

Sidewalks, LEDs, security on council agenda

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening in regular session and should take up a number of subjects including sidewalk funding for the South Castle Street Project. The agreement would be with Vaught & Milton Consulting Engineers for \$87,628.

The council may also approve an agreement with Siemens Industry for more

than \$9 million to provide “turnkey” products and services to convert the city’s street lights to LED technology. Switching to the LED lighting is expected to save the city on electric use.

They will also consider an agreement with National Security Service to provide security services for parks and recreational activities at special events. The contract is for \$65,000 per year as needed at a rate of

\$15 per hour.

Almost \$200,000 may be authorized to resurface the tennis courts at Kyle Testerman Tennis Courts at Tyson Park and a traffic light may be approved for Cedar Bluff Road and North Peters Road.

The Knoxville Area Transit fleet may be authorized to enter a contract for \$1.1 million with Apollo Video Technology for equipment, supplies and services to

replace existing busy video systems.

The transit system is also asking the council to allow the mayor to file a grant application with the state for \$3.2 million to help fund KAT in 2018.

Increasing the size of the Knoxville Police Department from 416 to 420 employees is a request that would apply for \$452,283 from the U. S. Department of Justice’s Community

Policing Services.

The Police Department is also asking the council to allow an application to the U. S. Department of Justice for \$200,000 for the Inter-net Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The council may also memorialize the life of Deputy Police Chief Rudy G. Bradley Sr. who passed away recently. Great Schools Partnership may receive \$250,000 in grants

for the Community Schools Initiative and Volunteer Ministry may get \$60,000 for its Day Resource Center.

An apartment complex with up to 30 units per acre will be considered for approval on East Martin Mill Pike and Lippencott Road.

On first reading several council members have funding requests on the

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New Harvest Park to host 7th annual Blueberry Festival

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will host its seventh annual Blueberry Festival on Thursday, June 29, with Knox County Commission Chairman Dave Wright ringing the bell to kick off the family-friendly event.

The market, which runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and is open to the public, will be held at the park, located at 4775 New Harvest Lane.

In addition to local blueberries and blueberry plants for sale, other activities will include:

- Blueberry Dessert Contest: Make and bring your favorite blueberry dessert to the pavilion by 4 p.m. Winners announced at 5 p.m.
- Success with Blueberries in Your Garden presentation by

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ETBA GIFTS HOLSTON MIDDLE



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Mike Davis, President of the East Towne Business Association, presented a check Thursday to Principal Kathryn Lutton of Holston Middle School. Brown said the donation is part of the association’s giving back to the local community, something they hope to do each quarter. He was joined by members of the East Towne board. Brown also honored R. Larry Smith for his efforts within the community and the association. The event was held at the Legends at Oak Grove near New Harvest Park.

‘Bats and Bones’ draws huge crowd

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There were more people than there were chairs Tuesday when two experts talked about “Bats and Bones” in Cherokee Caverns on Oak Ridge Highway. Cave manager and noted spelunker Jim Whidby was joined by forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Bass.

Before the presentation the temperature outside was muggy and in the 80s, but inside the historic cavern it was about 58 degrees. Several people brought their own folding picnic chairs into the cave. The audience was made up of family members of all ages.

Whidby, owner of Byron Printing of Louisville, Tennessee, welcomed the audience to the

cave and gave a brief history of the caverns. He followed with a video about the various types of bats, three of which he has reintroduced to the cave after years of neglect at that location.

Holding an event inside a cave may seem unusual but Whidby says the cavern hosts several each year including movies and a Halloween and Christmas celebration. Whidby’s son, Mike, called the events there “really good and safe.”

Dr. Bass spoke of his experiences in identifying bodies and determining the causes of death. His “Body Farm” near the UT Hospital has become world famous for the study of how corpses decay. Bass and John Jefferson teamed up years

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Dr. Bill Bass prepares for his talk during “Bats and Bones” at Cherokee Caverns Tuesday. He and Jim Whidby drew a large audience for the presentation inside the cave. Photo by Mike Steely.

The committee decided that Policy G-600 Substitutes and Part-Time Employees should be rescinded as its contents are included in another policy.

It was noted that even though Section I, dealing with instructional goals and objectives, is very lengthy, it was recently revised. Therefore no changes were necessary to many of the policies in that section.

Policy I-100 Instructional Goals and Objectives was modified to require the school system to review and revise the Tennessee State Standards every six years on a rotating basis. Policy I-171 Interscholastic Athletics was revised to conform to current law. Changes were made

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When I was young we moved many times because the rent was always going up. We lived in towns with picturesque names like Paradise, New Holland and Lititz. But we also lived in towns that had names that sounded questionable--to say the least, such as Inter-

course, Bird-In-Hand and Blue Ball. Where did these towns get their nonsensical names?

Intercourse was originally named Cross Roads but in 1814 the name was changed to Inter-

course simply because two famous roads crossed

Interesting names for towns

there. The Old King's Highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh ran east and west through the center of town. The road from Wilmington to Erie intersected in the middle and the joining of these two roads is the basis for the name Intercourse.

Blue Ball was originally named after the Blue Ball Hotel which was built more than 200 years ago in the early 1800th century. John Wallace built a small building at the intersection of two Indian trails. He hung a blue ball outside on a post and called it "The Sign of the Blue Ball." Locals soon began calling the town Blue Ball.

Bird-In-Hand is a village in the heart of the Amish country, approximately seven miles east of Lancaster. Another place that probably received its name from the sign of an 18th century inn. Early inns often took their names from an image they could paint on their sign that would be recognized in any language such as a white horse or a hand holding a bird. Later, the communities that grew around these inns often took on the name of their local inn. It is surrounded by Amish farms and many restaurants.

White Horse is also another quaint village in the area. It was interesting

to me to see how many towns were named after hotels.

This is probably of not much interest to my southern readers but it caught my eye when I read an article concerning this subject in the Lancaster New Era newspaper, which I read every day on my PC. Perhaps in the near future I will check out how Knoxville got its name. Keep reading!

Thought for the day: A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. Chinese proverb

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Committee proposes school system policy revisions

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to Policy I-190 Organization for Instruction to conform with current practices. Policy I-210 Textbook and Instructional Material, Selection, Distribution, and Care was changed to follow state policy.

Policy I-212 Reconsideration of Instructional Material and Textbooks was rewritten to define the procedure for parents to request exemption from certain activities for their children.

Because of unanswered questions Policy I-220 Access to Electronic Media was held for clarification. The language in Policy I-221 District Website was cleared up and it was rewritten to conform with current practice.

The committee requested their legal counsel review Policy I-231 Duplicating Copyrighted Materials.

Policy I-240 was rescinded as it is no longer applicable. Language clarifications were made in Policy I-241 School Libraries. Policy I-242 Community Instructional Resources was revised to give patriotic societies access to providing programs to schools.

Minor changes were made in Policy I-250 Off-Campus Trips to reflect current practice.

Policy I-270 Parent and Family Engagement was extensively rewritten to comply with current law.

The title of Policy I-280 was changed from Title I to Federal Programs and it was rewritten to cover all federal programs.

Policy I-290 ESL Program Policy was pulled for further study. The committee decided to rescind Policy I-300 Remediation and Intervention Services as it is no longer applicable.

The committee agreed that input from principals should be sought before the revising Policy I-350 Repeating High School Courses. The language in Policy I-351 Credit Recovery was clarified. Policy I-381 Integration of TCAP Scores in Student Grades was tabled for further clarification.

The committee decided Policy I-382 Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities should be rescinded as it is no longer necessary.

Policy I-383 Test Security was revised to conform with current procedure. Language was updated in Policy I-420 Controversial Issues.

The committee felt that Policy I-421 Controversial Materials should be rescinded as the topic is dealt with in other policies. Policy I-431 Religion in the Curriculum was rewritten to conform with current law.

Policies I-440 Wellness Policy-Nutritional Standards for Food Items Sold and I-441 Wellness Policy-Physical Activity were tabled for further consideration.

In order for the above policy changes to be enacted they must pass two readings by the board of education.

Try Transit Week highlights transit in Knoxville

With free wifi now on all Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) buses, a brand new website going live last week, and a new text messaging feature for passenger information, there's never been a better time to use transit in Knoxville, and Try Transit Week provides a great opportunity to do just that. Below is a list of events that will showcase transit in Knoxville:

Monday, June 19th: Explore online. Dip your toes in transit by exploring the new website at www.katbus.com. The new website features a number of great new communications tools, including interactive maps showing every stop, an improved responsive page for better use with a variety of devices, and an opportunity to sign up for text or email alerts by route, so you can always know immediately when a route is on detour. You can also still plan your trip using the Google Trip Planner function.

Tuesday, June 20th: Trolley Tuesday. The trolleys offer free, short explorations of downtown with frequent service so it's easy to just hop on and try it out. As an added



incentive, KAT will be hiding prizes in the trolleys all day long, so be on the lookout as you ride.

Wednesday, June 21st: The BIG announcement. KAT, along with Mayor Madeline Rogero, have a big announcement to make, and it's happening on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Knoxville Station. Before or after the announcement, take the Blue Line Trolley over to The Market Square Farmers' Market, where KAT and Smart Trips will have a booth and will be giving away lots of great items.

Thursday, June 22nd: It's a Social

Thing. Check out KAT on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for a chance to win prizes. Revisit the Google Transit Trip Planner on the website to prepare yourself for Friday.

Friday, June 23rd: FREE RIDES FRIDAY! All rides on KAT will be fare-free all day Friday.

Saturday, June 24th: Neighborhood Group Rides to the Farmers' Market. Grab your neighbors and take KAT down to the Market Square Farmers' Market. Visit the KAT booth to get a free ticket back home, along with some other goodies.

"Many people want to take transit - even just a few times a week - but they may be intimidated to try it for the first time," says Dawn Distler, Director of Transit for the City of Knoxville. "We've created this week to provide that opportunity to learn about it and try it out with a lot of other people, whether it's Free Rides Friday or grabbing your neighbors for a group ride. We think everyone will agree with us that there are enormous benefits to using transit."

Knoxville Writers' Guild to host 'Open Mic Night' July 6

Knoxville Writers' Guild will host its popular annual "Open Mic Night" on Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m. Participants should bring a three-minute segment of their work to read onstage.

The event, which is open to the public, will be in the Fellowship Hall of Central United Methodist Church, 201 3rd Avenue. A \$2 donation is requested at the door. Parking is plentiful and free.

Only members are allowed to read, but anyone may join KWG at the event.

Arrive early to sign up and ensure a great seat.

To ensure as many people as possible have the chance to read, the Guild follows these guidelines:

1) You must be a current member of the Knoxville Writers' Guild to read your work. You may join or renew your membership at the event (\$30, with discount to \$15 for students). There will be a first come, first served sign-up sheet at the door for readers.

2) You may only read your

own work or that of another KWG member with their written permission.

3) Podium time is two to three minutes maximum, depending on the number of people who sign up. Three minutes is about one and a half double-spaced pages. A reader's time includes any explanation, set-up or backstory. There are no exceptions. Readers should time their segment in advance.

4) The content of what you read should be suitable for a general audience.

KWG will supply coffee and water. Snacks to share are welcome.

The Knoxville Writers' Guild exists to facilitate a broad and inclusive community for area writers, provide a forum for information, support and sharing among writers, help members improve and market their writing skills and promote writing and creativity. Additional information can be found at: www.facebook.com/KnoxWritersGuild.

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agenda. Councilman Daniel Brown is asking for funds for the Crutcher Memorial Youth Enrichment Center, The Beck Cultural Center, and Girl Talk's school-based programs.

Councilman Mark Campen is seeking funds for the purchase of a small train for Fountain City Town Hall, and to assist The Great Smoky Mountain Boy Scouts and Beardsley Farms.

Vice Mayor Duane

Grieve is asking for funds for the Free Medical Clinic, the West Hills Community Association, and for a Christmas program at Everly Brothers Park.

Island Home Park Neighborhood Association could get funding on a resolution by Councilman Nick Pavlis, who is also asking for funds for Legacy Parks to develop a new trail.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe is requesting funds for signage for the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood.

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Publisher's Position

Sometimes it comes down to no accounting



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Lots of folks have heard about the State of California threatening to secede from the Union. Personally, I don't think there'd be that many people sorry to see them go. Recently, the California State Senate passed a universal healthcare bill; actually, to be more direct about, the Golden State Senate approved authorization to keep talking about it. The stated goal was to phase out all other insurance - - - private insurance, government insurance and even Medicare - - - so California could cover everyone. Legislators joyfully announced the notion was "Medicare for all," which of course ignored the fact it wasn't Medicare at all. Senators Ricardo Lara and Toni Atkins sponsored the

bill without having a clue as to just what it would cost taxpayers. Lara, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, finally determined it might cost \$400 billion annually. The entire budget for the State of California is \$290 billion; the federal government provides \$107 billion of that. Not to worry says Senator Lara, as he estimates Californians spend \$367 billion on healthcare currently, which would include all private money, federal and state dollars. Lara's bill would co-opt that money and he says there'd be no patient co-pays or deductibles. It just so happens Lara is running to be California's State Insurance Commissioner, an elected position in that west coast utopia. Another coincidence is the Lara bill's loudest and most enthusiastic supporters is the California Nurses' Association. The nurses paid for a special study, which estimated the cost of the Lara bill to be a paltry \$331 billion, a bargain at the price to be sure. One more coincidence is the Nurses' Association is strongly supporting Ricardo Lara for Insurance Commissioner. Even the most optimistic

outcome would require a tax increase on the order of \$100 billion and nobody seems to have a clue just where that money might come from. The nurses have helpfully suggested the legislature adopt a \$15% payroll tax, as well as raising sales taxes and increasing taxes on business. Not surprisingly, the bill was passed by Democrats voting for it and every single Republican in the State Senate voting against it. Four Democrats did have the guts to vote against it. Nor did logic play a part in its enactment, especially with people who define compassion as the number of people enrolled in a government program. One senator wondered, "We give Trump crap day in and day out, and we're going to beg him for a couple hundred billion dollars?" One University of Massachusetts economist claims the figures cited by those supporting the Lara bill as being wrong. "California's analysts erred by understating health care cost savings and failing to subtract current health care spending from their projected payroll tax increase," Gerald Freidman said.

