

Urgent Care Center gets quick approval

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What was thought to be the most disputed item before the planning commission Thursday, the approval of the Helen Ross McNabb Behavior Health Urgent Care Center, passed with little debate.

Neighborhood homeowners left the meeting talking of appealing the decision to city council.

John Zimmerman, who had spoken against the proposed facility before, told the planners a urgent

care facility doesn't fit into the residential neighborhood. He called it a "72-hour drug jail diversion" and challenged the definition of "hospital" for the place. He also cited loss of property values, additional traffic, and said it would cause an increase in emergency vehicles in the Western Avenue area.

Another neighborhood resident said the facility, also known as the Safety Center, was "shoved in our face."

Chair Rebecca Longmire

said the MPC had little authority on the use of the property and MPC Director Gerald Green noted that the application "meets the definition" and reminded the appointed planning commission members that MPC cannot regulate the use of or place conditions on the operation there. The planning staff did recommend rerouting the entrance road.

Jerry Vagnier, Director of Helen Ross McNabb, said the Western Avenue location has been the site

of a treatment center for 19 years and said, "The safety of the community is paramount." He also noted that an officer of the sheriff's department would be there 24 hours a day.

The vote passed unanimously with the requirement that the access drive come from Ball Camp Road.

The most opposed item at the Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting turned out to be the application of USA Compound on Magnolia Avenue for an

eight-unit apartment building. The former bank building, which sat vacant for many years, was originally two houses that were connected, used for business locations, and then vacated.

A Pellissippi State student, Phillips Stevenson, received permission on a "Use on Review" for the site but only after some objections from the Parkridge neighborhood. Roof improvements there were done before a building permit was issued and

work was stopped until a permit was issued.

The opposition had demanded that the façade of the building be removed but Stevenson's father told the commission that it could not be removed because one of the sides has no other exterior walls.

Stevenson's attorney, Arthur Seymour, Jr., said that the building has been stabilized and the owner wants to move ahead with

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Neighborhood Council hears about litter

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Patience Melnick, Executive Director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, spoke at Wednesday's Neighborhood Advisory Council and told the neighborhood leaders that her organization was formed in 1978 by the city and county to clean up for the World's Fair.

She described Keep Knoxville Beautiful as an independent affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and said that the focus is litter, recycling, and beautification toward a greener and more beautiful city.

"You are my prime leaders," she told the meeting.

Melnick reminded everyone of the March 25th South Knoxville Cleanup to be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers will meet at Duff Park at 4060 Chapman Highway. Participants will pick up supplies at the kickoff event and then disperse into their own neighborhoods to pick up litter.

She said that South Knoxville has been targeted by the organization and that, starting in July, East Knoxville will be the focus.

People not in groups will pick up leaders in the street around Duff Field.

She also said that anyone can get litter pickup supplies from Keep Knoxville Beautiful, located in at Knoxville Botanical Gardens. Supplies include gloves, orange vests, pickers, signage

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Pot of Gold for Irish?



Marquise Fifield (right) and the Grainger Grizzlies didn't have a defensive answer for Catholic point guard Luke Smith in last week's Class AA sectional round. Smith scored 35 points to lead the No. 1 ranked Irishmen to a 73-49 victory. "They just got on a run, and (as for) Luke Smith, listen, he's good," summed up Grainger Coach Derrick Combs after the game. Catholic, Bearden and Grace Christian will give Knox County three representatives in the TSSAA state tournament, which starts Wednesday in Murfreesboro. See boys and girls prep basketball coverage in Sports & Recreation Section C.

Insurance, Self-Serve Beer, and Greenway work on Council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday and the agenda calls for a final vote to require evidence of financial responsibility for anyone driving a vehicle out of the city impound lot. The council also looks at amending the city codes to permit the sale of all advertised surplus real property . to the change is to state that the property is sold regardless of the estimated value.

The council will also discuss acquiring, by condemnation if necessary, a home and property at 3740 Speedway Circle owned by Angela Fields. The estimated cost is \$4,000 and the action is recommended by the Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee.

The Love Creek Greenway may get a \$104,100 agreement with Fulghum,

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Crockett's early life presented in Strawberry Plains

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Want to know more about David Crockett?

Joe Swann, owner of one of Crockett's rifles and former president of the East Tennessee Historical Society, will speak about the frontier hero's life in Jefferson County today at 5 p.m.

Swann will share the story at the

Parrott-Wood Memorial Library at 3133 Old Andrew Johnson Parkway in Strawberry Plains. The author is a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission and is working on a book, "The Early Life and Times of David Crockett in East Tennessee, 1786-1836."

How Crockett's life in our area played a pivotal part in the hero's life and how that developed into

him becoming an American icon is the subject. The autobiography deals extensively and in detail with the people and places in Jefferson County, which he departed in 1812.

The Parrott-Wood Memorial Library is located in "downtown" Strawberry Plains. You can get more information by calling (865) 933-1311.



East Tennessee's David Crockett, legendary Congressional member, frontiersman and hero of The Alamo, began his life in our area and spent his youth in Jefferson County. His life there will be the subject of a speech at the Strawberry Plains Library today at 5 p.m.



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the absolute quickest that you can get divorced in Tennessee is 60 days after you file the complaint at the courthouse requesting a divorce.

The law says that if you are getting divorced, and you have no children, you cannot get divorced until 60 days after the divorce paperwork is filed. If you are getting a divorce and you have children under the age of 18, then you must wait 90 days after the paperwork is filed before you are allowed to get divorced. These time periods are called, "the cooling down period." The legislature decided that they preferred that individuals not be allowed to quickly divorce so that they can contemplate and ponder whether getting divorced is actually what they desire to do.

Having said that, those timelines depend on a number of things. When you file a complaint for divorce, you will not have a divorce trial date until at least 8 or 9 months after you file, at the earliest. And in a great number of cases, there is discovery, depositions and mediation that need to take place prior to trial, so that trial date can get pushed a number of times so that it can sometimes take years before people get divorced.

The only real way you can get divorced that quickly is if you and the other person reach an agreement before you file for divorce, or you work out an agreement during the period prior to being allowed to divorce.

If you do reach an agreement, you and your attorney can go before the judge after the cooling down period has passed and ask the judge to grant your divorce. Both people do not have to be there, only one of the parties is needed for this hearing.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

County Commission

Emergency preparedness before commission

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When the Knox County Commission meets next Monday in Work Session it will do something it hasn't done before: approve the health department's memorandum of understanding with various agencies to deal with emergency management.

The six resolutions, dealing with in-shelter care of victims of natural disasters both man-made and natural, comes to the commission's approval after a suggestion by the law department. The agreements between the agencies are on-going but the resolutions

make them official.

Deputy Law Director David Buuck told The Focus that Myers Morton in the department suggested the resolutions as a technicality that may be required by state law. Although no money is involved the approval by commission would simply be an approval.

Katherine Killen, Community Relations Director for the Knox County Health Department, said the resolutions reflect the emergency preparedness plans coordinated by the department. She said the cooperation with other organizations and agencies began following the 9/11 attacks and during the influx of

hurricane refugees to Knox County. The coordinated effort would provide services to those who are in shelters from a variety of agencies.

For instance, the KCHD would provide support in the form of "home health services" to those shelters. The agencies KCHD would coordinate with the home health care units of The University of Tennessee Medical Center, Tennova, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Covenant, the Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio Service, and Serene Manor Medical Center.

Killen explains that "home health services" are those services

normally provided for in-home care but used at designated shelters following disasters. The health department's Emergency Preparedness Division coordinates the effort.

"It makes sure we are as prepared as we could be," she said.

In other action the commission may honor Steve Hall for his many years of service, as well as the Central High School team, and high school athletes Cailey Griffin and Hunter Fortner for winning their weight class in the TSSAA State Wrestling Championship.

The commissioners may also approve

accepting \$25,024 from First Baptist Concord to be used at Maynard Elementary to renovate the playground. They will also look at approving a lease agreement between Mac Walker and the county for the Mascot Branch Library and approve \$15,000 with Radio Systems Corporation for car transport systems (cages), heat alarms and first aid kits for the K-9 Division at the sheriff's department.

A resolution before the commission would approve an agreement that would permit LMU to donate design and construction services to the Young Williams

Animal Shelter to accommodate the university's Veterinary Medicine's clinical year rotations.

The commission may also approve issuance of \$99 million in general obligation bonds and approve an understanding between Knox County Regional Forensic Center and the Knox/East Tn Healthcare Coalition for a sharing of resources during an emergency.

Also on the agenda is a presentation by the Embroiderer's Guild of America of a hand-stitched picture of the Old Knox County Courthouse.

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renovations.

After a failed request to postpone the request the commission moved to approve the use in a narrow split vote 8-7.

In an unusual request Robert Richards asked and received permission for a home office in a residence on Leyden Drive east of Grandview Drive. The retired natural trail consultant wants to run his consulting business from the house. Most people with home-based business don't apply for permission but others do occasionally for legal and tax purposes.

Ron Davis, representing the Lyons View Community, spoke against the request saying the business might have a

secondary impact on the neighborhood.

MPC Staffer Dan Kelly said the permit may be needed because the home is zone R-1.

In other action approval of the 2017 One Year Plan for Knoxville was postponed for 30 days after Norwood Neighborhood President Lynn Redmond pointed out some problems in the zoning map involving Tillery Avenue.

