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Tindell's Celebrates 125 Years in Business

By Mike Steely
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A huge crowd of employees, former employees, vendors, customers, county officials and friends gathered Friday to celebrate 125 successful years in business for Tindell's Building Materials.

President Johan van Tilburg hosted the event at Tindell's Truss operations in Karns, which featured food, live music, children's activities, and even a dunking booth. Vendors exhibited their wares and the event drew probably over 1,000 people. The event featured the history of Tindell's over the years including early company photos.

Tilburg said a lot of people worked hard to put the celebration together and added, "No body worked harder than Sue Walker and the 125 Year



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett proclaims Friday as Tindell Building Materials Day in celebration of 125 years in Knox County. Carl and Janice Tindell accepted the honors and Carl Tindell spoke to a large crowd of employees, former employees, vendors, customers, officials and well-wishers.

Committee." "My grandfather was born before the Civil War and by 1892 was operating a saw mill that was driven

by steam. He logged with a team of horses and I've heard he had the first car in Halls," Carl Tindell, chairman of the large local

company said. Tindell recalled the history of the family-owned company which, over the years, has grown

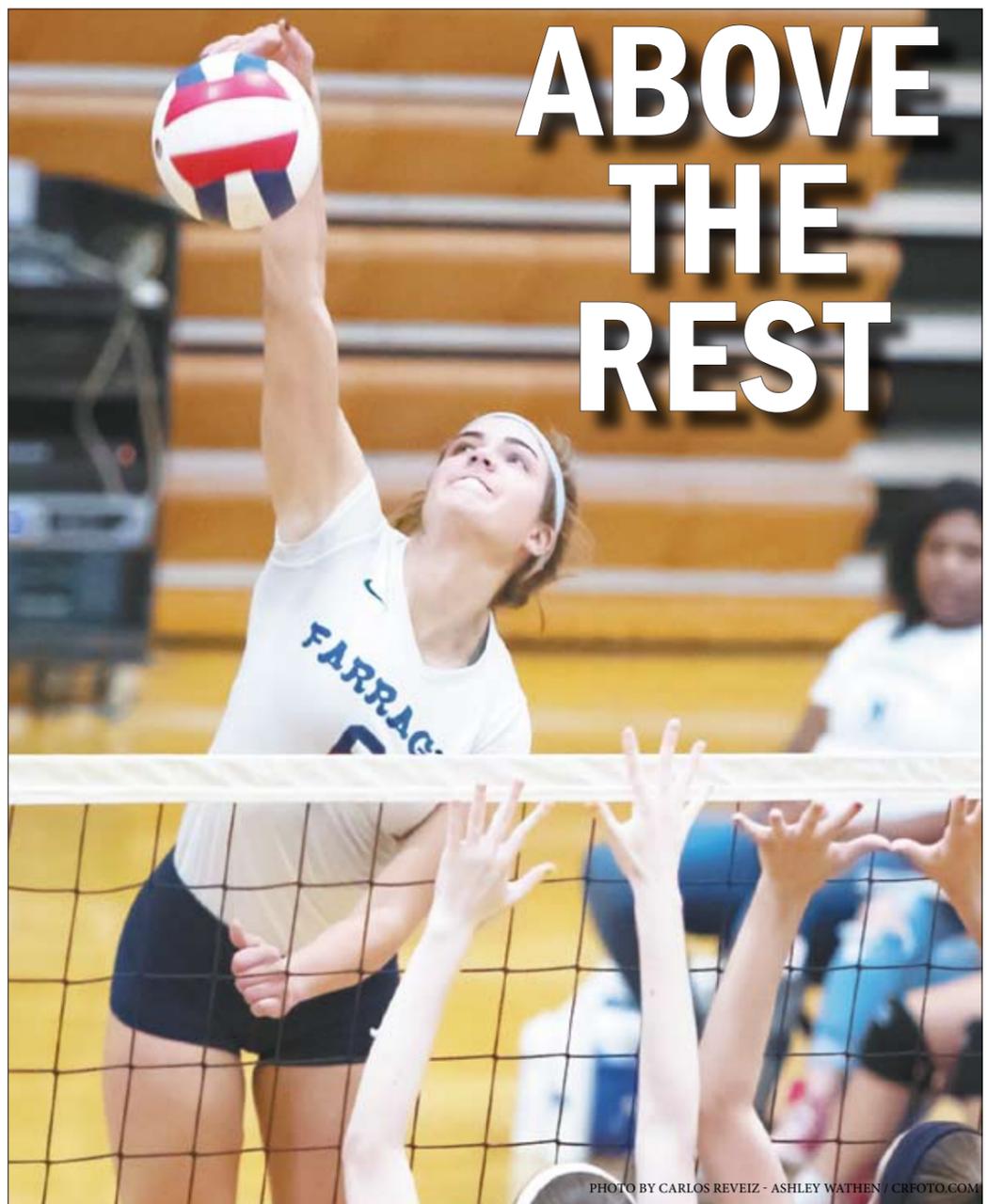
and changed with the times. Tindell's began in Halls and their Norris Freeway store remains their Knoxville location but the

company also has stores in Cleveland, Morristown, Maryville and Sevierville.

He also spoke of how the company survived downturns in the economy and the housing market and told some humorous stories of the time he "borrowed" his father's Studebaker Truck on his 15th birthday. The University of Tennessee graduate also spoke of briefly working for NASA and about playing in the sawdust pile as a child.

He praised the support of the company's suppliers and employees.

Tindell's Building Materials now has 212 employees and was also honored by Congressman John Duncan, who could not attend the celebration. Duncan's Chief of Staff, Bob Griffiths, represented the congressman at the event and expressed Duncan's well wishes and congratulations.



ABOVE THE REST

PHOTO BY CARLOS REVEIZ - ASHLEY WATHEN / CRFOTO.COM

Farragut High volleyball standout Alexis Parker always works her hardest to help her teams claim success. Alexis is a champion in the class and on the court." Parker is among local high schools' Student-Athletes of the Year recognized in The Focus this week in Sports & Recreation C1.

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Bull looks to 'move forward' as E-911 director

By Ken Lay

For more than a year Alan Bull has served as the interim director of the Knox County E-911 board and last week he had the interim tag removed from his title.

Bull received a one-year contract Wednesday with an option for a second year in 2018.

He was named interim director after Bob Coker was forced out after unfavorable employee evaluations and his role in the selection of the Intergraph Computer Assisted Dispatch System.

"We have good people in place and they're working hard," Bull said. "I'm excited and I'm looking forward to working with them."

"It's time for us all to clear some things up and it's time for us to get moving forward."

One of those "things" is the radio dispatch system approved by Coker.

Bull must immediately deal with Intergraph, which went online two years ago and the dispatchers, Knox County Sheriff's Department, the Knoxville Police Department and local firefighters have had issues with ever since.

Knoxville spent \$6.2 million on Intergraph only to see the system grey out at times throughout almost every day.

"Every eight to 10 hours we have some sort of little glitch," said Knox County Assistant

Fire Chief Wilbanks, who represented the Users' Committee at Wednesday morning's board meeting. "The workers' computers in the field will grey out and that deprives officers of the most recent information from 911 dispatchers of events at an emergency scene."

"Most of those glitches occur between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. for some reason."

Wilbanks also noted that KPD has had to bear the brunt of many of these "glitches."

Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch says that the potential for serious injuries exists although he said that he wasn't aware of officers being put into direct danger due to the shortcomings of the Intergraph system.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett did a little on-site research and discovered that bigger metropolitan areas such as New York City, Louisville, Kentucky and Washington, D.C. have had similar problems with Intergraph.

Intergraph is sending a team of representatives to work on Knoxville's system this week.

"This is the last straw," said Burchett, who chairs the E-911 Board. "They need to get in here, find out what's going on, what's wrong. And they need to fix it."

"If they don't, we will need to stop payment and take legal action against them."

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City switching to LED Street Lights

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville is moving ahead with switching all the 29,000 plus street lights to LED technology. The Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday evening to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Siemens Industry for more than \$9.5 million for the conversion.

The council also passed a resolution of intent for the city to reimburse itself for the aggregate principal amount for the project not to exceed \$18 million with the proceeds of bonds to be later issued for the project.

Erin Gill, Director of the Office of Sustainability, said the vote is the first step.

"KUB takes care but the city pays the bill," she said, noting that the change-over should result in cheaper lights, less maintenance, and lower electric bills. Gill said the project will now take four to six months to set up and the lights are warranted for ten years. She added the savings should pay the future bonds back before that ten year period.

Gills said the city will be visiting neighborhoods doing a survey and public demonstrations of the lighting and installation will start later this year with about eight months anticipated until complete. She also said the lighting will be more directed to streets than the current lights

City Finance Director Jim York said existing city revenue will be used until bonds are issued. He estimated the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Senior Fireman Eric "Bo" Merritt (right) and Captain David Frazier speak to the Knoxville City Council after being honored by a state proclamation Tuesday. Chief Stan Sharp watches as the two firemen explain how a baby was caught from a two story window during an apartment fire on Magnolia Avenue recently. Fireman Kevin Tippens was also honored for his rescue efforts. The recognition came through the efforts of State Representative Rick Staples and State Senator Becky Duncan Massey.

total bond issue for the change to be about \$15 million.

"I'd like to see a few more constellations from my backyard," Gill said, referring to the new lights illuminating the streets rather than their surroundings.

The council also voted to contract with National

Security Service to provide security services to recreation areas and special events. A contract with Baseline Sorts, Inc. for \$198,360 was approved for resurfacing of fourteen tennis courts at Kyle Testerman Tennis Complex at Tyson Park.

Also approved was a resolution in memory of Margaret Ross Gaiter on her passing. Gaiter's family was present and Councilman Daniel Brown noted the late community leader was also a social justice and civil rights advocate, a public school teacher, director of music at her church and a founder of

the Beck Cultural Center.

The council also voted to approve an agreement with Volunteer Ministry Center to provide \$60,000 for services to people who are homeless and utilize the Day Resource Center.

The Knoxville Police Department could increase from 416 to 420 officers thanks to approval of an application for a grant for \$452,283 with the U. S. Department of Justice.

An application for a \$200,000 grant from the Justice Department was also approved for an analysis position in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Mayor Madeline Rogero reminded everyone of the city's July 3rd festivities at the Worlds Fair Park. The celebration starts at 4 p.m. and concludes with the Knoxville Symphony and fireworks.

She also said there will be a special announcement Tuesday, June 27th to encourage voter turnout in the upcoming City Primary and General Elections.

New server training plan requested by Beer Board

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Businesses requesting a beer permit from Knoxville will find a new requirement starting soon. The Beer Board is discussing requiring a plan from applicants on server compliance training. The training is required by the state for every employee who serves beer and must be obtained within the first 30 days of their employment.

The new rule will apparently require a written statement by the business owner or manager. The Beer Board met Tuesday and could have implemented the rule then but several members had questions.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe said it would be "unfair tonight" to implement the change and Councilman Marshall Stair asked if a model plan was going to be suggested. Attorney Rob Frost said the requirement should involve an open question rather than creating a certain plan.

"It has got to be applied fairly," Frost told the board.

He suggested that the new requirement be adopted at the next Beer Board Meeting.

Frost also told the

board that three of the five lawyer positions that serve as Hearing Officers are vacant. He said that originally there were five lawyers in those positions and asked the board to approve Will Johnson, City Recorder, to seek applicants for the empty three positions.

Frost suggested \$250 per hour that the Hearing Officers serve, up from the current \$ 150. Johnson said the city pays the fee and then seeks compensation from the applicants.

The Hearing Officers rule on issues relating to the suspension or revocation of beer permits, the issuance of fines, plus other disciplinary action resulting from improper conduct of a business which holds a beer permit.

The Beer Board heard from more than 20 applicants during the meeting Tuesday including the Dollar General Store on Pleasant Ridge Road. Three applications approved were for East Tennessee Children's Hospital for an August 12th event, Main Event Entertainment for a banquet venue that will also include a zipline and laser tag on Kingston Pike, and The Muse for a "Minute to Win" event on July 14th.

Candidate Expo this Thursday

By Mike Steely
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Interest is growing for this year's race for five seats on the Knoxville City Council, so much so that more 30 people have filed for the election. With a city primary in August and a general election in November you'd think the political season was coming to an end.

But interest in the 2018 Knox County election is piggy-backing on the city enthusiasm. In that primary and election candidates will be running as party members, unlike the city's non-partisan election. About a week after the city's election the various Federal, State and County office seekers can pick up applications.

