22-9) will play at Harriman in the sectional round.

Harriman jumped out to a 19-9 lead in the first period against Grace Christian. Isaiah McClain paced the host Blue Devils (29-6) with 23 points.

The Rams (26-8) got 19 points from Conner Arnold, 15 from C.J. Gettelfinger and 12 from Grant Ledford.

GCA's girls were eliminated by Meigs County 62-59 in the Region 2-A semifinals.

Meanwhile, Webb School's girls saw their string of 14 consecutive state tourney appearances come to an end when they lost to Harding Academy 47-40 in the Division II-A sub-state round Feb. 24. Webb's boys also were ousted in the sub-state, losing to St. George's 70-56.

Oak Ridge proves to be too much for Bulldogs

By Ken Lay

OAK RIDGE --- Jeremy Parrott knows his Bearden High School boys basketball team will play another game tonight (March 6) in the State Sectional round of the Class AAA Playoffs.

But he didn't take much consolation in that after the Bulldogs were routed 86-73 by Oak Ridge in the Region 2-AAA Tournament Championship Game before a packed and spirited house at Wildcat Arena.

“Right now, I'm living in the moment and Oak Ridge played a great game,” said Parrott, Bearden's first-year head coach. “They shot well and they rebounded well and that's why they scored 86 points. We don't like giving up that many points.

“We'll have to improve.

We'll have to get better. I'll put it that way. We just didn't have anything for them tonight and a lot of that was because of them.”

The Bulldogs (21-9) didn't see their 2016-17 campaign come to beat the host Wildcats (29-2 and the state's second-ranked team). Bearden still has hopes of making a trip to the state tournament but it must beat Region 1-AAA Champion Science Hill in Johnson City today at 7 p.m.

Oak Ridge, meanwhile, will host David Crockett. The winners of those games will punch their respective tickets to Murfreesboro.

“You've got to take the gift you've been given,” Parrott said. “We've got to go on the road and steal one.”

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Oak Ridge routs Lady Hawks to claim title

By Ken Lay

OAK RIDGE --- Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball team made it to the Region 2-AAA Tournament Championship Game for the first time in school history Wednesday night.

But things didn't go well for the Lady Hawks at Wildcat Arena. HVA scored the first basket of the game but its offense was all but stifled for the rest of the frame in a 71-42 loss to Oak Ridge.

Paige Gentry gave Hardin Valley the lead with a 3-pointer to open the game but the Lady Wildcats responded by closing the first quarter on a 19-2 run as they forced Hardin Valley into multiple turnovers and surrendered only contested looks at the bucket.

"I think this being our first time in this ballgame was a factor," HVA coach Jennifer Galloway said after her team dropped to 23-9 with the loss. "Oak Ridge is a very good team and they played well tonight."

"They're a team that has the capability to go on runs and they did that tonight."

Oak Ridge (29-3) successfully defended its 2015-16 Region 2-AAA Title with Wednesday night's victory. The Lady Wildcats have won multiple region championships in their storied history. They claimed their latest in front of a spirited and partisan home crowd.

"We love playing at home in front of our crowd," Oak Ridge coach Paige Redman said.

Redman and her team may love to play in the friendly confines of Wildcat Arena, but on this night, the Lady Wildcats executed their defensive game plan flawlessly and were able to get open shots. Things might've been worse for the Lady Hawks if Oak Ridge hadn't missed several layups.

"I just wish that we would've hit more of those layups," Redman said.

"Our scout showed that if we came on and jumped on them, it would be effective and we knew that their guards would come out aggressive and they did. We gelled well tonight."

"It all starts with our defense and we played well on both offense and defense."

After surrendering the game's first bucket, Oak Ridge's defense kicked its defense into high gear



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Hardin Valley Academy guard Lizzie Davis (10) attempts to drive the ball past Oak Ridge's Courtney Ellison in the Region 2-AAA Championship Game Wednesday at Wildcat Arena. Davis scored two points for the Lady Hawks, who fell to the Lady Wildcats 71-42.

and took a 27-7 lead when tournament Most Valuable Player Jada Guinn scored with 5 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Lady Hawks, down 29-9 a short time later, closed the second stanza with an 11-4 run to pull to within 33-20.

"We had a lull there where we didn't score and things slowed down," Redman said. "Before the game and at halftime, I asked the kids what kind of team we wanted to be."

The coach got her answer as the Lady Wildcats scored the first 16 points of the third stanza and opened a 49-20 lead when Courtney Ellison knocked down a long-range jumper with 4:32 left in the third quarter.

Hardin Valley, which went nearly four minutes without a point, finally broke its scoring drought on a free throw by senior center Symphony Buxton.

Both teams played in state sectional games Saturday but results were not available at press time.

"Both teams are still one game away from the state tournament," Galloway said.

Oak Ridge boasted a balanced attack on this night.

Guinn scored 17 of her game-high 24 points after halftime. Mykia Dowdell added 19 while Jaymi Golden and Ellison finished with 10 points each.

Abbey Cornelius scored 15 points to pace the Lady Hawks. Buxton had nine. Bekah Hampton added seven while Madison Clevenger finished with six as she came off the bench to nail a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter.

Oak Ridge proves to be too much for Bulldogs

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If the Bulldogs had any hopes of stealing the region championship game from Oak Ridge, they were all but dashed in the second quarter.

Oak Ridge and Bearden both like to play an up-tempo style and the two squads were embroiled in a tight contest with the Wildcats holding a narrow 22-17 advantage at first quarter's end.

But Oak Ridge opened the second stanza on an 11-1 run to take a 33-18 lead. Bearden finally broke a long scoring drought when Justin Ketterl hit a free throw with 5 minutes,

42 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

The Wildcats, who led 46-32 at halftime, were able to establish the tempo it wanted early.

"Our energy and our effort, especially in the first quarter, helped us get the tempo where we wanted it," Oak Ridge coach Aaron Green said. "Everybody contributed in some way. We played good defense."

"I think we played really well tonight."

The Wildcats boasted a balanced scoring attack against Bearden, which won the District 4-AAA Tournament Championship as the No. 2 seed.

Taijon Jones scored 24 points. He knocked down six 3-pointers and shot a blistering 9-of-13 from the floor. Antony Gibson had 20 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Tyshawn Young and Herbert Booker added 12 points each while Tee Higgins posted a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Trent Stephney and Ques Glover led the way for the Bulldogs. Stephney scored 23 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Glover added 21 points. Roman Robinson had 13 points for Bearden.



Bearden's Roman Robinson (13) goes for a layup after driving past Oak Ridge's Tyshawn Young in Thursday night's region championship game at Wildcat Arena. Robinson scored 13 points but the Wildcats ran past the Bulldogs 86-73. Photo By Luther Simmons

By Steve Williams

KeKe McKinney, battling on the floor, came up with a loose ball in a huge defensive stop for Fulton in the closing seconds of the Region 2-AA girls high school basketball championship game against Gatlinburg-Pittman.

All it needed now was a timeout.

As the Lady Falcons, leading by one point, instinctively took off down court, Fulton coaches were screaming for that timeout but never got it.

All of a sudden, the Lady Highlanders came up with the ball and were going the other way. Rylie Patterson scored an easy basket with 9.3 seconds left to put G-P up by one.

Fulton, in-bounding the ball in backcourt, wouldn't get off another shot. The Lady Highlanders had three fouls to waste and used two of them to work the clock down to 5.4 seconds. Then the Fulton bench was stuck with a technical foul.

"They (the officials) said we had a timeout, and then they said we didn't have a timeout," said an upset Fulton head coach John Fisher after the game. "They didn't have their stuff together."

Sophie Henry made the second of the two technical foul shots to give G-P a two-point lead. The technical foul penalty also gave the Lady Highlanders the ball and Qua Hines dribbled the clock out.

"It hurts," said Fisher after the 36-34 loss last Wednesday night at Austin-East High School.

"I felt like not getting the timeout right there (after getting possession of the ball with a one-point lead) cost us the ball game."

The defeat, Fulton's fourth at the hands of Gatlinburg-Pittman this season, meant the Lady Falcons (26-6) would have to go on the road in the sectionals Saturday night at Grainger (25-7). The Lady Highlanders (27-4) earned home court advantage against Greeneville (24-11).

Grainger, an old tourney rival of the Lady Falcons, walloped Greeneville 61-35 in the Region 1-AA finals.

McKinney, University of Kentucky signee, turned in a solid all-around performance and led Fulton with 17 points in their heartbreaking region loss.

Ivy Bales and Henry tallied eight each to lead G-P's balanced scoring. Patterson, the tourney MVP, scored four. Hines, who had 19 in the district title win over Fulton, managed only three points this time.



PHOTO BY CHRISTY BROWN / FUL.COM

Fulton High's KeKe McKinney prepares to go up for a shot against Gatlinburg-Pittman in the Region 2-AA girls championship game Wednesday night at Austin-East High School. McKinney scored 17 points to lead the Lady Falcons in a losing cause.

Fulton led most of the game and had a 10-point advantage (32-22) when McKinney hit an 18-footer from the key on the opening possession of the fourth period.