Over the objection the commission also voted to close a road or alley on North 6th Street that once lead to the Standard Knitting Mills property. A railroad crossing along the route was closed and the access curtailed. The city is working to develop access to the old mill site from Jessamine Street.

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and trash bags.

"Litter affects the cost of real estate, reduces property values, costs taxpayers, clogs drains and is not a superficial problem," she said.

Melnick also said that Keep Knoxville Beautiful is also active in graffiti cleanup, recruiting volunteers, and sponsoring events. Funds for the beautification organization mostly come from the Tennessee Department of Transportation and from fund raisers such as the recent Orchid Awards ceremony.

"Litter is a choice. Eighty-five percent of litter is on purpose," she said, adding that one in five people litter and the most common litter is cigarette

butts.

"So, call us for supplies or get graffiti kit and let us help you with volunteers," she said.

"And pick up a piece of litter every day."

In other business the Advisory Council heard from Donald Parnell and Carol Moor asking that the Forest Brook area be recognized as a Knoxville neighborhood. Parnell said that the neighborhood has been loosely organized for more than 80 years without officers and has been trying since 2008 to get recognition and appear on the city's list of recognized neighborhoods.

He said the neighborhood hosts events, has specific geographic boundaries, and should be recognized.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.
Patience Melnick, director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, displays some cleanup materials supplied by the organization for cleaning up litter and graffiti.

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MacIndoe and Associates for work there and the council may approve a bio-diesel pipeline under the Third Creek road.

A proposal from Princeton Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance Company may be approved to provide excess liability and vehicle and equipment damage insurance as part of the city and K-Trans Management's self-insurance program. The annual premium would be \$320,784.

Items before the council on first reading include an ordinance dealing with self-

serve beer. The beer permit application of Pour Taproom, which plans to open on in the Old City's Jackson Terminal, prompted the creation of the ordinance. Current beer permits state that only a business owner or employee can pour beer for customers.

"The ordinance is not complete, it is close," Beer Chair Brenda Palmer told The Focus.

"Rob Frost and the law department have been working closely with the business that wants to operate this model to be sure the ordinance

is workable," she said, explaining that the agenda item is a "placeholder" that will be filled if the ordinance is ready.

"I understand the business will be ready to open in April," Palmer said.

The council may also look at amending city codes regarding the zoning of auction houses.

Rezoning requests are on the agenda including one seeking to change an institutional property to low density resident on the west side of East Moody Avenue and Tipton Avenue.

Knoxville Community Development Department seeks to have an open space designation changed to low density residential.

A subdivision request for 5.99 units per acre is on the agenda in a request from Wanda Moody for property along Middlebrook Pike and Broome Road.


The council may also approve giving \$1,650 from Community Improvement Funds to Bike Walk Tennessee to serve as fiscal agent on behalf of the Open Streets Knoxville event.



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Publisher's Position

Remembering Earl Hoffmeister



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Earl Hoffmeister passed away last week at 90. Many readers likely knew Earl Hoffmeister personally, as did I. I was one of those who was actually taught by Hoffmeister. Quite a few years ago, I was a student in Earl Hoffmeister's mechanical drawing/drafting class. It won't surprise anyone who knew him to know of his love of sports, especially the World Series. One October day Mr. Hoffmeister brought a transistor radio to class and solemnly told us, "Now, if you all will be good, if you'll behave, I've got a special treat for you." Well, we were sufficiently quiet and doing our school work and Mr. Hoffmeister raised the radio antenna and we got to listen to

the World Series. Of course, the "treat" was less for us than it was for Mr. Hoffmeister but we didn't mind. He was not only a great teacher but a genuinely good human being.

Mr. Hoffmeister was interested in politics, but it never consumed him. When Mildred Doyle announced she would retire in 1976, Hoffmeister was urged to run for Superintendent of Knox County Schools. Miss Doyle was gifted with a brand new and rather ostentatious Cadillac by admirers inside the school system and seemed headed for a contented retirement until she suddenly and abruptly changed her mind. Miss Doyle announced she would run again, after all. Many expected Mr. Hoffmeister to withdraw, but he persisted in running, which was a mighty bold thing to do. Mildred Doyle had been superintendent since 1946 and was renowned for rewarding her friends and punishing her enemies. In fact, Miss Doyle had, over time, created something of a potent political machine out of the school system. County

judges, officeholders and members of the Knox County Court (the forerunner of the current County Commission), all were wary of getting on Miss Doyle's bad side.

Big as Earl Hoffmeister was, he was David challenging Goliath when he ran against Mildred Doyle in 1976. Hoffmeister pulled off an upset and won. He won not because Miss Doyle had accumulated enemies over time, although that helped; he won because of his personality and commitment to education. Earl was a genuinely friendly person and it was readily apparent he really liked people. Mr. Hoffmeister also cared about education and educators.

Hoffmeister, to supplement his salary as a teacher and principal, built homes in the summer months and became quite successful at it. Earl's knowledge about construction was critical during a time when he either built or renovated virtually every school building inside Knox County during his time as superintendent. One former County

Commissioner told me about being with Hoffmeister during a tour of Powell High School as it was being renovated. Something caught Mr. Hoffmeister's eye and he summoned the construction manager. "I want this done right," Hoffmeister said. Earl explained what he had noticed that had displeased him and added a gruff, "And if it isn't done right, you won't be getting any more contracts to do anything for Knox County schools."

Mr. Hoffmeister was easily reelected in 1980 and 1984 before facing a fierce challenge from County Commissioner Wanda Moody. Moody had been a vocal and incessant supporter Mildred Doyle and a critic of Hoffmeister and his administration before announcing she would run herself in 1988. Both campaigned hard, but Hoffmeister crushed Moody in the general election. Relations between the superintendent and the County Commission improved dramatically during his tenure and ultimately Hoffmeister opted not to run for a fifth

term in 1992, although he could have been reelected without much effort.

Earl Hoffmeister was effective because of his personality and was one of those rare folks who has the ability to think fast on his feet and come up with an appropriate and genuinely funny quip. Some took Earl Hoffmeister's demeanor for a lackadaisical style and presumed he was dependent upon subordinates to run the school system. For those who actually knew the situation, they realized Earl Hoffmeister, despite his cheery and friendly nature, possessed an impressive strength of will and a steely determination. Earl could be stubborn as an angry mule, but he also knew his school system intimately.

Earl Hoffmeister was also one of the primary reasons big business, Chamber of Commerce-types and professional education bureaucrats wanted to change the way we pick our superintendents. Earl Hoffmeister never pretended to be anything he was not; others would grumble about Earl having been a coach and accused



him of being a "good ol' boy." Those folks reasoned Earl Hoffmeister could be reelected forever and they were right.

Yet, Earl could make his point about what he wanted for the school system in language anyone could understand and even make hostile commissioners laugh. Earl Hoffmeister was truly popular with the people of Knox County.

In the end, Earl Hoffmeister accomplished more than all of his successors combined. Earl passed away peacefully, surrounded by the people he loved the most, but not everyone who loved the former superintendent was with him when he passed away. They number in the thousands and we will all miss him more than we can say.



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For Lynch, it’s all about relationships, kids

By Ken Lay

Dale Lynch has been in education since 1986. He’s worked as a teacher, a coach and an assistant superintendent. He’s been the Director of Schools in Hamblen County since 2001 and served in the same position for the Elizabethton City School District before moving to Hamblen County. Now he’s hoping to be Knox County’s next superintendent. “I’ve had success in Hamblen County, where I’ve been superintendent since 2001 and if you know anything about Hamblen County, you know that superintendentcies there, don’t usually last that long,” Lynch told the Knox County Board of Education in an interview at the Andrew Johnson Building on Monday, March 6. Lynch, along with fellow finalist Knox County Assistant Superintendent Bob Thomas, was interviewed by the school board and then showed up to pitch themselves to the public at a forum at West High School Tuesday night. Lynch seems to be struggling with the idea of leaving the Morristown Area, but said he would do so for the superintendent’s office in Knoxville. “There’s something I believe is special in this community,” he said. “I would not be here tonight if I did not think that Knox County couldn’t be a special kind of education system in the state of Tennessee. “You’ve got the power. You’ve got the position to be

the best in Tennessee.” While success has occurred under Lynch’s watch in Hamblen County; he’s not about to take all the credit. “I’m here and I’m in education because I love kids. I love working with our kids,” he said. “I love working with our administrators and I love working with our teachers. But the success and my leadership style is not about me. “You win with people. I had a district with 2,300 students in Elizabethton, now; I have 10,000 in Hamblen County. In Knox County, you have 60,000 students and that just multiplies my happiness.” Lynch said if he was selected, he would make early literacy a priority. “Early literacy is a civil rights issue,” he said. “The district needs to have access to high quality literacy material regardless of ZIP code. “Every child should have that right and that opportunity, and if we don’t do it early, then we will not succeed, not in education but in our community and our country.” During the interview process with the board, Lynch was asked about how he would manage urban schools. Lynch noted that he is handling diversity at his current job as Hamblen County has a Hispanic population of more than 20 percent and is also home to the largest migrant worker population in Tennessee. He, as an “advocate and champion for public

education” said that under his leadership, Knox County Schools would serve inner-city communities. “I’m convinced and I believe that regardless of your race and regardless of your ethnicity, you want the best for boys and girls,” Lynch told the board last Monday. “I truly believe through collaboration and connectedness, we can work to help lots of students and families in the most impoverished part of our community.” While Lynch appears confident that he can lead Knox County Schools, he admits that he may not have all the answers for the prevalent issues in the county. “I will have to learn more about rezoning to fully comment on rezoning,” Lynch said. “But decisions should be made for the areas that are growing.” He also used the opportunity to again address the educational disparities in Knox County. “Students should have options and every school, regardless of location, should have an effective teacher in every classroom,” Lynch said. He also noted that communication has a role in solving many of the district’s problems. He noted that it’s his job to build trust with parents, teachers, administrators and in the community. “Just like in families, you build trust every day,” Lynch said. “You do that by listening and caring and making sure that you’re making decisions on what is the most important thing for kids.”