Offices available in 2018 are for Knox County Mayor, Sheriff, Trustee, Circuit, Criminal and County Clerk, Register of Deeds, four County Commissioner seats and five School Board seats. The primary is May 1st. The August election features both the County General Election and the Federal and State Primary Election, plus the

election of Republican and Democratic State Executive positions.

In November of 2018 the General Election will have candidates from the primaries for governor, federal tSenate and House, Tennessee Senate and Tennessee House.

Knoxville and Knox County voters will have a chance to meet many of their fellow citizens seeking political office during a Candidate Expo this Thursday from 4:30-8:30 p.m. The event, which will be held at the Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, is free and open to the public.

The Expo will not have forums or debates but will offer each candidate a 10 by 10 table and two chairs.

The Knox County Election Commission will be on-site to conduct a voter registration drive from 4:30-6 p.m. and will also assist attendees who need information about their voting district.

Candidates will be offering campaign materials and be available to chat and listen to their fellow citizens.

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Jeff Sessions Ends Illegal Practice



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settlements to "third party organizations" who were "neither victims nor parties" to lawsuits. General Sessions stated he believes those settlements "should go first to the victims and then to the American people." Sessions said the purpose was "not to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the political friends" of whichever political party happens to be in power.

estimates the amount of such settlements by the Obama Justice Department runs into the hundreds of billions of dollars. Two of the groups receiving money from settlements under the Obama administration are La Raza, a group which promotes and advocates against deportation and urges amnesty for illegal aliens. Another group receiving largesse from settlements was Operation Hope, a group based in California, which presses banks to make what they refer to as "dignity loans." In essence, they urge banks to make loans to people who cannot qualify for a mortgage loan because they have no means of paying it back.

Consider for a moment having been injured and winning a settlement of \$100,000 and your attorney takes his cut and then distributes the money to "Mothers Against Drunk Driving." Irrespective of how much good one might think the group does, I very much doubt any victim would appreciate his or her attorney redistributing his or her settlement. It became a common practice under the Obama Justice Department. Private lawyers have no right to give away a client's settlement money and neither does a government lawyer have the right to give away money belonging to the taxpayers once victims have been compensated.

hundreds of billions of dollars which could have gone into the Treasury. Did you see the New York Times or the Washington Post clamor for Obama's impeachment? Did you see any mainstream media outlet urge that Eric Holder or Loretta Lynch be removed from office, especially when there was no legal basis for robbing the taxpayers to give huge settlements to groups that were never parties to the lawsuit being settled? Why, of course not. Most of the mainstream media thought it was hunky dory that the Justice Department would extort money from corporations and give money to progressive groups they believe promoted social justice. With those folks the law matters not at all and they considered it further evidence Barack Obama was indeed the Messiah.

the taxpayer into consideration and stops a policy that probably wasn't even legal to begin with.

Those folks who ceaselessly jabber about "compassion" and "fairness" never once give any thought to the taxpayers --- you and me, the people who work and pay our taxes --- nor in the end do they really think about the victims. I suppose it is currently fashionable, especially among leftists, not to place blame precisely where it belongs. They blame Donald Trump for everything, real or imagined, yet cannot bring themselves to truly condemn terrorist acts, no matter how brutal. Even I was astonished to see one journalist blame the terror attacks in Manchester, England on the "toxic masculinity" of men.

Hypocrisy is one thing that really is universal and equal. It comes in every form and shape and race and color and gender.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently announced the Department of Justice will no longer engage in the practice of "third party settlements." This was a common practice by the Department of Justice when Eric Holder was the Attorney General under the Obama administration. Leftists have once again gnashed their teeth and wailed when General Sessions announced the Department of Justice would no longer require

The practice of corporations settling lawsuits with the federal government by funding leftist organizations continued under Attorney General Loretta Lynch. None of the entities receiving money were connected to the lawsuits settled by the government. The beneficiaries of these windfalls were selected by, naturally, the Department of Justice. During the Obama administration, these designated organizations competed for money with the actual victims. The Economist

The practice of handing out money to groups from settlements was always questionable and many scholars contend it has been illegal, as only Congress has the right to appropriate money.

KAT Named Outstanding Transit System – North America

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is pleased to announce that the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has recognized KAT with the 2017 Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award for small transit systems (less than 4 million passenger trips/year). The award, based on a variety of factors such as sustainability, innovation, and efficiency, was announced by Mayor Madeline Rogero at Knoxville Station last week.

gather public input on KAT's services while providing transparency and feedback;

- Marketing that leverages dollars by focusing on partnerships and social media

"We have always known that we have a great transit system in Knoxville," says Rogero. "It is exciting to see KAT recognized by the entire North American transit industry."

"Congratulations to Knoxville Area Transit for being selected as the best small public transportation system in North America," said APTA Acting President and CEO Richard A. White. "This is a very prestigious award. Through its achievements in the past three years, Knoxville Area Transit has demonstrated that it is a leader in the public transportation industry and a role model for other public transit systems."

The award considers the past three years (2014-2016) and analyzes eleven different elements of transit service including safety and operations, access and customer service, financial management and workforce development among others. Some of the factors that led to KAT's win include:

KAT has continued to make exciting advances in 2017 as well. As of December, KAT now offers free wifi on all buses; Google Trip Planner provides transit information and trip planning easily; KAT unveiled a new website and text messaging services last week, and is currently in the process of acquiring real-time bus location information for passengers via an app.

- a 20% reduction in preventable accidents along with workers compensation claims reduced by half;
- a creative transit maintenance alliance resulting in a joint procurement for buses that saved \$70,000 per bus;
- Improvements in service made to 14 of 23 routes within the past three years, including later evening service, improved frequencies and more weekend service;
- Cross training and combining departments to improve efficiency and increase customer service hours for the public;
- Innovative outreach methods that

"I am so incredibly proud of this team and all that they have accomplished in the past three years," says Dawn Distler, Director of Transit for the City of Knoxville. "They have worked so hard, and it is exciting to see their work recognized at a national level."

KAT plans to have a celebration later in year to thank the community for its support and recognize the employees and partners who made this recognition possible.



Mabry-Hazen House Hosts Fourth of July Celebration

Mabry-Hazen House will host its second annual Fourth of July Celebration on Tuesday, July 4th, 2017. On historic Mabry's Hill attendees will enjoy a great view of the July 4th fireworks show, good food, and live music by Eli Fox. Tours of the historic home will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:30. Alcohol is BYOB.

Mabry-Hazen House offers food and entertainment without the traffic. Tickets are \$60 per adult and children under 12 are free when accompanied by a ticket holder. Tickets are limited to 200 adults to ensure a quality event. Purchase your tickets in advance to guarantee your attendance. There is plenty of parking and the

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Knoxville Symphony OrchestraThe musical finale will be performed, starting at 8 p.m., by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. They will present the 33rd Annual FREE Pilot Flying J Independence Day Concert on the World's Fair Park's Performance Lawn. This is a FREE concert - no ticket required! Fireworks start at 9:42 p.m.

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Outgoing council members respond to The Focus

Nick Pavlis

1st 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.

Nick Pavlis represents South Knoxville's First District. He is the regional director for Government and Media Relations for Charter Communications. A native of Fountain City he graduated from Central High School and has a BS from the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga.

Pavlis and his wife, Joy, live on Admiralty Lane. Pavlis served on the planning commission and as vice mayor until 2015. He is an avid golfer and loves South Knoxville's Urban Wilderness.

1. What is the most memorable event or vote you had on city council?

I would say the Melissa Mayfield vote topped my list. It was a very contentious meeting, both levels and the back wall of the Large Assembly Room was packed. Carlene Malone and I fought to get Melissa the appointment (to council replacing Danny Mayfield who passed away). In the end Mr. Raleigh Wynn had the votes and I was the lone dissent vote. Nothing against Mr. Wynn but I felt strongly that Melissa should be appointed to the seat.

2. Please comment about public participation at council meetings.

I welcome public comment at any level though it is rarely utilized. Folks watch us online and on CTV and email or social media seems to be the method of reaching out now.

3. Would moving the council meetings to 5 p.m. help and why?

No, that would be a terrible idea. Some of us struggle to make the beer board meetings at that time. Though I favored the change it could pose problems in that the beer board would have to begin at 4:00 which means I would have to leave work at 3:15 to make sure I was there on time.

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

This is a tough one for me. I really have been consistent with zoning issues which are usually the most contentious issues. I have supported reasonable budgets, thanks to the mayors I have served under for not bringing unreasonable budgets before council, and supported our employees.

5. What are our possible future plans?

I have lots of future plans of working, playing golf, and riding my road bike.

6. What will you miss the most?

That's a good one, hmm. I would



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

City Councilman Nick Pavlis is pictured with 1st District hopeful Stephanie Welch at a recent campaign kick off.

say helping folks—I had no idea who they were, no political connections, just everyday people that didn't know where to go with a problem or issue, being punctual in my responses by answering my phone, email and face to face meetings.

People don't expect this type of service and I made it my business to always do that. Hopefully it will encourage them to utilize

their elected officials and make them do what they promised they would do for them. My performance included being accessible and I meant it.

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

To do what they said they would do to the best of their ability. Be true to who you are and what you believe in and be consistent. People will still support you if you

do what you said you were going to do even if they don't agree. Be accessible, don't be selfish in the budget process and disagree with your fellow council members in a civil manner.

8. Are you supporting a candidate in the primary election?

Stephanie Welch in the First District. I will support others as the other races progress.

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My, How Time Flies

By Randall Baxter

One hundred years ago this week, the 1st US Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I. Commanded by General Pershing, who had been chasing Pancho Villa until his country called him to repay Lafayette, Over there!

Soon to follow were Harry Truman's artillery crew, and a whole bunch of Medal of Honor Recipients from Tennessee.

Arriving as unknown Americans, seven men from Tennessee will go down in history as recipients of our country's highest military award.

Jesse Whitfield Covington,

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Milo Lemert, born in Iowa;

entered Army at Crossville

Edward Talley, Russellville, Tenn., Army

James Ernest "Buck" Karnes,

Knoxville, Army

Calvin John Ward, born in Greene Co.,

enlisted at Morristown, Army

Alvin C. York, Fentress County, Army

Right before Buck Karnes did what he did to be awarded his Medal of Honor, he was pinned down by a German machine gun, I am sure this is a misquote, but he said something like, "I have had enough of this."

A few years ago Mike Dahl and Gerald Mustin invited me to go to Pall Mall, Tennessee to tour Alvin York's home place. We got to talk with one of his sons.

We got to go inside of his home, and visit his gravesite. While I was there some people came in to inquire about the possibility of leasing some farm land. I am not sure they

knew where they were, or to whom they were speaking.

On June 28th 1919, Germany signed the Treaty of Versailles with the Allies, officially ending World War I. It sort of set the stage for World War II.

June 27, 1940: Germany started using their most sophisticated coding machine, Enigma, to transmit information and a team in England headed by some of the best mathematical brains set about breaking the code, and by the time of the German invasion of Poland the code was broken and all messages that the Germans still believed were secure were decoded by the allies.

June 29, 1941: Germany invades Russia. German divisions make major advances on Leningrad, Moscow, and Kiev due to the surprise attack and the use of the Luftwaffe. I wonder why Britain did not warn Russia?

June 29, 1943: Following problems between Manhattan Project physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer and General Leslie Groves, the military leader in charge of the project. Roosevelt sent a letter to Oppenheimer congratulating him on the progress of the project and asking for his understanding for the conditions he and his fellow scientists were working under due to the strict security required on a project of this importance and magnitude.

June 27, 1944: Allied forces liberate Cherbourg as the first step to liberating France and the beginning of the end for World War II.

June 30, 1950: President Harry S. Truman orders U.S. armed forces to assist in defending South Korea from invading North Korean armies. When asked, Harry Truman said he would have rather had the Medal of Honor as to have been president.



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Melissa Rose (right) and Thelma Frasier invite you to see the wide selection of furniture, antiques, home décor and much more at Expressions Home Store at 6204 Chapman Highway, just behind Kay's Ice Cream.

Expressions Home Store has 'like new' for less

By Mike Steely
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"We now have lots more space and a lot more furniture," said Melissa Rose, owner of Expressions Home Store. The popular

store features what Rose describes as "West Knox quality without West Knox prices."

Since the store moved to 6204 Chapman Highway, just behind Kays Ice Cream,

and is in the same center as "Not Too Shabby." Rose said that the two stores offer shoppers and browsers "two stores at one stop."

Expressions not only has

furniture but home décor, candles, purses, jewelry and much more.