Cayla Powers jumpstarted the cold shooting Lady Highlanders with a 3-point shot. G-P also turned up its defensive pressure as it reeled off 10 straight points to even the score.

McKinney's basket inside put Fulton on top again (34-32). A free throw by Henry cut the lead to one with 1:50 to go.

After the Lady Falcons misfired on a 3-point shot, G-P had the ball side front court with 39.2 seconds left. That's when McKinney came up with the loose ball, but Fulton coaches couldn't get the timeout they wanted.

Katie Moore, G-P head coach, said it's not easy at all to go 4-0 against Fulton.

"We had to make some adjustments," she said. "We knew we couldn't do the same thing all four times and the players did a great job with what we adjusted to and pulling it out at the end."

"We zoned them up in the first half, trying to contain them as much as we could and save our legs, because I felt like we could outrun them in the second half. I thought our girls did a nice

job of that.

"The last two years we've lost this game and been sent on the road," added Moore, whose team was eliminated at Elizabethton last season. "I think our girls were bound and determined to get that home sectional game."

LAST BATTLE: The game probably would be the last time Qua Hines would play against her former school. The senior point guard was a freshman standout on Fulton's 2014 state tourney team and scored 26 points for the Lady Falcons in their loss to Elizabethton in the state finals that year. She transferred to Gatlinburg-Pittman, reportedly for personal reasons, after that season.

Hines knows at least two of the Fulton players well.

"KeKe McKinney is my best friend and Lay Lay is my cousin," she said after the game.

Three years after her time at Fulton, Hines said playing against the Lady Falcons still was a special feeling. "They're enemies on the floor and friends off the court," she said.

"This was a tough game. Fulton is a tough team and it's hard to beat a tough team four times."

Hines said defensive pressure in the fourth quarter was a key to the win.

"I think our defense really helped us out a lot. We didn't do too good on free throws, and they always say free throws are what you need to focus on, but I think our defense pulled it out for us."

Hines, an LMU signee, managed to score only three points, but she had some key assists.

"It wasn't my best game I've played this year," she admitted, "but I knew some of my teammates were going to step up and help me out."

CARTER CLOSE: The Lady Hornets won at Alcoa in the first round of the region tournament and led Gatlinburg-Pittman by seven points early in the fourth period before the Lady Highlanders stormed back for a 52-48 win.

Che' Davis, Carter's only senior, scored 15 points in the near upset. Freshman Jordan Heifner added 12. Qua Hines led G-P with 23 points.

ALL-TOURNEY: Named to the Region 2-AA all-tournament team were Hannah Bailey and Gianna Manfredi of Kingston; Jordan Heifner and Evie DePetro of Carter; KeKe McKinney, Lay Lay Manning and Janae Fuqua of Fulton; and Qua Hines, Sophie Henry, Kennedy Smith and Rylie Patterson (MVP) of Gatlinburg-Pittman.



Farragut Middle School girls swept the Knox County regular season and tournament championships this season. Front Row (L-R): Sammie Harville, Gabi Duncan, Alexis Kochenderfer, Macy Barnes, Eliza McWhirter. Back Row (L-R): Maci McWhirter, Ashlyn Sheridan, Aubrey Stackhouse, Jenna Thorley, Emmie Harville, Anna Forman, Kate Priest, Ella McFerran, Brooke Vaught, Haley Prince, Avery Strickland.

With ‘Ace’ on their side, Lady Admirals had a winning hand

By Steve Williams

Susan Davidson, head coach for Farragut Middle School’s girls basketball team, never had a thing to worry about this past season. She always had an “Ace” to play.

Avery “Ace” Strickland was the Most Valuable Player in the season-ending Knox County Middle School tournament, which the Lady Admirals won to cap regular season and post-season championships.

In the tourney title game at Karns, Strickland had 22 points, three steals and seven rebounds to lead a 44-33 win over Carter.

“Ace began playing for CBFO when she was 6 years

old,” replied Coach Davidson via e-mail when asked how Strickland obtained her nickname. “There were two Avery’s on her team and Avery Strickland played so hard and was always spot on, she earned the nickname Ace.”

The nickname has stuck in all of her sports (basketball, softball and track).

“She provides any team she is a part of a spark or ace quality play to better the team and rise to competition,” said Coach Davidson. “One would think of her effort, strength and endurance as the ace that would win the match or sporting event.

“She’s a very awesome,

humble and respectful young lady and athlete.”

FMS finished the season with a 19-4 overall record.

“Champions are made in the off-season,” noted Davidson, “and thanks to the players buying into working on fundamentals and their game after the season, they were able to bring stronger skills together this year and capture both championships.”

Joining Strickland as leaders on the team in the title game against Carter were Ashlyn Sheridan and Macy Barnes, said Davidson. All three players earned all-tournament honors.

“Our five eighth graders (Eliza McWhirter, Alexis

Kochenderfer, Gabi Duncan, Macy Barnes and Sammie Harville) provided leadership in many different roles that blended the strong mix for the Lady Admirals’ team dynamic,” said Davidson.

“Our coaches were blessed to work with dedicated players who take care of details. Our community, administration and parent support have been outstanding!

“Jason and Paige Ewing (Karns coaches) did a fabulous job running the tournament.

“God blessed us with a very successful season and great player relationships that will last a life time.”



Carter Middle School girls took second place in the regular season and post-season tournament. The Lady Hornets: Front row, left to right: Emma Collins, Sydney Hurst, Alexis Page, Reagan Trumm, Ripley Ellis. Back row, left to right: Kylee Warwick, Emily Irwin, Gracee Hayes, Kayli Altom, Harley Lewis, Jaci Neal, Sadie Coffey.



West Valley Middle School girls basketball team finished in third place in the Knox County League’s regular season and also received a GPA recognition plaque. At far left in the front row is Maggie, daughter of head coach Josh Ballard. Also in the front row, left to right, are players Olivia Knowling, Zneyah McLaughlin, Cameron Carter, Natalie Rice, Reagan Ruth, Madison Hoskins. Back row, left to right: Laney Barber, Brinley Murphy, Braelyn Risher, Avery Treadwell, Annalise Bishop, Hannah Claire Stephens, Haley Kelley, Parker Dunn.

UT hires an athletic director, but the wrong one

The University of Tennessee has thousands of fans scratching their heads again. And that’s putting it mildly.

Only UT could find a way to hire a new athletic director and at the same time alienate one of its finest and most loyal head coaches of all time. Phillip Fulmer, a College Hall of Fame football coach, was only trying to help his alma mater when he made himself a candidate for the AD post.

When Dr. Beverly Davenport, UT’s new chancellor, hired John Currie to be Tennessee’s new athletic director last week, she was bringing back a person who worked with Mike Hamilton, the former AD who couldn’t wait to end the Fulmer era in 2008.

These are the kind of decisions you get when you put somebody in charge of a university who either has no knowledge of its past history or simply doesn’t care. I never thought I would say

this, but I believe UT would be better off today if it still had Jimmy Cheek as its chancellor. I believe Cheek would have listened to the 70 percent of fans who made it clear they wanted to see David Blackburn lead the UT athletics program.

Many of those fans also would have been delighted to see Fulmer come aboard as a No. 2 man in the department with Blackburn.

Fulmer could have been a positive influence for a football program that is trying to get to the next level under Butch Jones. The beloved former head coach also could have been a great fundraiser as well as a public relations ambassador for a university that has longed for a strong leader to unite its fan base after so many years of frustration.

Davenport’s biggest mistake was limiting the selection pool to only sitting athletic directors at Power 5 conference institutions. That

eliminated Blackburn from consideration, even though he worked in athletic administration for two decades at UT and has been a highly successful AD at Chattanooga since 2013.

Davenport came here from the University of Cincinnati. She had never before been a chancellor at a Power 5 conference institution. So why would she set such a requirement for AD applicants at Tennessee?

Blackburn, in my opinion, is just as qualified to be UT’s athletic director as Currie, and maybe more so. Blackburn is more of a Tennessee guy, like the majority of fans wanted. David is from Loudon. John is from Chapel Hill.

Other than that, and the fact Currie has been the athletic director at Kansas State since he left UT in 2009, I don’t know a lot about him. Well, except that he has two ears, two eyes and one mouth, so he plans on doing a lot of listening and watching before he makes any moves or changes at Tennessee.

(That includes bringing back the Lady Vols logo and nickname for all UT women’s teams, which I thought would be a no-brainer).

I heard that spill three times in less than 24 hours, along with his other stock answers at the press conference, after he was introduced before a crowd of 200 at Thompson-Boling Arena Thursday afternoon.

And I was disappointed to hear, along with many of his former teammates, Peyton Manning was front and center in that crowd, giving his support to the new AD.

Could you imagine the size of the crowd at TBA if Blackburn had been the one introduced? Fulmer would have been there too, and maybe even standing beside him.

That would have been too easy. That would have made more sense. UT, these days, always has to do things that are hard to understand and difficult to explain. No wonder its leaders often stay in hiding for weeks and months at a time.