Thomas pledges to ‘listen’ if appointed

By Ken Lay

Bob Thomas doesn’t fancy himself as a salesman. “I don’t think I can sell anything,” said Thomas, the Assistant Superintendent of Knox County Schools and a finalist for the superintendent’s position. “But the one thing I can sell is education. “I’m all about public education. I’m a product of public education and I’ve been in public education for 44 years now and all of that time, I’ve been in Knox County. I’ve been a teacher. I’ve been an assistant principal and I’ve been a principal and I’ve been an assistant superintendent.” Thomas made his remarks at a public forum at West High School Tuesday night. The gathering came one day after he and fellow finalist Dale Lynch had a casual get-to-know-you lunch and dessert with board members and were later interviewed formally by those same board members on Monday, March 6. Thomas has been working in the school district office for three decades where he’s worked on the operations side. Prior to moving to the Andrew Johnson Building, Thomas was the principal at Rule High School, a culturally diverse school in the Lonsdale Community that closed its doors in 1991. He was at Rule during the 1980s. Prior to serving as principal at Rule, Thomas

taught at Bearden Junior High School. He became an assistant superintendent in 1990. While working downtown, he’s been the human resources supervisor. He’s also overseen multiple departments such as transportation, facilities and finance. Thomas (who was also a finalist for the superintendent’s job in 2008) said he was reasonably certain that the interview went well. “I’m just coming out of the room,” he said. “I think it went pretty well.” He spoke about empowering teachers and increasing student achievement. He also emphasized the importance of eliminating disparities and noted that he’s a staunch supporter of the school system’s disparity task force. “We have to prepare our students the best we can for after they leave high school,” Thomas said Tuesday night. “Every student is entitled to the best education that we can provide for them. “All means all and that doesn’t mean any one over another.” He addressed the issue of rezoning, a hot topic as Knox County prepares to open new middle schools at Gibbs and Hardin Valley. He said that he’s supportive of community feedback. “I believe that it’s really important that our students go to the schools located in their

communities,” Thomas said. “Their friends go to school there. They feel comfortable and they feel safe. “We may not be able to do that in all cases because there may be geographical boundaries, and maybe we can’t do that because of capacity issues. But I think anytime we can go through the feeder pattern from elementary, to middle school to high school, it is very important.” He also addressed teacher evaluations and salaries. He said that evaluations should be used as tools for growth rather than threats. He said that salaries must increase for teachers because the district lost “about 50 teachers to adjacent school districts.” Thomas assured the crowd and the board of education that he is a lifelong learner, a listener and a person of integrity. “I’ve always got to be in a position where I’m learning,” he said. “I’m a person of integrity and I’m going to tell you the truth. It may not be what you want to hear but it’s going to be the truth. I have a service mentality and I will serve you until I can’t serve anymore. I [also] pledge that I will hear you and I will listen to you. I’m a relationship builder and I feel like I’m a good listener.”

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Third Creek Civil War Fort Dedicated

By Mike Steely
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There is one less undiscovered Civil War site in Knoxville. A Third Creek cannon embankment, known as a “Redan,” was discovered about 10 years ago by Dr. Charles Faulkner as he and his wife walked along the greenway there and the site was officially dedicated earlier this month.

Many Civil War sites in our area have been plowed over, built on or paved over. There were literally dozens of Confederate and Union fortifications, batteries and camps in the county. Most were built by Union Forces following the capture of Knoxville. Many of the artillery sites were probably built by African American Union troops.

The First United States Colored Troops Heavy Artillery Regiment was formed in January of 1864 and commanded by General Davis Tillson, who commanded the defenses in East Tennessee. The commander eventually reported some 1,700 members in the regiment.

Tillson was mentioned by Dr. Faulkner as he addressed a gathering just off Sutherland Avenue near the railroad bridge, beneath where the greenway passes. The breastwork or earthworks were built up to contain two cannons, both of which faced the former wooden railroad bridge, defending against any attack by Rebel forces.

Speaking at the ceremony were Dr. Faulkner and his wife, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Knoxville Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons, and County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Bataille. Burchett and Dr. Faulkner noted the early involvement of former



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Dr. Charles Faulkner speaks about the Civil War site he discovered as county and city officials look on. The earthen fort is behind and to the right of Faulkner.

Commissioner Tony Norman, now a school board member, for his efforts.

“He was keeping me informed,” Faulkner said of Norman, who attended the event as an audience member. Also present in the audience were former Mayor Victor Ashe, Legacy Parks Director Carol Evans, and Councilman Daniel Brown.

Faulkner said that the site was cleared by Sheriff J.J. Jones and Ivan Harman, who was enlisted by Norman. He thanked former Mayor Bill Haslam for his effort and noted that the property was bought by Tim Zitman and donated to Legacy Parks, which donated it to Knox County in 2010. Talks are underway to possibly transfer ownership of the fort site to the city. Faulkner noted that

Robin Easter designed the historic marker now at the site.

Faulkner said the little fortification may be the best preserved of the “redan” forts in the area and called it “pristine.”

The retired University of Tennessee archeologist, currently completing another historic book along with his wife about Fort Sanders, said that the African American soldiers were in charge of building and maintaining the Union forts in and around Knoxville. They manned the large and small cannons and served from 1863 until the end of the war.

As a train passed during Faulkner’s remarks he pointed out that the railroad was the reason for the location of the fort. Of the supporters of the project

he said, “They have been a constant reminder of how important the Civil War was to our region.”

At least nine artillery battery sites are known to have been built in Knoxville by Union forces as well as six larger forts. During the war more than 25,000 African Americans served the nation in Artillery Units.

The Third Creek Redan is just a brief walk from the Sutherland Avenue entrance to the greenway. The site is just to the left of the pathway just before you reach the concrete railroad bridge.

As Doug Bataille told the audience, Dr. Faulkner’s finding of the earthen fort has added another positive aspect to Knox County greenways: historic value.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

Last week in Nashville, House members moved forward with legislation to help encourage the growing and selling of Tennessee-based agriculture products across the state. As filed, House Bill 299 is a pro-small business bill that removes governmental regulations and red tape that have placed undue burdens on the distribution of homegrown, locally produced food products. Over the last several years, many rural communities across Tennessee have newly established farmers markets and local kitchens that continue to grow in size and offerings to the public. If passed, House Bill 299 would stop the licensing and inspections required by the Department of Agriculture at over 150 existing domestic kitchens. This will allow for growth in our rural communities and at small business start-ups and farmers markets in all parts of the state.

As House Republicans boost their efforts to combat the opioid and prescription drug epidemic in Tennessee, new legislation has been introduced that would impose tougher penalties on illegal opioid and prescription drug suppliers. House Bill 786 would enable law enforcement to charge illegal suppliers with voluntary manslaughter when they cause death to a user by unlawful distributing or delivering controlled substances. The voluntary manslaughter charge in Tennessee is currently a Class C felony and carries a penalty of 3 – 15 years in prison, as well as a fine of up to \$10,000. Supporters of the legislation hope the bill would reduce access to illegal opioid and drug distribution by creating greater punishment and determent for those who go around doctors and traditional prescriptions to supply the narcotics.

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Back When (Part Five)

The timeline of events as told by the late Woodrow Luttrell is packed full of history. Words that were meant to communicate with his family’s younger generations are being shared with Focus readers, giving a rare glimpse of life during the early 1900s.

Woodrow Luttrell was born in 1916 in a small, two-story house about 200 feet from the railroad

tracks and about 1/8 mile from the center of Corryton where the post office was located. During

World War I and the decade before the 1920s, his Dad carried the mail by horseback from the Corryton Post Office. He used their horses, Molly and Prince, on alternate days.

In 1918, when Woodrow was about age two, the family moved to a house on the Chiles farm near the foot of House Mountain about two miles from Corryton. It was alongside and close by Little Flat Creek on Childs (spelled differently) Road.

In 1920, they moved again. This move was to Luttrell House



Photo of the Corryton mail carriers in the 1940s: (L-R) Bill Grubb, Carl Luttrell, and Walter McBee, courtesy of Lisa Luttrell Crowe.

which his parents bought along with a 30-acre farm. Woodrow was four years old. “Along about

that time Dad bought a new rubber-tired top buggy, with side

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curtains," Woodrow wrote. "It also had a big front curtain with what was called

lson (or lzon) Glass, a plastic material window to see through. There was also a slot in the front curtain that the horse lines could be run through. The buggy was used for carrying the mail. Molly and Prince were the buggy horses. On cold days, Dad burned a kerosene lantern for heat," he added. The 1920s brought change for the family. "By about 1922, Dad bought his first Model-T Ford at Rutledge. It was a two-seated Touring Car with a top and removable side curtains," Woodrow recalled.

"Fairly soon all roads on Dad's route were good enough for driving a Model T Ford, except the last four miles of his route from where Roberts Road crosses Washington Pike. During bad weather, Mom would harness one of the horses, hitch it to the buggy, and

drive there to meet Dad for him to use on the remainder of the route. She would drive the Model T Ford home," he continued.