Rose is joined on Saturdays by Thelma Frasier and the two are

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Recode Knoxville survey is now open

The City of Knoxville and the Metropolitan Planning Commission are inviting the public to participate in a Recode Knoxville survey about the City's zoning ordinance update.

The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete and will remain open through July 7, 2017. It can be found at www.recode-knoxville.com/survey. It asks for preferences pertaining to neighborhoods, corridors, redevelopment, neighborhood commercial areas, design and landscaping, and sustainability. The results will be used to inform the project and will be shared after they have been reviewed.

"It's critical that we receive feedback from the community throughout every phase of this project. The preferences of residents, property owners, and business owners must be known in order for Recode Knoxville to appropriately shape the city and enhance our sense of place for the next 20-40 years," said Gerald Green, Executive Director of the MPC.

Knoxville's zoning ordinance hasn't undergone a

thorough review in nearly 60 years. Knox County is projected to add 170,000 residents by 2040, and this update of the City's zoning ordinance will help prepare the community for that growth by striking a balance between protecting historic characteristics of neighborhoods and creating standards that encourage dynamic growth. It will encourage investment, protect valued community assets, and encourage connectivity among people and places.

The next scheduled Recode Knoxville meeting will be the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting at 10 a.m. on July 19 in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. This meeting is open to the public, and all those interested are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Gerald Green at 865-215-3758 or gerald.green@knox-mpc.org. You can also find general information and sign up to receive updates on the project at www.recodeknoxville.org.

MPC new yard signs discussed

By Mike Steely
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The Metropolitan Planning Commission's new yard sign policy came under some heavy questioning and scrutiny last week at the Knox County Commission's work session. The policy to use various color-coded yard signs for categories like zoning changes, use on review, etc. received some praise.

But the policy of requiring applicants to post the notification signs themselves on the property and the idea of only posting the number of the application drew some remarks.

These changes had been adopted during an agenda review meeting of the MPC and never saw public input in a regular meeting. Commissioner John Schoonmaker put the matter on the agenda and called the new policy an "administrative rule change."

Dan Kelly, deputy director of the MPC, said the new policy is a matter of cost savings, estimating that it will

save the planners about \$2,000 per month in staff hours. Until the change the planning staff was putting out the signs on the subject property. He said the employees would be "much better off in the office doing work."

Kelly said that the MPC puts notice of applications online and advertises each notice, as legally required, in a newspaper. He said applicants are given the sign when they apply and told that the signs must be posted near a right-of-way on the property at least 15 days prior to a public hearing. He also said that property owners within 250 feet of the applicant's property are notified by mail by the MPC as well.

Commissioners Ed Brantley, Carson Dailey, Brad Anders, Randy Smith, Charles Busler, Bob Thomas and John Schoonmaker each commented and made suggestions.

Smith said the wire frames for the new color-coded signs, which are like political yard signs, may be hard to

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Jolie Bonavita honored at commission

By Mike Steely
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She's been vital to the operation of the Knox County Commission according to Commission Chairman Dave Wright. Now Jolie Bonavita, director of the commission, is retiring.

The commission honored her last week with a proclamation from the chairman and kind words from past and present county commissioners and officials. Prior to the work session a reception was held in the small assembly room.

"For the past 18 years she has been an advisor, friend and mother figure," Wright said. He added that she has served 61 commissioners and will be sorely missed.

"She is going into a well-deserved retirement," he



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Commission Chair Dave Wright and Jolie Bonavita.

said.

Bonavita said that she could not have wished for "61 better bosses."

Following the presentation

more than two dozen past and present commissioners assembled for a photo with the woman most simply called "Jolie."



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post in rocky ground and asked if there is any policy about turning the signs back in after use. He said that he likes the color signs but added he "fears there is going to be a lot more controversy than before we had control."

Busler echoed what Smith said adding, "That's what I'm worried about."

"Seventy-five to eighty percent of the people become aware by the signs," Smith said.

Anders said that if MPC staffers are checking to see if the signs are up they should be prepared to replace missing signs. "If you don't get your

boots dirty then you don't want to work for the MPC," he added.

Anders said the new policy "might come back to bite you. There are lots of issues there." He suggested hiring someone part time to put up the yard signs.

"Let's give it a whirl and see how it goes," Kelly said, adding, "We're already getting calls."

Thomas suggested charging applicants \$10 for the signs and refunding the money when the signs are returned. Kelly said that probably wouldn't work because the planning staff uses a permanent magic marker to put the case numbers on the signs.

Schoonmaker said he's

getting a lot of calls about the signs and suggested that the MPC staff inform the county's constituent services about the new policy. He referred to the recent Knoxville Focus article about the new signs as the reason he placed the discussion on the agenda.

In other business the commission discussed a traffic problem at Blueberry Road near the Kroger store on Emory Road on the "city side" of the route there.

The commission also agreed to name Barbara Bolton and Donna Sherwood to the Library Advisory Board and are awaiting a name for the Second District seat there.

Expressions Home Store has 'like new' for less

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well known for their style, good tastes and customer care.

"We go to estate sales, buy from customers, and we like to pass along a good bargain," Melissa said. She said the store is now featuring painted furniture and will soon have chalk paint. Also featured is artwork, antiques, home decor, candles, purses, jewelry and much more.

Expressions Home Store also offers a 10% discount for senior citizens on Thursdays and a

10% discount for veterans any day. If you bring in this story, you can take 10% off your entire purchase. The store is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from noon until 6 p.m. You can reach the store by calling (865) 240-3715.

Features now include an 1800's couch, a mirrored bench, and a farm-house table.

"Melissa's displays give people ideas," said Frasier, who said some customers simply come in to browse for ideas to design rooms in their homes and often end up buying something that would be ideal for their plans.

"We have many people

from Seymour, South Knoxville and all around Knox County. Many people have followed us from our former location and we got lots of people by word of mouth," Melissa said.

"Everything is unique, we care about people and Melissa brings in new stuff every few days," She said.

"Some customers will walk around the store two or three times getting decorating ideas, it's a stress reliever," she added.

Expressions Home Store has about 3,000 square feet of space and all the items are very well displayed and coordinated.

"We care about people," Melissa said.

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The late Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Simmons on their honeymoon in South Dakota, 1946. Photo provided by Rada Simmons Rolison.

Doctor and Macel On the Way to South Dakota!

By Ralphine Major

Their names are familiar. I saw Doctor and Macel mentioned in the late Woodrow Luttrell's memories of the "Back When" series recently published in the Focus. Macel was Woodrow's sister. I cannot recall a time when I did not know the names "Doctor and Macel." But, the story of their wedding and honeymoon is new to me. Their youngest of four children and my childhood friend, Rada, shared the couple's fascinating story as it was told to her by her mother, Macel.

"Dad and mother had been going out for awhile after she started working

as a nursing assistant for him," Rada said. "One day while at work, he asked her to go on a pheasant-hunting trip to South Dakota with him and join some friends there," she added.

Her mother was stunned, and her answer was direct. "You know mom and dad would not go for that! We would have to be married!" It was then that the doctor asked her to marry him. He was meaning to the whole time.

"I think he liked to joke with her," Rada said.

Macel said yes to the marriage proposal. They went to Pastor Brown's

house in Maryville, Tennessee, for the wedding. The date was October 10, 1946. Rev. Brown had been the pastor at Washington Presbyterian Church in Corryton. Macel was fond of the blind pastor and his wife, Bonnie. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Luttrell, Macel's parents, and her sister, Betty, attended. After the early morning marriage ceremony, Pastor Brown and Bonnie had a fine breakfast waiting for them. Then, the newlyweds were off to South Dakota!

In Kentucky, they finally stopped at a local cafe for a honeymoon steak late lunch. Macel was starving. As soon as the steak was brought out, the plate ended up on her lap and wedding suit! She was embarrassed, upset, and still hungry. On their first night of travel, they had a flat in the pouring rain and spent the night at a nearby home of a kind, older couple. In spite of the misfortunes, the new bride had a wonderful time on the trip. She saw the Corn Palace, the Black Hills, and Mount Rushmore. She even shot a pheasant and had a hat made from the feathers. Doctor and Macel touched hundreds of lives, and Focus readers will have an opportunity to read about their inspiring life in upcoming stories.



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Thetus W. Sims

The Senator Who Never Was

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Prior to 1915, United States senators from Tennessee had been elected by the state legislature. That same year Democrats were anticipating a primary, a year in advance of the 1916 general election. The primary would include a run-off election between the two top vote getters, something that has never happened since.

The incumbent senator was Luke Lea, young, handsome, flamboyant and powerful due to his ownership of the Nashville Tennessean. Lea was also a highly controversial figure for many Tennessee Democrats as he, like his colleague from Tennessee, John Knight Shields, had been elected by a combination of Independent Democrats and Republicans called "fusionists." The fusionists also had helped to elect Republican Ben W. Hooper governor of Tennessee. Naturally, "regular" Democrats wanted to oust Lea after having defeated Hooper in 1914. The Democratic State Executive Committee had agreed to hold the primary a year in advance to help diminish Senator Lea's chances of survival.

There were numerous prospective candidates for the senatorial nomination, including several members of Tennessee's congressional delegation. Congressman Cordell Hull considered running for the Senate, but finally decided to back another candidate.

Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar of Memphis was gathering considerable support in East Tennessee, a primarily Republican region, but was also expected to run strong in heavily Democratic West Tennessee. The persistence of former governor Malcolm Rice Patterson to make a comeback was thought by many to bolster Luke Lea's bid for a second term. Patterson was also from Shelby County, which was thought likely to diminish McKellar's vote-getting ability at home. Yet there was another West Tennesseean eager to run for the Democratic senatorial nomination: Congressman Thetus Willrette Sims.

Sims represented a rural, largely agricultural district and had been in Congress twenty years. A large, heavy-set man with a moustache, Thetus W. Sims likely believed himself to be an ideal candidate due to his long years in Congress. By comparison, K. D. McKellar had only served in Congress for five years, having been elected in a 1911 special election following the death of incumbent George Washington Gordon. Patterson had

served in Congress and as governor for four years, but his time as Tennessee's chief executive was turbulent and he was as polarizing a figure as Luke Lea. Sims made it known he was thinking about entering the senatorial primary. At sixty-three, Sims was also the oldest of the potential candidates for the Democratic nomination.

Congressman Thetus W. Sims made his entry into the senatorial race on July 26, 1915, issuing a statement from Washington, D.C. In his announcement he would be a candidate, Sims readily acknowledged Tennesseans customarily gave senators and congressmen a second term, but felt Luke Lea's record in the United States Senate was poor. Sims also condemned Lea's original election by "a fusion of democrats and republicans without any party nomination or indorsement [sic] of any kind."

Sims pointed out Lea had defeated the regular Democratic nominee, former governor Benton McMillin, to get to the U. S. Senate. Congressman Sims also readily admitted Luke Lea had many admirable characteristics, saying the senator was "possessed of untiring energy, of exceptional ability and of much personal magnetism" and had the benefit of having "all the advantages of education and environment that wealth and affluence could give him..." Sims said he would make no comment on Lea's seeming inability not to interfere in just about every aspect of politics in Tennessee, but hit the incumbent over absenteeism.

While senators "much older and less vigorous and strong than our senior senator were standing like Spartans through long, weary days and nights, without sleep, food or drink" Tennessee's "young, vigorous, athletic, Sampson-like senator was nowhere to be found." Congressman Sims did hint at Lea's constant interference in local politics, noting, "The people can certainly be trusted to look after city, county, and state politics properly without the managerial aid and assistance of a United States senator, and especially at a time when he must leave his post of duty in order to give such aid and assistance." Sims accused Lea of being "a political despot" who "if he had the power, would not permit any man to hold any state or federal office who was personally or politically offensive to him."

Congressman Sims' lengthy statement brought a prompt reply from Senator Luke Lea in his Tennessean.



Congressman Thetus W. Sims of Tennessee (standing third from the left).