Professor Freidman did say he believed ultimately single payer healthcare would "save the public and business money via cutting bureaucratic costs and negotiating for drugs." Of course Freidman offered no explanation just how businesses would save money if it was taxed more to pay for the new system through a 2.3% gross receipts tax; not to mention just how red tape would be eliminated by replacing the red tape bureaucracies of insurance companies with that of government bureaucracy. Obviously, California has gone from creative accounting to no accounting. I hear Barack Obama's words echoing in my head that we could keep our doctors and that premiums would go down significantly under Obamacare. And let us not forget some insurance premiums went up 125% last year. Even supporters of the bill say they realize it would take years for California to develop a technology information system able to track all enrollees, as well as medical providers and processing payments. How long did it take for the Obamacare website to work? Does anyone

remember? If you think Californians are under taxed presently, consider a three bedroom, two bath craftsman home for sale in north Los Angeles. The price tag is \$939,000 and the property taxes are \$5,238 with the property assessment on less than half the house's value. The legislature also passed this pie-in-the-sky proposal after Governor Jerry Brown, no mossback conservative, warning California's deficit was back. When Governor Brown revealed his budget recommendation for the state, he estimated California would have a \$1.6 billion deficit by this summer and summer is here. In something of an understatement, Governor Brown said, "The trajectory of revenue growth is declining." One of the primary reasons Brown's economic advisors had lowered the expectations on projected revenue was the slower than expected growth in wages. Imagine that! Last, but not least, California is \$400 billion in debt, largely due to unfunded liabilities for public pensions and retiree health care. In perhaps yet another show of compassion, California set aside \$74 billion

it doesn't have for health and dental benefits to state employees and retired workers. "These liabilities are so massive that it is tempting to ignore them. We can't possibly pay them off in a year or two or even ten," Jerry Brown said. "And there is little satisfaction in the notion of chipping away at an obligation for three decades to pay for something that has already been promised. Yet, it is our moral obligation to do so - - - particularly before we make new commitments." Evidently, the legislators either didn't listen or didn't care and have sailed off proposing to spend an amount equal to the present debt. Clearly, California is a bailout waiting to happen. Of course, nobody has speculated on who will bailout the United States of America. For those indulging in the fantasy California will secede, get over it. It's like the dependent adult child in the basement threatening to move out if he or she can't have what he or she wants at any given time. They can't afford it.



New Harvest Park to host 7th annual Blueberry Festival

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David Vandergriff from the UT Extension Office.

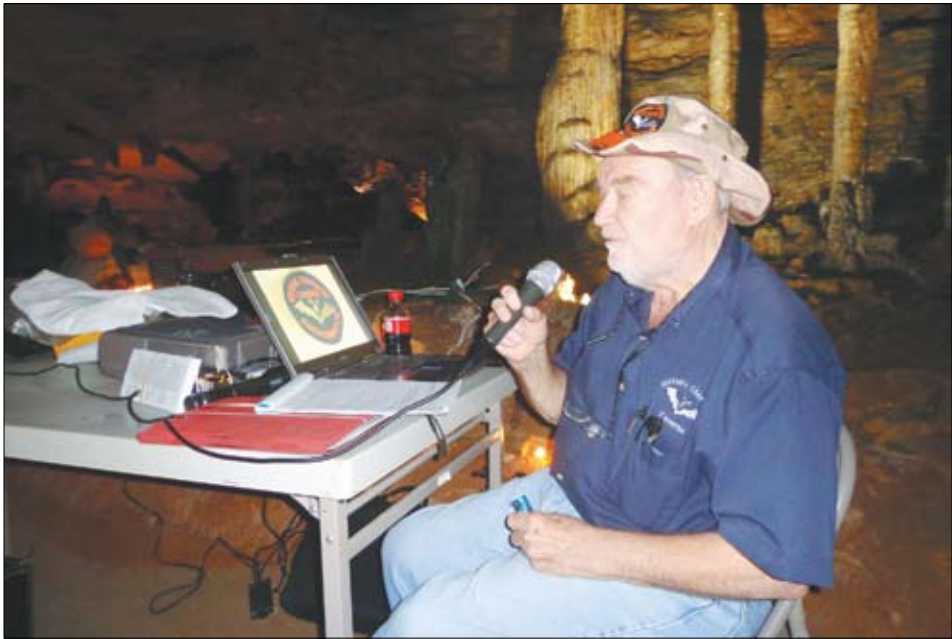
- Blueberry cooking demonstration by Heather Kyle-Harmon of UT Extension.
- Special blueberry items available by vendors.
- More activities to be announced on the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/newharvestfm/>

"This is one of the market's bigger events that folks really enjoy and it's an afternoon that gives everyone a chance to 'sweeten' up their lives," said Knox County Commission Chairman Dave Wright. "We'll have locally grown products, including meats, fruits and vegetables, but the highlight will be the blueberries and this is the perfect time of year for them." The farmers market participates in the Fre\$h Savings program which

works in conjunction with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Under it, participants who spend up to \$20 per transaction at the market will get a matching amount in tokens to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the market. For more information on the program visit: <http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/our-work/hunger/info-2015/fresh-savings-shop-smarter-eat-healthier.html>. For more information, contact Mike Donila at (865) 215-6616 (office) or (865) 306-1177 (cell).

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ago to produce a series of books about Bass and his profession that have been best sellers. Before the event Dr. Bass was outside signing books and posters and a long line developed waiting for his attention. When the audience was seated and Bass entered the cave a wild applause erupted and echoed off the walls. "It's not every day you come to a cave and get a lecture," Bass said, then he said he was going to share with the audience what not to do in faking your own death. One of the cases Dr. Bass shared with the audience was of an American's fake death while in Mexico. When asked to investigate the death by an insurance company Bass went to Mexico and examined the burned out car, finding enough bones to declare that the skeleton did not belong to the suspect. Asked how the event became an annual occasion Jim Whidby said that after the first "Bats and Bones" presentation he was driving Dr. Bass out of



Jim Whidby, manager of Cherokee Caverns, spoke of the various bats that live in and outside caves during "Bats and Bones" Tuesday evening. (Photo by Mike Steely)

the cave in the electric cart three years ago and on the way Bass said he's given talks in lots of places but never in a cave. Whidby thanks his daughter-in-law for the idea of the two experts getting together. "He seemed so thrilled

with it before you know it we were setting up another event," Whidby said. Whidby talked a bit about the history of the cave and told The Focus that one of the films he plans to offer in an upcoming event is the documentary on the

death of Floyd Collins who died in a Kentucky Cave in 1925 after being trapped beneath a fallen rock. He said the film includes original photographs and news stories. The death of Collins was world-wide news.



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Outgoing council members respond to The Focus

Brenda Palmer

3rd District City Council

Five very active Knoxville City Council members will be leaving office this year due to term limits. The Focus has asked each member a few questions about their years on the council.

Compiled by Mike Steely.

Brenda Palmer represents the Third District and serves as Chair of the Knoxville Beer Board. She is also on the Audit Committee, the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, the KUG Tree Trim Board, the Zoo Knoxville board and served on the Knox County Board of Equalization.

Palmer is a graduate of the University of San Diego, Baldwin Wallace College and holds a Paralegal Certificate from the University of Tennessee. In her professional life she has served as a curriculum specialist and trainer, an education reform leader, a teacher, adjunct instructor, high school activities director and as a grant writer and administrator.

1 What is the most memorable event or vote you had on City Council?

Three votes stand out as quite memorable. First, was the vote to make the pension plan sustainable by correcting the funding and processes. All stakeholders were involved which made the issue more manageable to address. Second, supporting the Hilltop/Ridges/Slopes recommendation to protect our ridges and hilltops from developers who want to cut and slash sent a message about what we value. The third vote, Council representative to TPO, stopped the James White Parkway, a proposal that had languished for more than half a century.

2 Please comment about public participation at Council Meetings.

Public participation is important for Council to hear all sides of issues. Those who come to public forum should be sure their concern is something City Council, a

legislative body, can address.

3 Would moving the Council Meetings to 5 p.m. help and why?

Moving Council meetings to 5 p.m. looks good on paper but raises some question about the access of public participation. Keeping the 6 p.m. meeting gives both Council members and the public an opportunity to get to the meetings after work.

4 What positions on an item have you altered your view?

The Behavioral Center has been discussed for as long as I have served on Council. Everyone agrees there is a need but location has been an area of serious conversation. After I talked with Jerry Vegnier at Helen Ross McNabb and understood what the Behavioral Center was and was not, I supported the location. I anticipate that once the Behavioral Center is up and running, most of the angst will dissipate.

5 What are your possible future plans?

At this time, my plan is to focus on writing and rediscovering some hobbies I have neglected over the past years. Being involved in politics as a supporter, not a candidate, will no doubt gain my attention.

6 What will you miss the most?

No single activity stands out was one I will miss most. Mostly, I have enjoyed serving the people of Knoxville and would not trade the eight years. I do strongly believe term limits are important so fresh ideas can help our city continue to move forward.

7 What advice would you have for the future council member?

Be open to ideas and examine the big picture impact of the issue before Council. The loudest voices represent a group with an agenda, not necessarily the majority of constituents-be aware of the voices you do not



hear. Be aware that without economic development, neighborhoods cannot be sustainable to the quality of life we all want.

8 Are you supporting a candidate in the primary election?

Four people are running for my seat-the same number as when I ran eight years ago. Each candidate brings strengths and weaknesses. It is important to examine whether or not the candidate understands the relationship between economic development and neighborhood preferences: the two are quite interdependent.



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Knoxville recognized as 'smartly resourced' city

Knoxville has been recognized as a high-performing "smartly resourced" city in the inaugural Equipt to Innovate assessment, which used a new framework developed by Living Cities in partnership with Governing, a division of e.Republic, a media and research company that focuses on local government.

Cities are expected to respond nimbly and effectively to address challenges, the Equipt to Innovate survey team explains. No single lens by itself can provide enough information to determine how a city is doing – or how it will perform in the future.

The Equipt to Innovate initiative is an integrated, collaborative framework that measures seven essential elements – for example, how data is used, or how broad community engagement and partnerships are keying success. Equipt to Innovate is also an invitation for cities to work together, learn from each other and help drive better outcomes for their communities.

Sixty-one cities across the country participated in the first-ever Equipt to Innovate survey, assessing their capacity and competence in seven key areas.

Knoxville was recognized as a leader in the "Smartly Resourced" measurement last month in Phoenix at the Summit on Government Performance & Innovation, presented by Governing and Living Cities. Mayor Madeline Rogero was a panelist in a discussion entitled, "Cities Rising – How Mayors Are Taking the Lead."

Other high-performing "Smartly Resourced" cities listed in the survey and accompanying "Becoming a High-Performing City" report are El Paso, San Antonio and Boston.

What's it mean that Knoxville rated well as a "Smartly Resourced" city?

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Fountain City B&PA hears Superintendent Bob Thomas

By Mike Steely
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Knox County Director of Schools Bob Thomas spoke to the Fountain City Business and Professional Association Wednesday telling them about his 44 years in education and stressing at least three things need to be achieved. Thomas, chosen by the board of education to lead the school system for two years, said that increasing student achievement was important. He also stressed he wants to build a positive culture and eliminate disparities within the system.

Superintendent Thomas said that he started as a substitute teacher in the old Knoxville City Schools, taught at Bearden, was assistant and principal at Rule High School, served as a personnel specialist in the city system and was with the Personnel Department with Knox County Schools. Prior to being selected to the top post Thomas served as assistant superintendent for the county.

Thomas said he wants to expand the year-long reading program from K-2 into K-3 and then focus on reading ability in all the grades. He said he wants to work with teachers of all subjects, even math, science and music, to emphasize reading through the

12th grade.

"I want to step it up a notch," he said, adding, "I'm on a two-year contract and I've got to make a difference and do that pretty quick."

"If I can't make a difference I'll step out of the way."

He said that only 27% of 11th graders meet reading requirements.

"What about the 73% that didn't?" he asked.

"I don't want to teach to the test but teach the objective," Thomas said.

He said that the county has a 94% graduation rate but then said that a diploma doesn't mean they are ready for a college or to work.

"Let's ensure that all students have post-secondary opportunities," he said.

Thomas also said that the Central Office needs to get more involved in serving our schools.

"It's about being a servant-type leader, supporting our teachers and all our stake holders," he said, adding that it includes valuing people and praising efforts.

"Maybe we've lost sight of relationships," Thomas.

