

Remembering Jake Butcher

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For those wanting an opportunity to bask in the limelight, it would be well to remember the glare burns far more frequently than it shines. That thought was rekindled yet again in my mind with the passing of Jake Butcher. Media across Tennessee have recounted Butcher’s public career; his time as twice candidate

for governor, as well as a banker. My own experience with Jake Butcher came not with campaigns, finance or politics. Jake and I became friends due to my column in the Knoxville Focus. The first time I received an email lauding a particular column signed ‘Jake Butcher’, I thought someone was playing a practical joke. That first email was polite,

but slightly reserved as if the writer was not entirely sure of precisely what sort of response he might receive. I replied in kind and soon enough another arrived from Jake. Emails led to conversations and Jake and I had planned to have lunch when he was in Knoxville next, but something came up on his part and we promised to reschedule. We kept up

our emails and conversations and I was startled at the details Jake noticed in a particular column, nor was his interest confined to Tennessee; he had a serious interest in people, places and history. Reflecting upon his passing, I have yet to see any reminders just how very close he came to winning the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1974.

There were a plethora of serious Democratic candidates that year, all vying for the nomination. Ray Blanton, a former congressman who had been the nominee for the U. S. Senate against Howard Baker in 1972, was running, as was Hudley Crockett, a former newsman and one-time press secretary to Governor Buford Ellington, who had run Senator Albert Gore a

close race for renomination in 1970. Former congressman and U. S. senator Ross Bass was making a quixotic bid for the gubernatorial nomination, as was Stan Snodgrass, who had lost to John Jay Hooker in 1970. Tom Wiseman, a former state legislator and Tennessee’s State Treasurer, was a candidate along with several others. **Cont. on page 3**

Civil rights leaders honored by overpass signs

By Pete Gawda

Three Knoxville champions of the civil rights movement were honored Saturday by having interstate overpasses named for them. Harold Middlebrook, Theotis Robinson and Diane Jordan were honored at the official overpass naming ceremony held at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center by members of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators. Rev. Renee Kessler, in her welcoming remarks, said she was grateful for history being unveiled that day. She said that Knoxville has scores of the best people who do the best things. “You are always welcome at the Beck,” she told the around 75 guests including elected officials, Tennessee Democratic Party officials and candidates for city council. State Representative Rick Staples introduced each honoree. He said that Diane Jordan served on the Knox County Commission from



PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA.

Civil rights leader Harold Middlebrook, right, was honored Saturday by having a interstate underpass named for him. On the left is State Representative Rick Staples who introduced the honorees at the naming ceremony.

1994 to 2007 and was the first female African American to serve in that position. Staples that noted that when he decided to run for office Jordan asked him if he had ever served tea. She told him that an elected official has to serve and work their way to the front.

Jordan said she was never nervous but that this was a nervous occasion. She noted that she successfully ran in four elections and thanked the people for Knoxville for that. “My phone rang off the hook and I enjoyed it,” she said of her time in office. Her sign is located at

the I-275 overpass on Hill Avenue. Staples said Middlebrook “is” a civil rights activist, meaning that the retired pastor is still active in the struggle. He said Middlebrook did more to teach him personal responsibility than **Continued on page 4**