Lea was not nearly so delicate in answering Sims, noting the congressman's statement had been released from Washington "where Congressman Sims resides." Lea described the statement as "interesting" and said "If I am to be succeeded in the senate by a non-resident of the state, I would for personal reasons rather be succeeded by Congressman Sims than by any one I know." Senator Lea claimed "our relations were most intimate and cordial until the senatorial bee began to buzz around the 'Judge's' sylph-like form last January." Lea said since he had first come to the Senate in 1911 it had been "my privilege to enjoy two or three hours" of Sims' "company each day I was in Washington." Lea also pointed out Sims had been "fulsome" in his praise of "my course in the senate and out of it" and the senator had routinely aided the Congressman's reelection efforts. Lea readily confessed he had used "whatever influence" he could muster "to enable two splendid members of" the congressman's family to obtain "two of the most important and lucrative offices of the government of the District of Columbia." Lea was quick to add the members of Sims's family did not live in Tennessee, but in Washington, D. C. Lea excused his frequent absences from the Capitol due to the fact his own family continued to live in Tennessee, compelling him to return home more than he might have liked to be away from Washington. Lea charged Thetus Sims lived in Washington and only returned to Tennessee to campaign for reelection every other year. "If the democrats of Tennessee desire to be represented in the upper house of congress by a resident of Washington, who will be there all the time, whether congress is in session or not - - - out of touch and sympathy with his people, ignorant of their needs, unmindful of their wants - - - they could make no happier selection out of all that distinguished company of Tennesseans residing in our beautiful capital than Thetus Willrette Sims, who some twenty years ago resided at Linden, in

the state of Tennessee." Senator Lea concluded his reply to Congressman Sims by saying, "...my hat is also in the ring and I am prepared to defend it against residents and non-residents alike."

Owning a widely read newspaper, which covered much of Middle Tennessee, gave Luke Lea certain advantages; an advantage he used shrewdly to pummel his political opponents. Days after the exchange with Congressman Thetus W. Sims, Luke Lea published reaction to Sims' statement from smaller newspapers across the state. Not surprisingly, most of the commentary Lea chose to publish was not friendly to the portly congressman. The Columbia Herald dismissed Sims' stated reasons for running for the Senate and sniffed, "If the Honorable Thetus W. Sims, twenty years a member of congress and now a candidate for the senate, can find time between his races for public office he should write a political history of the state and nation." The Rockwood Times chortled Sims' announcement "didn't create a ripple" in Tennessee's political pool. The Times found the congressman's announcement to be a "disappointment and weak in all its elements." The Tullahoma Guardian noted Congressman Sims "fails to state any good and sufficient reason why he should ever be Mr. Lea's successor." The Guardian barked, "Never mind about the other fellow's demerits; tell the people of your own merits." The Lewis County Herald disapproved of the Congressman's attack on Senator Lea and concluded, Sims' announcement "shows him to be of smaller caliber than we had thought him to be."

A trio of Tennessee congressmen - - - Kenneth D. McKellar, Finis Garrett and Cordell Hull, referred to as "the Triumvirate" by Luke Lea's Tennessean - - - ignored the candidacy of Thetus W. Sims. The Tennessean reported the three men formed an "ambitious Triumvirate that will work in harmony until the time comes when inevitably one must play the role of Pompey, one the role of Julius Caesar and the other

the role of Crassus."

While the three Tennessee congressmen considered which of them would challenge Senator Luke Lea, Thetus W. Sims opened his bid for the Democratic senatorial nomination in Chattanooga. The Tennessean gleefully reported the audience was comprised of only some 116 people, "a third of whom were republicans." It was not an impressive opening for a statewide campaign and days later Congressman Sims was roaring he had been "double-crossed." Sims was reacting to the refusal of his colleagues, Kenneth McKellar, Cordell Hull, and Finis Garrett, to support his campaign.

As it appeared certain McKellar would become a candidate for the U. S. Senate, Sims bellowed a warning: "I shall be compelled to regard any attempt to bring out any other candidate by those who are opposing Senator Lea as a 'deliberately unfriendly' act."

The "unfriendly act" was not long in coming. As Congressman Sims settled into Nashville's Tulane Hotel, a favorite for politicians seeking statewide office, K. D. McKellar was on his way to Nashville to open his own headquarters for seeking the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. Sims was soon complaining he had been "shunted" aside in favor of McKellar, who appeared to be a much stronger candidate against Luke Lea. Lea's Tennessean admitted McKellar had gotten into the race as easily as Sims, but "is going to be hard to get out" of the primary campaign.

After making speeches in Maury County and Trenton, Congressman Thetus W. Sims bowed to the inevitable. It became increasingly clear Sims did not have either the resources or support to continue a statewide campaign and he was loath to risk losing his seat in Congress.

Sims withdrew as a candidate for the United States Senate on September 4, 1915. Sims offered a rather lame excuse that he would never have become a candidate had he known the primary would be called

for November of that year. Sims said an early primary made it impossible for him to make a thorough canvass of the state. Sims thanked those who had supported him and backed into a reelection race and faced an opponent who had declared when it appeared the congressman was running for the Senate.

Sims was hard pressed to win renomination to his seat in the House of Representatives. The congressman was reelected in 1916 and 1918, but faced Gordon Browning, a young veteran of World War I in the Democratic primary in 1920. Overconfident, Sims only came home to campaign when he realized too late Browning was a threat to his continued tenure in Congress. Browning trampled Sims in the primary election, winning 6,900 votes to only 3,334 for the incumbent.

K. D. McKellar had beaten both Senator Luke Lea and former governor Malcolm Patterson for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. McKellar dispatched for governor Ben W. Hooper, the GOP nominee, in the 1916 general election. Thetus Sims seemed to harbor some resentment of McKellar's success and declared himself a candidate against McKellar for the 1922 Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate. Once again Sims made an inept start to his campaign and withdrew well before the primary election.

Returning to his law practice, Thetus W. Sims retired in 1930 and moved to Washington, D. C. to live out his remaining years. Despite his ambitions, Thetus W. Sims was the senator that never was.

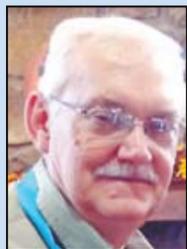
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A Day Away



By Mike Steely

The 1925 trial, where a local teacher was charged of illegally teaching evolution, will be presented on various days from July 14th to July 22nd in the same room the original trial took place. Upstairs in the Rhea County Courthouse has been preserved. The musical features dialogue from the trial transcript and historic accounts leading to the confrontation.

Dayton, Tennessee, is easy to drive to and located on Highway 29. The historic town can be reached off of Interstate 75 by taking Highway 30 at the Athens exit or Highway 50

at the north Cleveland exit. If you take Highway 30 you'll pass through Decatur and Old Washington, the original Rhea County seat. The courthouse is on

the National Register of Historic Places and is usually open for visitors during regular business hours.

Tom Davis, Festival Chairman, told The Focus that several other events have been included in this year's festival.

"This year we have added a bluegrass festival and competition on Saturday and are working on a couple more things," he said. The festival will also include a car show during the weekend of July 14-16.

The play, "Front Page News," pits Clarence

Darrow against William Jennings Bryan—one arguing that evolution should be taught and the other backing the Bible as the only authority on creation. Reserved tickets are \$20 and general admission is \$15 on a first-come first-seated basis. Groups of more than 10 tickets and students tickets are given a \$2 discount. The show is both funny and entertaining for all ages and spurs a healthy debate on the historic issue.

Spring City and Rhea County's theatrical company, Tennessee Valley Theatre, will present this year's rendition of "Front Page News" and the play is presented with the cooperation of Cumberland County Playhouse, Bryan College and the Chattanooga State Community College's theatre department.

Financial support comes from Rhea County, the City of Dayton, the Tennessee Arts Commission, First Bank of Tennessee and



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The old Rhea County Courthouse in Dayton, Tn. will again ring out with the arguments for and against the teaching of Evolution in public schools. The Scopes Festival annually draws thousands of people to the small county seat and this year there's also a bluegrass competition.

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"Front Page News" will be presented at various times July 14-16 as part of the festival weekend

and on July 22 and 23rd when no festival activities are present on the courthouse lawn.

More information is available at www.

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Mesmerized by the beach

Neither Out Far Nor In Deep

The people along the sand All turn and look one way. They turn their back on the land. They look at the sea all day.

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The land may vary more; But wherever the truth may be- The water comes ashore, And the people look at the sea.

They cannot look out far. They cannot look in deep. But when was that ever a bar To any watch they keep?

Robert Frost



By Joe Rector

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Can you tell that I'm on vacation? Yep, Amy and I are suffering miserably as we sit under an umbrella on the sands of Isle of Palms, our favorite vacation destination. Admittedly, my life isn't enough to demand a vacation; I simply like some time with the sand and the ocean. Amy, on the other hand, NEEDS a break from life. It's been too long since she's had the chance to escape the demands of each day. At any rate, we're "sunning and funning" here.

The Frost poem above accurately

describes most of the folks around here. We're tourist from all over the place. I've met a man from New York; I've talked with another man from just down the road from where we live; and I met a family with a dog named Snoopy. Normally, we'd have passed each other with a nod of heads at most. However, something happens to folks when we they put on bathing suits. Suddenly, we become a little politer, a little more conversational,

and a little more patient.

The beach is where our biggest changes occur. I know that there I become a much more "laid back" individual. Even my movements are slower, although aching joints might contribute to that. I sit in a chair, grab a book and cold drink, and don't move for hours. On occasion, folks stroll toward the water. Some play in the surf, while others move their chairs to the water's edge to allow the waves to wash over their feet. A few make a quick trip to take quick dips to cool before hustling back to their chairs and umbrellas.

For the most part, vacationers migrate to the ocean to renew. It's a place where a men and women can stare out into the distance without having others think something is seriously wrong with them. We who make the trip simply look out at the vastness of the ocean in awe. It proves to us just how insignificant we are in the grander scheme of things.

Staring out not too far nor too deep is our special way of finding a bit of peace in our lives. Some of us commune with our lord; others reach major decisions about their lives, whether they concern personal relationships, financial problems, or work-related concerns. "Away" from it all is the best place to put balance back into life before returning to it.

Robert Frost knew a great deal about people. Some might say this poem is about the shallowness of our lives and our inability to find insight. I'd rather think that Frost knew how important a closeness to nature is to each person in this world. That's my take on it, so I'll end this piece and return to that view that does so much for me.

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South-Doyle valedictorian Madison Chandler will study to become a pharmacist at ETSU and keep playing tennis for fun.



Three-sport athlete Ashley Ellison would tackle any challenge said the Grace Christian athletic director.



Lily Felts has one more volleyball season at Berean Christian before she plays for the Orange and White.

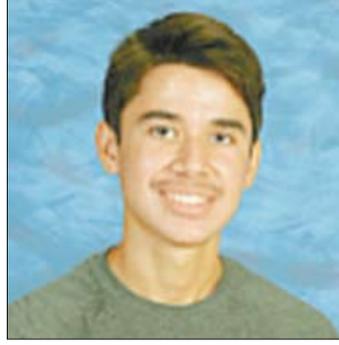


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Farragut quarterback Adam Fulton throws a pass in a 45-35 win over Independence in the Class 5A state championship game this past season. Fulton is Farragut's male Student-Athlete of the Year.



Farragut male honoree Adam Fulton set school records in passing yards and touchdown passes.



L&N STEM Academy male honoree Rory Glatt will continue his tennis career at Berry College in Georgia.



Farragut's Alexis Parker will take her volleyball game to Indiana University and the Big Ten.

The Focus this week recognizes 10 more Student-Athletes of the Year from five local high schools to wrap up its four-week series.

The final group includes a female honoree who was valedictorian and a two-sport standout, a male honoree who became starting quarterback his senior year and led his school to its first-ever state football championship and another female honoree who has committed to play for the Orange and White after her final year in high school.

The Focus requested athletic directors at 24

TSSAA-member high schools to submit their respective honorees. Overall, a total of 44 honorees from 22 schools were sent in.

This week the spotlight shines on: Berean Christian School - Lily Felts and Preston Piper.

Farragut - Alexis Parker and Adam Fulton. Grace Christian Academy - Ashley Ellison and Ben Andrews.

L&N STEM Academy - Emily Bretscher and Rory Glatt.

South-Doyle - Madison Chandler and Caleb Wender.

Indiana volleyball coach says Parker will make an impact

By Steve Williams

Indiana University's volleyball website introduces Farragut High product Alexis Parker as a 5-11 outside hitter/defensive specialist.

It also points out that she was a PrepVolleyball.com High School All-American and two-time All-State honoree from Tennessee.

"Alexis will be a fan favorite because she plays so hard," says Indiana Coach Sherry Dunbar-Kruzan. "She's dynamic, aggressive and will push others around her to be better."

"On top of that, she's a fantastic teammate and will add to the

culture we have right now. She's going to have a chance to play a variety of positions and will make an impact."

Indiana was 17-16 overall last season and 6-14 in the Big Ten.

Parker, Farragut High's female Student-Athlete of the Year, will be missed back home. She had a school record 585 total kills in leading the Lady Admirals to District 4 and Region 2 titles and a third straight appearance in the TSSAA Class AAA state finals.