Spotlight to shine on top boys teams

Recognition of top Knox County Middle School basketball teams will continue in The Knoxville Focus’ March 13 issue. Photos of the top three boys teams in the 13-game regular season will be in the spotlight next week. That would be the No. 1 Powell Panthers, the No. 2 South-Doyle Cherokees and the No. 3 Vine Golden Bears.

HVA track athletes to compete in NYC

By Ken Lay

In their brief history the Hardin Valley Academy track and field programs have already established a tradition of record holders and state champions.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks will soon begin to add to that rich history when the outdoor track season begins later this month.

Hardin Valley, which begins the 2017 season on March 21 at Sevier County, will have one last bit of business on the indoor circuit before heading outside for the spring season.

Hardin Valley will send seven athletes (four boys and three girls) to the New Balance National High School Indoor Championships over Spring Break.

The meet will be held March 10-12 in New York City.

Kenton Bachmann, Tim Frizzell, Kenton Gunn and Willington Wright will represent the boys squad in the Big Apple while Madison Grimm, Lizzie Davis and Ellie Bachman qualified for the grand stage for the Lady Hawks.

Kenton Bachmann will compete in the 800-meter run. Frizzell qualified for the shot put and

discus. Gunn will run the 400-meter dash and Willington Wright will compete in the triple jump.

For the girls, Grimm will run the 5,000. Davis is in the high jump competition and Ellie Bachmann, a freshman, will run the 400.

Hardin Valley coach Bryan Brown said that while he’s guided both the Hawks and Lady Hawks to great heights in nine years, he couldn’t do it without a little help from the community, parents and school administration.

“We have great kids who work hard. And they come here and see the history of our track program and they can’t wait to be a part of it,” Brown said. “We post all of our records and championships on our team website.

“The kids see it and they can’t wait to come in here and make their mark on our program. Our parents have been great and we have great support from our administration. [Principal Sallee] Reynolds and [athletic director George] Ashe have been really supportive. They have let me take the team to New York every year.”

Local wrestlers shine on state’s big stage

By Ken Lay

The 2016-17 high school wrestling season came to a close recently with the State Championships in Franklin.

The State Tournament concluded Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Williamson County Expo Center with several athletes coming home with medals.

In Class AAA: The area had a pair of state champions in H.T. Fortner of Gibbs and Halls High School’s Colton McMahan.

Fortner claimed the 182-pound crown while McMahan became the sixth state champion in the Red Devils’ storied grappling history.

McMahan claimed the 170-pound championship when he beat Bearden’s Max Grayson in a rematch of the Region 2-AAA Title Match at Bearden.

McMahan joins Cody Humphrey, Caleb Leonard, John Vandergriff, Chris Vandergriff and current coach Shannon Sayne to win championships for Halls.

“This is the hardest working group of kids that I’ve had since I started coaching here 11 years ago,” Sayne said. “They make me look really good.

“These kids are talented and when they work hard on top of all of that, it makes my job a lot easier.”

The Red Devils had three other wrestlers place at Franklin. Chase Brown took fourth in the 132-pound division. Brent Buckman came in fourth in the 182-pound weight class and Megann Kiser, a 120-pound junior, took fifth in her division of the Girls State Meet.

Sayne said that he was pleased with his team’s showing at the Midstate.

“We had our first girl placer,” he said. “I’m really happy with the way we wrestled down there. These kids have worked extremely hard but some kids didn’t have their season end the way they would’ve liked.

“But that’s part of

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John Currie gets the call, Vol Nation Flips Its Lid

By Alex Norman

Well, it finally happened. More than 6 months had passed since Tennessee athletics director Dave Hart announced that he would be retiring, leaving behind a legacy of Title IX problems, unnecessary lawsuits that cost the University millions, a coach vetting that would have been better done by a 12 year old with google, and pretty much the end of the most successful brand in women's athletics. But on February 28th, Tennessee announced that Hart's replacement had finally been hired. Lo and behold it was someone that actually had Tennessee ties!

Was it David Blackburn, the ultra-popular athletics director at UT-Chattanooga that had decades of experience at Tennessee? Nope.

Was it Phillip Fulmer, the national championship winning Tennessee football coach that had the support of Peyton Manning and big Vols boosters? Nah...

Was it Charles Davis, the former Tennessee football player and widely respected broadcaster? Uh uh.

New Tennessee Chancellor Beverly Davenport decided to hire Kansas State athletics director John Currie, a former associate athletic director and graduate from Tennessee.

In a statement release by the University of Tennessee, Davenport said, "This is truly an exciting day for the University of Tennessee and our athletics department. As I said when we began this process, we were looking for the best candidate, and we feel strongly that we have him in John Currie. John exemplifies all the qualities we were seeking in an athletics director. He is a man of high integrity, strong values, a progressive thinker, he fully understands the importance of being compliant in everything we do, and he is a leader who will put the well-being of our student-athletes above everything."

In that same statement, Currie said, "It is a very exciting time for my family and me as we return to a place that remains very special to us. We spent 10 years in Knoxville prior to taking the job at K-State, and I appreciate Chancellor Davenport and the University of Tennessee for providing us this special opportunity. As a graduate of the University of Tennessee, I know how much UT

athletics means to the people in the state, and I look forward to serving all of the Big Orange Nation, its wonderful coaches, staff and student-athletes, for many years to come. We are excited to return to Rocky Top."

The reaction was mixed. A majority of Tennessee fans seemed perplexed by the decision while the majority of national media members thought it was a great hire. Most wondered why Turnkey Sports & Entertainment was paid \$75,000 (plus expenses) to find a guy that probably still has a working keycard on the UT campus.

The reality is this. No hire short of Blackburn was going to bring the Tennessee fan base together. The fact that Blackburn was never given a formal interview is extremely concerning, and brings back echoes of Kippy Brown's sham interview at the same time Derek Dooley was dotting the i's on his contract in 2010. Also, the optics of hiring an important member of former Tennessee athletic director Mike Hamilton's staff isn't great. That group fired Fulmer, hired Lane Kiffin and Dooley, as well as baseball coach Todd Raleigh.

Even the hiring of Bruce Pearl... tremendous for five years before blowing up in year six, opens up questions about Currie's ability to make productive changes.

That all said... Currie is a good choice here for a few reasons. He spent eight years in charge at a Power 5 conference. He is a solid fundraiser. He is a Tennessee guy that knows what the fan base and donors desire, things Hart never quite grasped. He is a stickler in terms of NCAA rules, which is not a bad thing for an athletic department that has had its share of run-ins with the governing body in the past decade.

In addition, Tennessee didn't hire Cincinnati AD Mike Bohn. Going back to the Cincinnati well yet again (Davenport and football coach Butch Jones came there UC) would be been a public relations calamity.

Whether or not Currie is successful at Tennessee remains to be seen. If nothing else, his hiring (first day at work for Currie is April 1) finally closes the Dave Hart chapter, and brings stability to an athletics department that has been sorely lacking leadership.

Local wrestlers shine on state's big stage

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wrestling. That's all part of it and we're already getting prepared for the 2017-18 season."

Bearden's Kyle Burns took sixth in the 126-pound class.

In Class A/AA: Christian Academy of Knoxville three athletes place. Brendon Jarvis (126 pounds) finished fourth. Eighth-grader Gavin Cagle took sixth in the 132-pound division and Eli Chinique took sixth in the 285-pound weight class.

Grace Christian Academy's Garrett Lay finished second in the 132-pound division and Fulton's Elijah Davis

finished sixth at 152 pounds.

In Division II: Webb School of Knoxville had a pair of placers as Devin Badgett finished fifth in the 138-pound division and Zack Tiery came in sixth in the 132-pound class.

Two area girls claim titles: Cailey Griffin (148 pounds) of Gibbs and Hardin Valley Academy's Kenya Sloan (165) left Franklin with State Titles.

Other area medalists included: Kiser; HVA's Aimee Lampkins (third, 112-pounds); Bearden's Zoe De Jongh (fourth, 130); Bearden's Krista Legagner (third, 138) and Bearden's Kianna Price (fifth, 155).

Neither flu bug nor CAK can stop steamrolling Catholic

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hostile (of an environment) as we've been through. Both teams know each other well. We've just got to get healthy."

FALCONS FALL: Defending Class AA state champion Fulton was eliminated by CAK 53-47 in overtime in the region semifinals. The Falcons' Edward Lacy hit a dramatic 3-pointer from the right wing with two seconds left in regulation to send the game into OT and give Fulton new life.

But the Warriors kept their

composure and outscored the Falcons 8-2 in four-minute extra period.

Hunter Reynolds led CAK with 22 points, while Cole Smith and Sulack contributed 12 apiece.

ALL-TOURNEY: Named to the Region 2-AA all-tournament team were Deshaun Page and Trey Davis of Fulton; Hunter Reynolds, Isaiah Sulack and Haden Tanner of CAK; and Brock Jancek, Chase Kuerschen, Jack Sompayrac and Luke Smith (MVP) of Catholic.

Hardin Valley has high hopes in softball

By Ken Lay

Over the past two seasons Hardin Valley Academy has emerged as a key player on the high school softball scene.