Lonsdale youth center, paintball, and sports tourism

By Mike Steely
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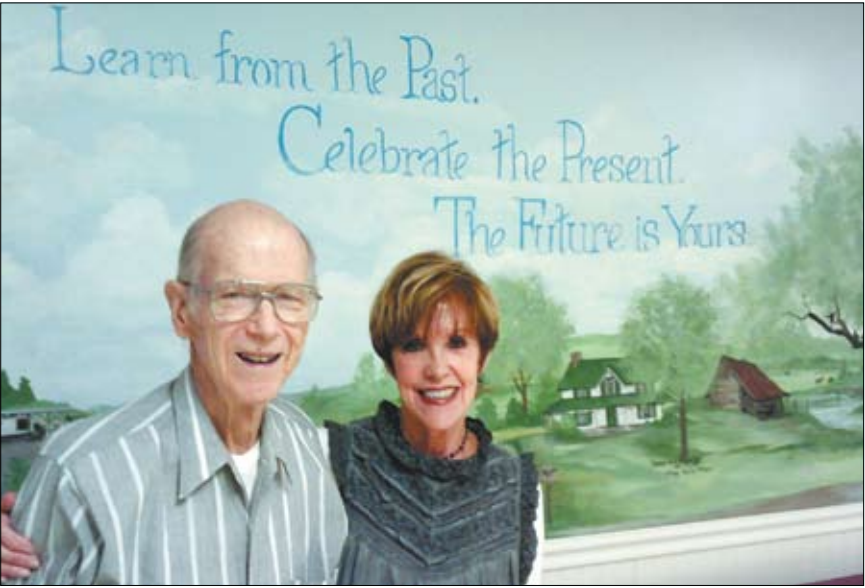
The Emerald Youth Center’s hopes to build a \$9 million facility in Lonsdale came one step closer to a reality recently when the Knox County Commission agreed to give the city a portion of the Sam E. Hill School Property. The commission voted unanimously to pass a “no recommendation” of the gift, located at 1725 Delaware Avenue, on to today’s regular meeting with some stipulations. The donated empty lot from the Board of Education, coupled with the city’s promise of \$ 1 million, means plans for the community center can move ahead. “Thank you for all you do,” Commissioner Brad Anders told Steve Diggs, who briefly addressed the commission’s work session. Knoxville Public Works Director David Brace said, “This is a community with real needs for youth” in speaking of Lonsdale. “Our initiative is to bring about transformation of youth and it’s unlike any project I’ve been involved with,” Diggs told the commissioners. Chairman Dave Wright said the resolution allows the law department to back out of the agreement until the contract is signed and explained that the property would not be transferred until both the city and county mayor sign it. The transfer of land has a 15 year life for use and, if the project isn’t completed or changes hands, the city will pay the county a percent of the **Continued on page 3**

Pleasant Ridge mural gives a glimpse of the past

By Pete Gawda

Pleasant Ridge Elementary School has a unique window to the past thanks to artist Gale Hinton. She recently covered the walls of the school’s hallway with murals. The most striking and probably the most personal is dedicated to the Nickle family. While the Knoxville native did not go to school at Pleasant Ridge, as a child she went to church with the Nickle family at Virginia Avenue Methodist Church and played with the Nickle children, all of whom attended Pleasant Ridge. The striking mural contains the boyhood home of Louis Nickle, 87, and his

present house. It also depicts the house of his grandfather, William Harrison Nickle, which once stood on Sullivan Road. In addition the mural pictures the famous airplane service station turned barber shop on Clinton Highway. Of the five siblings in Nickle’s family, four are still living, including his 96-year-old sister, who once lived in a house built on the site of their grandfather’s house. The mural also shows the Nickle’s pond and barn and the tree in which the children played. Hinton pointed out herself in the **Continued on page 2**



Artist Gale Hinton, who painted the mural in the background, stands beside Louis Nickle, 87, a life-long friend whose boyhood and present homes are pictured in the mural. The mural graces a wall in the hallway of Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Photo by Pete Gawda.



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Can You Possess a Firearm While Drinking?

In Tennessee, people love their guns. You may be a gun lover yourself. You may have multiple guns and have your handgun carry permit.

Not that long ago the laws were changed in Tennessee to allow gun owners more freedom to carry their guns at parks and in bars. But what exactly do those laws say?

Tennessee Code Annotated Section 39-17-1321 states that even if a person has a permit that allows them to carry a handgun, it is an offense for that person to possess a firearm if that person is both:

1. Within the confines of an establishment open to the public where liquor, wine or beer are served for consumption on the premises; and
2. Consume any alcoholic beverage.

If someone does this, they are breaking the law and committing a Class A misdemeanor. So the lesson here is, yes, you can go in to bars with your firearm, but the minute you start drinking, you are breaking the law. It appears that the legislators decided that they didn't want to make it legal to drink and carry a gun. Probably for the best.

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County concerned about Big Box Store taxes

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According to Chris Caldwell, finance director for Knox County, the county is in good shape with about \$3 million ahead of last year in the General Fund and the schools are \$1.3 million ahead in funding. He reported to the Finance Committee last week and noted that the collection of the Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax is going well thanks to great events so far this year. He also said the county is seeing "more growth than we've ever seen" in the collection of the wheel tax.

But Caldwell took a step back in his presentation and addressed a growing concern: the appraised value of "Big

Box" stores and the adjustments being made because of appeals to the Tennessee Board of Equalization. Companies or individuals can appeal first to the county and then to the state with the state having the final decision.

Caldwell said that a decision by the state often reduces the appraisals and the county must then refund the difference to the applicant.