Alexis also had 267 blocks, 780 digs and 98 assists as Farragut finished 46-6 after falling to Brentwood in the championship

match for the third year in a row.

Susan Davidson called Parker "one of the most humbling team players I have had the opportunity to coach. She played our entire season with an injured ankle ... She actually needed surgery to repair her ankle but elected to carry her team."

Parker stood out off the court, too. She earned a TSSAA Academic Achievement Award with a 4.11 GPA.

Alexis also volunteered to help run volleyball youth camps and worked for the American Cancer Society "Strides for Cancer Walk/

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Berean's Preston Piper was a two-sport standout plus a Christian role model said his coach.



Caleb Wender was captain and quarterback in South-Doyle's turnaround campaign.



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Steve Ray helps UT hoops by coaching summer basketball

By Ken Lay

Steve Ray first came to Knoxville in 1978 as Don DeVoe's first recruit after the coach took the reins of the University of Tennessee men's basketball program.

It's been a long time coming but Ray, who last played for the Volunteers in 1982, made a return to the local college basketball scene.

"I spent the last 15 years in Wisconsin and I decided that I'm getting older now and it's time for me to get into some warmer weather," said Ray, who was recently tapped to coach the Tillman Companies team in the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League. "My blood runs deep Orange and Knoxville has always been my second home."

"I was coach DeVoe's first recruit [at Tennessee] and I love coach DeVoe."

Ray, a native of East St. Louis, Illinois, replaces Rick Campbell. Campbell, who coached in the league since its inception more than a decade ago, didn't return in 2017 due to family and professional obligations.

Pat Walden, another Tennessee alum and Pilot Rocky Top League coach, knew that the league was in need of a new coach and he recommended the commissioner Andre Whitehead

give Ray a look.

"Pat Walden told me that they needed a new coach and he recommended me," Ray said. "I'm still a college basketball fan and I'm still a UT fan and I want to do anything I can to help the program."

"That's what we're here for. We're here to make the UT program better. That's the agenda here. It's great to see the program back on the upswing. "I'm a big fan of coach [Rick] Barnes."

In previous coaching stops, Barnes, who will soon begin his third season in Big Orange Country, has established himself as a great coach and prolific recruiter. At Texas, Barnes coached the likes of Kevin Durant, D.J. Augustin, Tristan Thompson, LaMarcus Aldridge and T.J. Ford.

Durant and Aldridge are bona fide NBA stars while Thompson has made it to three consecutive NBA Finals with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Durant was the 2017 Finals MVP with the Golden State Warriors. Augustin has also had a long professional career.

"Coach Barnes is a great recruiter but he's also a great coach," said Ray, who works in the computer repair business.

In addition to his passion



Former Vol basketball player Steve Ray is coaching in the Pilot Rocky Top League for the first time. Ray played for Don DeVoe at Tennessee and won two SEC Championships in Big Orange Country

for hoops, he's been a season ticket holder for Tennessee football for the last 25 years.

"I always came to the [football] games, even when I lived in Wisconsin," Ray said.

Ray was once a high school coach in Wisconsin and he's one of a handful of Vols hoopsters to have won a pair of Southeastern Conference Championships.

He played on Tennessee's 1978-79 team that won the SEC Tournament. He was also on the 1981-82 squad that went 20-10 and won the regular-season title.

And he has fond memories of those teams.

"I'm one of like five players to have two SEC Championship rings," said Ray, who has won his first two games as a Rocky Top League coach.

Ray relishes the opportunity to coach summer college basketball.

"We have great players in this league. We have pro players, we have SEC players and we have small college players," Ray said. "Basketball players always love to play. They love to compete and they love to win."

Phillip Fulmer is back!

By Alex Norman

Ok... not sure I am used to living in a world in which the University of Tennessee is making smart decisions that also play well in the court of public opinion with regards to athletics.

But that's where we are now.

First, new Tennessee athletic director John Currie promoted former Vol Chris Woodruff to become the new men's tennis coach. This is a non-revenue sport so it might not sound like a big deal, but Woodruff is from Knoxville, won a national title as a singles player at Tennessee, and served as an assistant coach for the past 13 years. It's a harmless choice and won that brought with it some good PR for once.

Then, Currie brought in highly regarded recruiter Tony Vitello to take over the underachieving Tennessee baseball program. A young guy with movie star looks that will bring energy to what once was a successful team. Again, a hire that most agreed with.

And then last week, the University of Tennessee announced that former Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer has been hired as the "Special Advisor to the president for community, athletics and university

relations."

These moves are... wow... they are actually good, well out moves that could mean positive things for Tennessee.

Is this real life?

Basically, ever since the University fired Fulmer in November 2008, it has been one PR nightmare after another.

The hiring of Lane Kiffin. The Bruce Pearl/NCAA debacle. The hiring of Dave Hart to replace Hamilton. The decision to eliminate the Lady Vols nickname. The firing of longtime athletic department officials Bud Ford and Debby Jennings. The Title IX related lawsuits.

Should I go on? Because I still have a lot of room to fill in this article.

But the hiring of Fulmer is a sign that the University might finally get it. That people that support the University want to see those that truly love Tennessee playing a role in its present and future.

What was it Fulmer said during that teary eyed press conference? "Our Tennessee family is united in its goals, but divided in the right path to get there. I love Tennessee too much to let her stay divided."

Think about it... in the 6 years that Dave Hart was

running the athletic department; did you ever think he felt 10% as connected to UT as Fulmer? In the 14 months that Lane Kiffin was in charge of the football program, there wasn't 1% of that affection present.

Kiffin tried to turn Tennessee into the Southern Cal of the south. He didn't realize Tennessee was already great.

"Phillip has been a tremendous asset to the University of Tennessee both on and off the field for more than 40 years," University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro said in a statement released by the University of Tennessee. "I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him on the UT President's Council, and I look forward to working with him in a broader sense to advocate for the University with our key stakeholders."

"This is a special opportunity for me. I've had the chance to work with Dr. DiPietro for a couple of years in a volunteer capacity, and I was excited when he approached me with this position," Fulmer said. "I look forward to serving UT campuses statewide, our communities, and UT athletics for the greater good for our great state and the

university."

It's no secret that Fulmer wanted the job Currie has... and there may be a feeling out period between the two of them, as Currie was working closely with Hamilton at the time of Fulmer's firing.

But it could also be a sign that the hatchet is being buried.

"As a native Tennessean who has given his all for the Vols throughout his life, both as a student-athlete on the field and during a Hall of Fame coaching career leading our program to its most dominant and successful era in modern history, Coach Fulmer is a perfect ambassador for our University and athletics program," Currie said. "I've appreciated and enjoyed numerous visits with Coach Fulmer since I returned to Knoxville, and I am honored to work with him in support of President DiPietro and Chancellor (Beverly) Davenport as we serve the University of Tennessee, our students and student-athletes."

Fulmer's return keeps the positive momentum going at Tennessee.

We will find out together if it continues.

Mathieu's basketball journey lands him in Estonia

By Ken Lay

Dre Mathieu's journey in basketball has been a roller-coaster ride to say the least.

It's taken him from Central High School to Morehead State and then out west to Arizona. From there, it was on to Minnesota before the real trying times began.

He went to Las Vegas for an NBA Showcase and he's been cut from the NBA's Development League before finally ending up in Estonia, where he got the chance to play professionally.

That journey has landed him back home in K-Town, at least temporarily, as he's back in the Pilot Rocky Top League and playing a few games at Catholic High School.

"It's great to be here. It's great to be back home and great to see my son. I haven't seen him in 10 months," Mathieu said after his Knoxville News-Sentinel team knocked off DeRoyal Industries in the summer season opener for both squads on Monday, June 19. "I love playing here and I love being home. I haven't been here in three months."

"It's great to be back and it's great to see my family and my friends. But at the same time, I can't wait to be back where I'm supposed to be. That's playing basketball and earning a paycheck doing it."

Mathieu has had a year full of challenges in 2016-17.

"I went from being cut in the [NBA] Developmental League to playing in Estonia," he said.

But that was just the latest stop in a journey down a long winding and sometimes bumpy road.

Mathieu, a 2011 Central High School graduate, was a top player in the KIL during his prep days.

From Fountain City and a stellar career with the Bobcats, Mathieu went on to Morehead State before leaving that program for the desert and Central Arizona College, a junior college in Coolidge, Arizona.

He was a JUCO all-American with the Vaqueros and from there; it was off to the Big Ten and Minnesota.

After college was over, Mathieu still wanted to play. He's in the NBDL with the Iowa Energy and with the NBA Gatorade League's Sioux Falls Skyforce.

Now, Mathieu plays for the Valka/Valga Basketball Club in Estonia. And he's happy to be there.

"It's been a journey but it's also a blessing," he said. "I've gotten to see different things and I've seen different cultures."

"It's really different. We have two stores there and they both close up at 8 o'clock at night and there's really no place to go if you want to eat late at night."

Smith returns home to play in Rocky Top League

By Ken Lay

Luke Smith hasn't been away from Catholic High School very long. In fact, he just graduated in May.

But he's already had a homecoming of sorts.

Smith, who led the Irish boys basketball to the Class AA Tournament Championship game in March, played at Catholic High School again last week when he made his Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League on Monday, June 19.

He and his DeRoyal Industries team dropped a 113-105 decision to Knoxville News-Sentinel and Smith scored seven points.

But that didn't spoil the excitement surrounding his return to his one-time home court.

"I love playing on this floor," said Smith, who was a Class AA Mr. Basketball Finalist and the District 4-AA Most Valuable Player. "It's always fun to play on this floor; especially when it's in a league like this when you're playing against some of the best competition around."

Smith, who averaged 19 points, 6.5 assists, 3.3 rebounds and 2.8 steals per game during his senior season as Catholic High's point guard, had seven points in his first-ever Pilot Rocky Top League game and drew the tough assignment of guarding former Central standout and University of Minnesota point guard Dre' Mathieu (who now plays professionally in Estonia).

Smith had a steal against Mathieu. But the former Bobcat went 3-for-9 from the floor and made a free throw. DeRoyal held Mathieu to nine points but Smith said he was impressed with the one-time Bobcat and former Golden Gopher.

"I got that one steal against him but, man, he's quick," Smith said of Mathieu. "He's just a great

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Andrews was 'the glue' for GCA in football and basketball

By Steve Williams

There is more to sports than scoring points. Grace Christian Academy's Ben Andrews was a testament to that.

Andrews, GCA's male Student-Athlete of the Year, was a senior football and basketball player in the 2016-17 school year.

"He had a solid year statistically in both sports, but he truly shined as a captain and leader," said GCA Athletic Director Lincoln Thomas. "Through his attitude, effort and example, he was honestly the glue that kept both of those teams together and functioning at high levels."

"Ben is a consummate leader on and off the field and was always helping GCA set new standards through both academics and athletics."

In football, Andrews was a member of the All-Region 2-2A team with over 700 yards receiving and eight touchdown catches.

GCA female honoree Ashley Ellison, also a senior this past school year, played soccer, basketball and softball for the Lady Rams.

"She was an all-around athlete that simply found a way to get the job done and would tackle any challenge the team faced head on," said Thomas. "Ashley was a direct reflection of a GCA student-athlete."

In only her second year as a member of the soccer program, Ellison was named to the All-District team. During the winter

basketball season, she was named first team All-District and All-Region as well as second team All-KIL.

Transitioning into softball, noted Thomas, Ashley had another impressive season, amassing a .554 batting average, 72 RBI, over 60 hits, over 50 runs scored, 27 stolen bases and nine home runs accompanied by a slugging percentage exceeding 1,000 percent.

Ashley accomplished all this while still maintaining her academic standards, added Thomas. She was named to the Tennessee Coaches Association All-Academic Team, All-District and All-Region teams as well as being honored as a selection to the All-State team.

L&N diver Emily Bretscher headed to Purdue

Emily Bretscher, one of the nation's top high school divers, is L&N STEM Academy's female Student-Athlete of the Year for the third time, having also been selected for the award after her sophomore and junior years.

Bretscher became the school's first female athlete to sign a Division 1 scholarship in any sport and will be going to Purdue this fall.

"Emily was a Tennessee state champion in two of her four years," said Becky Ashe, principal of L&N STEM Academy, which

focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"She's been part of our first teams that won KISL and regional titles and took them to state and placed very high. For a school that is five years old, that's pretty impressive."

Bretscher also was a leader of an enthusiastic L&N squad that opposing teams and fans noticed.