In 2016, the Lady Hawks won both the District 4-AAA and Region 2-AAA Tournament Championships after winning both titles and reaching the Class AAA State Tournament in 2015.

Hardin Valley, which went 27-14 last season, had its campaign come to a close with a loss to Seymour at home in the state sectional round.

The Lady Hawks are again looking for big things this year but ninth-year head coach Whitney Hickam-Cruze knows that things won't be easy for her squad.

"Offensively, we'll have some big shoes to fill," she said.

HVA must replace leadoff hitter Haley Cloud, Leslie Beecham and pitcher Kaleigh Wynne, a force in both the pitcher's circle and at the plate for the last three years. Wynne did everything for her team. She's now at the College of Central Florida and left a legacy as one of the KIL's top pitchers and most feared power threats with the bat.

"It can be argued that we've ridden the coat tails of Kaleigh Wynne for the last three years,"

Hickam-Cruze said. "She was our workhorse on the mound and she was one of our best hitters.

"I'm going to be interested to see how these girls respond."

While Wynne's departure leaves a void, Hardin Valley has a pair of young pitchers who picked up some valuable experience while the ace was injured and couldn't pitch.

Junior Mikaela Chavis and returning sophomore Emalee McCord threw some clutch innings and won some crucial games for the Lady Hawks last season and Hickam-Cruze said that she's confident in both pitchers.

"We feel like we're in a good position as far as our pitching staff goes," Hickam-Cruze said. "These pitchers got some experience while Kaleigh was hurt last year."

Hardin Valley has a unique mix of youth and experience and while the Lady Hawks return just one senior in third baseman Aubry McGuire, they have many battle-tested veterans and the coach said she hopes that will serve her squad well in 2017, which will begin at Maryville on March 13 in a rematch of the 2016 district championship game.

"I think one of our biggest strengths is our experience winning," Hickam-Cruze said. "These girls won as freshmen and they won as sophomores."

Hickam-Cruze said that her team has one glaring weakness and that hurt HVA in a sectional lost to Seymour.

"The one thing that I really feel like we need to work on is discipline at the plate," she said. "That really hurt us in the sub-state game last year."

"We have to have quality at-bats and we have to have more plate discipline. The team that hits the ball best will be the team that wins the district."

In recent years, pitching has been the determining factor in who emerges as the district champion. But many of the league's top pitchers have graduated and moved on to college.

Top returners for the Lady Hawks include: Dukes; Chavis (who will play in the outfield and will likely be a power threat at the plate this season); McGuire; McCord (who will pitch and play first base in 2017) and Jasmine Goodman (a sophomore utility player, who picked up a big hit in the district championship game last season).

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Dreams, War & La La Land

My wife Becky remembers her dreams; mostly I don't. Perhaps it's because dreams are so often random if not totally wako. Some years ago I wrote an essay about dreams concluding that no one knows why these nocturnal visions are necessary for our health. Sleep deprivation - and consequently dream deprivation - is used to coerce terrorists to divulge their secrets.

Perhaps dreaming is a way for the brain to sort out and then file events of the day. Possibly the brain rebalances or remodels itself during dreaming which occurs every ninety minutes during REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. Occasionally, I try to recall my dreams, though admittedly I haven't been very successful, perhaps because dreams seem so illogical to me and more often seem like some

surrealistic Salvador Dali painting. The ancients believed enlightenment came in dreams. Recently, I awakened from a dream where I was writing about happier topics. But that was before the war.

Democrats now dream of destroying the Trump Presidency. You should realize that the leadership of the Democrat Party are actually liberal-progressives and only masquerade as Democrats like FDR. I know many fine people who are more liberal than me and may vote Democrat as I once did. However, the leadership of the Democrat Party is as alien to me as some extraterrestrial. They live in La La Land like the Holly-weird's who botched their own academy awards while telling us they know what's best. All the while, the utterly odious filmmaker, Michael Moore, malignes Carryn Owens,

the wife of fallen US Navy SEAL, Ryan Owens.

The latest Democrat attack is on Jeff Sessions and again revolves around the Russians whom they see under every rock. In December 2016, Barack Obama said his administration's investigation showed "no vote tampering" in the November 2016 election and the purported Russian operative attacks on Republican and Democrat websites were "no different than activities going back to Soviet days."

I frequently dream of a united America, but realize that the level of divide is comparable to that of the American Civil War and will not end until one side wins. Just as the southern states who seceded eventually returned to the Union, it took total war and their defeat to bring them back. Mercy can be extended only after the vanquished recognize and acknowledge defeat.

The Democrat party operates from the perspective of total war. And even in their defeat they continue the struggle, seeing their defeat as engineered by foreigners rather than poor candidates and failed policies. Rodney King once lamented, "Can't we all just get along?" Perhaps Republicans feel similarly, but if so they ignore history. In war, there must be an acknowledged winner

or we end up with a nuclear North Korea and the standoff at the DMZ. The Japanese and the Germans are now our allies, but only after their total defeat.

Some historians are critical of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. With the approval of President Lincoln and General Ulysses S Grant, Sherman unleashed total war across the south to destroy the infrastructure which was enabling the Confederate armies to continue fighting. Sherman is quoted as saying, "War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over." Total war has been used in other many conflicts down through the ages, notably the Hebrew conquest of Canaan as chronicled in the Bible, the Peloponnesian War and World War II. These days Americans are not shooting bullets at each other, but all out war in the political polis (city-state) is none the less operative.

War has always been cruel, even if fought with words. Our war with each other is now straining friendships. Man has even conjured up the notion of a "just war" to define the morality of going to war and its conduct. Christian notables such as Augustine (5th century) argued that war can be fought to

protect peace and punish wickedness. Thomas Aquinas (13th century) held that war must be waged by proper governmental authority, for good reason and with peace as a motive. Finally, the philosophical School of Salamanca (16th century) held that war must be a last resort, and when necessary to prevent a greater evil.

These days, I often desire an escape and daydream of other places - in addition to other times in history. My wife, Becky, finds it odd that I dream of visiting other worlds like those recently discovered circling Trappist-1, a star forty light years from Earth. In recent years, scientists have found more than 3,400 exoplanets circling distant stars. It appears that the universe is full of planets circling trillions of stars. Even our closest neighbor, Alpha Centauri, has a planet circling its companion star B Centauri. What is exciting is that the planets of Trappist-1 are rocky and earth-like in size, rather than large gas planets such as Jupiter. And three of the seven planets in the Trappist system are in the "Goldilock" or habitable zone, where proximity to their sun might allow water and enable life as we know it. However, I'll only be able to dream about alien vistas

because traveling on the fastest space ship humans currently possess would take 70,000 years to travel just four light years to Alpha Centauri.

Emily Dickinson is my favorite poet. She never traveled far from her home in Amherst, Massachusetts. However, she dreamed large. Her poems imagined life, love, immortality and "distant shores." I'll leave you with two of my favorites for reflection and your own dreams.

#17
I NEVER saw a moor,
I never saw the sea;
Yet I know how the heather looks,
And what a wave must be.
I never spoke with God,
Nor visited in Heaven
Yet certain am I of the spot
As if the chart were given.

#695
As if the Sea should part
And show a further Sea
And that - a further - and the Three
But a presumption be -

Of Periods of Seas -
Unvisited of Shores -
Themselves the Verge of Seas to be -
Eternity - is Those -

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

School of Music Hosts Gala April 1

The School of Music at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will host its annual gala to raise money for student scholarships this spring.

The black-tie event, which is open to the community, will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Cherokee Country Club, 5138 Lyons View Pike. Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsorship packages start at \$500. The deadline to RSVP is March 24. Those who plan on attending can RSVP on the event page.

With the theme "A Night in the Caribbean," the gala will feature music, a wine pull, fine dining, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment by School of Music faculty and students.

During the live auction, participants will have the opportunity to bid on having School of Music students perform at an event in their home or another location. Other live auction items include a week for two at an all-inclusive Bahia Principe Caribbean resort with a \$1,500

travel budget, a evening of dining at Blackberry Farm for four, a week at Bel Nor Cottage on Anna Maria Island, and a Caribbean dinner for eight at Belvedere, home of Karen and Harvey White, featuring UT's Andy Bliss and Cafe Marimba.

All contributions from the gala will fund scholarships to help recruit young musicians to the School of Music, thanks to the sponsorship of Pilot Flying J.

"The gala is a great opportunity to bring together the musical talents of

the School of Music students and faculty and the generous supporters of the School of Music," said Karen White, this year's gala chair on the School of Music's Board of Advisors. "We are planning a delightful evening to raise money for scholarships so that the UT School of Music can continue to attract talented students."

For more information, visit the gala event page on the School of Music's website at <http://music.utk.edu/gala/>.

The Chaplain Corps



Rosie's World

All through my life I heard the expression, "you're never too old to learn." And that's so very true. I am so pleased to be able to learn something new on many occasions, something that I never

heard of before or knew about. I learned this interesting piece of news from my friend at church, Mrs. Diane Elizabeth Crabb. The city of Knoxville has a Chaplain Corps which Diane belongs to. Here are some interesting facts concerning the Corps.