"There are companies that go around the country and help get their taxes reduced," he told the Knox County Commissioners. Caldwell said that the "Big Box" stores account for about 50% of revenue.

"They tell them 'We'll only get paid if we save you money,'" Caldwell said the

companies tell the big Box Stores, adding, "I'm very concerned, it cuts down on our growth and our ability to do things." He also said the county is losing money on some sales over the internet.

Trustee Ed Shouse spoke following Caldwell and pointed to several businesses in Knox County that got a cut in their property taxes because of state rulings. He said that Knoxville Center Mall received a \$350,000 correction in property value. He said that the county has refunded more than \$1.4 million so far this year after state rulings.

Commissioner Charles Busler noted that the bankrupt H.H. Gregg store was

refunded about \$83,000 in local taxes.

Property Assessor John Whitehead said the companies representing the Big Box stores "put on a pretty good case" before the state equalization board. He cited Lowes, Sears, Target and Walgreens as typical of the types of companies that seek state appeals.

Whitehead said that the state board is "not becoming judges anymore, they're becoming arbitrators."

The trend appears to continue Knox County's financial officials anticipate.

"It's our number one financial source of revenue," Caldwell said.

Go Vote! Knoxville events tonight, tomorrow

Voters in the Aug. 29 primary and Nov. 7 general election will be electing five new City Council members – a majority of the seats on the nine-member Council. Mayor Rogero and members of the current City Council are encouraging voters to get to know the candidates and their issues, engage in the election process, and go vote.

The Go Vote! Knoxville series of public meetings prior to the Aug. 29 primary is winding down. But attendees this week's two public meetings can register to vote at either meeting and meet the July 31 deadline for registering as a new voter

and being eligible to cast a ballot in the Aug. 29 primary.

3rd District public meeting
5:30-7 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017

Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silverhill Drive

6th District public meeting
5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017

John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

At these community meetings, Mayor Rogero, current Council members and neighborhood leaders are talking about

this year's elections and how citizens can get involved in shaping Knoxville's future.

The City and local businesses will provide free pizza and snacks at these public meetings. Family-friendly games and activities will be offered, so bring the children. The Knox County Election Commission will provide voter information and register new voters. The League of Women Voters will offer a civics quiz for prizes.

Council candidates will be introduced, and voters will have opportunities to talk one-on-one with them.

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mural as a child playing in the tree along with several of the Nickle children. Nickle said that he has an 1895 map that showed four Nickle brothers owned most of the property from Pleasant Ridge Road up Sullivan Road. At that time Clinton Highway was not in existence and Pleasant Ridge was the main road to Clinton.

The small plot his current house stands on is the last property remaining in the Nickle family.

Nickle also has a copy of the deed that records the \$200 sale of the land for the school. The first Pleasant Ridge School, a two room wooden building, was built in 1906. Nickle said his father was the first graduate in 1908.

Another mural shows the second Pleasant Ridge School from which Nickle graduated with 17 others in 1944. It was a brick building with two out-houses, one for the girls and one for the boys and a well with a hand pump. He said the pump had a pipe extending from it with holes that the students used for a water

fountain. He said that when the girls were drinking the boys would pump the pump extra hard so the girls would be squirted. The principal was Irene Easterly for whom Easterly Way is named.

In 1925 Nickle's father and his uncle opened Herbert Nickel's Furniture Store on Western Avenue. When he was old enough Nickle went to work at the store. It was the only job he ever held except for his time in the Army during the Korean War. When Western Avenue was four laned he was 67. Nickle told his wife he was too old to relocate so he had a going out of business sale.

Hinton Studied art at UT and at Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. During her 50 years in the business



This painting of Louis Nickle's grandfather's house is part of a mural recently painted by Gail Hinton on the walls of Pleasant Ridge Elementary School.

Hinton has painted over 20,000 murals of all types all over the country including other Knox County schools, Dollywood, and the McDonalds Playlands. Some of her murals are five stories tall.

Except for the mural dedicated to the Nickle family, Hinton said the other Pleasant Ridge

murals where for the children and include inspirational quotes from such varied sources as Magic Johnson and Albert Einstein. All of her murals contain her trademark, spiders. In one mural the spiders are in riding a boat. The entire project took two and one half days.



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Publisher's Position

Unequal Educational Opportunities



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The Knox County Board of Education recently extended the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Ordinarily, the board would deserve commendation for such a thing; however, in this instance, they have created an unequal educational opportunity. By doing so, they have invited scrutiny they cannot bear.