"I was at a meet this past year and heard some people around us talking about our team," said Ashe. "As we had athletes in the water competing in heats, teammates were yelling and clapping and chanting and just supporting each other. I heard somebody say, 'Wow, I wish our team did that.'"

"It's because of student leaders like Emily that our team does that and it's part of the legacy that's she leaving."

Emily and L&N's Jacob Siler, who signed with Ohio State, are ranked No. 5 in the country for female and male synchronized diving.

As for academics, Bretscher took got all kinds of AP classes and had a GPA over 3.75.

"She's the whole package," added Ashe. "She gets it done in the classroom and in her chosen athletic field. We feel like she is a good representative of a well-rounded person who is going to go far."

Rory Glatt, a senior on L&N's runner-up Class A-AA doubles team at the state meet, is the

Gryphons' male honoree for the second straight year, after leading the school's best showing ever in TSSAA tennis.

"They had a phenomenal run to that state doubles match," said Ashe. "It was really fun to watch, and like Emily, Rory is the whole package. He's a leader on the tennis team as a single player and doubles player. But he also was the one who would usually start the chanting for his teammates. That kind of leadership and camaraderie is what we want from all of our student-athletes."

Glatt, who will play tennis at Berry College in Georgia, also had heavy AP credits and a GPA higher than 3.75.

Berean Christian honors UT commitment Felts and Piper

Volleyball standout and Tennessee commitment Lily Felts is Berean Christian School's female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2016-17.

The 5-11 Felts, who will be going into her senior year this fall, has played at an "extremely high level" for four years at BCS, including her 8th grade season, said Athletic Director Jason Moyer.

She is a four-time District 2-A Player of the Year as well as four-time All-Region 1-A player and also has earned Class A all-state

honors the past two seasons. Lily currently holds several season and career volleyball records at Berean Christian.

"I have met few student-athletes with the fire and passion that drives Lily to be the best she can be," said Moyer. "She works hard and expects a great deal from herself as a team leader and two-year captain."

Felts first committed to Georgia last summer but decommitted after the Bulldogs made a coaching change and committed to Tennessee in March.

Piper, a senior, was named Berean Christian's male honoree. He was a two-sport standout for the Eagles in basketball and soccer.

Piper was a two-time All-District 2-A basketball player. He was a three-time All-District 2-A/AA honoree in soccer and the district's Offensive Player of the Year this past season.

"As good of a two-sport athlete as Preston has been at Berean, he was an even better Christian role model and leader," said Chris Lindsay, his basketball coach. "P, as we call him, has been one of the most humble, selfless and coachable young men that I have had the pleasure to work with. No matter what Preston chooses to do with his life in the years ahead, I know that he will be successful and always honor God."

Indiana volleyball coach says Parker will make an impact

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Race" for four years.

Adam Fulton, the quarterback on Farragut's first-ever state championship football team, was named the male Student-Athlete of the Year.

"Both of them are outstanding student-athletes and represent Farragut High very well," said FHS Athletic Director Donald Dodgen.

"Alexis in volleyball went to the state championship game three years in row ... and anytime you make it to the state tournament, that's a great accomplishment."

She's just a wonderful person on and off the floor.

"And Adam, what can you say? This was a storybook year in football and Adam

brought us back many, many times from being behind."

In the state championship game, Farragut trailed 35-7 before rallying past Independence 45-35 to capture the gold.

"Well Adam, he is what you see," said veteran Head Coach Eddie Courtney. "He's got great character. He's one of the hardest workers I've had in a long time."

"As a quarterback, he got a chip on his shoulder after his sophomore year because he wasn't the starting quarterback. He just went out there and kept competing and beating people out."

"When we started last fall, we had some scrimmages and he started growing up and the kids started

rallying around him. He was very positive about his approach with how he took his game. He took it serious in the classroom and in the hallways and being what you want from your senior captain and quarterback. Everybody respected Adam because of the way he carried himself. He's just blue collar about everything he does."

The 6-2, 215-pound Fulton, a pro-style QB, set two school records (3,223 passing yards and 41 touchdowns) as he completed 184 of 333 attempts and had only six intercepted.

The all-stater didn't get a lot of offers. But it only takes one.

"I'm so proud he's going to Concord University in West Virginia (a Division II school) and actually have

a chance to compete for quarterback up there," said Courtney. "They lost a quarterback. And what we do (offensive schemes) is what they do."

"I know he will go up there and give it every shot to play. If not, he'll be a backup quarterback and pressing the starting quarterback to get on the field, because that's just the way he is."

Wender and Chandler are South-Doyle honorees

Winless in the 2015 football season, South-Doyle bounced back big last year and made it all the way to

the Class 5A state semifinals.

Senior quarterback Caleb Wender, the school's male Student-Athlete of the Year, was instrumental in the turnaround.

Wender was the Cherokees' captain and named to the All-Inter Mountain Athletic Conference team. He also maintained a 3.9 grade point average throughout his senior year and won the Cherokee Award for his exemplary achievements on and off the field.

Wender is going to Carson-Newman University to play football and will major in Religion.

Madison Chandler is the school's female honoree. She was valedictorian and recipient of the 2017 Johnny Mauer Scholar-

Athlete Award. In addition to her academic prowess, Chandler won athletic honors in two sports. She was the IMAC Goal Keeper of the Year and a second-team All-Region soccer player.

Madison also was a two-time All-Conference tennis player and two-time district champion in doubles, teaming with Adrianna Rimmer in 2016 and Chloe Rummel this past spring.

"I will be attending East Tennessee State University and majoring in Chemistry to become a pharmacist," said Chandler, who was a member of the National Honors Society and Student Council at South-Doyle. "I will not be playing on the tennis or soccer team, but I want to play intramural tennis for fun!"



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Fulton camp provides top skills instruction and valuable messages

By Steve Williams

As many as 150 youngsters took part in the annual Fulton Falcons Football Camp June 19 through June 21 at Fulton High's Bob Black Field and not only did the campers get a taste of football, they also received some valuable messages from guest speakers.

Dominique Williams, who played on Fulton's 2014 state championship team, spoke Wednesday and pointed out the importance of doing well in school.

Williams, who played last season at Highland (Kan.) Community College, recently committed to the University of Kentucky. He didn't have the grades to go straight to the Division 1 college level out of high school.

"I played in the little league organization with Fulton and I just want them to stay on their grades and don't blow their grades off," said Williams.

"Take school seriously and listen to their parents and coaches because they just want the best for them.

"I don't want them to go through the same situation that I did in high school, being handcuffed and having to go to junior college and having to go the extra route. I want them to

go straight to Division 1 out of high school."

Williams, a cornerback, has one more year of junior college ball at Highland. He plans to sign with Kentucky in December and start school at UK in January.

Williams said he had eight college offers, including Iowa State, Colorado State, MTSU and UNLV.

A lot of last week's campers could end up playing at Fulton High someday.

"Well, we hope so," said Coach Black. "This is a community event and we're hoping that the guys that play in our community growing up end up being with us. And that's why we do this. They can start learning the way we do things here at Fulton and that way, when they get here, it's not so brand new to them."

Black and his assistant coaches conducted the camp, which was free.

Larry Cox, commissioner of the Fulton youth football program, was in attendance at the camp, along with many of the Falcons' youth coaches.

The camp was being held in memory of #24 Zae-vion Dobson, former Fulton High student and athlete who was a fatal victim of gang gun fire as he protected friends in December of 2015.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Campers do some high steppin' at the Fulton Falcons Football Camp last week. The three-day camp had a turnout of 150 youngsters on Tuesday.



Quickness and agility are tested in this drill at the Fulton Falcons Football Camp last week. Fulton assistant coach Justin Long works the drill as head coach Rob Black (far left) smiles as he looks on.

Two-year-old James Higgins Jr. has his football face on, along with his "Future Draft Pick" T-shirt, at the Fulton football camp. His dad is an assistant coach for the Falcons' 9-year-old team.



UT and Bama should play, but not count in division standings

Discussion of Tennessee ending its traditional football series against Alabama continues to pop up from time to time and as long as the Vols keep losing to the Crimson Tide, we'll hear about it more often.

I understand the unfairness in the sentiments of those who think the Alabama game should be scheduled on a rotating basis. But there is another way to make things fair and at the same time preserve this classic contest.

Since All-America halfback Gene McEver returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown to spark a 15-13 win at Alabama in 1928, this series has been one of college football's most popular - a Southern classic that in the 1930s became known for being the game played on the Third Saturday in October.

The current controversy stems from the Southeastern Conference's adoption of East and West divisions in 1992, with Tennessee put in the East and Alabama in the West. Even



By Steve Williams

the oldest running series in the South - Auburn versus Georgia - saw its rivals placed in different divisions.

To preserve these classic games, the SEC allows for each school in the conference to have a permanent opponent. So Tennessee has Alabama and Georgia has Auburn. Another popular "crossover" matchup pits Florida and LSU.

The SEC was smart to preserve its top annual games. But there is no need to count these "crossover" contests in the divisional standings. Divisional championships should be decided by games played between division members only. That would be the fair thing to do.

A lot of older Tennessee fans still look at Alabama as the biggest game of the year. Many younger UT fans consider the Florida game as the biggest, and that's understandable since the Vols and Gators are in the same division and have squared off in many crucial games since divisional play began.

With the Alabama

program being as strong as it is now, just playing the Crimson Tide each year is enough of a disadvantage for Tennessee. But having the Vols playing Alabama on a rotating basis would be even worse for many fans of both teams and college football in general.

This longtime series has always been one of streaks. Tennessee currently is on the wrong end of one, but the Vols have had a couple of near wins even in the dark days of the post-Phillip Fulmer coaching era.

Lane Kiffin was a field goal away of beating the Tide on the road in 2009. But Mount Cody blocked Daniel Lincoln's 44-yard attempt with four seconds to go to preserve Bama's 12-10 victory.

Two years ago in Tuscaloosa, Butch Jones' Vols, 15 1/2 point underdogs, took the lead over Alabama in the fourth quarter but couldn't hold it and lost 19-14.

Tennessee had home field advantage last season, but the Vols were coming off their first loss, a 45-38 overtime setback at Texas A&M. That loss took

a lot of wind out of the Tennessee sails.

A fresh Alabama team coming off an open date came into Knoxville the next week undefeated and ranked No. 1. The 5-1 Vols had slipped to No. 11. The Tide rolled 49-10. It was Alabama's 10th straight win over Tennessee and its biggest margin of victory over the Vols in 110 years.

Still, I'm not in favor of dropping the annual matchup with Alabama. The streak has changed hands before and it will again.

Many of us still remember Mike Terry's interception in the end zone at Neyland Stadium that snapped Alabama's 11-game win streak in 1982 and Peyton Manning's touchdown pass to Joey Kent on the opening play of the 1995 victory at Alabama that started a seven-game win streak over the Tide.

It's an annual classic that's worth keeping. It's also important to make things fair in the divisional races. There's a way we can have both.

Smith returns home to play in Rocky Top League

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these games and now it's great to get the chance to play in the league," he said. "The competition here is the best.

"You're playing against great college and professional players and this can only prepare me for next season. I can only make me better. It can only get me ready for college basketball and next season." Smith is one of three 2017 high school graduates in the league. Faragut alum Nick Rogers (a Carson-Newman signee) and Christian Academy of Knoxville product Hunter Reynolds (who will play at Maryville College next season) are also in the league. The three former KIL stars are friends.

Smith will continue his basketball in college, where he'll play for Sewanee. But for now, he's enjoying the chance to play summer hoops at the place he called home during a stellar high school career.

Smith grew up watching the Pilot Rocky Top League, which began its 11th season early last week. Now, he relishes the opportunity to be a part of it.

"I grew up coming to



The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Down the Rabbit Hole

I don't pretend to understand how computers work. Like most of us, I have a vague comprehension of electrons swirling through silicon pathways within the devices we hold in our hands or sit on our desktops. I appreciate quantum mechanics which describe the physics of computers that run the modern world. But, I don't understand it. Nor do I feel too badly because Albert Einstein was likewise mystified by the quantum world. We are doing a lot of "fixing" in our new home. Mostly this involves hanging pictures. I'm pretty good at finding studs because I use the same process to measure the size of a patient's liver or discover fluid in a patient's chest. Doctors call this percussion. Our finishing carpenter just called it "thumping."