While the automobile was used for mail delivery, Woodrow recalled other uses. "Of course, that Model T Ford made many trips back and forth to our grandparents' home and farm. It was also used extensively for all other travels," Luttrell wrote. "One Sunday each summer, Dad and Mom would travel to the Smoky Mountains to take the family on an all-day picnic trip of fried chicken, biscuits, lemonade, and lots of other goodies; and we would do some sightseeing and wade a little in the cold mountain streams," he added.

It was important for Luttrell to pass down his childhood memories. It is just as important that we learn what life was like for those who came before us. (To be continued)

By Mike Steely
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In this month's meeting of the Parkridge Community Organization Kaye Graybeal, Knoxville's Historic Preservation Planner, explained the difference between contributing and non-contributing houses, commercial buildings and churches within a historic district.

The H-1 Historic Zoning change being considered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission would extend the current historic designation in Parkridge to include more than 500 additional properties in the area, some of which are historic and some are not. The Parkridge area, formerly part of the historic Park City, has been under dispute between those residents wanting the historic overlay expanded and those who do not want the designation. The cost of complying with repairs and the extra regulations

involved have been the main objections by some homeowners.

Graybeal said that homes built after 1945 are considered not contributing historically to the neighborhood and even some built before that have been altered dramatically are also non-contributing. As an example she said a historic home that has been "wrapped in vinyl" with features removed or covered may be non-contributing but, if the siding is removed, the house might be considered historically contributing. Graybeal cited, as an example, that design guidelines in Mechanicsville do not allow the vinyl to be reinstalled once removed.

"I'm looking for input as how these levels are treated," she told the Tuesday night meeting.

She stressed that all repairs citywide, to historic and non-historic homes,



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Historic Planner Kaye Graybeal explains houses that contribute or don't contribute to history inside a H-1 zoning in the proposed Edgewood-Park City neighborhood.

need a building permit for any exterior repair costing more than \$100 in materials and labor. Within the H-1 overlay, separate "certificate of appropriateness" would be required

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

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As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you in any way. My office phone number is (615) 741-6879, and if you would like to reach me on the weekends my home phone number is (865) 687-5987. It is an honor to serve you and the great state of Tennessee in this capacity.

Tennessee and American Neutrality Part Two

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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As President Franklin Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull prepared to approach Congress to revise the Neutrality Act, the opposition in Congress was formidable. Of course the Roosevelt administration was aided by some equally imposing Congressional allies. Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was not exactly one of those formidable figures. The Nevada Democrat had been in the Senate since 1913 and despite his stately appearance was a severe alcoholic prone to benders, as well as periodic impolitic statements. Secretary of State Cordell had to work with Pittman as the Congress passed a series of neutrality laws. The power of the noninterventionist bloc was demonstrated with the passage of the Neutrality Act of 1935. That particular bill had its genesis in the Roosevelt administration's desire to invoke sanctions against belligerent nations. FDR wanted the power to use those sanctions as he saw fit, a notion that did not much appeal to Congress. Many of the progressives, especially those Republicans who had backed Roosevelt over Hoover in 1932, were becoming suspicious of FDR, thinking the President had too much power. The isolationists crafted the Neutrality Act of 1935 to create a general embargo and notified American citizens who booked passage on ships owned by belligerent countries, they did so at their own peril. Despite the language of the new neutrality law, President Roosevelt extended what he referred to as a "moral embargo" with respect to trade over the Italian - Ethiopian war. The Neutrality Act of 1935 also prohibited the sale or shipment of arms or war materials to either Italy or Ethiopia, a sanction that did little to impede the progress of the well-equipped Italian armed forces. It also prevented the United States from providing war materials to the ill-equipped Ethiopians who answered the call to arms of their Emperor, many of whom were armed with only spears.

Six months after the passage of the Neutrality Act of 1935, Congress approved the Neutrality Act of 1936, which extended the first act for another fourteen months. Less than a year later, Congress passed the Neutrality Act of 1937, which addressed what many considered to be a gross imperfection in the 1936 legislation. The Neutrality Act of 1937 forbade supplying Spain with arms and war materials; Spain was then engaged in a bloody civil war between the "Republicans", loyal to the left-leaning government and the "Nationalists"

led by General Francisco Franco. Both sides attracted support from foreign governments, with the loyalists receiving material aid from Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, while the Nationalists got help from Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. The flaw in the earlier neutrality legislation did not address civil wars, a fact that was naturally exploited by American companies to sell supplies and products to either side. Congress also tightened the law about American citizens who wished to travel. The Neutrality Act of 1937 outlawed travel on ships owned by belligerent countries. President Roosevelt sparked a fierce controversy in Congress by insisting on what became known as "cash and carry", meaning belligerent nations could buy what they wished if they had the cash to pay for it and could transport it back home.

With the resumption of the war between China and Japan, Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois issued a note of caution as Congress considered the Neutrality Act of 1937. "The United States can be at war with China or Japan, or with both, within an hour if it obeys the demand that is being made to enforce the neutrality law at this time in the conflict between Japan and China," the pink-whiskered Democrat intoned. Lewis pointed to the statement by Senator Key Pittman that the neutrality law required that "the President must give up his immediate efforts for peace in the Orient and declare that China and Japan are at war, and the United States becomes the opponent of both." Lewis was of a different mind and the immaculately dressed solon told his colleagues, "Those who are demanding that the United States enforce its neutrality law at once fail to see that the moment we announce either one of the nations as the aggressor and declare both as being at war, our ships of trade delivering American goods in the Orient would at once be seized by either China or Japan, or both, as bringing supplies to the enemy." Worse still, Senator Lewis said, "The American citizens would be seized and imprisoned, and then it is that America must go to the rescue of her people and her property, and this she must do by her American Navy, and America becomes at once involved in the war of China and Japan." Lewis continued with excellent logic to describe step by step the probabilities should President Roosevelt attempt to invoke the neutrality law.

Franklin Roosevelt was far too shrewd a politician to be trapped so easily and sidestepped the issue with the explanation



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, 1939.

neither Japan nor China had officially declared war on the other, so the neutrality law did not apply in that particular instance. While Roosevelt's explanation was certainly disingenuous, the President knew China was utterly dependent upon war materials being supplied by other countries. Nor could the Chinese transport the needed materials back home, a problem FDR solved by having British ships carry the supplies to China. Nobody was surprised when the President's actions infuriated the isolationists in Congress, who fumed FDR had, at the very least, violated the spirit of the neutrality legislation.

As Congress considered the Neutrality Act of 1937, the memories of America's entry into the First World War were still fresh. There were twenty-one senators who had been in office when America declared war against the German Empire and her allies in 1917. As the anniversary of the declaration of war approached, those senators were asked for comment. Senator Matthew M. Neely of West Virginia acknowledged it had been necessary at the time but emphasized, "Except in case of invasion, I would never vote for another war." Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota, who had been a congressman at the time and had voted against declaring war, snarled, "ask those who voted us into the carnage if they are proud of it; I challenged them from the Senate floor last year, and their silence was eloquent." Texas Senator Morris Sheppard, then the longest serving member of Congress, retorted, "Voting to declare war was the proudest act of my life; I am prouder of it every year." Senator George W. Norris, the Nebraska Independent, like Lundeen had voted against a declaration of war in 1917 and had been roundly denounced by many as a traitor to his country, said, "The course of history for 20 years has justified my vote." Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, Majority Leader of the Senate, wondered, "Suppose we had stayed out and subsequently had an ambitious and hostile power at our shores?" Senator Wallace White, a Republican from Maine, had cast his very first

vote as a congressman to declare war, frankly confessed, "While I felt the solemnity of the moment to the full, I must admit I voted with no real appreciation of the consequences - - - economic, social and political - - - that were to follow." Senator Pittman summed up the hopes of all of his colleagues when he said, "Our neutrality legislation will help us from becoming enmeshed" in foreign wars.

Senator McKellar also favored President Roosevelt invoking the neutrality act as the Spanish civil war became increasingly bloody and drew additional participants in Europe. Senator William E. Borah of Idaho observed, "From the reports, I should say an actual war is on, sufficient to justify the application of our neutrality law to all parties now participating both under cover and openly." Tennessee's Senator Kenneth McKellar agreed the neutrality law should be invoked to "keep this country out of the conflict."

"It looks like war," McKellar agreed, "but America will never get into this one."

In October, President Franklin Roosevelt made an important speech on neutrality and America's place in the world. Known as his "quarantine speech", FDR spoke while ostensibly dedicating a new bridge in Chicago. Roosevelt used the opportunity to bring attention to atrocities committed by Japan, Germany and Italy without ever mentioning any country by name. FDR warned that the United States could not hide "through mere isolation or neutrality" as flames began to engulf much of the rest of the world. The President proposed a "quarantine" against "the epidemic of lawlessness" spreading like a contagion. Roosevelt said, "...the time has come for the peace-loving nations to get together and talk over what can be done about the situation." FDR contrasted the peace and security of the United States, which he had personally observed while traveling through the country on his private train with that of much of the world, noting things were growing progressively worse. Roosevelt said the hope for peace was being "given way to a haunting fear of calamity."