From everything I have seen, the IB program is an outstanding educational program, which encourages both personal and

academic achievement. For one thing, this program stresses problem solving and critical thinking. The public school system, like much of government, has all too often stressed the lowest common denominator. Slogans such as "Excellence for Every Child" sounds wonderful, but ignores the reality that every human being has certain abilities, while others may have their own strengths in other areas. There is a real need in our public schools to teach critical thinking, as well as provide a learning environment for advanced students, or those students who may excel in certain subjects.

Several years ago, then-superintendent Jim McIntyre urged the board to create an IB program centered at West High School and Bearden Middle School. Thus far, the program hasn't caught up with the cost of some 500,000 taxpayer dollars. This year 13

students will graduate with IB degrees. Yet, for most Knox County students, the program remains out of reach. Students in South Knoxville, Gibbs, Carter, Halls, Powell, Karns and Farragut find it difficult to get into the program due to the number of students at West High School. Basically, what has happened is the IB program has become a private school ensconced in a public school. If you happen to live in the area feeding into West High School and have a child in the program, you are mighty lucky. Yet there is nobody who believes every talented student happens to be zoned to attend either Bearden Middle School or West High School.

In effect, in my opinion, the Knox County Board of Education, originally at the urging of Jim McIntyre, created an unequal educational opportunity under the law. The Office of Civil Rights will not care whether

Knox County offers the IB program or not; what they will care about is whether we are offering educational opportunities to students in one location without offering those same opportunities to students everywhere else. All it will take is one parent to file suit and the likely result will be either close the program or extend it everywhere in Knox County. There is yet another legal question that puts the taxpayers of Knox County at risk; the contract for the IB program requires five years' participation and another parent who feels his/her child was cheated will sue. McIntyre was notorious for pushing programs without providing all the details and the board was equally infamous for rubber-stamping whatever he wanted and this sort of thing is the end result.

Still, the Knox County school system could fix this problem without asking for tens of millions of new tax

dollars (which they would not get in any event), hundreds of new employees and new school buildings. In this age of technology, why has nobody suggested simply allowing students all around the county to participate in the IB program through distance-based learning? The University of Tennessee did it for years. The school system could work out the fine details over a relatively short period of time and end any discrimination in providing unequal educational opportunities. In fact, over a period of months, the school system could build a matrix to indicate every class offered by the Knox County school system at each school and offer those same classes all across the county to interested students.

The school system cannot provide excellence for every child and we all know it; what it can do is provide the opportunity for

every child to achieve excellence. For those students with the aptitude and ability, the IB program represents a real opportunity to achieve excellence if the Knox County school system wants to think outside the box; educators need to think more like entrepreneurs and less like bureaucrats. This solution won't cost millions of dollars; it will not require a slew of new hires or new buildings. What it will require is some critical thinking and utilizing resources already available to us. To do otherwise may prove more costly than we can bear. Nor should we tolerate a system that insists upon providing unequal educational opportunities. There are bright and eager youngsters all across this county, and they all deserve an equal opportunity to achieve their own brand of excellence.

Remembering Jake Butcher

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Nor was Jake Butcher the only financier seeking the Democratic nomination; most have forgotten Chattanooga entrepreneur Franklin Haney ran hard that year. Many folks have also forgotten Jake Butcher only just barely lost to Ray Blanton. Blanton managed to eke out the narrowest of victories, beating Butcher by just over 16,000 votes to win the Democratic nomination for governor. Blanton won the nomination with less than 23% of the votes cast in the Democratic primary, while Jake Butcher was a close second with just over 20%. 1974 was a notoriously bad year for Republicans following the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon's resignation from the presidency, and Gerald Ford's pardon of Nixon. Republican candidates fared poorly and Ray Blanton beat Lamar Alexander, making his first bid for public office, decisively. One can easily make a compelling case that had Jake Butcher won the gubernatorial nomination in 1974, he would have become governor instead of Ray Blanton. Butcher made a strong bid despite coming from East Tennessee, where most folks voted Republican. Blanton had the good fortune to come from West Tennessee, which was then more Democratic. Such are the little "what ifs" of history that make such fun topics for contemplation and discussion.

Jake Butcher ran again and few people recall he beat two serious and respected candidates inside the Democratic primary. Butcher won almost 41% of the vote against Bob Clement and former congressman and Nashville mayor Richard Fulton in 1978. Butcher's impressive victory in the primary and ample financing made him the frontrunner against Lamar Alexander who was running again as the GOP nominee in the general election. Many were stunned when Alexander won with more than 55% of the vote.