I've told Becky she doesn't need a "stud finder" from Lowes; it might make me jealous. Actually, I'm not very handy around the house. Becky is our "handy-mam." She likes tinkering with tools and such. I'd rather be in my study writing. She has been able to teach me a few things, though patience is not one of these gifts. Recently, I learned the value of Teflon tape used to seal gaskets. The knowledge helped me repair our outdoor grill. However, despite my success, there was not a sense of joy as experienced when finding the perfect word, writing a good sentence or crafting a thought provoking essay. I'll admit I have little patience with my computer tools. On a practical level, I don't care why they work, I just

want them to function and not frustrate me. I need these tools to function in the modern world, even though I sometimes feel we all have become slaves to our technology, especially smartphones. They are wind-downs on a wondrous world, but I sometimes wonder if these devices are an Achilles' heel. The danger is surfing the net or social media sites and forfeiting personal and social interactions. There's an intriguing story told in the Gospel account of the women who come to the tomb on Easter morning. They didn't find Jesus, but instead encountered an angel who filled them with fear and with joy. Perhaps it's the same with our smartphones. We must guard against these devices controlling our lives and our relationships with others and the Spirit. I once read that the computing power of an iPhone is 10 times the capacity of the computers aboard the Apollo 11 spaceship. My iPhone has gigabytes of memory. A gigabyte is one with nine zeros, commonly known as a billion. I once wrote a story about really big numbers such as terabytes (10¹², a trillion), a quadrillion (10¹⁵), and a

googol (10¹⁰⁰). Strangely, I find really big numbers, describing the vastness of the universe, and fantastically small numbers of the subatomic/quantum world, fascinating. These concepts stretch the horizons of my imagination. Contemplation aside, all I really want is for my tools to work. Most of us have bundled communication services (TV, internet, phone) which connect us with the world. And that's where the fight began, because just like the DNC and John Podesta, I was "hacked." Actually, I was the victim of a different kind of phishing attack than Mr. Podesta. Phishing has nothing to do with a rod and reel. It is the Siren's call of a cyber attacker. I know better than to open emails or attachments from people I don't know. This was John Podesta's mistake which opened up the damaging emails of Hillary Clinton to the world. My problem began when I reported problems with our newly installed Comcast communication system. I left a phone message with the Comcast serviceman who had just installed our system and within fifteen minutes I received a phone call from agents identifying

themselves as Comcast technical support who would help me resolve my problems. From there we went down the rabbit hole which led to the corruption of our home network including my computer and my wife's. As a Christian I am asked to pray for the righteous and for those who are not. Admittedly, it is harder for the latter. What motivates a person to be a scoundrel? The great middle-age philosopher and theologian, Thomas Aquinas, formulated a hierarchy of laws which defined the universe. Like Venn diagrams of concentric circles, Aquinas and his scholastics imagined that the Universal law of God encompassed everything that is. Within a smaller circle he envisioned Divine laws such as the Ten Commandments. Next, an even smaller sphere of natural laws describes nature's forces like physics, the behavior of my dog Jack and me. And lastly, the lowest tier of function, are man's laws - aka positive law. Examples of these are the Constitution or even speed limits on Kingston Pike. Obviously, Aquinas did not envision computer hackers, but would have undoubtedly placed them outside any of the

laws except God's universal law and judgement. We are now reconstructing our lives, including bank accounts, credit cards and passwords on all devices as we await the reformatting of our compromised computer tools. We will survive, and consider these troubles as "first world problems." Enough food or safe water is a much larger issue. However, I view the attack as terrorism, replete with ransom notices and with expensive and painful consequences. What is the take home message in this week's missive? There are several. I can't retreat from the world, though at the moment I feel violated as in a burglary. I must trust, but verify. Don't answer a phone call from 844-729-5221 (the hackers) or any unknown caller who doesn't leave a voicemail. Think the best of people until proven otherwise. You can forgive others who are co-opted and driven by evil, but we humans are not gods and we cannot forget those who have behaved non-virtuously. And lastly, anger and hatred will destroy more than just your computer.

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

When in Rome

Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing some thoughts from the book of Romans in the New Testament. This letter of Paul's is a rich book with many themes that continue to impact the lives of Christians today. You discover, as you read this book, that Paul had a heart from the Roman Empire. He was called the Apostle to the Gentiles. The book of Acts shows that after Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, he appealed to Caesar since he was a



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Roman citizen. Paul used this opportunity of imprisonment and ultimate travel to Rome where he faced trial to share the good news message of Jesus Christ to Caesar's household. Paul writes this letter to set things straight. He begins by pointing out that humanity is hopelessly wicked. Men and women took their eyes off of God and began worshipping created things instead of the creator. Due to

mankind's insistence of rejecting God, God gave them over to their own desires (Romans 1). Depravity and sin spread like gangrene. Jews and Gentiles had no right judging each other (Romans 2) because they both had fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3). Paul then lays out clearly the plan of salvation. Some Bible teachers have labeled this the "Roman road" to salvation. Paul talks about the importance of faith (Romans 4) and baptism into Jesus Christ in order to experience new life (Romans 6).

Romans makes it clear that we are more than conquerors though Jesus who loved us. We no longer live according to the flesh, but now have life in the Spirit (Romans 8). Due to our salvation, we are able to offer our lives as living sacrifices to God. We no longer live according to the ways of this world, but are transformed by the renewing of our minds. Love is our guide and our response, even in the midst of persecution, as we overcome evil with good (Romans 12). The book of Romans also helps people

overcome obstacles due to race and religion. The book talks about the division and jealousy that existed between Gentile and Jewish Christians. The Jews thought that God loved them more since they were added first to the Kingdom of God at the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2). The Gentiles thought God loved them more because they were added to the kingdom of God later due to the unbelief of many Jews (Romans 11). They had trouble worshipping together and offended each other by what they ate at their potluck meals. Paul tells

them to get along and to quit offending each other (Romans 14). Paul does an amazing job declaring a message of hope, peace, and reconciliation, a message desperately needed today. The Jewish and Gentile Christians could love each and get along and thus declare the glory of God as they impacted their wicked culture that included Emperor Worship and intense persecution. In fact, the church had to go underground in Rome (the catacombs) for a season in order to continue to worship the eternal God.



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Summer Heat Jumpstarts Tennessee's Growing Season

Tennessee's wet and muddy spring quickly gave way to a hot and sunny summer. For the state's farmers and for the customers who wait anxiously for seasonal you-pick farms and farmers markets to open, the race is on to fill buckets, market booths, pantries and home freezers with local produce.

Fruits in particular have relatively brief growing seasons, and the recent turn in the weather caused blueberry and blackberry crops to ripen rapidly. Early peaches are available at some Tennessee orchards. Warm temperatures and sunshine are necessary for fruits to develop sweetness and finish maturation, so farm and farmers market visitors are experiencing an unexpected abundance of berries. A regular sprinkling of pop-up storms kept plants plump, even in the sweltering heat.

Depending on varieties and location, blueberry harvests stretch from June through most of the month of August. Peach season extends from mid-June through August and blackberry harvest will be in full swing from the latter part of



Look for blackberries at the farmers market!

June through July.

Garden produce has also picked up speed, and early summer favorites like summer squash, zucchinis, green beans and cucumbers have abruptly hit farmers markets with color and variety.

To make the most of this summer sweetness, consumers can use the Pick Tennessee mobile app, or visit the Pick Tennessee website at www.PickTNProducts.org to find farms and markets nearby.

Submitted by Natalie R. Bumgarner,
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One of the joys of shade gardening is the opportunity to have a taste of Tennessee woodlands in our own backyards. Two common forest flowers found in Tennessee are Heuchera and Tiarella. Better known as coral bells or alum root, Heuchera has several species that vary in distribution across the state and are more common in Middle and East Tennessee. Tiarella, or foamflower, is most common in East Tennessee. Many selections of these and other species not native to Tennessee can be found in nurseries; however, as close members of the Saxifragaceae family, some of their respective, distinct attributes can be found in the intergeneric cross x Heucherella. This hybrid commonly goes by the name foamy bells in the U.S., which gets a nod for logic, but receives no naming bonus points for creativity.

As a general statement, foamy bells bring

UT Gardens' June 2017 Plant of the Month: Foamy Bells



Foamy bells (x Heucherella) tend to bring together the flowering look of coral bells and some of leaf patterns and shapes of foamflower. Pictured is the cultivar named 'Catching Fire'. Photo by N. Bumgarner, courtesy UTIA.

together the flowering look of coral bells and some of the leaf patterns and shapes of foamflower. Often you'll see these crosses with dark patterns in the center of the leaves or a more deeply cut or lobed leaf than most coral bells. In reality, this is an oversimplification. You can now find bronze and purple leaves and even silver tones in foamy bells (like 'Cracked Ice') and a range of flower colors and characteristics. We tend to focus on plant color and shape for

obvious reasons, but the diversity in native species in both of these parents provides the opportunity for crosses that thrive in a range of conditions.

Site selection and management are important to enjoying foamy bells over the long term. When selecting a site, keep in mind that often these plants reside natively in the understory of forests.

Foamflower, more than coral bells, tends to prefer very moist locations and is found on stream banks with higher levels

of organic matter. Some coral bells have more ability to thrive in more stressful environments. So, such parents can be chosen to bring to the cross better tolerance of hot and humid summer conditions, which were often lacking in early Heucherella introductions.

Recent breeding efforts have used Heuchera villosa as a parent, which was an important step in delivering foamy bells that perform better in Tennessee-type climates. Cultivar names, such as 'Alabama

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 TIM WILHOIT AND SHANNON WILHOIT AND TIM WILHOIT, to DWIGHT B. GRIZZELL, Trustee, on October 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 200511010039667 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee and re-filed as Instrument No. 200601270063712 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1

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

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) (FORMERLY EIGHT (8)) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ONE (1) TRACTS OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LYING WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE AND 50' R/W LINE OF BROCK ROAD, BEING APPROXIMATELY 3842' FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BROCK ROAD AND TEXAS VALLEY ROAD; THENCE 1" CALL WITH D.B. 2187 PG. 499, N 31 DEG 56' 31" W 887.99' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE INTERSECTION, PASSING A 12" MAPLE AT 296.08', AND THE CENTER OF T.V.A. HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AT 433.73'; THENCE 7 CALLS WITH D.B. 0-6 PG. 383 (UNION COUNTY) N 30 DEG. 47' 12" E 190.38' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 16 DEG. 57' 24" E 220.91' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 36 DEG. 29' 31" E 83.35' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 54 DEG. 06' 28" E 185.93' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 46 DEG. 29' 41" E 87.37' TO A 22" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 28 DEG. 29' 52" E 150.46' TO A 9" SOURWOOD AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 22 DEG. 50' 55" E 161.67 TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SUCK STONE CREEK, PASSING A 12" POPLAR IN FENCE LINE AT 147.59'; THENCE 5 CALLS WITH D.B. 0-4 PG. 39 (UNION COUNTY) N 60 DEG. 24' 49" E 323.09' TO A 12" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 69 DEG. 44' 49" E 174.89' TO A 24" MAPLE AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 80 DEG. 06' 00" E 149.49' TO A 10" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THEN N 70 DEG. 29' 19" E 86.36' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE S 13 DEG. 54' 48" E 248.13' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE 12 CALLS WITH D.B. 0-3 PG. 37 (UNION COUNTY) S. 44 DEG. 40' 34" E. 494.47' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND IN FENCE; THENCE S 45 DEG. 13' 52" E 355.98' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND IN FENCE AND IN THE 50' R/W OF BROCK ROAD; THENCE 11 CALLS WITH R.W. S. 48 DEG. 17' 34" W. 333.82' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, R=500.00' L=99.54' CH=S 53 DEG. 59' 46" W 99.38' TO A POINT; THENCE S 59 DEG. 41' 59" W 334.79' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE LEFT, R=200.00' L=40.94' CH=S 53 DEG. 50' 06" W 40.87' TO A POINT; THENCE S. 47 DEG 58' 14" W. 154.74' TO A POINT, R=150.00' L=40.28' CH=S 55 DEG. 39' 46" W 40.16' TO A POINT; THENCE S 63 DEG. 21' 18" W 121.20' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE LEFT, R=750.00' L= 277.48' CH=S 52 DEG 45' 21" W 275.90' TO A POINT; THENCE S 42 DEG. 09' 25" W 257.17' TO A POINT PASSING THE CENTER OF T.V.A. HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AT 180.71'; THENCE A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, R=1000.00' L= 134.20' CH=S 46 DEG. 00' 06" W 134.10' TO A POINT; THENCE S 49 DEG. 50' 47" W 157.14' TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 47.221 ACRES AS PER SURVEY OF JAMES L. NICHOLS, RLS # 2452, 2122 WAYLAND ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914, DATED OCTOBER 19, 2005.