President Roosevelt

mellifluous voice made his words especially eloquent as he said, "Without a declaration of war, and without warning or justification of any kind, civilians, including women and children, are being ruthlessly murdered with bombs from the air. In times of so-called peace, ships are being attacked and sunk by submarines, without cause or notice. Nations are fomenting and taking sides in civil warfare in nations that have never done them any harm. Nations claiming freedom for themselves deny it for others." The audience listened respectfully and silently as the President went on to describe the horrors of war. "Innocent peoples and nations are being cruelly sacrificed to a greed for power and supremacy which is devoid of all sense of justice and humane consideration." Roosevelt paraphrased a paragraph written by James Hilton, author of Lost Horizon, saying, "Perhaps we foresee a time when men, exultant in the technique of homicide, will rage so hotly over the world that every precious thing will be in danger - - every book and picture and harmony, every treasure garnered through two millenniums, the small, the delicate, the defenseless - - all will be lost or wrecked or utterly destroyed."

President Roosevelt warned "the very foundations of civilization are seriously threatened" and told Americans, "If these things are come to pass in other parts of the world, let no one imagine that America will escape, that it may expect mercy, that this Western Hemisphere will not be attacked, and that it will continue tranquilly and peacefully to carry on the ethics and the arts of civilization." The President noted, "When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine

of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of the disease." Roosevelt said he intended to pursue a policy of peace but believed war was a contagion of its own kind. "America hates war. America hopes for peace. Therefore, America actively engages in the search for peace," Roosevelt concluded.

Reporter Paul Y. Anderson, covering the President's speech for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, wrote the audience listened to Roosevelt in silence, yet seemed "puzzled." The crowd did applaud when FDR called for "a concerted effort" of those nations desiring peace, as well as when Roosevelt asserted national morality was quite as important as private morality.

The 1938 elections seriously weakened Franklin Roosevelt's hold on Congress. Things were far different from the legendary "First Hundred Days" of Roosevelt's administration. The President's influence with Congress was so great peppery Senator Carter Glass of Virginia had snapped, "Why, if the President asked Congress to commit suicide tomorrow, they'd do it." One of the biggest reasons for Roosevelt's increased difficulties with Congress lay with his own petulance. The President had overreached with his determined effort to enlarge the U. S. Supreme Court. FDR insisted, against virtually the advice of every Roosevelt courtier, on purging those Democrats he believed to be obstructionists. The President privately proposed to realign the political parties into liberals and conservatives. It would become the greatest disaster of Roosevelt's presidency.

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whether or not the home is historic or non-contributing. She said the certificate of appropriateness for historic homes can cost \$50 to \$100 and the certificate could be good for several projects included in the application by the homeowner for a three-year period. She said the MPC Staff is working on a proposal to reduce the \$50 fee to \$25.

Parkridge President Jennifer Montgomery led a discussion about the possibility of using some of funds raised at events to offset the cost of the certificate for repairs. She said those non-contributing homes would not need the certificate for repairs and could replace about 20% of their exterior under the guidelines including a shingled roof if the repairs are shingle

over shingle. Graybeal said that replacements on non-contributing houses of things like gutters, storm windows, storm doors, painting and replacing a small section of siding do not require a building permit. She added there is a \$250 building fee for construction of new houses and a \$500 fee for a demolition permit.

Graybeal disputed that a quick rise in property values occur within an expanded historic designation but said the values will increase over time as private investment is made in the neighborhood.

The Parkridge members also discussed a cleanup ahead of the Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon on April 2, fund raising, three planning commission agenda items, and passed a motion to use the existing

neighborhood meeting signs but change the name on the signs as needed from "Park City" to "Parkridge" when the existing signs wear down or need replacing.

It was also announced that the neighborhood would be getting two dumpsters from the city and clean up supplies from Keep Knoxville Beautiful. Traffic calming and speeding along Washington Avenue was also mentioned. Members have also been walking Magnolia Avenue talking with businesses about joining the organization or sponsoring events.

The Parkridge Facebook site has been revamped and members are being asked to share positive posts from the community site to their personal Facebook sites.



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Jesus the very thought of thee
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as thou our prize wilt be.
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and through eternity."

Written by Bernard of Clairvaux

Who was he? Born in the year 1090, he was a French abbot

and reformer of the Cistercian order which was a religious order of monks and nuns. It was hard to know how to characterize Bernard. On the one hand, he is called the "honey-tongued doctor" for his eloquent writings on the love of God. On the other hand, he rallied soldiers to kill Muslims. He wrote eloquently on humility; then again, loved being close to the seat of power and was an advisor to five popes.

What Bernard is remembered for today, more than his reforming zeal and crusade preaching, is his mystical writings. His best known work is "On Loving God" in which he states his purpose at the beginning: "You wish me to tell you why and how God should be loved. My answer is that God himself is the reason he is to be loved."

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THE NEW SEASON – REGION TOURNEY WRAP-UP

GCA holds off Hampton, 64-63, to return to state

By Steve Williams

Ninety minutes before tipoff the gym at Hampton was already loaded. That was the setting Grace Christian Academy's basketball team would have to deal with in last week's Class A sectional round in upper East Tennessee. "It was very exciting for the guys to be in that environment again," said GCA head coach Mike Doig,

reflecting on the do-or-die contest via e-mail. "At 5:30, when the doors opened, there was already a great crowd. Game time wasn't until 7 o'clock!" Falling behind 23-9 in the first period added another piece to the Rams' predicament. But Grace Christian managed to survive 64-63 in a game that wasn't decided until the closing seconds. "Three things truly helped

the turnaround," said Doig. "First, we got a huge spark from Benji Conner (a 6-5 player that came off the bench to get some key rebounds and loose ball pickups that led to some baskets.) "Secondly, the press that Hampton was putting on us caused us to turn the ball over, and our guys made some great adjustments to how they attacked it and were able to get some

good looks at the basket during that run. And third, our defense picked up the intensity and we started covering better together." GCA was up by one in a thrilling finish. "The good thing is that we were in the lead, so the real pressure was on Hampton to make the shot," recalled Doig "They drove the ball deep into the lane and that is where Baylor (Yunker) was able to make a great

block/deflection on the pass attempt. And then Hampton picked up the loose ball and attempted a shot, which Connor (Arnold) was able to block. C.J. (Gettlefinger) was able to secure the ball and it was over. "We were very excited for the boys to be able to make such a great defensive play at the end of the game." Arnold led the Rams' attack with 26 points, including six 3-pointers.

GCA (27-8) will be making its third straight trip to the state. The Rams will face Humboldt (31-1) in the quarterfinals Thursday at 2:15 (EST) at MTSU in Murfreesboro. "It really doesn't matter about the draw," said Doig. "If you're fortunate enough to get to the state tournament, you have to go through good teams anyway. You just have to **Continued on page 2**

McKinney and Lady Falcons fall to defending state champs

By Steve Williams

The KeKe McKinney era of Fulton High girls basketball is over. It started strong and finished strong, as the University of Kentucky signee helped lead the Lady Falcons to the TSSAA state tournament her freshman and senior seasons. Unfortunately, the last opponent McKinney would face wearing Maroon and White also started strong and finished strong Wednesday night in the Class AA quarterfinals of The BlueCross Basketball Championships. East Nashville outscored Fulton 12-3 in the game's first six minutes and 14-2 in the last five minutes en route to a 56-47 victory at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro. In between those two decisive stretches, the Lady Falcons gave the defending state champions all they could handle and more. It just wasn't enough to offset their slow start and unfortunate finish.

Fulton's final two points, coming on a rebound basket by McKinney, gave the Lady Falcons a 47-46 lead with 2:21 remaining. "A couple of breaks went against us late in the game and they got a couple of run outs," said Fulton head coach John Fisher. "They are a very good team and



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Fulton's KeKe McKinney (right) and Janae Fuqua battle inside against East Nashville in the Class AA state quarterfinals last week at MTSU. The Fulton girls were eliminated 56-47 as East Nashville scored the final 10 points of the game.

they had a player who had a very good game." Erica Haynes-Overton, a Class AA Miss Basketball finalist, powered the

Lady Eagles (29-5) with 29 points – 12 in the first period – and seven steals. McKinney, a 6-1 forward, stood out in defeat, scoring

21 points and collecting 14 rebounds, including seven on the offensive end. KeKe, who also had four assists, made eight of nine shots



from the field and two of three from 3-point range. Her only deficiency came at the free throw line, where she converted three of eight. The Lady Falcons (27-7) also got six points each from Tilia Tinsley, Lay Lay Manning and Janae Fuqua. Haynes-Overton hit back-to-back 3-pointers, and then stole the ball and made a layup in an eight-point flurry that staked her team to its early nine-point lead. It was 14-7 at the end of the first period. "It took us awhile to get in the game and calm down," said Fisher. "But we'll fight. We got back in the game and had a chance to win it." Manning sparked Fulton midway through the second period, forcing a turnover and cashing it in with a 3-point basket. McKinney then grabbed a defensive rebound and drove for a layup, getting an assist from Kyeisha Dalton, to cut the Lady Eagles' lead to 23-20. It was 27-21 at halftime. **Continued on page 3**

Beavers look to 'compete' and 'get better' daily

By Ken Lay

Matt Hurley will soon begin his fifth season as Karns High School's baseball coach and since he arrived to inherit the Beavers program, his expectations have never changed. And they aren't likely to anytime soon. For Karns, which went 30-9 in 2016 and won both the District 3-AAA regular-season championship and tournament title, expectations are simple but should the Beavers live up to those expectations, they can accomplish some lofty things. "Our expectations here do not change," Hurley said. "We look to get better every day and we look to compete. If we do those things, the other things will take care of themselves. You want to get a little better every day that you go on the field. "We're looking for **Continued on page 2**



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Rheinecker to play golf at Walters State

By Ken Lay

Central High School golfer Dane Rheinecker will continue his career at Walters State Community College.