Jake Butcher resumed his banking interests and remained an important figure in Knoxville's local politics, Tennessee's Democratic party as well as the administration of President Jimmy Carter. Jake Butcher's fall was as spectacular as was his rise to the top. Jake was able to put his life back together again after that fall and it seems to me one has to have a strong will and perhaps even greater faith to be able to do that. Jake Butcher seemed always ready to make a new friend and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing from him and visiting with him by telephone. I was always interested in his observations and shared his love of history.

When I stopped hearing from Jake, I knew something was wrong and recently I heard he wasn't doing any too well. I will always deeply regret we didn't get around to having that lunch together.

Lonsdale youth center, paintball, and sports tourism

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land's fair market value. If the land is never used for the Emerald Youth project the land ownership will revert back to the county.

The commissioners also discussed approving paintball and airsoft facilities in Agricultural Zones as a use-on-review condition with some question about the amendment applying to all such zones. The law department and planning commission were asked for some clarification.

In a discussion of Tourism and Sports suggested by Commissioner Randy Smith, the commissioners heard from Sports Commission Director Chat Culver who talked about attracting more groups to the county.

Anders called Culver and his office "a hard working team in promoting Knoxville."

Commissioner Hugh Nystrom noted the success in attracting seasonal sports events and asked about the "shoulder seasons" between major events. Culver said he's going "to those conventions, promoters and government

bodies" to attract visitors and events.

"We get them to town and Knoxville sells itself," Culver said, adding that the area needs more multipurpose fields similar to the Rocky Top facility in Sevier County.

Commissioner Bob Thomas said that Knox County is "positioned in the perfect location" for sports visitors and suggested a study on the issue.

The commission set September 18th for its reorganization which would include election of a chair and vice chair and appointment of commissioners to committees.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker asked for a study by MPC of the OB zoning which permits office and medical operation but also currently includes residential.

The commission also discussed the discretionary fund and Commissioner Charles Busler reported on how other counties use their funds. Anders suggested that the fund remain as unchanged.

The board of education's repayment of \$11,962 to

Knox County was also discussed, over the next 10 years. The funding goes back several years and was used for energy management equipment which the county approved without issuing bonds to cover the project.

Commissioner Carson Dailey asked if energy was actually saved and the school system's Executive Director of Finance, Gary Spencer, said he is going to review the plan.

The commissioners also gave a nod to a lease with Samuel J. Furrow of the Cherry Street Alternative to Prison Program. The lease runs for two years with a monthly rent of \$4,245.

All of the work session items discussed will be back before the commissioners when they meet in the City-County Building today at 5 p.m.

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Outgoing council members respond to The Focus

Duane Grieve

2nd 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.

Vice Mayor Duane Grieve has been involved in neighborhood, school, church and scouting groups for several years. He owns Grieve Associates Architects at Emory Place in one of the 1880's building he has restored. He is a past Assistant Professor of Architecture at UT, past president of the local and state AIA, and has served on the Historic Zoning Commission, Mayor's Task Force, and the Art Commission. His successes include banning digital billboards, the city's new sign ordinance, and his involvement in establishing the Everly Brothers Pocket Park.

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

There are three votes that I remember as the most vocal and controversial from my constituents: the vote on the zoning

of the Christenberry property on Kingston Pike, the Tennova Hospital property zoning changes in the West Hills area, and the new city ordinance for sign regulations, which included a decrease in the height of new business signs (from 50ft to 20 ft). As a councilman, I listened to both sides of each issue and tried to work out a compromise whenever possible.

2. Please comment about public participation at council meetings.

I believe that public participation is very healthy in Knoxville. Neighborhood groups in the city are very active and, when a controversial issue comes up that affects their neighborhood, they will attend and give input. I also think that public forum at the end of each meeting is a positive procedure that allows anyone who wants to speak an opportunity to do so (within certain time limits).

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

No, I think that the 6:00 p.m. meeting is a good compromise for council members and the general public. The present

time allows the public to easily find parking and not become involved in the congestion of people leaving downtown.

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

None

5. What are your possible future plans?

Have more time to devote to my architectural practice and work with clients, which is something that is very important to me. Also I plan to continue to serve on the Boards of Legacy Parks, the Arts Alliance, Knoxville History Project and the Bearden Council because I believe in those associations and feel I can make a difference. I am also especially interested in historic preservation and the arts and hope that I can be an advocate for those efforts as well.