The KPD Chaplain Corps is a support service for KPD employees and their families as well as the community in crisis situations. It is on-call to the Department 24 hours a day and seven days a week for: spiritual support and assistance to KPD officers or personnel and their families for personal needs such as marriage, family, illness, stress or grief. (I am quoting here). And it is also for spiritual support and assistance to the community in crisis in response to death, accident, or other police calls in which a chaplain can

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be of assistance to the officers and citizens. Chaplains serve one on-call per month responding for 24 hours to calls from the department in which a chaplain is needed.

They must meet these requirements to serve in the chaplain corps: a minimum of five years of ministry or counseling experience.

Complete a 60-hour Chaplain Training Academy provided by KPD.

Attend monthly training meetings. Serve one 24 hour call per month. Complete one four hour minimum ride along with an officer per month.

My friend Diane became aware of the KPD Chaplaincy program during the parish nurse training when a speaker from KPD spoke to them and their program was also just beginning.

After retiring from Cherokee Psychiatric Health Systems as a registered nurse, she thought she would like to follow up with this volunteer work. She attends funerals, hospital visits, death notices, and other areas of KPD. They are not there to “preach” or “correct” their thinking, primarily there to listen.

To quote Diane, “it is a privilege and honor to do this work. It is most fulfilling.”

It is most fulfilling to the thousands, or, should I say millions, of volunteers who give their time to help others in need in various ways. Thank you, Diane.

Thought for the day: A good student listens, tries, learns, applies... then turns to help others find their way. Anonymous.

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

Many parents and caregivers are distressed by what their children eat—or don’t eat. However, most kids get plenty of variety and nutrition in their diets over the course of a week, according to Lee Murphy, a nutrition professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Until a child’s food preferences mature, Murphy suggested these tips to prevent mealtime battles one bite at a time:

Respect the child’s hunger—or lack thereof. Young children tend to eat only when they’re hungry. If a child isn’t hungry, don’t force a meal or snack.

Stay calm. If the child senses that you’re unhappy

with his or her eating habits, it may become a battle of wills. Threats and punishments only reinforce the power struggle.

Keep an eye on the clock. Nix juice and snacks for at least one hour before meals. If a child comes to the table hungry, he or she may be more motivated to eat.

Don’t expect too much. After age two, slower growth often reduces a child’s appetite. A few bites may be all it takes for the child to feel full.

Limit liquid calories. Low-fat or fat-free dairy products and 100 percent fruit juice can be important parts of a healthy diet, but if a child fills up on milk or juice, he or she may have no room for meals

or snacks. Start small. Offer several foods in small portions. Let the child choose what he or she eats.

Boycott the clean plate club. Don’t force a child to clean his or her plate. This may only ignite—or reinforce—a power struggle over food. Instead, allow the child to stop eating when he or she is full.

Be patient with new foods. Young children often touch or smell new foods, and may even put tiny bites in their mouths and then take them back out again.

A child may need repeated exposure to a new food before he or she takes the first bite. Set a good example. If you

consume a variety of healthy foods and beverages, the child is more likely to follow suit.

Know when to seek help. If a child is energetic and growing, he or she is probably doing fine. Consult the child’s doctor if you’re concerned that picky eating is compromising his or her growth and development or if certain foods seem to make the child ill. If limited food consumption is long term, supplements may need to be considered as well.

“A child’s eating habits won’t likely change overnight,” says Murphy. “But small steps each day can help promote a lifetime of healthy eating.”

Tennessee State Park to Host Statewide Hikes to Celebrate Spring

Tennessee’s 56 State Parks are hosting free guided hikes statewide on Saturday, March 18 to celebrate the coming of spring and the bounty of recreation opportunities state parks offer.

Park staff – who can speak to the natural, cultural and historical treasures that all Tennessee State Parks have to offer – will guide free hikes throughout the day. From the cypress swamps of

the Mississippi River in West Tennessee to the rugged ridge tops and waterfalls in the middle of the state to the majestic mountains in the East, every park showcases a unique piece of Tennessee’s outdoor beauty.

“For 80 years our state park system has created outdoor adventures and recreational opportunities for all Tennesseans,” said Deputy Commissioner of Parks and

Conservation Brock Hill. “We are always excited to highlight our state’s beauty and special stories.”

The wide selection of events across the state ensures that everyone can find a hike suitable for them. Hikes will range in distance, degree of skill, accessibility, and time of day in an effort to accommodate the needs of anyone who seeks to enjoy a day outdoors. Planned activities along the

trails include wildlife viewing, spring clean-ups, scavenger hunts, historical interpretive programs and more.

For a full list of all planned hikes for March 18, visit <http://tnstateparks.com/about/special-events/spring-hike/#/?holiday=spring-hike>. You can share your photos with Tennessee State Parks on social media using the hashtag #spinghikeTN.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Marilyn S. Melhorn and Kevin Stuart Cook Haney executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance of America Mortgage LLC d/b/a Erates Mortgage, Lender and John Rockford, Esq., Trustee(s), which was dated January 6, 2016 and recorded on January 13, 2016 in Instrument No. 201601130041140, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, (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 **March 30, 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 NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 5, BLOCK F, A COUNTRY MANOR SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET K, SLIDE 98-C, (MAP BOOK 92-S, PAGE 23), IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 21, 1994.

Parcel ID Number: 142JJ005
 Address/Description: **324 Axton Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934.**
 Current Owner(s): Kevin Cook Haney as Trustee of Kevin Cook Haney.
 Other Interested Party(ies): SunTrust Bank.
 The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; and any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
 6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
 Brentwood, TN 37027
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 File No.: 17-02153 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Sherry L. Waggoner executed a Deed of Trust to National City Mortgage Co.,

Lender and John O. Rhea, Trustee(s), which was dated October 25, 2004 and recorded on November 3, 2004 in Instrument No. 200411030037613, 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, PNC Bank, National Association, (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 **March 30, 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 No. 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 2, Block K, CRESTWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT FOUR, as shown by map of record in Map Book 42-S, Page 6, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property being bounded and described as shown on map of aforesaid addition, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of Batson and Himes, Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee dated 14 March 1966 and revised July 7, 1966.

The above description is the same as the previous deed of record. No boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Sherry L. Waggoner by deed of Wilma Jean W. Lipscomb, dated December 7, 2001, and recorded in Instrument No. 200112070040809, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 119FE019
 Address/Description: **708 Bridgewater Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Sherry L. Waggoner.
 Other Interested Party(ies): N/A
 The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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 File No.: 17-02358 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Piper L. Jolley and Brian Jolley executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated November 4, 2011 and recorded on November 14, 2011 in Instrument No. 201111140026621, 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, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (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 **March 30, 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 the Fifth (5th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the Ward of 45th the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 11, Block H, Hunting Hills West, Unit 6, a subdivision in Knox County, Tennessee, as shown by the map of the same of record in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 199A (formerly Map Book 63-S, Page 60) in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Piper Jolley, married, from The Estate of Maurice J. Fox by Warranty Deed dated September 17, 2008, recorded September 24, 2008, at Instrument No. 200809240021019 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions, building set-back lines and conditions of record in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

DESIGNATED as Map & Parcel 092P-G-009.00

Parcel ID Number: 092PG009
 Address/Description: **2332 Round Tree Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Piper Jolley.
 Other Interested Party(ies): N/A
 The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

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 File No.: 17-00491 FC01

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2010, executed by Marion C. Allan, conveying certain real property therein described to FIRST TITLE, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 2, 2010, at Instrument Number 201012020033980;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage 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 **March 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 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. 74 OF THE BARRINGTON SUBDIVISION, BLOCK B, UNIT 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET M, SLIDE 21-B, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.

Parcel ID: 066KE-010
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5809 Attleboro Drive, Powell, TN 37849**. 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): Marion C. Allan
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The secretary of Housing and Urban Development/The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 28, 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 DEBORAH SUE REDMOND, to TRANSCONTINENTAL TITLE, Trustee, on May 18, 2004, as Instrument No. 200406030111215 in the real property records of Knox County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2004-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-2

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 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES, TO WIT:

SITUATED IN THE NINTH (9TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A 1.0 ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF WISE LANE, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET I, SLIDE 287A (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 83-L, PAGE 24), IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 908 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERN

LINE OF WISE LANE WITH THE NORTHERN LINE OF OLD SEVLERVILLE PIKE, SAID IRON PIN MARKING COMMON CORNER TO PROPERTY OF WILSON; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF WILSON SOUTH 60 DEG. 11 MIN. WEST, 238.32 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN THE LINE OF LANE; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF LANE, NORTH 24 DE. 28 MIN. WEST, 180.59 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF CANNON AND KETRON AND OTHERS NORTH 55 DEG. 43 MIN. EAST, 223.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN THE WESTERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WISE LANE; THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 29 DEG. 19 MIN. EAST, 197.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF TOMMY J. HATMAKER, SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 3, 1983, BEARING DRAWING NUMBER 33499.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DEBORAH SUE REDMOND BY DEED FROM BARBARA I. HENSLEY RECORDED 03/20/2003 IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200303200083703, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 125-03101
 Current Owner(s) of Property: DEBORAH SUE REDMOND