Prior to the superintendent's talk Business and Professional President John Fugate introduced and recognized Katie



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Superintendent Bob Thomas spoke to the Fountain City Business and Professional Association on Wednesday.

Walsh, daughter of Joe and Claudia Walsh, who received a \$1,500 scholarship from the association. She plans to attend East Tennessee State University and hopes to become a physical therapist.

The Fountain City Business and

Professional Association meets on the second Tuesday every month at the Central Baptist Church in Fountain City. Meetings start about 11:45 with lunch for a \$10 donation and the association features a different speaker each month.

Grant Awarded to the CAC Office on Aging

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, a charitable organization dedicated to enriching quality of life, is pleased to announce grants to 121 Tennessee nonprofits and governmental organizations as part of a one-time Serving Tennessee's Seniors grant opportunity.

Funding of Serving Tennessee's Seniors was provided by the Chancery Court and administered by The Community Foundation through the settlement of a lawsuit initiated by Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper against both SeniorTrust and ElderTrust.

"All across Tennessee, each and every day, nonprofits and governmental agencies are working hard to make the path easier for our growing but vulnerable senior population. From Lake County to Bradley County, from Memphis to Elizabethton, we know that the needs of our aging population are often unrecognized or underfunded," said Ellen Lehman, President of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

"The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has been honored to assist the Chancery Court and the Office of Tennessee's Attorney

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From Chattanooga to Knoxville

He walked along the railroad tracks from Chattanooga to Knoxville to find work, stopping at homes along the way to eat and rest. It was around the 1920s. As a young man, he had worked in the mines. The long walk up the tracks led him to a night watchman job at Security Mills, later known as Con Agra. He retired from Security Mills after 33 years. Tecil Clarence Torbett was our maternal grandfather; but, he was known as T. C.



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old. Mother recalls her father's love for dogs and remembers that her family had two German shepherds when she was a child. At the time of his death, he had a little dog named Cricket that he adored.

In the 1990s, a picture in the newspaper supplement caught my eye. Though I had never seen it, I recognized the person. It was our grandfather.

Knoxville. They went to see a Gene Autry western. Every year when the circus came to town, he took her to see that, too. She had lost her mother when only eight years

The night watchman at Security Mills was holding a huge water hose. The caption described how he kept a 1952 fire at the feed mill under control until the firemen arrived. I called the photographer of the discarded photo and went by the newspaper office to get it. When I gave it to our mother, it made her day. She said her father would have loved it! Certainly, it is one that we treasure.



Picture from the 1950s of our grandfather, T. C. Torbett, and his daughter, Juanita Torbett Major (our mother), from her archives.

I know him

Randy Boyd is running for governor in Tennessee. Over the past few weeks, Randy has traveled from one end of the state to the other. He seems to be intent on making contact



By Joe Rector
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wrote clear, well-developed papers. No, he wasn't perfect; his papers contained errors that I marked. However, Randy always accepted criticism as a way of improving his work.

Randy Boyd also played on the high school football team. I don't recall whether he played offense or defense, but I know he committed himself to playing to the best of his ability. His grandfather attended his games, and I sat with him during them. We talked about Randy and his work ethic. No grandfather was ever prouder than Ted was.

I lost close contact

with Randy after he graduated from high school, but no doubt ever existed that he would be anything but successful. Randy possessed a high intellect, and in addition to it, he had a curiosity about all things. He wanted to know what made them tick, and he studied to find them out.

His rise in the business world was no surprise. Randy's dad had succeeded in his pursuits and ran FI-Shock, a business located in the Forks of the River industrial park. Randy put his creative mind and business acumen together to build what is today known as Radio Systems Corporation. The company employs between 500-1000

individuals. He also is the Chairman of Boyd Sports, which owns the Tennessee Smokies and Johnson City Cardinals baseball organizations.

Randy has a commitment to the Knoxville area, as well as to his business ventures. He is well-known for the contributions he has made to the Knoxville Zoo. Lesser known is his commitment to making college more affordable for areas graduates. Randy is the force behind tAchieves. In conjunction with Tennessee Promise, it is a program that offers free tuition to graduating high school seniors. Yes, students are responsible for meeting some demands of the program, something that Randy believes is important.

He always has taken on responsibilities for his own success and expects the same of those he strives to help.

Of late, Randy Boyd has worked with Gov. Haslam. He served as Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. The governor states that "without Randy Boyd, there would be no Tennessee Promise or Drive to 55 or comprehensive approach to job growth via a workforce development."

Now Randy is running for the governor of Tennessee. He is imminently qualified for the position. He has a proven record in the business world and experience in government. He wants

to help make the state a successful place where residents can find good jobs with steady incomes, as well as first-class educational systems that enable Tennessee students to be successful in college, vocational training, or other paths they choose.

I don't often endorse GOP candidates. However, I've known Randy Boyd for many years. I've watched firsthand his commitment to projects and his acceptance of responsibility. Our state needs individuals that lead it and its citizens into the future with optimism. Randy Boyd fits that bill. I will pull the lever for him. I hope you will dive into his background and choose to do the same.

Knoxville recognized as 'smartly resourced' city

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"This Equipt element comprises conventional measures of a well-run city – the effective management of revenue and expenditures, and responsible investments in infrastructure, technology and people – plus the shift toward evidence-based budgeting, public-private partnerships and other innovations," the survey report states.

"Most cities in the survey

look to private sector and philanthropic partnerships to help fund new programs and initiatives. At the same time, cities including Knoxville and San Antonio use the annual budget process to adjust or eliminate existing programs based on their effectiveness."

High-performing "Smartly Resourced" cities like Knoxville regularly evaluate performance, incorporate effective metrics and maintain "a clear pathway to action to help

ensure the wise allocation of resources, such as using technology to streamline and improve services."

Model cities also set aside savings, improve their credit ratings and generate new revenue by fostering new business development, according to the report.

Governing and Living Cities support the "Equipt to Innovate" initiative because it provides fresh perspectives and allows cities to more easily share

what works well.

"The Equipt framework gives us a way to look at cities in a multidimensional way," says Mark Funkhouser, publisher of Governing. "Cities that perform well across the seven elements are able to adapt to and even anticipate the next challenge."

"To achieve fundamentally better results, innovative municipal governments must become dynamically planned, broadly partnered, resident-involved,

race-informed, smartly resourced, employee-engaged and data-driven," says Steven Bosacker, principal for public sector and partnerships at Living Cities. "These cities are showing us the way."

For a comprehensive overview of the survey findings and a discussion of how cities fared across the categories, download the report "Becoming a High-Performing City: A Benchmark Study" at www.governing.com/equipt.

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Dr. John R. Neal

Tennessee's Eccentric

Part Three

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Disappointed by his failure to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Dr. John R. Neal continued to be the Volunteer State's political gadfly extraordinaire. John R. Neal ran for the United States Senate eighteen times, governor nine times and the U. S. House of Representatives once. Neal claimed he was always battling the prevailing political machine that rule the state and never failed to complain he had been defeated by huge expenditures on behalf of his opponents (while he spent virtually nothing on his own campaigns) and voter fraud.

Dixon Merritt wrote a letter to the editor of the Nashville Tennessean just after Dr. Neal's death recalling he had been the press agent in 1912. Merritt had helped Neal campaign for the gubernatorial nomination until Neal's eventual withdrawal. Merritt recalled that he was in Knoxville and to his chagrin discovered he could not find a room at "any acceptable hotel" and decided to simply wait out the night in the lobby of the Farragut Hotel. Merritt was sitting in the lobby when John R. Neal came in off the street. The two men spent the entire night talking with Dr. Neal finally explaining, "And so, I have never wanted to win any race that I was in. But always there was some matter of public interest, general welfare that needed to be brought to the attention of the people who might activate it through the legislature, the governor . . . a law . . . enforcement. Sometimes it worked. Measured from that angle, I have won more than half the time." Merritt said, "Dirty shirt and all, John R. Neal was a great public servant."

The soft-spoken and bushy browed Dr. Neal certainly did not seem especially bothered by his continuous defeats. "I enjoy the humor of life, politics and everything else," Neal said. "The main thing in life is fighting for the thing you want to fight for and if you succeed, all right; and if not, all right."

John R. Neal needed to be philosophical about his electoral career as he seemed to have no compunction about entering races he simply could not win. Neal challenged Kenneth D. McKellar in 1940 when the senator was at the peak of his popularity and political power. No other Democrat in the State of Tennessee would risk running against McKellar, but John R. Neal entered the race with gusto and promptly spent the entire campaign nipping at the senator's heels. Neal roared his denunciation of McKellar's own political organization,

as well as that of his warm personal friend and political ally, Edward H. Crump of Memphis. McKellar won 230,033 votes to 14,653 for Neal. In Neal's own home county of Rhea, McKellar won 1,490 votes to 126 for Dr. Neal.

John R. Neal ran against Senator Tom Stewart and Edward "Ned" Carmack in the 1942 Democratic primary. It was a close election and Neal cried "fraud" at the top of his lungs and contested Stewart's election all the way to the United States Senate. Neal, hardly taken seriously by any of Tennessee's political professionals, mauled several of them in verbal and written exchanges when the professionals tried to diminish the notion of voter fraud. When Charles Crabtree of Memphis offered to put up money if Neal could prove the Crump machine was guilty of voter fraud, Neal snapped he would indeed produce evidence, presuming a court would hear it. Neal tartly said if Crabtree put up any money, he hoped it would not be assessed from public employees. The Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, Russell Kramer, a Knoxville lawyer, issued an invitation to Dr. Neal to make his charges and provide evidence to the state committee. Dr. Neal refused and sniffed, "You and your committee not only designated all the Primary Boards throughout the state who appointed all the primary officials, but were yourselves candidates for reelection in the same primary to which my charges of fraud are related. Many of these charges have to do with these appointments and the action of your appointees. For your committee to assume sole jurisdiction of an inquiry into charges of corrupt election practices connected with the recent primary would be similar to judges assuming jurisdiction involving contests in which they were a party." Dr. Neal then issued an invitation of his own, asking Kramer to cordially join him in asking the Senate Elections Committee to come to Tennessee and make an on the spot investigation.

Neal had successfully irritated the Memphis Boss during the primary campaign, although that was not especially hard to do, as Crump was notoriously thin skinned. When Neal began wondering where the money came from to pay for Crump's large scale advertising campaign on behalf of Senator Stewart, the Memphis Boss said the professor was barely worthy of notice and could not be taken seriously as a candidate. Crump said Neal had no "organization of any



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Dr. John R. Neal at the Scopes Trial; Dr. Neal is seated third from the left.

kind", no manager, no headquarters and "hasn't made a speech" during the course of the campaign. Crump was a millionaire from his own business enterprises and the Shelby County machine was superbly well organized and had little trouble raising money for the candidates it supported, but Neal's charges the ticket supported by the Memphis Boss had exceeded the legal limit of expenditures allowed by the law, Crump was highly annoyed. "I challenge Mr. Crump to state whether he is paying out of his own pocket for the advertisements, and, if not, from what source the money comes," Dr. Neal demanded.

John R. Neal was especially active in 1946 when he was running for both governor and U. S. senator in the Democratic primaries. Neal challenged incumbent governor Jim Nance McCord and Senator K. D. McKellar. Dr. Neal received less than 3,000 votes statewide in the gubernatorial contest and just over 3,000 votes in the senatorial contest. Almost immediately, Neal contested the election. Neal contended both Governor McCord and Senator McKellar had spent \$50,000 to win renomination and noted the maximum expenditure under the law was \$10,000. Neal quarreled about virtually every aspect of the election, saying the coalition ticket run by McKellar, McCord and Andrew "Tip" Taylor (candidate for the state utilities commission) was a violation of state law. Neal thundered that the McKellar - McCord - Taylor ticket had been guilty of "statewide violation of registration law" and the counting of the ballots had been "fraudulent." J. Frank Hobbs, Chairman of Tennessee's Democratic Party, laconically noted Dr. Neal ran for office often, rarely got more than a handful of votes and "frequently" contested the election results. Governor Jim McCord acknowledged that Neal had informed him of the impending contest. Once again, Neal's charges went nowhere.

When Neal ran against Governor Gordon Browning in 1950, the professor announced visits to Oak

Ridge, Clinton, Kingston, Norris, and Rockwood in East Tennessee, saying he planned to campaign in Middle and West Tennessee later. Toward the end of the campaign, John R. Neal actually opened a campaign headquarters in Nashville's Tulane Hotel. Dr. Neal announced his campaign manager, H. N. Camp of Knoxville, would run the state headquarters.

Aside from spending a pittance on postage and riding the bus to various locations across Tennessee, John R. Neal would speak whenever he could get anyone to listen. Invariably, Dr. Neal would mutter, "We're progressing, we're progressing."

Near the end of his life, John R. Neal told a reporter he was losing interest in politics and doubted he would run for governor. Dr. Neal said his interest was waning "because governors don't really do anything interesting, just build roads, run schools and things like that." Yet two years later, Neal was off and running against incumbent governor Frank Clement and former governor Gordon Browning. At some point, Dr. Neal found himself on a platform with Governor Clement, whom he dismissed as "that little boy who is running against me."