6. What will you miss the most?

I will definitely miss the contacts I have made with people from all parts of the city as well as my association with the mayor, other council members, the city administration and staff, and my constituents. I have tried to stay attuned to



the needs of my constituents and I will miss the challenge of trying to problem-solve issues that have come up over the last 8 years. I will also miss having input into the future of our city because of the exciting developments that have evolved while I have served on City Council

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

Listen, communicate and respond to your constituents, be involved in the whole city, not just your district. As a leader, you will have situations where you will have to go against the wishes of your district neighborhoods. Again, it is very important to make sure you have a full understanding of both sides of an issue and make the best decision for the city as a whole.

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

No, not at this time.

Civil rights leaders honored

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anyone outside of his family.

"This award does not belong to me," Middlebrook said. "It belongs to all of those over the years who have striven to make life better." He thanked his family for their support, especially his wife of over 50 years.

Staples introduced Robinson as the first African American to hold city council seat for District 6 and said he was still a civil rights advocate. Staples said Robinson was one who would "keep it real." He said he could ask Robinson complex political questions and get straight answers. He said Robinson helped him see things 5 to 10 years in the future. "He is a valuable individual to me, thank God for him," Staples said of Robinson.

Robinson recognized his family members for their contribution to his success. "Just because you see these signs doesn't mean the battle is over," he said. "We have to fight every day for what is right."

He urged the audience to vote in the upcoming election for city council. "We must take control of our own community," he said. He said that when he was involved in sit-ins in 1960 he thought the civil rights struggle would be over in 25 years. He is now 75 and he sees no sign his great-granddaughter will see any difference.

The sign honoring Robinson, who was the first black undergraduate student admitted to UT, is located on 17th near the UT campus.

Each of the honorees were presented their sign and a copy of each sign was also retained by the Beck Center. The signs on the interstate were to be unveiled later that afternoon. For safety reasons, the ceremony was held at the Beck Center rather than on busy highway shoulders.

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City postpones short-term rental ordinance

By Mike Steely
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Pledging that the matter isn't being kicked down the road, the Knoxville City Council voted unanimously to postpone any action on a proposed short-term rental ordinance Tuesday evening.

Councilman George Wallace made the motion to delay any consideration for 90 days. Vice Mayor Duane Grieve seconded the motion and said that in his eight years on the council he hasn't seen as many people concerned about the aspects of a proposal.

Most of the other council members chimed in on the postponement as at least 25 people who wanted to address the issue sat and watched. The issue, which was the last item on the agenda, was moved to the first and Mayor Madeline

Rogero told those who wanted to speak to do so in the Public Forum section at the end of the meeting.

By the end of the meeting most of the citizens who had signed up to speak had either left or declined to speak. Two citizens, Bill Armstrong and Debra Olson, spoke for about five minutes. Both operate short-term rentals and Armstrong said some neighborhood associations oppose the rentals because they don't understand them.

Olson said there have only been 5 complaints out of more than 8,000 uses of the temporary housing. She asked that the council include zoning districts R-1 and R-1A in any adoption of an ordinance.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe suggested the city look at Chattanooga's policy. Councilman



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Supporters of short-term rentals wait to speak at the City Council meeting Tuesday. The matter was postponed 90 days and at least two more public hearings are proposed on the issue.

Marshall Stair said that Nashville has created a committee to look at their short-term rental ordinance.

With the delay in the ordinance's first reading,

the city apparently plans to hold at least two more public hearings and Mayor Rogero urged the citizens to watch the city's STRS@knoxviletn.gov website. She also said anyone can

go to the internet site and leave comments.

Short-term rentals, which are now considered illegal inside the city, are homes or rooms in homes which the owner rents out

to visitors on a temporary basis, usually for festivals or events such as UT football games. The city is proposing to require the homeowners to register, **Continue on page 4**

Broadway Towers hosts summer luau celebration

By Ken Lay

While Hawaiian theme music played in the social room at the Broadway Towers senior high-rise apartment building, the residents of the complex enjoyed hamburgers and other traditional favorites from summer cookouts.

The event, which was held on a hot afternoon on Friday, July 14, was a belated Independence Day celebration. It had a luau theme as residents and employees were dressed in traditional island garb such as leis and homemade hula skirts.