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **7801 WISE LN , KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.
 MWZM File No. 16-002692-P-70
 MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C.,
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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 January 17, 2007, executed by Ina G Henderson, conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD M. WEISS, ESQ., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded January 24, 2007, at Instrument Number 200701240060027;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned

to NEW YORK MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC 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 **March 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT ONE (I) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 13TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A PART OF LOT 22 IN THE A. J. RAMSEY ADDITION AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 7, PAGE 94, IN THE KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE REGISTER’S OFFICE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF ALICE STREET, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF ALICE STREET AND THE NORTHWEST LINE OF MCCALLA AVENUE; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH 51 DEG. 40 MIN. WEST, 143.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 37 DEG. 08 MIN. WEST, 49.89 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST, 46.98 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN A FENCE IN THE LINE OF CHILHOWEE PARK; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF CHILHOWEE PARK, NORTH 36 DEG. 47 MIN. WEST, 49.82 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE ALONG A FENCE NORTH 51 DEG. 33 MIN. EAST, 187.87 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF ALICE STREET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF ALICE STREET, SOUTH 38 DEG. 10 MIN. EAST, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF J. E. MCALEER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1979, BEARING DRAWING NO. 79329, NO NEW BOUNDARY LINE SURVEY WAS PERFORMED AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACKS, AND OTHER CONDITIONS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 7, PAGE 94, IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 082CE-009
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **105 ALICE ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**. 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): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF INA G HENDERSON, MARY M. TATE, MELVIN WENDELL TATE

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

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

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Pet Poison Prevention

Hobo the Wonder Dog's mission is to help keep your dog healthy, safe, well-traveled, and you well informed. March 19 - 25 has been designated National Poison Prevention Week this year. Poison prevention should include our four-legged family members as they face real and significant threats of unintentional poisoning in the home. Hobo the Wonder Dog believes awareness is the key to prevention and safety of our pets.

The United States Congress in 1927 passed the Caustic Poisons Act, which required warnings on packaging for household products containing approximately twelve acids and alkalis. In 1957 the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers was established, providing drug information cards. In 1973 the Emergency Medical Services System Act established poison control centers as part of seven priorities. In 2000 the Poison Control Center Enhancement



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

and Awareness Act stabilized poison control center funding. The American Association of Poison Control Centers is available 24 hours every day at (800) 222-1222 to assist hospitals and the general public with poison related questions. Poison Control Centers for pets are available to veterinarians and pet owners. Those I researched are fee based. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435 is available 24/7/365. A \$65 consultation fee may be applied to a credit card. Pet Poison Helpline (855) 764-7661 also available 24/7. A \$49 per incident fee applies. Obviously, prevention is always the best policy.

5 Commonly Known Hazards to Pets

1. Acetaminophen: (Tylenol) can be found in many over the counter

2. Antifreeze: Its sweet smell and flavor attract pets causing serious and sometimes fatal reactions
3. Ibuprofen: Poisoning usually results as an unintentional overdose. Never give medications to your pet unless under the direction and supervision of your veterinarian.
4. Nicotine: Increased popularity of e-cigarette products are dangerous to pets similarly to marijuana
5. Xylitol: An artificial sweetener found in sugar-free items. Commonly found in sugar-free gum, toothpaste, and candy

5 Not So Commonly Known Hazards to Pets

1. Gorilla Glue: If ingested may require surgery and can be fatal.
2. Caffeine: Caffeine poisoning can result from consuming soda, coffee, chocolate, energy drinks, and diet supplements.
3. Garlic: Can lead to intestinal upset, diarrhea,

- and vomiting
 4. Hand Warmers: Contain iron and can be fatal if ingested
 5. Mushrooms: Even household mushrooms can be toxic to pets any consumption should be discussed with your veterinarian
- The above listed is not

a complete list of toxins or hazards facing your pet every day in your home. Greater than forty percent of pet poisoning is a result of human medications. Make sure no matter the medication you keep them out of sight and out of reach. Human foods can also pose a risk to our

pets. Dark chocolate, raisins, grapes, macadamia nuts, garlic, onions, yeast based dough and table salt are potentially harmful and even fatal. Why risk harming your pet when in doubt ask your vet.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 28, 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 JAKE WATSON AND CATHY WATSON, to FIRST TITLE CORPORATION, Trustee, on June 29, 2007, as Instrument No. 200707060001925 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-BC4

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

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING ON AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CONNER ROAD, BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SEXTON PROPERTY AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, SAID IRON PIN BEING 673 FEET MORE OR LESS, NORTHWEST OF THE PROJECTED CENTER LINE OF TATE TROTTER ROAD, AND 25 FEET, MORE OR LESS FROM THE CENTER LINE IF CONNER ROAD, THENCE NORTH 19 DEG. 12 MIN. WEST 1177 FEET WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CONNER ROAD TO AN IRON PIN, A CORNER TO H.L. PIKE; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEG. 43 MIN. WEST 319 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 75 RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEG. 52 MIN. EAST 177 FEET WITH THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 75 RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO AN IRON PIN, A CORNER TO THE SEXTON PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH 67 DEG. 34 MIN. EAST 300.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.28 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 68-L, PAGE 66, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JACOB S. WATSON AND WIFE, CATHY D. WATSON FROM JACOB S. WATSON BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JANUARY 4, 2000, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, IN INSTRUMENT# 20000214-0009272.

SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, AND BUILDING SETBACK LINES OF RECORD.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING REGULATIONS, BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE FOREGOING PROPERTY. THE TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR HAVE BEEN PRORATED AND ARE ASSUMED BY THE GRANTEE(S).

Tax ID: 047 01702

Current Owner(s) of Property: JAKE WATSON AND CATHY WATSON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **8023 CONNER RD, POWELL, TN 37849**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: HOME FEDERAL BANK OF TENNESSEE - JUNIOR DOT AND TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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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.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$3,697.81 as Instrument No. 201010290027014\$996.06 as Instrument No. 201008030006983\$28,663.77 as Instrument No. 201006110077467\$14,444.10 as Instrument No. 201006110077468 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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

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

MWZM File No. 16-003438-670

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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 March 2, 2007, executed by GLENN HOLSTON, STEPHANIE HOLSTON, conveying certain real property therein described to Emmett James House or Bill R. McLaughlin, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 8, 2007, in Deed Book 1, Page 16at Instrument Number 200703080072462; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE 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 **March 30, 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:

TRACT I: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY, AND BEING THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON PLAT ENTITLED SURVEY FOR JOHN RHYNE, OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 200702220067883, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. TOGETHER WITH A 25' PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200702220067883, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TRACT II:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY,

AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, SURVEY FOR RUBY SHARP, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200108160012716, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 066 11902

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3936 EMORY RD, POWELL, TN 37849**.

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): GLENN HOLSTON, STEPHANIE HOLSTON

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Regions Bank d/b/a AmSouth Bank. T

he 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. T

his property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kendra L. Lacy and Sonja M. Sides executed a Deed of Trust to Peoples Home Equity, Inc., Lender and A. Nicole Trout, Trustee(s), which was dated July 2, 2008 and recorded on July 7, 2008 in Instrument No. 200807070001213, 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, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (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 **March 21, 2017, at 12:00PM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in the Eighth (8th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of any municipality, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at an iron pin at the western edge of Clear Springs Road at a corner with Ford 1653 feet, more or less, from its intersection with Old Rutledge Pike, thence with the western edge of Clear Spring Road, South 11 deg 26 min 50 sec East 24.36 feet to an iron pin and corner with

Cross, thence with the line of Cross South 78 deg 24 min 06 sec West 160.12 feet to an iron pin and South 67 deg 50 min 25 sec West 241.71 feet to an iron pin at a corner with the grantors, thence in a severance line through the lands of the grantors, North 17 deg 42 min 17 sec West 210 feet to an iron pin and North 63 deg 09 min 11 sec East 190 feet to an iron pin and corner with Ford, thence with the line of Ford South 12 deg 09 min 00 sec East 189.75 feet to an iron pin and North 78 deg 29 min 46 sec East 235 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 1.02 acres, according to the survey of Eddie Garrett, RLS #1544, dated 04-06-95

BEING the same property conveyed to Kendra L. Lacy, Unmarried and Sonja M. Sides, Unmarried, by Deed dated July 2, 2008, from Timothy W. Cross and wife, Lisa Ann Cross, recorded as Instrument No. _____ Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

The above description is the same as the previous deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Parcel ID Number: 024 04103

Address/Description: **3817 A Clear Springs Road, Mascot, TN 37806**

Current Owner(s): Kendra L. Lacy and The Estate of Sonja M. Sides.

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 or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140

Brentwood, TN 37027

PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484

File No.: 16-17114 FC01

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 23, 2007, executed by EPHRAIM A. PHILLIPS, TRACI ANN WALDO, conveying certain real property therein described to EFS-EXPRESS FINANCIAL SERVICES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 5, 2007, at Instrument Number 200703050071049;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon as trustee for Nationstar Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-B 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 **March 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM** at the North side of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF

KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK C, CONCORD WOODS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 68-S, PAGE 4, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF LARRY A. DOSS, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1988.