He made it official at a signing ceremony recently at the Central High School library. It seemed to be a long time coming because the signing was rescheduled.

He was due to sign in early February but his ceremony was delayed when schools were closed when Knox County was hit hard by the flu.

Rheinecker, the son of David Rheinecker and Lorie Compton Rheinecker (a former three-sport athlete for the Lady Bobcats and a member of Central High's Sports Hall of Fame), said he was thrilled to finally get

to sign his National Letter of Intent to play for the Senators.

"This is an exciting day for me and my family," said Rheinecker, a four-year golfer for Central and one-time baseball player for the Bobcats.

He will follow another former Central golfer to Walters State. Brad Hawkins played there and helped the Senators win a National Championship in 2014.

Hawkins, who was present at Rheinecker's signing ceremony, encouraged the new Walters State signee to go to Morristown.

"I enjoyed my visit there and I liked the small campus," Rheinecker said. "I had some ties there. I talked to Brad and some other people and they told



Central High golfer Dane Rheinecker recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Walters State Community College. Pictured with Rheinecker is Bobcats coach Tony Patterson.

me that I would be happy there.

"I wanted to stay close to home. I wanted to be far enough away but I also wanted to be close enough to home so I could come home to visit."

Central coach Tony Patterson said Rheinecker truly earned the opportunity to play college golf.

"Dane has really worked hard to get this," Patterson said.

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come ready to work."

BEARDEN ROLLS: The Bulldogs also went on the road and sped past Science Hill 86-57 in the Class AAA sectionals.

"The game was played at Science Hill High School," e-mailed Bearden Coach Jeremy Parrott. "There was a solid representation of Bearden supporters, even with a long road trip."

"They forced an up tempo style of play and we got a lot of offense in transition. Our guards played really well, but we got a lot of contributions up and down our lineup. You

don't score 86 points in a high school game without contributions across the board."

Trent Stephney (25 points) and Ques Glover (24) gave Bearden a potent 1-2 punch. Dre Dave added 14 and Drew Pember 10.

The Bulldogs (22-9) will battle Independence (22-10) Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the state quarterfinals in Murfreesboro.

GIRLS SECTIONALS:

Hardin Valley Academy was eliminated by Morristown West 80-59 in Class AAA, while Fulton defeated Grainger 49-43 and Gatlinburg-Pittman beat Greenville 67-56 in Class AA.

New coach focuses on future at Central

By Ken Lay

As Central High School's new baseball coach Brad Schrock says that he's not going to live in the past.

Schrock didn't even know the Bobcats' 2016 record was. Nor did he care.

"It was whatever it was and whatever it was," said Schrock, who comes to Fountain City after coaching at Sequoyah and replaces Matt Byrd, who has moved on to Clinton. "I don't worry about last year. It's last year and this is this year."

"Our team strength is our ability to see the moment and live in that moment. And we have to know and we have to realize that the moment is all that we have."

Schrock may be focused on the 2017 campaign which opens tonight (March 13) at 6 when Central pays a visit to Sequoyah in Madisonville in a homecoming game for its new coach.

Tonight's game against the Chiefs opens a tough week for the Bobcats, who will be extremely busy on the diamond while many of their classmates are enjoying Spring Break.

Central has its home opener Tuesday against William Blount at Tommy Schumpert Park. First pitch is slated for 6 p.m. The Bobcats then face a short turnaround. They host Maryville Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Schrock knows his team faces three tough tests out of the gate, but he said that he wouldn't have it any other way.

"We're prepared to win those games. But I schedule a tough schedule for a reason," Schrock said. "We

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Temple Baptist Academy Royal Crusaders win the TAACS State Basketball Championship

The Temple Baptist Academy Royal Crusaders' varsity basketball team took a 10-14 regular season record to the TAACS (Tennessee Athletic Association of Christian Schools) State Basketball Tournament with hopes of bringing home their first championship trophy since 1984. The Royal Crusaders advanced to the final by

overcoming a 10-point deficit against Tri-Cities Christian School of Blountville, and ground out a 44-41 victory in the championship game against Berean Academy of Hixson.

Braden Pepin was recognized as the tournament MVP. Nick Curton, Pierson Hickman, and Jon Nicely received all-tournament honors.

The Lady Crusaders' varsity basketball team finished as tournament runner-up, defeating strong contender Pleasant View Christian School of Pleasant View to clinch a berth in the championship game against Fairview Christian Academy of Athens.

Lily Cole, Alana Ford, and Mallory Sullivan received all-tournament honors.

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Beavers look to 'compete' and 'get better' daily

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consistency and we're looking to compete every day. We're looking to compete, whether it's in games, in practice or when we're doing drills."

The Beavers had 30 wins in 2016 but saw their season come to an end in the Region 2-AAA Semifinals with a 3-0 home loss

to Farragut, which made another Class AAA State Tournament appearance.

Karns undoubtedly feels like it has some unfinished business on the diamond but the Beavers must replace nine seniors and they face a tough opener Tuesday night at home against Maryville.

First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. and Hurley said that will be the first of many rough games in 2017.

"We have a tough schedule and we have to become more consistent on the

field, day in and day out," he said. "Our district is tough and you have to be ready to battle every night because nothing is going to come easily for anybody. You will always good defense, great arms and good hitting."

"Our district lost a lot of talent last year, in but there's also a lot of talent coming back."

The Beavers are no exception to that.

"We lost nine seniors last year and we'll have to replace them," Hurley said. "But we also have some

talented young men back. They're good kids and good baseball players."

"I'm looking forward to seeing how far they can take this thing. We'll rely heavily on pitching and defense this year. If you can do those things, you'll be in every game you play. We'll have to become more consistent."

The nine seniors who graduated in 2016 represented the most successful baseball class in Karns High's history. But the Beavers feature a bevy of talented returners.

Top veterans back include: Alex Hames (a senior center fielder who will be the team's leadoff hitter and table setter); Jacob Nelson (senior, infielder/outfielder/pitcher); Trevor Adams (junior, Outfielder/pitcher); Jared Culp (first baseman/pitcher) and Brian Bell (junior, shortstop)

That talented group of battle-tested veterans will be joined by a solid group of newcomers that includes: Tyler Hartless (junior, infielder); Cole Knott (junior, pitcher/infielder/outfielder); Zach Knott (sophomore, pitcher/infielder/outfielder); Nick Miles (junior, third baseman) and Jonathan Nelson (sophomore, catcher).

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The Powell Panthers (23-2) won the Knox County Middle School regular season championship and tied the school record for the most wins in a season. Back row, from left to right: Parker Haley, Coltin Reynolds, Logen Sutton, Jake Wyrick, Brandon Webb, Eli Beatty, Cole Kollenberg, Noah Chapman, Darin Courtney, David Courtney, J.R. Jones. Front row kneeling, left to right: DeArius Kinnebrew, Bryce Burkhart, Eli Walls, Jackson Fielden

No matter the final score, Courtney feels blessed to be at Powell Middle

By Steve Williams

When Mike Ogan resigned as Powell High School head basketball coach in 2014, after 39 years at the school, some Powell fans thought Darin Courtney might become a candidate for the vacancy.

But Courtney, who had experienced considerable success as boys coach at Powell Middle, said he didn't apply, although "I had some encouragement for that" position.

"I'm just a very spiritual person and I believe my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has put me in this position with these boys and that's why I have never left," said Courtney last month following his team's loss to Vine in the Knox County Middle School tournament championship game.

"I'm extremely blessed beyond anything that I can imagine," he said. "It's just one word – it's grace, and no matter what the result of tonight is or any night, I've just been abundantly blessed. I have to praise Him both ways, with wins or losses."

For the record, Courtney

has had many more wins than losses in his coaching career at Powell Middle. In fact, this past season – his 15th at PMS – the Panthers (23-2) won their fifth regular season title under his guidance and tied the school record for most wins in a season.

The 38-year-old Courtney also has led three teams to post-season tournament championships and his 2002-03 and 2011-12 teams swept both the regular season and tourney titles.

Gary Barnes, who did his student intern teaching under Ogan, ended up taking over the Powell High program.

"They've got a wonderful coach in Gary Barnes, who has turned out to be one of my best friends since he's moved here," said Courtney, "so I think the Lord has a plan for all of us, and I've always felt at peace with where I am.

"The age of the kid and the purity of the player, of a boy becoming a man, and the purity of the game, they all still love it," added Courtney. "There's not a boy in school who does not want to be on Powell Middle's basketball

team and that's a very fulfilling position that I have."

Courtney says he is extremely dedicated to Powell and the community. When he attends Powell high school games, "I'm right there behind their bench, because I want my guys to know I've got their back."

Courtney used to talk basketball a lot with Ogan.

"The Powell community was very, very fortunate to have one of the best high school coaches in the state of Tennessee," he said. "When he went out and beat Oak Ridge in the regional championship game (his last season), he was at his best.

"And they've got a great basketball coach now in Barnes, who I support 100 percent."

Courtney said when he was younger and single and even early in his marriage, he thought about high school coaching opportunities. He even started out as a student assistant coach in the men's program at ETSU.

"But at this point in my life, I'm so happy and blessed with three healthy children and a wife that loves these games, that's all I think about

– being thankful for what I have and being physical education teacher at Powell Middle School and their boys basketball coach. I'm very fortunate to be there."