"We have a gathering for all of the holidays here because it gives the residents a chance to mingle," said Broadway Towers manager Linda Lambert. "This is our Fourth of July party and it has the Hawaiian

theme. We have it during this time of the year because if we had it during the holiday, we wouldn't have a very big turnout.

"We wouldn't have a big turnout because during the holiday, most of our residents are away with their family. And others are on vacation."

Broadway Towers's most recent event was also a celebration for those who have lived there longest.

"We have two residents who are in their 90s," Lambert said.

In addition to the holiday celebration, Lambert said that Broadway Towers also hosts an annual Senior Prom in November.

Lambert also acknowledged the efforts of Broadway Towers staff members Tonya Tatum and Cynthia Burems.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Broadway Terrace manager Linda Lambert (right) welcomes longtime resident Judith Shaver to the senior high-rise community's annual summer party recently. This year's celebration had a Hawaiian theme.

"These ladies work hard," Lambert said of her assistants. "I'm the

manager of this crew and I just love to be around people."

New Harvest Park to host 2nd annual Corn and Tomato Festival

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will host its second annual Corn and Tomato Festival on Thursday, July 27, with Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett ringing the bell to kick off the family-friendly event.

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

"These big events are always a great time," Mayor Burchett said. "We had a lot of success with this festival last year and we hope to ride that momentum, so come on out, have fun and enjoy some delicious local food."

The festival will highlight corn and tomatoes and offer a number of activities and dozens of vendors. Attendees also can buy roasted corn, local meats, pastured eggs and fruits and vegetables.

In addition, the event will include a variety of contests, including one for corn eating; another for beautiful and ugly homegrown tomato; best corn and tomato dish; and corn shucking.

The event also will include a cooking demonstration and a "tomato squish" for children, in which the youngsters and stomp on tomatoes.

More activities to be announced on the Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/newharvestfm.

The farmers market participates in the Fresh Savings program which works in conjunction with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Under it, participants who spend up to \$20 per transaction at the market will get a matching amount in tokens to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the market.

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Harbison's Crossroads


His answer was always the same: "Harbison's Crossroads," our father would answer when anyone asked where we lived. I thought it sounded quaint. Corryton, it seemed, would be a better answer. For years, there was a four-way stop in the rural community where Emory Road crosses Tazewell Pike. Today, motorists are met with a red light, turn lanes, and even a section of highway marked for bicycle riders. Two-lane Tazewell Pike takes travelers through the gap on the way to the crossroads. Even for those who call Harbison's home,



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it can still be a lengthy drive from Knoxville. For first-time visitors, the scenic route with ridges in the distance must seem really long. I often wondered what the teachers thought who came to our school all the way from Knoxville. After all, Gibbs is a short distance on past the crossroads. Years later, one educator told me he thought he was driving to the end of the earth!

For many years, hayfields and homes could be seen all the way to Harbison's Crossroads. Today, businesses are on every corner of the crossroads---stores, restaurants, gas stations,




and a bank. The rural community certainly looks more commercial with the boost in businesses. I sometimes wonder what our father would think of the way the area has changed. I often think of him whenever anyone asks me where I am from. I say, "Harbison's Crossroads." I think it sounds quaint.

Picture of the gap of the ridge on Tazewell Pike, by Ralphine Major

Western Plaza Shopping Center may get residential approval

By Mike Steely
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In dealing with changes in the city and the growing popularity of mixed-use



commercial and residential areas the Metropolitan Planning Commission discussed amending the city zoning ordinance to permit residential use in C-3 General Commercial areas.

MPC Director Gerald Green told the planning commission recently that permitting people to live in a commercial zone would be a move toward Mixed Use and recommended the change be adopted as a "use on review" basis.

Western Plaza Shopping Center, currently being redeveloped, is zoned C-6 and Attorney Arthur Seymour Jr., on behalf of the owners Biltmore Properties, has asked the MPC to permit C-6 properties to also add residential units. Seymour said the company met with ViceMayor Duane Grieve and Grieve suggested the mixed-use idea as being compatible with the Bearden Opportunity Plan.

Seymour said that Biltmore Properties hired a consultant and began planning to add residential space based on a city council resolution.

"We've started to invest money on this," he said.

The ideal solution would be for the Western Plaza owners to ask for a change to C-3 but Seymour explained that because of the number of stakeholders it would be simpler to add C-6 into the mixed-use amendment.

Green said at first that the Bearden Plan doesn't play into the Western Plaza plans but that is up to a decision of the commission. Then Green seemed to side with Seymour, as did Commissioners Art Clancy and Scott Smith. Commissioner Charles Thomas said he is reluctant to extend the residential idea to all the C-6 zoning.