The high water mark for John R. Neal in his all too frequent statewide campaigns was when he received 51,757 votes against Gordon Browning's 184,437 votes. It was not unusual for Neal to lose the Democratic primary and run in the general election as an Independent. One year, John R. Neal was on the ballot in the general election for governor and the United States Senate. In 1954 when Dr. Neal was Governor Frank Clement's opponent in the general election, he had already challenged Senator Estes Kefauver in the Democratic primary.

Dr. Neal continued to be careless with his money until the end of his life. One of the more famous stories told to illustrate John R. Neal's indifference to money was a check from the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purchase of property Neal owned. The amount may have been \$55,000 or

as much as \$90,000. The TVA bookkeeper was at wit's end as Dr. Neal had never cashed the check. Neal's biographer said the check was eventually discovered on Neal's person, much the worse for wear and the bookkeeper went with Dr. Neal to deposit the check. According to the Nashville Tennessean, the check was for \$90,000 and had been placed in Neal's wallet. The check was so disfigured and worn, another had to be issued with Dr. Neal's solemn promise it would be cashed. Considering \$90,000 at the time would equate to almost \$1.6 million today, it is an astonishing tale. That indifference would cause him to lose much of his considerable wealth as Neal's biographer Bobby E. Hicks noted some of the professor's acquaintances relieved him of quite a bit of money. Yet another illustration of Neal's perpetual carelessness with money was told by his biographer, Bobby E. Hicks, who related the professor had left a tattered coat at Regas restaurant in downtown Knoxville. The coat remained there as the restaurant owners thought he would return to claim the garment. When they finally inspected it, they discovered the pockets contained bonds.

John R. Neal's eccentricities were hardly confined to monetary matters. Hicks wrote that Neal had been gifted with a new suit by his students. Rather than expressing gratitude, Neal and tossed the suit to the floor and growled if he wanted a new suit, he would buy one himself. While in Knoxville, Dr. Neal lived at the Watauga Hotel. The only part of the Watauga still in existence is one floor and became part of the Regas restaurant. John R. Neal's living habits became so objectionable he was evicted from the Watauga Hotel. The bathtub in his room was filled with books. Neal always attended presidential inaugurations and wore new clothes, shaved, and bathed for the occasions. Friends referred to those excursions as Neal's "quadrennial cleanup."

During the last few years of his life, Neal's

eccentricities grew and his mind deteriorated. People took advantage of him, much of his wealth was gone, and he became ill and was taken to a Rockwood hospital. Neal died from pneumonia on November 23, 1959.

The Kingsport News, noting, "You can't tell a book by the cover" remembered Neal tramping down the streets of Knoxville, "his shoes untied, his clothes unpressed, his hair unkempt, his face unshaven" and admitted many people, especially younger people who knew little about his life and record, believed the professor to be just "another odd-ball." The Kingsport News readily acknowledged Dr. Neal had been "one of the most brilliant lawyers in Tennessee" as well as "a constant champion of the underdog." Admitting that John R. Neal "was not a 'success' by the world's usually accepted standard", the professor was instead "a non-conformist who acted in acted in accordance with his own personal creed."

After John R. Neal died, the Tennessean published an editorial lauding "the brilliant octogenarian." The Tennessean noted Neal never seemed to care about losing elections at almost every election cycle and concluded, "Apparently he just liked to get around the state and visit his many acquaintances occasionally." After reminding readers that Neal was far more than a figure of fun, derision and revulsion, the Tennessean said, "The world requires its John R. Neals to balance its natural inclination toward conformity and orthodoxy. Perhaps his greatest contribution came in his persistent refusal to be like the man at the next desk."

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The Mysteries of Tellico Plains

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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

south of Madisonville and is an historic site that is the entry to the Cherohala Skyway. That highway tops the mountains and leads to Robbinsville, North Carolina, a great scenic drive for cars and motorcycles alike.

Tellico Plains, home of the pre-history Cherokee town of Telliqual, holds many mysteries for anyone taking the time to stop and inquire. The little town is full of many unanswered questions.

Take the former Johnson Mansion, just across the Tellico River, for instance. Built by a northern businessman the home has vanished but was said to have a hidden underground tunnel that led to

the river for easy escape.

Johnson and his brother owned the Tellico Iron Works which had supplied items to the Confederate Army although Johnson was a Union

Loyalist. When Union forces destroyed the facility Johnson was pardoned, fled north, and never returned.

It is said that the site of the former Johnson mansion was also the site of a fort built by John Sevier's Tennessee soldiers during the Cherokee Wars.

Back across the river, near the highway, is a mysterious rock wall that leads down to the water and is rumored to have been built by the Native Americans prior to white settlement. It is possible the wall was built or incorporated into the iron works there.

Tellico Plains was the junction of two major Native American pathways, the Trading Path and the



The Cherohala Visitors Center in Tellico Plains is a great place to spend an hour or so getting information about the mountains and the area surrounding the town. Nearby is the Charles Hall Museum with exhibits from the area.

Warrior Path. The Unicoi Path or Turnpike also led from the east coast into the old village site. The Cherokee town of Telliqual was first visited by white long hunters and traders and is a noted place in the journals of Henry Timberlake, appearing on a map he created during his journey in 1761.

It is estimated that the Cherokee and possibly others have lived there for more than 10,000 years. More than 14 mounds were discovered in Tellico including a large temple mound. Much of the pre-history has been plowed under by farming.

In the 1500s Spanish forces under Hernando

DeSoto visited Telliqual for two days. One of the goals of the early visitors was to search for gold but the Native Americans apparently steered the foreigners away from nearby Coker Creek where gold was discovered in the early 1800s.

Tellico Plains has a small "downtown" area, a

shopping center, some fine restaurants, several bed and breakfast inns and the rapids of rushing river.

Nearby is Bald River Falls, which can be viewed from the bridge, and a lesser falls that is very popular with adventurous kayakers.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The new MPC yard signs are specific colors depending on the request. A new policy, requiring the applicant to post the signs rather than the planning staff, may be discussed at the County Commission's work session this afternoon.

Commission to discuss new MPC signs

By Mike Steely
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When the Knox County Commission meets in work session today at 5 p.m. one of the agenda items, the MPC's new policy about yard signs, will probably be discussed.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker told The Focus that our recent story about the policy change, which would require applicants to place MPC supplied yard signs themselves, prompted the discussion. The planning commission will be offering different colored signs on wire frames that will post

the case number but not the date of a hearing.

Schoonmaker has added an agenda item asking that MPC Executive Director Gerald Green explain the change, the requirements, and the procedure of the new policy change. The MPC staff responded that there had been no legal requirement to post yard signs for zoning changes but now the applicants will be supplied appropriate colored signs and instructed how to post them on the property.

Other items on the commission agenda include the response by the Emergency

Management Team to the storm damage at the Concord and Cove Parks recently and a report by the Finance Department on the cost of repairs there.

Commissioner Randy Smith is asking for a discussion regarding Tourism and Sports and Commissioner Carson Dailey wants to ask the MPC to develop an approach and policies to deal with development along Gov. John Sevier Scenic Highway.

An airsoft company, Tenn Tak, is appealing a split MPC decision regarding regulations on indoor and outdoor

airsoft and paintball locations within an agricultural zone. The application, by Scott Osborn, was denied in an 8-7 vote.

County Mayor Tim Burchett is asking the commission to approve a \$5,000 grant from United Healthcare Community Plan for use in his 2017 "Back to School Bash."

A grant for about \$255,000 from the state Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for use with the Knox Recover Court and Knox County Veterans Treatment Court is being requested.

Grant Awarded to the CAC Office on Aging

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General in the distribution of these grants to help strengthen the ability of these recipient organizations as they work to improve the lives of those they serve," Lehman continued. "The grants we were able to make last for only six months but span a broad range of needs, including: providing nutritious meals to the homebound, providing safe access to senior centers, providing dentures, providing transportation, providing wellness and educational activities, and fixing homes so

that residents can age in their own place."

The CAC Office on Aging has received a \$25,000 grant to provide dentures for 100 low-income seniors over the age of 60 in Knoxville and Knox County. Susan Long, director of the Office on Aging said, "Without this grant, we would still have a waiting list of over 300 seniors in Knoxville and Knox County needing dentures. We appreciate the support of our partners, Remote Area Medical (RAM) and the Volunteer Ministry Center."

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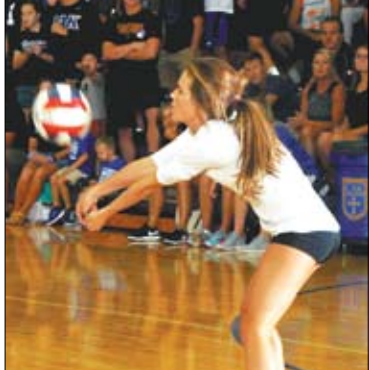
Chase Marine, West High Student-Athlete of the Year, delivers a pitch during the baseball season. He also made deliveries to those in need in community service projects and was an academic honoree.



Central honoree Bailey Maybrier set two school records as Lady Bobcats posted best-ever 16-1-1 mark in soccer.



Central's Trey Mitchell will take his football game to Coahoma Community College in Mississippi this fall.



Leighton Simpson in action for the CAK volleyball team.

The Focus shines its spotlight on nine more Student-Athletes of the Year from five local high schools in Week 3 of its four-part series.

This week's recipients include a male honoree that once made 10 shots from 3-point range in a basketball game to set a school record but will be playing football in college and a female honoree that impressed her basketball head coach with her "rare" commitment and dedication to the game.

The Focus has sent out requests to athletic

directors at 24 TSSAA-member high schools to submit their respective honorees. The final group will run in the June 26 issue.

In the spotlight this week are:

Austin-East – Taylor Teasley and Darius Harper.

Central – Bailey Maybrier and Trey Mitchell.
Christian Academy of Knoxville – Leighton Simpson and Hudson Chastain.

Karns – Trinity Fisher and Cameron Francis.

West – Chase Marine.

Prep coach sees big things about to happen for Harper

By Steve Williams

Austin-East High quarterback Darius Harper and the Roadrunners made believers out of its Region 2-2A opposition last fall.

And A-E head coach Jeff Phillips believes there are big things about to happen for Harper on the college level.

"Darius Harper had one of the best seasons ever, was a true leader," said Phillips, looking back recently on the 2016 campaign that saw the two-time TSSAA Mr. Football finalist lead the Roadrunners to the Class 2A state semifinals.

"I love him and believe he is about to do something truly

remarkable in college."

Harper, who was named Austin-East's male Student-Athlete of the Year, will be a freshman this season at Coastal Carolina University, a NCAA Division 1 FBS school in Conway, S.C.

In his prep career at A-E, Darius passed for 8,437 yards and 81 touchdowns and ran for 1,086 yards and 20 TDs. He earned All-Region first team honors four times and All-State honors twice.

As a senior, Harper guided Austin-East to a signature win at rival Fulton, a Class 4A state power, which propelled the Roadrunners to a 9-1 regular season record.

A-E added three more wins in the playoffs before being eliminated at Marion County 35-21.

Harper also was a strong inside player for Austin-East's basketball team and a high jumper on the track and field team.

Taylor Teasley, who also was a three-sport athlete, was selected A-E's female honoree. She was an outside hitter in volleyball, a post player in basketball and ran the hurdles and on the 4x200 relay team in track.

Teasley also was a captain for the Lady Roadrunners' volleyball and basketball teams and all-district in both sports.

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A-E female Student-Athlete of the Year Taylor Teasley will continue her education at UT-Chattanooga.



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The Knoxville Lady Force's Gabby Powers (17) battles with Alabama's Erin Bonner in a WPSL soccer match at the Sansom Sports Complex. Powers, a Hardin Valley Academy graduate, is one of several former area high school stars playing in Knoxville this summer.

Lady Force falls to Alabama FC 1-0

By Ken Lay

It was a game full of missed opportunities for the Knoxville Lady Force soccer team.

Knoxville had plenty of shots but none made it into the back of the net in a 1-0 loss to Alabama Football Club in a Women's Premier Soccer League match Friday night at the Sansom Family Sports Complex.

The Lady Force (2-2-1) outshot Alabama and had more quality scoring chances, but they couldn't solve Ashley Orkus, the visitors' goalkeeper. She made eight saves and kept Knoxville at bay on this hot and humid night.

"I thought we played

pretty well and I think we did a good job creating opportunities," Lady Force coach Pepe Fernandez said. We had some good chances.

"We have talent on the field, but we just don't have playing time together."

The two teams slugged through a scoreless first half with Knoxville holding much of the territorial edge. The Lady Force also outshot Alabama 5-3 and missed a pair of chances in the opening 45 minutes. Kiah Allen clanked the ball of the goalpost and missed an open net and Orkus stopped a point blank shot from Farragut graduate Josie Jennings

in the 32nd minute.

Alabama (3-2-1) finally broke the scoreless knot when Nealy Martin tallied in the 48th minute.

That would be one of two quality chances for Alabama. Knoxville Goalkeeper Shae Yanez made a big save on Alabama's other shot.

"That was the best shot they had in the second half," Fernandez said. "Shae made one good save in the second half."

Knoxville has three regular-season games left in the 2017 season. The Lady Force will be at Pensacola on June 23 before closing out the campaign at home. Knoxville hosts the Memphis

Lobos on July 8 at 2 p.m. before taking on the Nashville Rhythm at 3 p.m. on July 9.

Knoxville's squad has plenty of homegrown talent. Several Lady Force players were high school stars in the Knoxville Interscholastic League and many have, or are currently, playing college soccer.