Darin and wife Courtney (yes, she's Courtney Courtney) have a newborn daughter five months old (Saylor), a 3-year-old "buzz saw" of a boy (Cove) and a 6-year old daughter (Bella).

Darin's dad, David Courtney, taught for 40 years and coached high school basketball for 20 years before stepping down as head coach at Central High in the mid-1980s.

Darin, a 1997 Central High graduate, said he learned a lot about the game from his dad and still does.

"Our philosophies mesh and I still try to evolve as a coach every single year," he said. "Basketball is no different than my life. I'm my father's son and we agree on most things."

There were two Coach Courtneys on the Powell bench the night of the county tournament championship loss to Vine this season. And they both were abundantly blessed.



It ain't over till it's 0:00

The clock is ticking down, but there's still time for more recognition of 2016-17 Knox County Middle School basketball. Be sure to check out GPA winners from Karns and Gresham in the March 20 issue of The Knoxville Focus. And you still have one timeout left, if you need it!

McKinney and Lady Falcons fall to defending state champs

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Fuqua got a shot to roll in and Tinsley's steal on an in-bounds play produced three points the old fashion way as Fulton pulled within three. A 3-point shot from the right wing by McKinney tied the score at 31-all and her rebound basket gave the Lady Falcons their first lead of the game 33-31.

East Nashville Coach Lois Donaldson called timeout with 3:36 on the third period clock to talk about it.

After Haynes-Overton scored to tie the game, Indya Daggs drove for a basket and was fouled. Her free throw gave Fulton another three-point lead (36-33). Haynes-Overton answered with two buckets and Dwayneisha Woodland's runner at the buzzer gave the Lady Eagles a three-point lead heading into the final period.

Fuqua put Fulton back ahead 43-42 with 6½ minutes to go. Then after McKinney had a free throw nullified by the correctable error rule (she was mistakenly awarded a free throw on East Nashville's sixth team foul of the half), Dalton scored from underneath to make it 45-42 with five minutes to go.

Looking back at the season, Coach Fisher said he will remember how this team "kept putting up a good fight. We bounced back from the loss in the region finals, a game we probably should have won, to win at Grainger in the sectionals. We just came

up short at the state."

As for next season, Fisher said, "We'll have to have some help. We'll have seven or eight returning, a good nucleus."

McKinney leaves a huge hole to fill.

"She had a good game (at state)," said Fisher. "She's a game-changer. We're going to miss her.

"KeKe averaged close to a double-double for four years. You don't get someone who can play like that very often."

TOUGH DRAW: Had Fulton won, its semifinal foe would have been the winner of No. 1 ranked Jackson South Side and No. 2 ranked Upperman. That turned out to be Upperman, which knocked off the previously undefeated Jackson team 52-43.

G-P ADVANCES: Gatlinburg-Pittman, making its first-ever appearance in the state tourney, defeated Westview 54-51 in overtime in the Class AA quarterfinals. Former Fulton player Qua Hines led the Lady Highlanders with 16 points.

EARLY EXITS: In the Class AAA quarterfinals, Oak Ridge rallied late but bowed to Memphis Central 74-63. Morristown West, making its fourth straight trip to state, was quickly ousted by Murfreesboro Riverdale 75-49. Riverdale entered the state tourney 31-0 and ranked No. 1 in the nation.



South-Doyle finished second in the Knox County Middle School regular seasons standings. Back row: Nick Martin, Ke'on Smith, David Hull and Cameron Monday. Front row: Hayden Cardwell, Shawn Gary, Tony Sapp, Lex Scott, Aydan Rauton, Creed Werker, Hudson Lowe, Parker Williams and Jatory Williams. Not pictured: Noah Myers, Tai Cates and Demarkus Bradley.



Vine took third place in Knox County Middle School regular season play. Left to right: Tavarious White, Izaiha Bredwood, Austin Pruitt, Cameron Covington, Tyree Gibson, Shannon Blair, Ahijah Washington, Markeis Barrett. Back row: Tayon Wright, Javaree Roebuck, Jamel Yarbrough, Jamond Allen.



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A state basketball crown would be a first for Catholic

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic's basketball team has made history this season and has a chance to make a lot more.

With senior point guard Luke Smith leading the way, the Irishmen posted an impressive 73-49 win over Grainger March 6 in the Class AA sectional round – the final hurdle to the TSSAA boys' state tournament in Murfreesboro.

"It's the first trip to state for the school since 2006, so it means a lot to get it for Coach Hutch," said Smith. "We knew late in the regular season we could get him win No. 500, if we went on a big win streak and we did it. It's been a historic season and we're going to cap it off with a state title."

That would be a first. Catholic has never won a state basketball championship. It's been 41 years since the Irishmen played for the title. They were runners-up to Perry County in the 1976 Class A finals at Murphy Center. Catholic also finished runner-up to Happy Valley in the 1974 Class Small division at Memphis.

Smith sounded confident, not cocky, in voicing the Irishmen's intentions.

Catholic has reason to be confident as it has been ranked No. 1 in the state since the first Associated Press poll came out in early January. The Irishmen also are 29-1 and have won 26 in a row.

Catholic's state quarterfinal assignment will be Wednesday at 5:30 (EST) at MTSU's Murphy Center against Macon County (29-4).

"I thought it would be closer, but we came out on fire," said veteran head coach Mike Hutchens following the 24-point win over Grainger (28-6). "Our kids were bound and determined. We've had some bad luck the past couple of years in the region semifinals, coming up so close. That's been our motivation all year – it was state tournament or bust for us this year."



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Catholic senior guard Davari Reeder works against Grainger's Ty Brooks in the Irishmen's 73-49 Class AA sectional win March 6.

There were not any post-game celebrations after Catholic captured this season's District 4-AA and Region 2-AA titles or the sectional win.

"Our kids didn't cut the nets down, because all they're talking about is the first game of the state tournament," said Hutchens. "We've reached goal No. 1. We're on the dance floor."

In his farewell game on the Catholic hardwood, Smith scored 35 points plus had seven assists and four rebounds, with only two turnovers. Brock Jancek, 6-7 junior, added 17 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Senior Chase Kuerschen chipped in 13 points.

Marquise Fifield tallied 15 points – all in the second half – to lead Grainger. The Grizzlies also got four 3-pointers from Nathan Haynes. Justin Warner, 6-7 senior post, was held to six points.

Fifteen of Smith's points came in the second period when Catholic outscored Grainger 21-5 after two treys

by Haynes pulled the visitors within six points (18-12).

Smith connected on seven of eight 2-point field goal attempts, three of seven from 3-point range and 12 of 15 free throws.

Derrick Combs, in his ninth season as Grainger head coach, was impressed.

"They just got on a run, and (as for) Luke Smith, listen, he's good," said Combs. "He's just hard to stop. He's a coach on the floor for them and does a lot of good things. When they needed points, he went and got them. You can't say enough about him and them. They've got a good team."

Hutchens finished his post-game comments by raising a question and expressing his feelings about the mission ahead.

"As the year has gone on and as we have improved more and more, why not us? We're not going down there to just show up."

Brady Hoke joins Vols coach staff

By Alex Norman

Tennessee will have a different look in 2017, thanks in part to some significant off season moves by Butch Jones. Four new assistants have joined the Vols coaching staff, including Brady Hoke, the former head coach at Michigan.

"Right now I love my job," said Hoke. "I don't think we could be as a family in a better place than Rocky Top."

Hoke brings 33 years of coaching experience to Knoxville, including two other head coaching stints (at Ball State and San Diego State). He will oversee the Tennessee defensive line and also adds the title of associate head coach.

Some would see this as a step down for Hoke. For the first time since 2002, he won't be a head coach or a coordinator. But Hoke says that he's excited about being a position coach once again.

"I like my room. I like the room that our guys—that I have," said Hoke. "That doesn't mean I don't like everyone else but I like my room. You get a chance to focus back on your world and what you are doing but it is exciting and look forward to it."

Hoke added, "As a head coach I always coached something on the defensive line. At Ball State I worked with the interior guys, and at San Diego State I coached the defensive line, and at Michigan I would take the two inside or two outside guys. But I love being around those guys... my favorite time of the day when I get to be with those kids."

Hoke spent the 2016 season as the defensive coordinator at Oregon, and things did not go well. The coaching staff was fired

following a 4-8 campaign, including a 2-7 record in Pac-12 play.

"Every situation is different. We had a great staff out there with (Oregon head coach) Mark Helfrich," said Hoke. "I have a ton of respect for him and the guys that we coached with. And there was a lot of the same things that happened here (at Tennessee) with a lot of injuries up front, especially with the inside interior defensive line. But we are just happy that we are at a great place in a great conference, and it's exciting for us all."

Brady Hoke will be asked to get that Tennessee defense back among the best in the Southeastern Conference. Last year they ranked 11th out of 14 teams in the SEC in total defense. He also needs to develop more talent on the defensive line to replace players like Derek Barnett, who left the Vols with 33 career sacks, a program record. Tennessee will also have to replace LaTroy Lewis (77 career tackles) and Corey Vereen (26 career tackles for loss).

While Hoke has had only a few weeks to evaluate the returning players, so far he likes what he has seen, but there is work to be done.

"Number one they better be tough," said Hoke. "Toughness is something you have to have in this game. Mental and physical toughness. Pride and ownership and who they are and who they represent from their families and name and how they represent each other on the field. The observations on how they have been in meetings and how they approach conditioning and watch in weight room, they have a good work ethic."