Parcel ID: 153BE002

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **11224 CONCORD WOODS DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934**. 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): EPHRAIM A. PHILLIPS, TRACI ANN WALDO

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.

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

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KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK C, CONCORD WOODS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 68-S, PAGE 4, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF LARRY A. DOSS, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1988.

Parcel ID: 153BE002

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **11224 CONCORD WOODS DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934**. 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): EPHRAIM A. PHILLIPS, TRACI ANN WALDO

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Robert Gordon Petree and Karen S. Petree a/k/a Karen Petree executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, Lender and Robert M. Wilson, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated August 23, 2007 and recorded on October 15, 2007 in Instrument No. 200710150031334, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 14, 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 Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being a tract of land lying on the Southwest side of McGinnis Road and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the Southwest line of McGinnis

Road, corner to Norton, same being distant 110 feet Northwestly from the center line of Roberts Road thence from said beginning point with the Norton line, the following calls and distances: South 60 degrees, 58 minutes West, 150.95 feet to an iron pin, South 09 degrees 59 minutes East, 88.71 feet to an iron pin; South 51 degrees 06 minutes West, 75.67 feet to an iron rod, corner to the property of Bost; thence North 43 degrees 45 minutes West 226.3 feet to an iron pin, connected to the property of Bost; thence North 60 degrees 58 minutes East, 285 feet to an iron pin in the Southwestern line of McGinnis Road; thence with said road, South 41 degrees 28 minutes, East 125 feet to an iron pin, the point of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less, according to tile survey of Michael E. Luetheke, dated May 26, 1998, revised June 3, 1998.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Gordon Petree and wife, Karen Petree by deed of even date, which deed is being recorded simultaneously herewith as Instrument Number 200710150031333 or Book Page in the Registers Office said County.

Karen Petree and Karen S. Petree are one and the same person.

Parcel ID Number: 031 081

Address/Description: **4301 McGinnis Road, Corryton, TN 37721**.

Current Owner(s): Robert Gordon Petree and wife Karen Petree.

Other Interested Party(ies): Midland Funding LLC as assignee of HSBC Card Services, Inc..

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140

Brentwood, TN 37027

PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484

File No.: 16-20588 FC01

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE:

ESTATE OF: WILLIAM C. SHELL

DECEASED

DOCKET # 77425-3

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT, PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES, AND PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

TO: JESSE NOAH SHELL

405 E. CENTRAL STREET

DEQUINCY, LA 70633

In this cause, it appearing that an accounting/ settlement has been filed by the Personal Representative, which is sworn to, and it further appearing that the following beneficiary and unfound heir is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee and whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, to wit: JESSE NOAH SHELL, pursuant to T.C.A. 30-2-603 this notice is published to advise the above beneficiaries and all interested parties that the Clerk and Master will take the account of the Personal Representative and direct payment of unclaimed property on the **13th day of April, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Probate Courtroom, Room 352 City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902. The settlement may be continued from time to time as provided by T.C.A. 30-2-605

This 6th day of February, 2017.

Douglas Edward Shell
Personal Representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fountain City Business and Professional Association meeting

The Fountain City Business and Professional Association will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 11:45 a.m. at Central Baptist Church, 5364 North Broadway.

Kevin R. Kragenbrink, Ph.D. will present "Be the Business Everyone Wants to Work For." Come learn about key issues in building a great business culture to attract and retain top members to your team

Karns Republican Club

The Karns Republican Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, in the Karns Middle School Library. The speaker this month will be Sarah Rowan from Visit Knoxville.

Kantorei service at First Lutheran Church

The Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne will be singing at First Lutheran on March 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. The Kantorei is a select men's choir of 14 students studying for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne,

Indiana, directed by Kevin Hildebrand and accompanied by Kantor Matthew Machemer, organist, and Rev.

Larry Wright, liturgist and preacher.

This approximately one-hour worship service includes several Scripture lessons for the season with choral responses and congregational hymns and canticles.

A free-will offering will be taken to support Concordia Seminary—Fort Wayne and the Kantorei.

More info: www.firstknoxville.org, 865-524-0366, kantorei@firstknoxville.org.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Events

The Orchids Awards: March 7, 2017 - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at The Standard.

The Orchid Awards have been presented to Knoxville and Knox County's most beautiful properties since 1979. Join Keep Knoxville Beautiful to celebrate the people who are beautifying our dynamic city. Enjoy music, a silent auction with complimentary beer and wine reception, dinner, live painting

and the awards ceremony. Purchase tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2722049>

South Knoxville Cleanup: Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful will be hosting the community-wide South Knoxville Cleanup which will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., followed by lunch. The event will kick off at Sam Duff Memorial Park. We are looking for individuals, neighborhood groups, businesses, and more to participate!

Knox County Beekeepers Association meeting

The Knox County Beekeepers Association's next monthly meeting is Monday, March 6, 7-9 p.m. at New Harvest Park Community Building. Program topics: Beginning Beekeeping Basics, Protective Gear, and Raising Queens in Your Backyard. Open to anyone interested in honey bees. Admission is free.

Knox County Democratic Women's Club Meeting

The oldest county Democratic Women's Club in the

country meets the second Tuesday of each month at Austin's Restaurant, located at 900 Merchants Drive. Our meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Seymour Farmers Market planning new season

The Seymour Farmers Market has been approved by the IRS as a 501.3c non-profit organization and are chartered as such in Tennessee. Membership is open to all members of the Seymour area community who support the mission to keep agriculture part of the Seymour, TN community heritage by encouraging gardening and small farming. Both vendors and customers of the summer farmers market may be interested in becoming members.

The Seymour Farmers Market will have its annual meeting Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the community room of the Seymour Branch library, 137 W Macon Lane, Seymour, TN.

Agenda items for this meeting include a review of 2016 market and organizational activities, approval

of dates and fees for 2017 market, approval of organizational by-laws and selection of a board of directors.

If you are interested in helping write by-laws or serving on the board of directors please contact Marjie Richardson as soon as possible at 865-453-0130.

Seymour Roads and Rivers Day

Seymour's spring Roads and Rivers Day will be held on Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 a. m. until noon. Sevier County's Keep Sevier Beautiful organization sponsors this twice-a-year effort to remove litter from the area's roads, rivers, stream banks, and public places. Since Seymour occupies parts of Sevier, Knox, and Blount counties, citizens from all parts of Seymour are encouraged to participate.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the front parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church, 11621 Chapman Highway. Volunteers will receive gloves, safety vests, trash bags, water, and grabbers if wanted.

Wearing of long pants and sturdy shoes is suggested. Children under 12 will be paired with an adult.

The long winter has left Seymour's road and street sides with more than the usual amounts of unsightly litter. A good response on Saturday, March 18, will help alleviate this and make Seymour an even more attractive place in which to live, work, and visit.

Scout packs, 4-H Club members, church Sunday School classes and youth groups, civic clubs, and families—all are welcomed. For more information, call Seymour's coordinator, Amparo Flores, at 865-405-9958.

Sierra Club Program - Harvey Broome Group outings for 2017

Tuesday March 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

The annual outings program provides a preview of the HBG's outings program for 2017 and a slideshow from past outings. Included in this year's lineup are 11 backpack

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Ham and wife, Marlene G. Ham, executed a Deed of Trust to Gregory D. Shanks, Trustee, which was dated February 8, 2013, and recorded on February 11, 2013, as Instrument No. 201302110052471 in the Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds; and

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 holder of said indebtedness, Alma Margaret Tipton (the "Holder") appointed the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, being Instrument No. 201603230054652, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

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, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, will on March 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the City-County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North Entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee and being more fully described as follows:

TRACT 1:
BEGINNING at a point which is located North 38 deg. West, 306 feet from the North side of the Thorn Grove Pike, being the Northeast corner of the Floyd Emert Tract; thence North 38 deg. West, 499 feet to a mark on a rock, corner to Blackburn; thence South 14 deg. West with Blackburn's line, 82 feet to a mark on a rock; thence South 37 1/2 deg. East with Beanson's line, 455 feet to a stake, corner to Floyd Emert; thence with his line, North 43 3/4 deg. East, 75 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

ALSO a right-of-way 12 feet wide, running from the beginning corner herein Southeast along Floyd Emert's Easterly line approximately 306 feet to the Thorn Grove Pike.

TRACT 2:
BEGINNING at a point which is located North 38 deg. West, 306 feet from the North side of the Thorn Grove Pike and in the line of Branson; thence North 43.75 deg. East, 75 feet to a stake in the North edge of the right-of-way and the line of Blackburn (formerly W. R. Monday); thence with the Blackburn line, South 38 deg. East, 306 feet to a stake at the point where the Blackburn line intersects the North line of the Thorn Grove Pike; thence with the North line of Thorn Grove Pike in a Southwesterly direction, 78 feet to a stake in the Branson line; thence with the Branson line, North 37 1/2 deg. West, 306 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT 3:
BEGINNING at a stake in Branson's line; thence North 43 3/4 deg. East, 75 feet to a stake at the North edge of a right of way and in the Monday line; thence with the Monday line, South 38 deg. East, 106 feet to a stake at the North edge of the right of way of Monday line; thence South 43 3/4 deg. West, 76 feet to a stake in Branson's line; thence with Branson, North 37 1/2 deg. West, 106 feet to the BEGINNING and being a lot.