Former area high school standouts on the roster are: Paige Merry (Catholic High School); Jennings (Farragut); Allen (Christian Academy of Knoxville); Gabby Powers (Hardin Valley Academy); Molly Dwyer (Catholic) and Ashley Seltzer (Bearden).

Two brothers reunite to play for Force

By Ken Lay

Soccer has always been part of life for Marty and Tim Baker. And they spent two years playing together in high school.

Both had highly decorated prep careers while playing the game for Catholic High School.

Marty was on the Irish's 2008 Class A/AA State championship team while Tim was the 2012 Gatorade Player of the Year.

The two brothers continued to have an undying passion for the game but their time on the pitch together was short in high school. Marty graduated from Catholic in 2010 and went on to pursue a degree in sports management at the University of Tennessee.

Tim had two more years for the Irish and it was at Catholic that he flourished while his older brother, a goalkeeper, hit the books and would eventually join the coaching staff for the Volunteers women's soccer team.

As a senior, Tim scored 29 goals and had 16 assists, but he admits things weren't the same while his brother wasn't around.

"This game is fun and what makes it fun is playing it with my best friend," Tim said. "Marty is my best friend and my brother."

While Marty continued to coach on Rocky Top, Tim continued to play. Tim began playing for the Knoxville Force semi-professional team in the summer and he recently received his degree from Maryville College, where he played soccer.

But Marty and Tim said that the game that they loved wasn't the same without each other. And as fate would have it, they would again take the field together for the Force in 2017 and both had a hand in Knoxville's 3-1 victory over in-state rival Memphis City FC.

Tim tallied the game's first goal in the 39th minute and Marty nearly ended the match with a clean sheet but lost his shutout when Memphis FC's Mustapha Wadda found the back of Knoxville's net in the 76th minute.

The win was big for the Force, who improved to 3-2-1 with the victory over Memphis but playing



PHOTOS BY LUTHER SIMMONS.

Knoxville Force soccer player Tim Baker races past a Memphis City FC defender in the Force's recent 3-1 victory. Baker, who scored the first goal of the match, has reunited with his brother, Marty, to play this summer.

together again has proven huge for Tim and Marty.

"I love playing this game and I love playing this game with my brother," Marty said after stooping six shots against Memphis (2-2-2). "You don't realize how much you appreciate that kind of opportunity until it's taken away and you don't have it anymore."

"You grow up playing this game your whole life and when you play it with your brother and your best friend, it makes things really special. But once I graduated from high school, we didn't play together for a while. Tim has played with the Force for a couple of years and this year, I came out and I've gotten to play with him again."

Marty, who worked out with the Vols during his college days, is now a graduate assistant with Tennessee, that's a volunteer position. And for now, Tim is playing in Knoxville simply for the love of the game.

"Right now, I'm not playing soccer for the money and I love playing here, at home, in Knoxville," Tim said. "But I'm hoping that this will lead for some professional opportunities for me."

For Marty, coaching remains a labor of love.

"I don't get paid, but I'm not without [work] opportunities," he said.

But for two brothers and best friends, it's time to enjoy a summer of soccer together.



Knoxville Force goalkeeper Marty Baker puts the ball in play during Knoxville's recent 3-1 victory over Memphis City FC. Marty and his brother Tim are playing for the Force this summer.

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Sherrod to coach Halls Middle boys basketball team

By Ken Lay

A new boys basketball coach will soon enter the fray known as the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference.

Nathan Sherrod was recently named the new boys basketball coach at Halls Middle School and he's looking forward to a new challenge.

"I'm excited to see what we've got and I live in Knoxville, so I'm excited to be teaching and coaching in the town that I live in," said Sherrod, who served as an assistant at Rush Strong in Jefferson County last year. "I have a passion for basketball. I've been playing since I was five years old."

"The league is extremely competitive and that's one of the things that I'm excited about."

Sherrod, 24, replaces Knox County middle school coaching icon Bill Warren, who stepped away after roaming the sideline at Halls for four decades.

Sherrod played four years of high school basketball at Jefferson County and he will teach eighth grade math at Halls in addition to coaching the Demons.

It will be his first full-time teaching assignment.

"I'm looking forward to

meeting our kids," said Sherrod, who went to college at Carson-Newman. "This is my first teaching assignment and this is the first time that I will be a head coach."

"I don't have a roster but I really look forward to see what I kind of team that I'm going to have. I'm looking forward to figuring all of that out."

He'll learn the personality of his team when he conducts tryouts in the fall.

Sherrod will enter the classroom to teach in August and he'll also return to school in the fall to pursue a Master's Degree in Education. He's already earned a Master's of Business Administration from Carson-Newman.

He'll also marry his fiancée, Jessica Johnson on June 24.

Sherrod said his coaching influences are the legendary John Wooden and Boston Celtics coach Brad Stevens.

"I think their coaching styles are similar and coach Stevens' teams are fundamentally sound," Sherrod said.

Away from the game, Sherrod enjoys hiking, exercising and the movies. He's also a Tennessee Volunteers football fan.

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2016-17 STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Finally, a season Maybrier could have and cherish

By Steve Williams

For the first time in her high school career, Bailey Maybrier got to play an injury-free soccer season as a senior last fall. And she made the most of it. Maybrier set school records for goals scored (32) and goals and assists combined (46) as Central's offensive player of the year, helping lead the Lady Bobcats to their best season ever on the field.

Central's regular season record was 16-0-1 and the Lady Bobcats advanced to the semifinals of District 3-AAA tournament with a first-round bye and quarterfinal win over Gibbs before falling to Oak Ridge 1-0.

"The thing I will remember most from my senior year is all the records that I broke along with the team, and of course the friendships," said Maybrier, who was named the CHS female Student-Athlete of the Year. "My senior year was my only full season. That's what makes this season so great for me also, because I actually stayed healthy."

Maybrier was team captain and earned first-team All-District 3-AAA honors.

In addition to being voted Most Athletic among senior superlatives, Bailey was an honor student and a National Honors Society officer. She was a member of the Student Council, Spanish Club, yearbook staff and Bob Squad, a volunteer service club.

Maybrier's plans for the future are to get a bachelor's degree in Business/Marketing. She is using the TN Promise for her first two years of college at Pellissippi.

Trey Mitchell, senior quarterback for Central's Class 4A state runner-up team, was tabbed the school's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Trey is the son of Carol Mitchell, who has coached Gibbs to 10 state titles in softball, and Mitch Mitchell, a former college and high school basketball head coach.

Trey earned All-State honors in football as a senior and was a two-time Region 2-4A honoree.

Mitchell also was a standout in basketball, earning All-District 3-AAA honors three times and All-Region 2-AAA honors two years. He set a school record for 3-point shots made in a game (10) at Elizabethton this past season.

Trey ranked in the Top 10 percent of his graduating class with a 4.3 GPA. He received the Johnny Mauer Award and was a National Football Foundation Scholar and Careacter Star Athlete.

Mitchell devoted time to community service as well, including peer tutoring students with special needs and mission work through his church youth group.

Trey's future plans are to attend Coahoma Community College on a full football scholarship.

Karns recognizes Fisher's 'commitment and work'

All-District 3-AAA Trinity Fisher, who ranked No. 2 in scoring among Knox County basketball players this past season, is Karns' female Student Athlete of the Year.

"Trinity averaged 18.2 points per game and about three to four steals a game," said Karns Head Coach John Marsh. "She scored over 30 points on three different occasions her senior year. Against Central she had 28 points, eight steals and seven rebounds."

Fisher, who signed with Bryan College in Dayton, scored over 1,000 points in her four years at Karns.

"Trinity didn't miss a game or a practice in the two years I coached her," added Marsh. "She was the first one to practice and the last one to leave, still shooting 20 minutes after practice. That all speaks to her commitment and work ethic! Players like her are all too rare these days in my humble opinion."

Karns Athletic Director Spencer Long announced Cameron Francis as Karns' male honoree.

"He is a two-sport athlete and a well-rounded and intelligent young man," said Long.

Francis was a defensive end and wide receiver for the Beavers in football, totaling 54 tackles and six sacks on defense.

In track, Francis placed sixth in the KIL and 10th in Class AAA Section 1 in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.0.

Cameron also was an honor student with a 4.13 grade point average.

Prep coach sees big things about to happen for Harper

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An honor student at A-E, Taylor will be attending UT-Chattanooga and plans to go into dentistry.

Simpson and Chastain are CAK honorees

Student-Athletes of the Year at the Christian Academy of Knoxville are the school's "Warrior Award" winners, said Assistant Athletic Director Caitlin Hollifield, and those recipients for 2016-17 are seniors Leighton Simpson and Hudson Chastain.

"This goes to a student-athlete who encompasses more than just a top notch athlete," said Hollifield, "but someone who goes above and beyond academically, socially, athletically, and spiritually; they are the true meaning of what it means to be a 'warrior'."

Simpson played the libero position, the rear-most, roaming defensive player, on CAK's volleyball team.

Chastain was a shortstop on CAK's baseball team, which recently captured the TSSAA Class AA state championship.

West's Marine stood out on and off field

Chase Marine, a member of West High's baseball team for three years, was named the school's Student-Athlete of the Year.

The senior centerfielder and left-handed pitcher received awards on and off the field and also is recognized for his community service.

"In the time Chase has spent at West, he has grown up and matured on and off the field," said West Head Coach Buzz McNish. "Off the field, he was named to the District 4-AAA All-Academic team. On the field, Chase earned All-District and All-Region honors."

"Chase has a caring heart and great concern for others," added Coach McNish. "He has spent numerous hours doing community service, including raising money for those in need and delivering food and clothes to the homeless."

"Chase has a big personality that makes him a leader. We will miss him and look forward to watching him grow in the future."

Pilot Rocky Top League to open Wednesday night

By Ken Lay

The ninth season of the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League officially tipped off Thursday night with the annual player draft.

The league has been a steady summer diversion for area basketball fans for nearly a decade and it has survived four University of Tennessee men's basketball coaches.

It was conceived during the Bruce Pearl era and has continued since and league commissioner Andre Whitehead said that the talent in the three-week fan-friendly summer league is as good as ever.

"I think this draft, from players 1-60 is probably the deepest draft that we've ever had," Whitehead said. "The key to who wins the league this year is going to depend on who shows up and who doesn't."

Coach Brent Watts has led his team to the league championship in each of the past two seasons. Watts, a former Farragut High School and Maryville College standout, coaches the Gametime Sidekicks entry.

All the coaches in the league including: Watts; Pat Walden (DeRoyal Industries); Chad Smith (Rice Buick GMC); Zane Duncan (Knoxville News-Sentinel); Rick Campbell (Tillman Companies) and Scott Barron (H3 Sports) are all competitive and have strong basketball backgrounds. But they're also good friends.

And Watts couldn't resist the temptation to provide a little trash talk for his buddies.

"I don't know why the rest of them bother to show up anymore," he joked.

And Campbell was the first to respond.

"This league wouldn't be the same without Watts talking trash," said Campbell, who selected



Rice Buick GMC coach Chad Smith ponders a selection in last week's Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League draft. Smith, a former high school coach at South Doyle, has coached in the summer since the league's inception.

Cedar Bluff hoops league helps MS teams improve

By Ken Lay

A few financial constraints and the need for game experience led the Cedar Bluff Middle School boys basketball coach to a big decision. His choice will help more than just the Giants.

Alex Comer decided to host a middle school summer league, which will give some area boys and girls basketball teams the chance to work with their teams during the offseason.

"We needed some games and we needed to up our budget," Comer said. "We're killing two birds with one stone."

"We really didn't have the money to go anywhere, so I thought 'why not start a summer league.' And we're looking to do this again next year."

Teams from West Valley, Bearden, Karns, Farragut and South Doyle are in the league along with the Giants and Lady Giants.

Girls will play on Tuesday nights and boys will take the court on Thursdays throughout June and July and all games will be played at CBMS. Admission is \$2 per night.

This is the first middle school summer league in Knoxville since Alex's father Chuck (a former coach at Catholic High School and West Valley) hosted one several years ago. Chuck was in attendance Thursday night.

While Alex Comer started the league to help rebuild the once proud and tradition-rich Giants program, other area teams are also reaping the benefits of summer basketball.

"A lot of people are approaching the league with different philosophies," Bearden coach Ben Zorio said. "I'm using this for my returning players."

"We have six returners and five of them were here tonight. We only had five [players] here the first two nights, so I guess it was good that they didn't keep track of fouls."

Zorio said that the league provides a unique opportunity for the Bruins.

"This is my 12th year as

a head coach [at Bearden] and this is the first time that I ever remember there being a formal organized summer league."

While players and coaches may miss time in the league due to camps and family vacations, West Valley is taking full advantage of the court time.

"With all of our team camps and with this league, we've played 49 games this summer, already. Wolves coach Noel Landrum said. "We have 45 kids in our summer program."

"We want to keep as many kids around in the summer. We have two varsity teams, a JV team and a sixth-grade team. We don't have too much for any one kid. But we're getting some playing time for a lot of kids."

Action continues this week. Tuesday's girls games include: Cedar Bluff vs. South Doyle at 6:55 p.m.; Karns #1 vs. Farragut at 6 and Karns #2 vs. West Valley at 7.

Thursday's boys games will have Karns #1 taking on Farragut at 5 p.m. Karns #2 will play Cedar Bluff #2 at 6. Action concludes at 7 with South Doyle playing Cedar Bluff #1

Tennessee's Robert Hubbs III with the first pick.