New coach focuses on future at Central

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want to be prepared for our district and we want to be prepared to win our district tournament games.

"What really matters is those games in May and those games in our district tournament."

The Bobcats went 23-11 overall in 2016 and posted an 11-5 mark in District 4-AAA. They also had a tournament victory over top-seeded Karns, which eventually claimed the district tournament championship.

Schrock is hoping that Central can build upon some recent success. But he's also looking to help the Bobcats make a fresh start.

"We have new life and with new life comes new

energy," he said. "That can be a good thing or that could be a bad thing. We're at our best when we're all playing together."

"I want to see our guys play with passion. I want to see them play with desire. I want them never to give in or give up. I want to see them play hard. I want to see them play fast and I want to see them play under control."

Schrock said that he uses baseball to teach life lessons and two things he preaches are consistency and trust.

"You have to always work on your pre-pitch routine. You do that before you field the ball, before you hit the ball, before you throw the ball and before you pitch the ball," he said. "When

you do that, you build consistency."

"You also have to trust yourself and you have to trust your teammates."

Key players for the Bobcats in 2016 include: Bass Cooper (junior, pitcher/third baseman); Riley Thomas (senior, first baseman); Cole Rheinecker (sophomore, shortstop); Tyler Ellison (senior, outfielder); Seth Armstrong (junior, catcher); Zach Ellis (junior, outfielder/pitcher); Garrett Hamilton (junior, outfielder/pitcher); Jared Chambers (senior, pitcher); Nathan Stamps (junior, pitcher); Justin Mize (sophomore, outfielder/pitcher); Isaac Davis (sophomore, outfielder/first baseman/pitcher); Trevor Ferguson (junior, third baseman/pitcher); Chris Johnson

(sophomore, infielder); Nate Jones (junior, catcher); Treysen Moore (sophomore, outfielder); Dylan Underwood (senior, outfielder) and Zayne Limbaugh (junior, second baseman).



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Leaking

My wife Becky is my local expert on child care and development. She has academic credentials, but more importantly she has experience teaching preschoolers and raising children. Our granddaughter just turned two years old and understandably is still in diapers. As I was changing Josie's britches, I became curious and asked my expert, "When do we start toilet training?"

I'm an internist and a geriatrician, and I try to avoid topics beyond my expertise. Therefore, I'll follow the lead of my daughter and my wife regarding potty training of my granddaughter. However, because I have some experience, I taught my grandson the nuanced skill of relieving himself in the woods, which every man should know. Perhaps the confusion we see in big city folks like New Yorkers stems from their lack of common sense and potty training in the wild.

I once read that urinary

incontinence is one of the reasons older people are put in institutions. It appears that urinating on your clothes or on the floor is not acceptable in our culture. Years ago I received a frantic call from a seventy-six year old patient. She said, "Dr. Ferguson, you've got to do something. Moma is killing me!" No, Moma had not become violent. My patient wanted a urinary catheter for her elderly mother who was bed confined and incontinent.

"Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus" is the title of a book describing the differences between men and women - as if we needed such a book. Actually, the book written by a PhD described the psychological differences between men and women. I passed anatomy in Medical School and I've stayed in a Holiday Inn, so I have better than working knowledge of human anatomy; and the anatomy of women predisposes to incontinence,

especially after repeated pregnancies and aging. On the other hand, an older man's enlarging prostate, through which the bladder empties, predisposes to difficulty urinating. From a urinary standpoint, it may seem that aging "guys and dolls" are like ships passing in the night, but it's no laughing matter.

Mark Twain once observed that humor is the highest art form. Many of us have told what we thought was a humorous story that fell on deaf ears when told in the wrong situation, but I'll take a chance: If you're an American going into a bathroom, and an American coming out, what are you while you're in the bathroom? (Don't worry, this is not an LGBTQ...whatever anecdote.) The answer? While in the bathroom, "Eur-a-pee'n" of course!

Imagine a balloon filled with water. Now, invert the filled balloon, with the neck at the bottom. Hopefully, your fingers are pinching the imaginary neck or you'll soon have imaginary wet shoes. This picture is analogous to a full bladder sitting behind the pubic bone, with the bladder neck pinched closed by constricting sphincter muscles maintaining urinary continence.

I once saw a patient in consultation before incontinence surgery. I discovered that she was taking a blood pressure medicine

whose side effects included relaxation of her bladder sphincter muscles. This class of medicine might be helpful for a man with high blood pressure and an enlarged prostate, but was not a good choice for this poor woman. I changed her medicine, the incontinence resolved and we cancelled her surgery.

There are other medications which irritate the bladder muscles and produce urinary urgency. An example is caffeine which stimulates the bladder (not the sphincter) musculature. And we've all experienced the "key in the door knob" syndrome!

In women, aging is associated with loss of estrogen production, and can contribute to bladder muscle irritability and sphincter dysfunction. Estrogen deficiency causes thinning of tissues in the pelvic floor. Continence issues may develop if prolapse of the bladder and uterus occur and alter bladder sphincter function.

The tube leading from the bladder (urethra) is short in a woman and obviously longer in a man. This anatomical difference is an important consideration in the evaluation of incontinence. Doctors try to identify whether a patient is having stress incontinence related more to sphincter problems or urgency issues from bladder muscle irritability and dysfunction. Often patients have a mixed disorder where both problems are present. Patients may also have what's called overflow incontinence due to urinary flow obstruction. Like water overflowing the swollen reservoir of the dam in California, an enlarged uterus or prostate may press on the bladder. Even fecal impaction can obstruct flow and result in overflow incontinence. A thorough history and examination, supplemented by various tests of the urinary bladder and sphincter muscles are necessary to arrive at a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

You might be surprised to read that the writer of Proverbs alluded to incontinence. Proverbs 21:23 doesn't speak of urinary difficulties, but advises people that they'll stay out of trouble if they control their tongue. Most of us wish President Trump would do so. However, who has the courage or a forum to defend him against the unrelenting attacks of the media and the Democrats? Certainly not the establishment Republicans like Mitch McConnell. Certainly not the "never-Trumpers" like George Will who seems to have dropped off the face of the earth. At least 50% of the American people support the President, but most of us have no voice. So, Trump uses the bully pulpit of the Presidency

and he uses social media, the new outlet of discourse to defend himself.

After all the hoopla regarding the Russians, the drive-by media have suddenly gone silent with those attacks and have moved on to the "leaking" government and intelligence agencies. Three months of Russian "connections" abruptly stopped when Trump accused Obama of wiretapping. Whether it's true or not, someone seems alarmed by the accusation, given that Obama wiretapped German Prime Minister Angela Merkel, the Associated Press and Fox News' James Rosen to name a few. Perhaps the philosophy of former House Speaker Tom Foley (D) and George Mitchell (D) former Senate Majority Leader is being reconsidered. It was Foley in 1980 who coined the infamous phrase, "We have no evidence of wrongdoing, but the seriousness of the allegations...compel an effort to establish the facts." The target of the Democrats in 1980 was Ronald Reagan and Iran. The target today is Trump and the Russians via government officials leaking state secrets to the politicized corrupt media. Little has changed in the Democrat playbook except the truth may be too close to the Obama Administration for comfort.

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El-Shaddai

The name El-Shaddai is first found in connection with Abraham. Keep in mind that Abraham was asked by God to leave his homeland and go to a place he had never been. He was well advanced in years (age seventy) when the promise was first made. Twenty-nine years later we have these words from God when El-Shaddai is first used: "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD [Jehovah] appeared



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

This was a confirmation of a promise made to Abraham back in Genesis 12:2; 13:16; and 15:5, that from him would come a great nation, whose descendants would be like the dust of the earth and like the stars of heaven - innumerable.

to him and said, "I am God Almighty [El-Shaddai]; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers" (Genesis 17:1-2).

Abram believed, but as the years passed, he still had no child. He was now an old man and Sarai an old woman. His faith was beginning to faint. He married Sarai's handmaiden and fathered a child with her. The result was the birth of Ishmael, the father of the Muslim faith.

God allowed thirteen more years to pass until Abraham was ninety-nine years before He appears again. He repeats the promise of a child and Abraham laughs with a mixture of doubt and hope: "Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a

son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" (Genesis 17:17). Paul refers back to this incident: "Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised" (Romans 4:19-21).

The promise of God

according to man's timing was not going to happen. But, nothing is too hard for Jehovah God. It is at this point in the story that the promise of a child is confirmed and the name of Abram changed to Abraham with the revelation of God as El-Shaddai, or God Almighty. Shaddai occurs forty-eight times in the Old Testament and is translated "almighty."

Abraham and Sarah had to learn the lesson that the promise that was made to them was of God's doing, not their own. They trusted in their own self-sufficiency instead of that of God.

So both Abraham and Sarah's bodies had to be made dead (beyond child-bearing years) to make them realize that it was only God that could be behind the fulfillment of the promise. God as El-Shaddai is sufficient for all things. To experience God's sufficiency, one must realize their own insufficiency. To experience God's fullness, one must empty themselves. The emptier of self we are, the more blessing God can pour into us so we in turn can pour blessings out upon others.



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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 the 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 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, 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 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.

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File No.: 17-02153 FCO1

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. 200112070040689, 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; 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 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.

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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; 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 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.

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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 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 DevelopmentThe 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 edemption, 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,

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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

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

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

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

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

MWZM File No. 16-002692-670
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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 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 LO 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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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 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. 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 Troutt, 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.**

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