Tax ID: N/A

Current Owner(s) of Property: TIM WILHOIT AND SHANNON WILHOIT AND TIM WILHOIT

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9211 BROCK ROAD, 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: MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BANK AND HALLSDALE POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT AND OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. AND HALLSDALE POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT

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

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

All right of equity of redemption, statutory or 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 FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Holbert, Unmarried executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, Lender and Southeast Title & Escrow, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated April 24, 2015 and recorded on April 27, 2015 in Instrument No. 201504270057872, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the

Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **July 18, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 28, Unit 2, Fairview Village Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 78-S, Page 28 (Map Cabinet F, Slide 75C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeffery Holbert, unmarried of Secretary of Veterans Affairs by Deed dated March 24, 2015, and of record in Instrument 201504270057871, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 0211B-028
Address/Description: 7425 Maverick Lane, Corryton, TN 37721.

Current Owner(s): The Estate of Jeffery Holbert.

Other Interested Parties(s): N/A

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 11, 2011, executed by VERNON L. BISHOP, JR., PATRICIA E. BISHOP, conveying certain real property therein described to GLENN BALLETTTO, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 18, 2011, in 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, Ruben 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, Ruben 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:

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 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.

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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06/19/2017, 06/26/2017, 07/03/2017

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 the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

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:

SITUATE IN DISTRICT NO. 9 of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville and being all of Lot No. 4 in the PROPERTY OF W.R. and J.A. BRAKEBILL as shown by map record in Map Book 19, page 63, Plat Cabinet B, Slide 299B in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and having a frontage of 150.00 feet on the southern side of Maloney Road and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN in the southern line of Maloney Road, distant in an easterly direction 1,159.2 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of the southern line of Maloney Road with the eastern line of Alcoa Highway, said point of beginning marking the northeast corner of Lot 5; thence South 04 deg. 28 min. East along the common dividing line between Lots 4 and 5, 798.7 feet to an iron pin in Davis' s northern line; thence with said line of Davis, North 66 deg. 57 min. East

125.00 feet to an iron pin marking the southwest corner of Lot 3; thence North 02 deg. 20 min. West along the common dividing line between Lots 3 and 4, 785.3 feet to an iron pin in the southern line of Maloney Road; thence South 75 deg. 36 min. West along the southern line of Maloney Road, 150.00 feet to an iron pin, the place of beginning, as shown by survey of W.E. Lack, Engineer, Knoxville, TN, bearing date of October 24, 1955 and revised August 25, 1956.

NO BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to applicable restrictions, easements, etc. of record in Map Book 19, Page 63 and Plat Cabinet B, Slide 299B in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to W. Jennings Stroud, married by deed dated June 28, 2004, recorded July 7, 2004 and shown of record in Instrument No. 200407070001899 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

W. Jennings Stroud, died testate on April 28, 2012 and by Last Will and Testament admitted to probate in the Probate Court for Knox County, Tennessee, No. 72371-1, the property herein above described was devised to Frances Stroud.

Tax ID: 1356B006

Current Owner(s) of Property: FRANCES STROUD

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **3112 Maloney Road, Knoxville, TN 37920**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE 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: None

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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.

MWZM File No. 17-000108-220
MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C., Substitute Trustee(s)
PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404
5217 MARYLAND WAY
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027
PHONE: (615) 238-3630
EMAIL: TNSALES@MWZMLAW.COM

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 D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

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, Tennessee.

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 FJUI/O THE HARTFORD

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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.

MWZM File No. 17-000056-505
MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C., Substitute Trustee(s)
PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404
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Most dogs dislike July 4

The results are in and eighty percent of dogs overwhelmingly dislike Fourth of July celebrations. Our history is rich in inspiring stories of how our founding fathers fought for our separation from British rule. We often neglect the history of our country and the important role the dogs of our Founding Fathers played in early America. During the siege of Yorktown in 1781 a large British Bulldog chased cannonballs fired at Colonial troops; obviously all dogs do not fear loud noises. In October 1777 after the Battle of Germantown Colonial troops found a foxhound identified as belonging to British General William Howe. General George Washington cleaned, brushed, fed, and returned the dog to his owner General William Howe. Even in



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

desperate times while fighting for our freedom dogs were marveled for their bravery and honored by being returned to their owners.

We know dogs and cats have a heightened sense of sound and smell and fireworks are guaranteed to deliver a multisensory extravaganza for your dog or cat. Fireworks are packed with loud noises, flashes of bright light, and smells of sulfur. It's no wonder most dogs loathe the Fourth of July celebrations. Hobo the Wonder Dog suggest the following safety tips for keeping your four-legged family members comfortable and safe during the Fourth of July Holiday.

- Turn on a television or radio louder than normal. Research indicates classical music is calming to dogs.

Hobo the Wonder Dog will post links on his Facebook page of his favorite music selections for your convenience.

- Create a special place indoors where your pets feel safe away from doors and windows for a retreat from the festivities.

- Stay with your pet during fireworks and be normal as possible. Your dog will pick up on your feelings of frustrations and a perception of danger that can make their fear intensified.

- Keep windows, curtains, and doors closed. If your pet thinks the noises are coming from inside the home, they will try to escape.

- Proper identification on your pet and microchipping can help reunite you with your pet in the event you become separated.

No doubt the Fourth of July holiday is stressful for our pets. Preparation with the above tips will help you and your trusted four-legged

friends survive the holiday with the least stress possible. Observe your pets, if they start trembling, hiding, pacing, vocalizing, or being destructive do not scold or coddle them this may aggravate their noise phobia and make things worse. Research studies on desensitizing your dog from loud noises can be effective but usually require at least a sixty-day training program.

Not all dogs are fearless of sounds and will chase cannon-balls shot from a cannon. Remember act normal, do not scold or coddle, plan ahead, and you and your pet will find freedom from the noises of the holiday. Two hundred forty years ago, General William Howe learned a valuable lesson: having your dog properly identified and tagged is your best bet of being reunited with your dog in the event you are separated.

Does your dog really know how you feel?

Knox County Public Library invites the public to join Dr. Todd Freeberg for a discussion of "Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel" by Carl Safina at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, 601 S. Gay Street. Books Sandwiched In is sponsored by the Friends of Knox County Public Library. Attendees may bring lunch. Drinks are available to purchase.

"How intelligent are non-human animals? Do they have self-awareness? Do they have deep relationships with one another in ways that echo our own relationships? These kinds of questions have been asked by humans for centuries," Freeberg says. "A number of recent books attempt to answer these questions, including 'The

Genius of Birds' by Jennifer Ackerman, 'Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?' by Frans de Waal, and 'Other Minds' by Peter Godfrey-Smith. One of the best of this recent flurry of books is 'Beyond Words' by Carl Safina."

Book Sandwiched In will continue July 26 when Jackie Clay, Executive Director, Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge, and Ronni Chandler, Director of Project Grad Knoxville, return to continue the discussion of "Rac(e)ing to Class: Confronting Poverty and Race in Schools and Classrooms" by Richard A. Milner IV. On August 23, Dr. Victor Erik Ray, UT Department of Sociology, will lead a discussion of "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" by Ibram X. Kendi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beekkeepers Meeting

The Knox County Beekkeepers Association's next monthly meeting is Monday, July 3, 7-9 p.m. at New Harvest Park Community Building. Program topics: BEE Stings, Reactions & Medications and Plants Our Bees Like.

Reminder: The August 7 annual picnic at Washington Presbyterian Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. is open to anyone interested in honey bees. Admission is free.

Shakespeare on the Square

The Tennessee Stage Company presents its 27th

summer Shakespeare Festival, featuring the comedies Two Gentlemen of Verona and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged).

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) opens the festival on Thursday, July 13, at Market Square. It continues through Aug. 12, alternating performances with Two Gentlemen of Verona which runs July 14 - Aug. 13.

THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

July 13, 15, 21, 23, 27, 29, Aug. 4, 6, 10, 12

7:00 p.m. nightly outdoors on Market Square

What happens when a young man suddenly finds his best friend's girlfriend more desirable than his own? Shakespeare's refreshing comedy of first love is complete with wily servants, disguised lovers and Crab - the most lovable, ill mannered canine ever to grace the stage. Valentine and Proteus, the two gents in question, prove that Romeo was not the only young lad in Verona to fall in love! "What light is light, if Silvia be not seen/ What joy is joy if Silvia be

not by."

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (Abridged)

July 14, 16, 20, 22, 28, 30, Aug. 3, 5, 11, 13

7:00 p.m. nightly outdoors on Market Square

What can we say, but: 37 Plays. Three Actors. 90 Minutes. Don't Try This At Home!

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) is directed by H. Caitlin Corbitt and Two Gentlemen of Verona is directed by Amy Hubbard, founding Artistic Director of The Actor's Co-Op.

Shakespeare on the Square productions are performed on a rough replica of the new Globe Theatre in London (a reconstruction of Shakespeare's original theater). The plays are presented in the timeless style of Elizabethan theatrical presentations.

The Tennessee Stage Company encourages our audiences to spend an evening on the Square: do a little shopping, have a nice dinner, see the play and maybe stop by a pub afterward. All of this and more is available on Market Square nightly. So come early and

see the Square!

For more information about the Tennessee Stage Company, Shakespeare On The Square or its support guild, Buddies of the Bard (BOB), call 546-4280 or e-mail tennesseestage@comcast.net.

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.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

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

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT 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 served 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, 2017

S/ MIKE HAMMOND Clerk

S/ Kathy Lewis Deputy Clerk

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 date 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, 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. Pridmore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 30th day of May, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 79067-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of JUNE 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of

NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN

who died Mar 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 21ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES W. BROWN; ADMINISTRATOR 2207 SOUTHERN SHADE BLVD., KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER DOCKET NUMBER 79091-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER

who died May 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 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 21ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) PHYLIS JUNE CHANDLER FANSLER; EXECUTRIX 5236 MOUNTAIN CREST DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37918 6/26/17 & 7/3/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD GASTON DOCKET NUMBER 79056-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JOHN EDWARD GASTON

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 13TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD GASTON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIE MAE LAREW GASTON; EXECUTRIX 2233 HILLSBORO HEIGHTS, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JON G. ROACH ATTORNEY-AT-LAW P.O. BOX 131, KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES BEATRICE MCAMIS DOCKET NUMBER 79038-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

FRANCES BEATRICE MCAMIS

who died May 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 15TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF FRANCES BEATRICE MCAMIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MARK E. MCAMIS; CO-EXECUTOR 1616 CHICORY COURT, MARYVILLE, TN 37801

GREGORY S. MCAMIS; CO-EXECUTOR 928 MIDSOUTH DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET LOUISE POE DOCKET NUMBER 79055-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH day of JUNE 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of

MARGARET LOUISE POE

who died May 4, 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 20TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF MARGARET LOUISE POE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

EDGAR A. POE, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR 8216 BURNELL LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHNNY H. TAYLOR DOCKET NUMBER 78361-3

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

JOHNNY H. TAYLOR

who died Nov 21, 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 1ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF JOHNNY H. TAYLOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RONALD W. TAYLOR; ADMINISTRATOR 3345 SHAW DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2574, Skytrak Lift, due 7-27-17 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Technical Committee Meeting, July 11, 2017

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 11th at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website approximately one week prior to the meeting and can be found here: www.knoxtrans.org/meeting. If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request. 865-215-2694 or dori.caron@knoxtrans.org.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

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UT Gardens' June 2017 Plant of the Month:

Foamy Bells

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'Sunrise' and 'Sweet Tea' are some examples of these crosses, and their names give clues as to potential adaptation to our types of summers. Light shade to part sun is going to be a good choice for most Tennessee gardens, and moderate rather than high light levels may increase foliage color contrasts for these late spring to early summer bloomers.

Dividing the plants every few years will also maintain their longevity in the garden.

Good soil drainage, though, is essential which ever of these species or cultivars you are growing. Poor drainage, especially in the winter, can damage these plants. So, avoid sites where heavy soils retain water around the plant. Raised beds can increase drainage,

and container growing can be an excellent option for some of these beautiful specimens. In fact, some of the most impressive displays I have seen were on porches in containers where moisture and light can be tailored.

Foamy bells and their cousins can be found at all three locations of the UT Gardens. Stroll from the main entrance of the Knoxville gardens toward

the Children's Garden and you'll find some in those shady plantings along the path, while they are can be found in some slightly protected sites around the building in Crossville. In Jackson, you can find Heucherella and many other shade options around the gazebo. So, select a welcoming spot in your garden (or porch), ensure good drainage and bring a bit of the hills home with a

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