Four coaches were present for the draft, which was held at Smoky Mountain Brewery. Smith and Duncan made their pick via skype. Both were on vacation.

"This is the first time that we've ever had coaches skype their picks in," Campbell said.

Games will begin Wednesday night at Catholic High School.

Action tips off at 6 p.m. with Knoxville News-Sentinel taking on DeRoyal Industries. Gametime Sidekicks plays Rice Buick GMC at 7:30. The nightcap will feature H3 Sports tangling with Tillman Industries.

Walden, who has coached in the league since its inception nearly a decade ago is again looking forward to being in the league.

"For me, it's great to see the small college players compete against the big Division I players," he said.

Barron is also ready to coach his team.

"This is a great time of the year for us," he said. "It's a chance to get together with these guys and have a good time. It's a chance to see some good basketball at Catholic."

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Knoxville supports hockey at Preds on the Square

By Ken Lay

For years Knoxville has been a college football hotbed and that's not likely to change any time soon.

But for one night, K-Town came together to watch and cheer for one of the Volunteer State's professional sports franchises as the Nashville Predators played for the Stanley Cup, the oldest trophy in North American professional sports. Sprits were high at Preds on the Square on Sunday, June 11.

Nashville would see its historic run in the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Playoffs with a controversial 2-0 loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins at Bridgestone Arena in the Midstate.

But all the loss didn't appear to dampen the enthusiasm for hockey in a town where the sport has had a minor league presence for decades. Hundreds of people invaded Market Square and viewed the game on a big screen and still others were viewing in the restaurants and bars on the square.

And the fans were riveted as the Penguins and Nashville slugged through a scoreless game throughout much of the night before the Penguins scored a pair of late goals to hoist the Cup for the second consecutive season.

The Predators may not have skated with Lord Stanley's Cup on this hot June night in Music City; but what the Preds accomplished won't be soon forgotten.

Nashville was the bottom seed in the Western Conference but the Predators swept the top-seeded Chicago Blackhawks, took down rival St. Louis and eliminated Anaheim in six games before taking on Pittsburgh.

The Preds lost just two home games in the postseason, including one to

the Ducks in the Western Conference and fans left Market Square eager to see Nashville play next season. It won't be a long break for the Predators or their fans because NHL training camps open in September.

"It's just awesome to see Knoxville and East Tennessee come together for something like this," said Bryan Powers, who is a softball coach and basketball coach at Greenback High School. "I never thought I'd ever see anything like this. It's great.

"It's great to see a small-market team make it this far and they were the last team to make it into the tournament. I have an 18-month old son, who has fallen asleep several times watching the Predators and I even have my basketball players fired up about this. They'll call me just to see what happened in the game.

Powers is a relative newcomer to the game but David Corrigan is a lifelong hockey fan and he also loved seeing Knoxville come out in droves to support the Predators.

"I'm from Oak Ridge and we moved around a lot when I was a kid but I grew up playing hockey," Corrigan said. "I played when I was younger. Unfortunately, my high school didn't have a hockey team.

"I'm a lifelong hockey fan and this is all pretty awesome. It's so much fun to watch the Preds because they play so well as a team."

Corrigan's 3-year old son was also in attendance on this night and he'll begin skating later this year.

Powers also noted that Nashville's teamwork was appealing to fans.

"They play so well together and they don't really have any stars," Powers said of the Predators. "At least, their stars don't think that they're stars.

"I can't wait for next year."

Smashville Falls Two Wins Short

By Alex Norman

There is no pain like the pain of a sports fan seeing their team fall just short of a championship.

It makes no sense of course... why should we care so much about people we likely will never meet putting a basketball into an iron hoop or carrying a football over a line or hitting a baseball over a wall?

But we do care. And psychologists have a field day to try to come up with the answers as to why we care.

Civic pride? A yearning to go back to a simpler time? The fact that sports are just plain old fun to be a part of, no matter how minor a role we play?

No matter the reason, for many of us sports holds great value in our lives.

Which is what makes the Nashville Predators loss in six games in the Stanley Cup Final that much more painful.

Sure, many of us remain new to the sport. There is no George Cafego or Hank Lauricella or Johnny Majors to call on. The Predators have only been in existence since 1998.

And many fans only picked up hockey fever in April, when the Predators surprisingly swept the perennial Cup contending Chicago Blackhawks in the opening round of the playoffs.

But fans were invested in this team all across the state, including Knox County. Did you see how many people showed up in Market Square to watch Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final on a big screen?

Give Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and WIVK's Jimmy Holt credit for getting that event together.

The Predators dispatched the Blackhawks, the St. Louis Blues and the Anaheim Ducks on their way to the Final, and the excitement grew with each passing game.

Along the way, North America found out something about Nashville. It's a pretty darn good hockey town.

The images from Broadway were startling. That many people are showing up to watch hockey? In Tennessee? In the spring time?

(On a side note, let's take a moment to give props to the powers that be that built the arena near downtown Nashville back in the day. We are after all a tailgating culture in the south, and it would have been easier and cheaper to place the arena in the suburbs. Today there are bars/restaurants/shops are all within easy walking distance to Bridgestone Arena. Location made these games a happening.)

But to many hockey fans, Nashville remains the city that nearly lost its hockey team to Hamilton, Ontario. That was a decade ago and was mostly the result of a disastrous ownership situation, but the die had been cast regardless.

Even though the Preds were basically the 16th and final seed in the NHL's postseason, seeing this team make their first trip to the Final should not have been that much of a surprise. Since the franchise got on stable footing, the Predators

have steadily built support, and had become a regular participant in the postseason.

The sad part about this run is that the joy felt by Preds fans over the past two months will slowly dissipate. The pain thought goes away much, much more slowly.

Think about this if you are also a Vols fan. The tremendous feeling you had following that BCS title game win in January 1999 lasted a while, didn't it? But the pain you felt following the loss in the 2001 SEC championship game probably has stuck around to this day. Same with the Gaffney catch in 2000, the field goal that missed by inches at Florida in 2015, the Tennessee men's basketball team losing in the final seconds at the Elite 8 in 2010...

The pain of losing is always more stinging than the joy of winning. And that pain is worse when it happens late in a game or in a series. And it hurts even more when a controversial call goes against your team, as happened to Nashville in the second period when a goal was waved off due to an early whistle.

The good news for Nashville Predators fans is that the nucleus is in place. This is a young team. It would not be a surprise to see them in contention for the Stanley Cup a few times in the next decade to come.

The bad news is you never really are sure how many chances you are going to get.

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Korea: They Also Served

By Randall Baxter

Late this week several Korean Veterans will meet to commemorate their times in Korea.

Late June 1950, soldiers from North Korea attacked South Korea in a vicious attempt to take their liberty, and to spread the Communist philosophy to the whole Korean peninsula. The UN forces, led mostly by the USA forces, were pushed back to the southeast corner called the Pusan Perimeter. The mostly American forces held on until a task force could be organized to resist the onslaught.

Gen. MacArthur organized a naval landing at Inchon and eventually broke the North Korea supply lines, routing the invading NK forces. The invaders were pushed back by Thanksgiving to a place called the Chosin Reservoir. The mostly American soldiers knew they would be home by Christmas.

The Red Chinese had other ideas. They attacked in full force and pushed the UN soldiers back into South Korea. The spin was our soldiers were attacking in a new direction. It was so cold at the Chosin Reservoir, the Spam was frozen and you could not build a fire to thaw your water or to cook the frozen food for fear of drawing enemy fire. Many survived on Tootsie Rolls that melted in their mouths. Frostbite was common. Wounds would freeze to prevent wounded soldiers from bleeding to death.

There are so many stories to tell, one I know about a captured soldier who starved to death and is buried near the Chinese border on the Yalu River. His dog tags are in his mouth. His mother never knew how he died. That is a good thing.

Maybe you would enjoy the book "Operation Broken Reed" written by Lt. Col. Arthur Boyd from Niota, Tn. President Truman no longer trusted Gen. MacArthur. He sent a young Sgt. Boyd and 9 other Americans posing as a captured air crew, with 65 Chinese Nationalists posing as North Korean Soldiers to guard them. Their mission was to discover ChiCom troop positions, and it ended in catastrophe with 7 American deaths and the deaths of all 65 of the Chinese Nationalists.

I also knew a soldier from Lenoir City who was captured by the Germans in WWII. His brother had also been captured in the same area. He stayed in the Army after that war and was positioned in Pusan early in the war. Another Korea Veteran passed away recently. His name was Rex Davis whose heart was broken for the Ethiopian soldiers who died in hand to hand combat against the ChiComs. He listened from his post as the fighting was hand to hand, bayonets and grenades.

His job was to stay put on the ridge above the battle. The Ethiopians held the line. There are stories by pilots, sailors, marines, and Army grunts, train engineers, and of those who bonded with the South Korean people. Remember the men with missing fingers and parts of their noses caused by the cold. Remember the prisoners of War who starved because of the cruelty that exists in North Korea.

If you know these people, honor them this weekend. They won that war, South Korea was viciously attacked. At the end, the status quo prevailed. The South Koreans are free today because of their sacrifice. So, too, are you and I.



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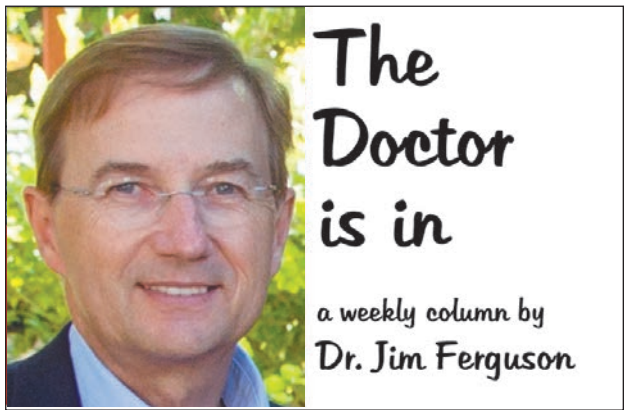
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Rhetoric

Christmas has come to the Ferguson home in June. We’ve begun to move into our new house, but we’re still living out of boxes, and each one we open is like a surprise on Christmas morning. I’m still looking for the box that contains my underwear. The one labeled “Jim’s clothing” contained socks, shirts and a ratchet tool set. Apparently, my “professional” packing job was anything but.

Like most of us, I have too much stuff, even though in preparation for the move to our retirement home, Becky and I donated truckloads of stuff to KARM (Knox Area Rescue Ministries) and Angelic Ministries. These are worthy organizations, and they were kind to thank us for our “treasures,” collected over thirty-seven years which could not fit into a house half the size of our previous home. The premise of Jared Diamond’s book, “Guns, Germs and Steel” was that westerners

have “too much cargo,” the observation of an aboriginal man whose tribe Diamond was studying. I have a friend who has moved many times due to job changes, and she advises moving every eight years and taking nothing with you.

I saw on the news that President Trump had a birthday last week. Birthdays are special for my grandkids, but far less so for me. In antiquity, birthdays were never a focus, perhaps because the person had yet to do anything to be honored. More importantly was honoring a person’s life and accomplishments after death. Obviously, the honoree would not hear the eulogy, but as a Christian I hope that by then I have moved on to a bigger and better reality. Furthermore, Christianity holds that for some inexplicable reason the Creator and Sustainer of the universe thinks that each of us is special. So, birthdays are special after

all.

When I published my novel, “Epiphany”, several years ago, we had a book signing event at my church. I thought a few parishioners, friends and patients might attend and purchase an autographed book. I was dumbfounded or as the British say, “gob-smacked” to see hundreds of people come to support me more than my prose. As I looked out at the throng, I had the surrealistic vision that this might be reflective of my own future funeral. It was a blessing, though admittedly an odd one.

As I write this essay from my new porch it is quiet and peaceful looking out into the green forest, while a romantic train whistles in the distance. This place seems light years from the hatred inspired vitriol which provoked the attack on Republicans in Washington D. C. The violence has even shocked Bernie Sanders and Nancy Pelosi. Yes, North Korea threatens the world, ISIS murders across the Middle East, Iran nukes up, but now the hatred for views oppositional to liberal progressives who masquerade as Democrats has brought homegrown terrorism to America.

As we all listened to reports of the attack by the former Bernie Sanders supporter and left wing activist, James Hodgkinson, I was thinking the

same words “political rhetorical terrorism” voiced by Representative Rodney Davis after his friend and colleague Steve Scalise was shot. Hodgkinson was undoubtedly imbalanced, though this was disputed by his friends. He had been living in a van since coming to Washington two months ago. His alt-left rants on social media and in his hometown Illinois newspaper suggest a policy wonk radicalized by the mainstream media, academia, Hollywood and Democrats like Maxine Waters. Apparently these uber-left “citizens” don’t understand the consequences of Shakespeare in the Park depicting President Trump’s murder, a pseudo-comedic stage prop with President Trump’s severed head or a professor who says Republicans should be lined up and shot. Yes, we have free speech in America, but we are not free to shout “Fire” in a theatre. Rhetoric has consequences, and the attack in Washington is a result of political and rhetorical terrorism working on a sick mind.