BEING the same property conveyed to Ralph J. Ham and wife, Marlene G. Ham, by Alma Margaret Tipton, by Warranty Deed dated February 8, 2013, and recorded as Instrument No.: 201302110052470, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID number: 097-101
Address: 5923 Thorn Grove Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914

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

The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. To this end, a bidder must bring sufficient funds to outbid the Holder. Amounts

received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated February 14, 2017

Edward L. Summers, Substitute Trustee
5401 Kingston Pike, Suite 130
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919
Phone: (865) 546-8706

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES: CHRISTOPHER CASTRO DARLENE CASTRO

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Gregory D. Shanks, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to an Appointment of Substitute Trustee, recorded in Book TD254, page 207, in the Register's Office for Union County, Tennessee, which said Appointment of Substitute Trustee vest Gregory D. Shanks with all authority vested in the Trustee by that certain Deed of Trust executed to Ryan P. McNally, Trustee, by Christopher M. Castro and Darlene Castro recorded in Book TD191, Page 72, in the Register's Office for Union County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'clock A. M. on March 9, 2017, at the front door of the County Courthouse in Maynardville (Union County), Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, in bar of the right and equity of redemption, all homestead and dower rights, and the statutory right of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed, property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Two (2) of Union County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron pin on the southeast right-of-way of a 12 foot right-of-way and the northwest right-of-way of Tazewell Pike and the said iron pin is approximately 220.0 feet southwest from the center of Wallace Road adjoining the property of Kenneth Ailor South 51 deg. 30 min. West 288.9 feet to an iron pin adjoining the Mary Jane Chase property; thence with the said Chase line North 38 deg. 30 min. West 98.0 feet; thence South 51 deg. 30 min. West 124.0 feet to an iron pin adjoining the property of Clarence Beeler; thence with the said Beeler line North 38 deg. 30 min. West 152.4 feet to an iron pin, a corner in the Elbert Warwick line; thence with the said Warwick line North 51 deg. 20 min. East 399.3 feet to an iron pin; thence North 43 deg. 45 min. West 163.2 feet to an iron pin; thence North 50 deg. 48 min. East 265.9 feet to an iron pin; thence North 74 deg. 30 min. East 168.2 feet to an iron pin on the westerly right-of-way of Wallace Road; thence with said right-of-way South 9 deg. 23 min. East 98.4 feet to an iron pin corner to the Clear Branch Church property; thence with the said church property line South 76 deg. 22 min. West 167.2 feet; thence South 44 deg. 53 min. West 76.7 feet to an iron pin, a corner to the cemetery lots; thence with the said line between the cemetery lots property and the property herein described North 44 deg. 32 min. West 73.1 feet to an iron pin; thence South 44 deg. 53 min. West 24.0 feet to an iron pin; thence South 50 deg. 48 min. West 96.2 feet to an iron pin on the northeast right-of-way of a 12.0 foot right-of-way leading to Tazewell Pike; thence with the said right-of-way as follows: South 43 deg. 45 min. East 151.2 feet; South 44 deg. 13 min. East 65.7 feet to a corner adjoining the Ailor property; and thence with the Ailor line South 35 deg. 30 min. East 183.2 feet to the point of Beginning, containing 2.80 acres, more or less.

BEING the same property conveyed to Christopher M. Castro and wife, Darlene Castro, by Warranty Deed from Dale A. Heidenreich and wife, LeAnn M. Heidenreich, dated March 19, 2013, filed for record in Book M8, page 24 in the Union County Register of Deeds Office.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1312 Tazewell Pike, Coryton, Tennessee 37721 Control No. 078-055-00, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

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

Said sale is being made upon the request of Dale A. Heidenreich and LeAnn M. Heidenreich, the owners and holders of the indebtedness secured by said Trust Deed due to the failure of said makers to comply with all provisions of said Trust Deed.

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

GREGORY D. SHANKS, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Shanks & Blackstock, Attorneys
406 Union Ave., Suite 600
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: 865-637-2981

Published this:
February 20, 2017
February 27, 2017
March 6, 2017

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Alma Thornhill executed a Deed of Trust to The Cit Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Lender and Ernest B. Williams, IV, Trustee(s), which was dated December 17, 2001 and recorded on December 28, 2001 in Instrument No. 200112280052890, 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, The Bank of New York Mellon, the successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for CIT Home Equity Loan Trust 2002-2, (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 **March 14, 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 1 Knox County, Tennessee within the 12th ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee and being known and designated as Lot 21 Border Addition as shown by map of record in Map Book 14, page 167 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee to which map specific reference is hereby made and incorporated herein as if copied verbatim.

SUBJECT to restrictions of record in Deed Book 716, (page 536 in said Register's Office.

SUBJECT to governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations in effect thereon.
FOR PRIOR DEED REFERENCE SEE DEED BOOK 1645, PAGE 672 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SEE ALSO ESTATE OF LORA KIZER (KNOX COUNTY PROBATE COURT DOCKET #P-97-538543-3) . ALMA THORNHILL MAKES OATH THAT SHE IS THE SOLE SURVIVING LEGAL HEIR AT LAW OF LORA KIZER, WIDOW OF CLAUDE. KIZER. SHE FURTHER MAKES OATH THAT HER BROTHER, EUGENE KAISER (KIZER) IS DECEASED (D.O.D. 12-4-96) AND THAT HE DIED INTERSTATE, UNMARRIED, AND WITHOUT ISSUE. TAX ID # 082 MB 020

Property Address: 1419 Border Street, Knoxville, TN 37914
Parcel ID Number: 082MB 020
Address/Description: 1419 Border Street, Knoxville, TN 37914.

Current Owner(s): Alma Thornhill.
Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; and any all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants,

easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
Brentwood, TN 37027
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 16-13315 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Sandra L. Clark executed a Deed of Trust to Executive Mortgage, LLC, Lender and Mattingly Ford Title Services, Trustee(s), which was dated October 21, 2005 and recorded on November 10, 2005 in Instrument No. 200511100042658, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 14, 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, lying, and being in the Seventh (formerly Second) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 18th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot No. 23 and the Southern or Southwestern one-half (1/2) of Lot No. 24 in what is known as Thos. Brown's addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, a recorded map of said addition being of record in map book No. 4, Paige 139, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, said Lot and said portion of said Lot lying adjacent former one boundary and having a total combined frontage of 75 feet on the northwestern side of Elkins Street (formerly Charity Street) and extending back in the Northwesterly direction therefrom between parallel lines 150 feet, more or less, to the Southeastern line of an alley, said property is improved with a dwelling house bearing City No. 4227 Elkins St. Knoxville, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Sandra L. Clark, from Dwayne Richard Clark and Roseanne Carter, by Quitclaim Deed dated 2-9-2004 and recorded 3-8-2004 in Instrument No. 200403080083363 in the office of the Register of Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 069ED 012
Address/Description: 4227 Elkins Street, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Current Owner(s): The Estate of Sandra L. Clark.

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

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
Brentwood, TN 37027
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 16-18254 FC01

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN J. KELLY, III AND JOHN J. KELLY, IV;
IN RE: U.S. BANK TRUST N.A., UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN J. KELLY, III NO. 193206-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN J. KELLY, III AND JOHN J. KELLY, IV a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN J. KELLY, III AND JOHN J. KELLY, IV it is ordered that said defendants UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN J. KELLY, III AND JOHN J. KELLY, IV file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with MARIA YODER, an Attorneys whose address is, 1521 Merrill Drive, Suite D-220 Little Rock, AR 72211 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 27th day of February, 2017.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JUSTIN BEASON;
IN RE: VICKI PARROTT v. JUSTIN BEASON NO. 192825-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JUSTIN BEASON a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JUSTIN BEASON it is ordered that said defendant JUSTIN BEASON file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Henry Daniel Forester, III, an Attorneys whose address is, 711 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37929 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street,

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of February, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
ABBOTT A. BRAYTON
Docket number 78609-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ABBOTT A. BRAYTON who died JANUARY 13TH, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the 2/27/2017
Estate of ABBOTT A. BRAYTON

MATTHEW A. BRAYTON; CO-EXECUTOR
8921 WESLEY PLACE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922
ALISON E. BRAYTON
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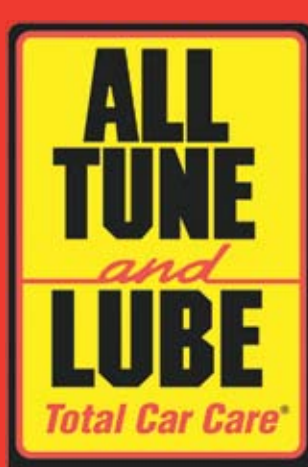
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
ESTA K. BRAYTON
Docket number 78610-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ESTA K. BRAYTON who died MARCH 23RD, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
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