Many in Congress are now saying they should have security guards when they leave the protective enclave of Capitol Hill. But what about We The People? I’ve said for years that the police are unable to immediately protect us and the judicial system refuses to do so. A sheriff

in Florida is now advising citizens to get a carry permit and function as the first line of defence in the event of an attack. Terrorists expect people to run and hide and don’t expect citizens to return fire. Liberals will whine that we should throw out the 2nd Amendment and remove guns from everyone but the government. But then we would also have to remove knives, hatchets and trucks from all would be nut-jobs and terrorists. And political correctness and judicial activism would soon intervene and oppose any profiling, border security and instead promote sanctuary cities.

Our country is under attack from outside and from within. Similarly, Christianity is under attack all over the world and even in the United States Senate. Bernie Sanders recently interrogated a Trump budget nominee about the man’s Christianity. Sanders finally concluded that “this nominee is really not someone who is what this country is supposed to be about.” Apparently, Bernie doesn’t know that the Constitution states “no religious test shall be required as a qualification to any office.”

So what should we do in this era of enmity, fake news and hatred? There’s little Americans can do about the overt enmity the United Nations and many other countries have for

the US except defund enemies of America. Appeasement and bribery didn’t stop the Barbary Pirates, and Obama’s apology tours bred even more contempt and danger.

We should be aware that there is a concerted effort to overturn the election of November 8, 2016. Prior to Hillary Clinton’s unexpected defeat, Obama repeatedly said there was no evidence of election collusion between the Russians and Trump or his staff. Despite these assertions, one day after the election the Russians were all of a sudden everywhere and in everything. And now, since no collusion can be found after almost a year of investigation by the media and Democrats, we move into charges of obstruction of the investigation. Folks, it’s all politically motivated fake news. What is documented is the DNC (Democratic National Committee) and CNN’s collusion to defeat Bernie Sanders, and Obama’s Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, obstruction of Comey’s investigation of Hillary Clinton.

Wisdom writings teach us that hatred is unhealthy and often deadly. You need look no further than 9/11, Fort Hood, San Bernardino, Orlando, Chattanooga, Paris, London or Washington D. C. Where will hatred strike next?

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

Trauma Survivors Network helps patients rebuild their lives

As outdoor recreational activity increases in the spring and summer, emergency departments across the country prepare for what could be a spike in traumatic injuries. According to Niki Rasnake, Trauma Program Manager for the Emergency and Trauma Center at The University of Tennessee Medical Center (UTMC), the word “trauma” is used when referring to someone who has suffered serious or life-threatening physical injury potentially resulting in secondary complications.

Rasnake explains that those who suffer from a traumatic injury can also be plagued with emotional distress beyond the physical pain.

“Trauma patients are more likely than any other group to suffer from anxiety, stress, depression and even post-traumatic stress syndrome,” said Rasnake. “To help trauma patients with their complete recovery, UTMC offers the Trauma Survivors Network.”

According to Rasnake, the Trauma Survivors Network (TSN), a multidisciplinary program for trauma survivors, offers social and emotional support to trauma patients and their families.

“Joining this community of trauma survivors can help patients ease the anxiety and frustration often experienced following a traumatic injury,” said Rasnake.

Rasnake explains that by partnering with the American Trauma Society (ATS), UTMC is able to provide specialized resources to trauma patients and connect them to an even larger network of trauma survivors across the country. For example, the Peer Visitation component trains former trauma patients and caregivers to visit with inpatient trauma patients and their families to share experiences from their road to recovery after a serious injury. Other resources, including a monthly support group for former trauma patients, weekly support group for families of ICU patients and an online ATS self-management class for trauma patients, are offered at

no cost to the patient.

“The underlying goal with this program and the resources it provides is to help trauma patients and their families connect and rebuild their lives following a serious injury,” said Rasnake. “We hope that all trauma survivors and their families get the support and services they need to secure an optimal long-term recovery.”

Rasnake explains that as the only Level I Trauma Center in the East Tennessee region, UTMC is capable of providing total care for every aspect of injury – from prevention through rehabilitation.

“The Emergency and Trauma Center at UTMC serves as the

tertiary referral center for medical care in East Tennessee, serving Knox County and 21 surrounding counties,” said Rasnake.

For more information on the Trauma Survivors Network, visit www.utmedicalcenter.org. Additionally, for reliable information on taking care of your health or a loved one’s health, contact UTMC’s Health Information Center at 865.305.9525 or online at www.utmedicalcenter.org/hic. Staffed by medical librarians and certified health information specialists, the Health Information Center offers an extensive health library, digital and print resources, walk-in assistance



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El-Roi

Many times we say, “God is watching you.” We often think of God as a proverbial Santa, “He knows when you are sleeping, he knows when you’re awake, he knows if you’ve been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake.” At times, the thought of God watching over us brings us great hope, and other times it brings us great fear. Some people think of God as way up in heaven and due to the distance He doesn’t always know what is going on. We might think He checks on us every so often so we try to do more good than bad with the hope that by the laws of averages, God will



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

catch us feeding the poor or going to church more then He sees us cheating on our taxes or being a jerk. Others think that God is constantly watching our lives just waiting for us to mess up and get angry with us. Does God really see us and does He care about what we are going through?

The name for God, El-Roi, means “the God who sees”. It only appears one time in the Bible and that is in Genesis 16. This chapter starts with the phrase that Abram and Sarai have no children. God has promised a child through the two of them, but they grow impatient try to help God out by taking matters

into their own hands. Hagar, Sarai’s Egyptian maidservant, is given to Abram as his wife to bear a surrogate child for Sarai, a practice common in those days where a servant bears the child of a master who couldn’t bear children on her own. Hagar gets pregnant and this is where things turn ugly. By the way, when we take matters into our own hands instead of waiting on God’s timing, things always get ugly. We don’t know what happens exactly, but Hagar begins to act inappropriately towards Sarai. It comes to a point where Sarai says that she’s suffering because of Hagar. Abram, not wanting to get involved, tells Sarai, “She is your servant; do what you want.” So Sarah begins to

mistreat Hagar to such a degree that it causes Hagar to run away.

Some of you may feel like Hagar: mistreated, abused, or neglected. You understand that you have made mistakes and you live with those, but what’s confusing is when you have to live with the consequences and mistakes of other people. Hagar’s instinct when she was mistreated....to run away from everything.

Hagar ends up in the desert. The problem is that she couldn’t outrun God. In the middle of the desert, Hagar discovered God. God tells Hagar that she will have a son and God tells her what to name the son. She is to call him Ishmael, which means “God hears” (Genesis 16:11-12). Hagar responds, “‘You are the God who sees me’ [El-Roi], for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who

sees me?’ That well was called Beer Lahai Roi” [which means well of the Living One who sees me] (Genesis 16:13-14).

Our Father in heaven sees you. We might think at times that we are all alone and nobody cares, but God sees you. He knows what you are going through. We want God to search us and examine both our life and our soul (Psalm 139:1-16).

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 11, 2011, executed by VERNON L. BISHOP, JR., PATRICIA E. BISHOP, 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, recorded May 18, 2011, at Instrument Number 201105180066799;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 6, 2017 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-County Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, 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. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 1, EVANS GATE CONDOMINIUMS, A TENNESSEE HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME, AS ESTABLISHED BY MASTER DEED OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200804070074922 AND AMENDMENTS BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200905210075754 AND INSTRUMENT NO. 200912160041134 AND REGIME PLAT OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200710160031957, ALL IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH A SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; TOGETHER WITH A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF SUCH GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS ARE APPURTENANT THERETO.

Parcel ID: 057FJ00100A
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **700 SYDNEY BEAN WAY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. 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): VERNON L. BISHOP, JR., PATRICIA E. BISHOP

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

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 25, 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 FRANCES STROUD, to BROADWAY TITLE, INC., Trustee, on September 6, 2013, as Instrument No. 201309190019108 in

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 6, 2017**

on or about **10:00AM** local time, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT L. BEELER, to Kathy J. Winstead, Trustee, on April 30, 2002, as Instrument No. 200205070092058 in the real property records of Knox County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

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

Being the property located at 6311 Tell Mynatt Road, in the City of Knoxville, TN Zip Code: 37938 Knox County, Tennessee.

Situated in District No. Eighth of Knox County, Tennessee.

Beginning at point in the Northeast right of way line of the Tell Mynatt Road, said point being North 51 deg. 50 min. East of the intersection of said Tell Mynatt Road with the Bell Road a distance of 330 feet more or less; thence going North 37 deg. 35 min. West with the line of James Haynes and wife a distance of 300 feet to an iron pin; thence going North 51 deg. 30 min. East, a distance of 149 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing with the line of James C. Haynes and wife going South 37 deg. 35 min. East a distance of 300 feet to a point in the Northeast right of way line of said Tell Mynatt Road; thence going South 51 deg. 50 min. West with the right of way line of Tell Mynatt Road a distance of 149 feet to an iron pin, the point of Beginning. Said tract contains 1.03 acres more or less. Said tract if conveyed to subject drainage and utility easements inside all lot lines.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert L. Beeler by Last Will and Testament from Charles O. Beeler filed for record on 04/03/98 in Book 118, page 0194, Register’s Office for Knox County. Tax ID: 020-143.05
Current Owner(s) of Property: ROBERT L. BEELER

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **6311 Tell Mynatt Rd, Knoxville, TN 37938**, 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 TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: LVNV FUNDING LLC ASSIGNEE HSBC/ORCHARD-PLATINUM MPL AND FRED ABBOTT F/U/B/O THE HARTFORD

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

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

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities’ right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 567-1-1433.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Whereas default has occurred in the payment of a debt due Samuel C. Perry and Judy J. Perry secured by a deed of trust dated July 10, 2014, from Clay M Gilstrap and Wendy R. Gilstrap to Myron C. Ely, trustee, and recorded July 11, 2014 at Instrument #201407110002249 in the Register’s office for Knox county, Tennessee; and whereas the undersigned Substitute Trustee. A.

Scott McCulley, has been requested to sell the property securing said debt, the following said property will be sold at the front door of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, TN, on **Monday, June 26, 2017 at 9:00 AM**.

Situated in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits to the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 1, Property of Samuel C. Perry, Subdivision, as the same appears of record at Instrument #200708030010810, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Clay M. Gilstrap and wife Wendy R. Gilstrap from Samuel C. Perry and wife Judy J. Perry by Warranty Deed dated July 10, 2014 and recorded at Instrument # 201407110002248 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The Property, located off Tedford Lane, (Map & Parcel: 155/43.23), will be sold for cash in bar of the right and equity of redemption and dower rights. The property is sold subject to applicable easements, restrictions, covenants, prior encumbrances and unpaid taxes.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee’s option 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.

Other parties of interest: Suntrust Bank, c/o John R. Cheadle, Jr., Attorney, 2404 Crestmoor Rd. Nashville, TN 37215

Publication dates: June 5, 12, 19
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This first day of June, 2017

A.Scott McCulley
Substitute Trustee
8930 Cross Park Dr., Ste. 1
Knoxville, TN 37923
865-243-3363

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 9, 2007, executed by Sharon Byrd, conveying certain real property therein described to PRLAP, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 26, 2007, at Instrument Number 200706260106228;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. 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 **July 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN KNOXVILLE, COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE: BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE GRANTOR(S) BY DEED RECORDED , AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200205230096737, TO WHICH DEED REFERENCED IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **428 Corum Road, Knoxville, TN 37924**. 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): Sharon Byrd
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead,

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2006, executed by BERNARD CHERRY, conveying certain real property therein described to M SUMMER RHODES , as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 2, 2006, at Instrument Number 200608020009717;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN OLD NUMBER TWO, 18TH WARD CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200607110002913 ID# 081 BF-045, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 22, BLOCK “T” LINWOOD 2ND ADDITION, FILED IN BOOK MAP 7 AT PAGE 102.

Parcel ID: 081BF045

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **241 ATLANTIC DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. 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): CALVIN CHERRY
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CALVIN C. CHERRY, JR., CITY OF KNOXVILLE The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. 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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #118065 06/05/2017, 06/12/2017, 06/19/2017

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 December 7, 1999, executed by ANDREW BAILEY, STELLA BAILEY, conveying certain real property therein described as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 15, 1999, at Instrument Number 199912150044748;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the SACO I Inc., Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2000-3 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 **July 6, 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 2, OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 16TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 3, BLOCK M, NORTH PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 9, PAGE 37, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the SACO I Inc., Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2000-3 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 **July 6, 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 2, OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 16TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 3, BLOCK M, NORTH PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 9, PAGE 37, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 082AH 00201

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2208 COKER AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. 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): ANDREW BAILEY, STELLA BAILEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: EQUITY ONE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION 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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COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

CURT ALLEN LAVINE – Vs – JULIE ANN LAVINE DOCKET # 137853

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUITCOURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JULIE ANN LAVINE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be serve upon JULIE ANN LAVINE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLINT FOR DIVORCE filed by CURT ALLEN LAVINE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with NICHOLAS D. BUNSINE, Plaintiff’s Attorney whose address is 800 SOUTH GAY STREET SUITE 2001 KNOXVILLE, TN 37929, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgement may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This is the 31ST day of MAY, 201

S/ MIKE HAMMOND
Clerk

S/ Kathy Lewis
Deputy Clerk

I cherish few things more than listening to Hobo the Wonder Dog snore. When Hobo snores he enlists the work of his entire chest and snout. Hobo's lips flapping in the wind adding to the orchestra are the sounds of windows vibrating and curtains swaying with a rhythmic cadence of deep sleep. I love dog snores—but have an extremely low tolerance for other family members who snore. What is the difference and why am I entertained by one and annoyed by the other?

Loving dog snores says something about my personality—I suppose I am more tolerant of the innocents of animals? I must be in good company as YouTube has hundreds of videos of snoring dogs. Many of us share our beds or bedrooms with our trusted pets. Hobo the Wonder Dog



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

sleeps at the foot of my bed with his head pointed at the door. This position allows him to jump and sound a full alert at the slightest sound outside the door. I find his hound dog intruder alert far more irritating than his snoring. However, his alerting

me has saved me from countless cat intrusions, houseguest, or family members sneaking by the door. Sleeping among dogs has its own challenges from bed hogs to snoring.

Obviously, when your spouse is snoring we do not consider it cute or funny; in fact it is a cause of conflict in the bedroom. We often send our loved one's for sleep studies for the danger apnea has on our overall health. So what about Fido—is there a danger of snoring or cause for concern for our pets? When evaluating your dog's snoring there



Hobo the Wonder Dog snoring on a lazy afternoon

are many factors to consider. Some breeds are predisposed to snoring: the boxer, pug, and the English bulldog, usually breeds with a short snout or shorter airways are snorers. Snoring is not breed specific, pet size, sleeping position, snout, weight, second-hand smoke, and allergies can affect the airway and cause your

pet to snore.

When should you have your snoring Fido checked out by your veterinarian? Yes, snoring can be a sign of a serious health problem such as a sinus infection, infections of the teeth and gums, and hypothyroidism can all affect your pet's airway and cause your pet to snore. I always

advocate if you are concerned about your trusted pet's health—seek the advice of your veterinarian sooner than later. I have not rushed Hobo the Wonder Dog to see his veterinarian for his snoring but it is something I keep in check.

Hobo the Wonder Dog usually snores when he is laying on his right side and is corrected with position. Most dogs will snore when sleeping on their backs because their tongue will fall toward the roof of their mouth and partially occlude the airway. Just like us, Fido's weight, sleeping position, and air pollution in the home can contribute to our pet's snoring. Some experts recommend a humidifier to increase moisture in the air to improve sleeping conditions for our dogs and us as well. Loving dog snores is about the simple things in life.

Life is better with a dog—ZZZ-Zzzz-hngGGgh-Ppbhww-ZZZzzzz!

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

vs. **DOCKET NO: 14-000052**
IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Return Custody of Cassie Marie Wilkerson, DOB: April 20, 2002
BY: REBECCA MARIE ADAMS
CARL T. ADAMS
MISY MARIE HILLBOURNE
vs
LYNN O'CONNOR

In this cause, it appearing from the original file and the Agreed Petition and Motion heretofore filed by the Petitioner, Rebecca Marie Adams, that the Respondent, Lynn O'Conner is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or his whereabouts cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is Ordered that said Respondent file an Answer with the Juvenile Court of Sevier County, Tennessee, and a copy with Petitioner, Rebecca Marie Adams, Attorney, R. Brandon White, whose address is 216 Phoenix Court, Suite D, Seymour, Tennessee 37865, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, exclusive of the day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. Further for the purpose of hearing the matter to be heard on the August 2, 2017, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as this cause can be heard in the Juvenile Courtroom, Sevier County Courthouse, Sevierville, TN; further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in the judgment being taken against him and entry of a Final Order. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) successive weeks.

This the __ day of _____, 2017.

Sevier County Juvenile Court Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ANGELA O'NEIL, DOVER O'NEIL AND MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.;
IN RE: CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING
LLC v. ANGELA O'NEIL ~
NO. 193356-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants ANGELA O'NEIL, DOVER O'NEIL AND MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS, INC. a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ANGELA O'NEIL, DOVER O'NEIL AND MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS, INC. it is ordered that said defendants ANGELA O'NEIL, DOVER O'NEIL AND MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS, INC. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Nicholas H. Adler, an Attorneys whose address is, 6 Cadillac Drive Ste. 140 Brentwood, TN 37027 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 30th day of May, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF HERMAN W. JONES AND SANDRA FOX
IN RE: OCWEN LOAN SERVICING
LLC v. TANYA M. BORDEN
NO. 193727-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF HERMAN W. JONES AND SANDRA FOX, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF HERMAN W. JONES AND SANDRA FOX, it is ordered that said defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF HERMAN W. JONES AND SANDRA FOX, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry Bridenbaugh, an Attorney whose address is, 5217 Maryland Way Suite 404 Brentwood, TN 37027, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you

and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of May, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN C. BROWN
DOCKET NUMBER 78949-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JEAN C. BROWN who died Aug 10, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in {1} or {2} otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

{1}{A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty {60} days before the date that is four {4} months from the date of this publication; or

{B} Sixty {60} days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty {60} days prior to the date that is four {4} months from the date of first publication as described in {1}{A}; or

{2} Twelve {12} months from the decedent's date of death

This the 1ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF JEAN C. BROWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

BILL W. PETTY; CO-EXECUTOR
705 GATE LANE, STE. 202,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

KAREN L. JOHNSON; CO-EXECUTOR
5238 OAKHILL DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

BILL W. PETTY ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
705 GATE LANE, STE. 202,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN BREEDEN CRAIG
DOCKET NUMBER 78491-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2ND day of JUNE 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN BREEDEN CRAIG who died Dec 2, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this publication; or

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

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

This the 2ND day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF JOHN BREEDEN CRAIG

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHRIS CRAIG; ADMINISTRATOR
1823 DRINNEN RD.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

NELLA ROBIN VARGAS

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
P.O. BOX 40, BLAINE, TN 37709

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF W. ALEX CANTRELL
AKA WALLACE ALEX CANTRELL
DOCKET NUMBER 78988-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of MAY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of W. ALEX CANTRELL AKA WALLACE ALEX CANTRELL who died Mar 31, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 24TH day of MAY, 2017.

ESTATE OF W. ALEX CANTRELL
AKA WALLACE ALEX CANTRELL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FREDERICK J. CANTRELL; EXECUTOR
3821 GUINN RD.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

K. RAY PINKSTAFF
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
P.O. BOX 31408,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY L. GOOD
DOCKET NUMBER 79029-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BILLY L. GOOD who died Oct 12, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 6TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF BILLY L. GOOD PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

REGENNIA G. REED; EXECUTRIX
1729 DAWN REDWOOD TRAIL,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARRIE MAE VICKERS
DOCKET NUMBER 79032-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of JUNE 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARRIE MAE VICKERS who died Jan 29, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 7TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF CARRIE MAE VICKERS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

PENNY KNIGHTEN; ADMINISTRATRIX
328 BURRIS RD.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORA L. GRIFFITH
DOCKET NUMBER 78995-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MAY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORA L. GRIFFITH who died Mar 31, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 26TH day of MAY, 2017.

ESTATE OF NORA L. GRIFFITH PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

ALAN C. GRIFFITH; EXECUTOR
7225 ALYSHA VINEYARD WAY,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

BILL W. PETTY ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
705 GATE LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37909

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA AILEEN HODGE
DOCKET NUMBER 78976-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30TH day of MAY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA AILEEN HODGE who died Mar 2, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 30TH day of MAY, 2017.

ESTATE OF BARBARA AILEEN HODGE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

KAREN DEE WRIGHT PETERS;
ADMINISTRATRIX
681 SOUTH POINT DR.,
LEXINGTON, KY 40515

KEVIN A. DEAN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
P.O. BOX 398,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON ELIZABETH TRAHAN
DOCKET NUMBER 78838-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MAY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON ELIZABETH TRAHAN who died Feb 28, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in {1} or {2} otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

{1}{A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty {60} days before the date that is four {4} months from the date of this first publication; or

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

{4} months from the date of first publication as described in {1}{A}; or

{2} Twelve {12} months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 26TH day of MAY, 2017.

ESTATE OF SHARON ELIZABETH TRAHAN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JEFFREY T. PETREE, SR.; ADMINISTRATOR
1030 JOSEPI DR.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

ROGER D. HYMAN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
P.O. BOX 26072,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAZEL M. WOODS
DOCKET NUMBER 78992-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MAY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAZEL M. WOODS who died Apr 13, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

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

This the 26TH day of MAY, 2017.

ESTATE OF HAZEL M. WOODS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

JAMES G. WOODS, JR.; EXECUTOR
4915 CABIN RD., KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOFTIS PORTER BENN
DOCKET NUMBER 79027-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LOFTIS PORTER BENN who died Apr 22, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1){A} Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HAROLD DWIGHT NEWTON
DOCKET NUMBER 79026-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD DWIGHT NEWTON who died May 3, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

RFP 2569, Influenza Vaccination Administration Services, due 7/20/17;
Bid 2570, Vehicle Oil Change Services, due 7/19/17;
Bid 2571, Guardrail Services, due 7/19/17;
Bid 2572, Bituminous Paver, due 7/21/17;
Bid 2573, Diesel Engine Repair Service, due 7/25/17

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

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE, Central Kams Storage, 7440 Oak Ridge Hwy. Knoxville, TN 37931 865-690-7773, is holding a lien sale of all goods stored in units #G0544, #G0551 & #F0403 those being in lien & abandoned more than 60 days. The auction is being held on-line at www.storage4treasures.com ending 6/30/17 at 3:45 p.m. This sale is to satisfy the owner's lien against the delinquency of occupants: Christie Piccirilli & Teina Davis. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods. Acceptable payment methods: Cash or C.C. Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to the ending sales date.

NOTICE OF AUCTION</



FRUIT PIZZA

Crust:

¾ cup butter 1 ½ cups flour
½ cup powdered sugar

Cream the sugar and butter; blend in flour. Press in 12-inch pizza pan (sides too). Bake at 300° for 20 minutes. Cool.

Vanilla Filling:

1 (10 oz.) pkg. vanilla chips
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
¼ cup whipping cream

Melt chips with cream cheese in microwave. Beat in whipping cream. Place on top of crust.

Fruit Topping:

¼ cup sugar ½ tsp. lemon juice
1 tbsp. cornstarch Assorted fresh fruit
½ cup pineapple juice

Mix sugar and cornstarch; stir in juices. Cook until thick. Arrange fruit on top and pour juice mixture over fruit; chill.

PATIO POTATO SALAD

Dressing:

½ cup milk
1 tbsp. cornstarch
¾ cup sugar
¾ tsp. salt
1 egg
¾ tsp. celery seed
¼ cup vinegar
¼ tsp. dry mustard
4 tbsp. margarine

Combine dressing ingredients in a medium saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Remove from heat. Cool.

¼ cup onion, chopped
7 medium potatoes, cooked and diced
¼ cup mayonnaise
3 eggs, hard-boiled and chopped

Combine onion, mayonnaise, potatoes and eggs. Fold in dressing and chill. Before serving, sprinkle with paprika.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Night Out

Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas are headed to the Carter community for their next Ed & Bob Night Out in Knox County. Ed and Bob will be at Pup's Pit BBQ, 8534 Asheville Highway near Four Way In, Wednesday, June 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet the people of the Carter community and listen to their concerns.

Learn Excel

FREE MS EXCEL 2013 CLASS: June 20 and 22 - 8:30 a.m. to noon, Knoxville Area Urban League, 1514 E 5th Avenue. Learn new or upgrade existing MS Excel skills. Taught by Pelissippi State Instructors. Space is limited, registration required. For information call 865-524-5511

New Beverly Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School is Monday - Friday, June 19-23, 2017, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Nightly Bible lessons, music, games, crafts,

and food!

New Beverly is located at 3320 New Beverly Church Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson's Support Group Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite everyone to attend the monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20 at 11:30 a.m. Please note that this month's meeting will be at First Christian Church, 100 Gum Hollow Rd. Oak Ridge.

The speaker for this month will be Axi Walker, the Southeast Advancement Officer for The Michael J. Fox Foundation. Axi will talk about research and disease modifying targets, symptomatic treatments in the works, and field-wide challenges that are being addressed. Come join us and learn something new! For more information about meetings or speakers see our website: www.pkhopeisalive.org or

contact Alan Zimmerman at 865-693-5721.

Shakesology

Would you like to learn more about Shakespeare's plays? When they were written? Why they were written? Quirky facts about their stage history and what cool films have been made from the plays? If so, Shakesology is for you!

Shakesology is a 2 ½ hour special event to learn the history and context of Shakespeare's work before viewing the play. Inspired by a program created at Shakespeare's Globe and led by Shakespeare On The Square dramaturge, Dr. Jennifer Horn, each study session will showcase Shakespeare's story and influences, as well as some of the choices that other productions have made and the background behind the selection for this year's Shakespeare On The Square production. Members of the Stage Company artistic team will also discuss the current

productions and their creative process. In 2017, we will be highlighting The Two Gentlemen Of Verona. Come to the Lawson McGhee Library downtown at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, for this engrossing and thought-provoking program.

"One of the key elements of Shakespeare's genius is that his plays are so open to different interpretations," said Horn. "If you've seen one production, you definitely haven't seen them all." Come find out about the crazy choices that can and have been made in productions of the plays, and prepare to amaze your friends with the trivia you learn.

South Knox Meeting

Commissioner Carson Dailey and School Board member Amber Rountree will be at the G&D Market and Deli meeting with the citizens of the 9th District on Tuesday, June 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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