Commissioner Elizabeth Eason agreed that the C-6 zones should be included in the use-on-review for residential. Commissioner Herb Anders said he didn't agree and that the company should ask for a zoning change to C-3.

"If we're going to consider C-6 be included then we should refer this back to the staff," Chairwoman Rebecca Longmire said.

Commissioner Jeffery Roth said that C-6 with a use-on-review would be appropriate and Clancy agreed, saying it would "make more sense." Anders countered that if C-6 is approved for residential mixed use it could bring in manufacturing and other uses.

The planners sent the matter back to the planning staff for suggestions and Attorney Steve Wise said the matter will need to be advertised for a hearing.

In other action the MPC approved amending codes so that self-storage businesses can operate in CN zones after a use on review and amended language in the county zoning ordinates related to supportive housing to include "substance abuse and other chronic conditions."

The MPC also dealt with more than 70 other applications including postponing a dispute between the Norwood Homeowners Association and property owners along Murray Drive over the designation of the Northwest City Sector Plan.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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When the Tennessee General Assembly reduced the number of Tennessee's congressional seats from ten to nine, Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell had been displaced. Mitchell's home county of Cumberland had been placed in the heavily Republican Second District, which was represented by GOP Congressman J. Will Taylor. "Hillbilly Bill" Taylor was considered unbeatable by Democrats and moving Ridley Mitchell's home county into a Republican district was believed by many to have ended the freshman congressman's career just as it got started. Ridley Mitchell had only taken his seat in the House of Representatives days before the state legislature passed a redistricting bill. Much of Mitchell's district had been dismembered and some of it had been put into the district represented by veteran Congressman Ewin L. Davis. Undaunted, Ridley Mitchell announced he was moving from his home in Crossville to Cookeville, Tennessee. Mitchell opened a law office in Cookeville's Herald Building and immediately began running for Congress. It was an audacious move for a freshman congressman to challenge a long-time representative. Ewin L. Davis had rarely faced a serious challenger since first winning his seat in Congress in 1918. Davis was a respected and useful congressman, while Ridley Mitchell was seen as more of an opportunist, if not a demagogue.

Mitchell had a knack for winning favorable publicity and sponsored a flurry of bills designed less to pass than to win him favor with his constituents. The bald and portly congressman was an excellent speaker and acknowledged as a master of handshaking and backslapping, while Ewin L. Davis was far more reserved. Congressman Davis won publicity of his own, especially in his capacity as chairman of the House Merchant and Marine Committee, which also oddly had jurisdiction over the medium of radio. Every member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation was strongly supporting a new veterans' hospital for Middle Tennessee, but it had been Congressman Ridley Mitchell and Senator Cordell Hull who had actually sponsored the bill. When the Congressional delegation descended upon the Veterans' Bureau along with Sergeant Alvin York, Ewin L. Davis had made a strong legal brief for the need for a new hospital. Ridley Mitchell made a strongly emotional appeal carefully constructed to appeal to the widest number of voters in his own district. The personal style of the two congressmen could easily be summarized in their approach to the

Veterans' Bureau; Davis, a former judge, was legalistic and reserved in his own presentation. Ridley Mitchell, also a former judge, was colorful and a shrewd politician. Mitchell understood precisely how to appeal to people's emotions. One apt description of Ridley Mitchell's ability as a politician came from his successor in Congress, Albert Gore, Sr.; the elder Gore recalled "there was a saying in the old Fourth District that he was the only Congressman who could promise every constituent a new post office and then make him happy not to get it."

Ewin L. Davis proved to be able to do those kinds of little favors required of congressmen to earn the gratitude of the people they represent. Davis procured four machine guns for an American Legion post in Gainesboro, Tennessee from the War Department. Two of the machine guns were placed on opposite corners of the courthouse "where they are attracting the attention of all passers." Davis had to dig into his own pocket to pay to transport the guns to Gainesboro. Davis was given the advantage inside the new Fourth Congressional District, although Mitchell was considered "a dogged opponent." Ridley Mitchell was moving throughout the district heralding his recently introduced bill to divert \$50 million from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for loans for farmers at 3% interest. At the same time, Ewin L. Davis was pushing through a bill against "the illegal and indefensible immunity from prosecution sought to be given to the radio monopoly by the malodorous Harry Daugherty (President Warren G. Harding's notorious Attorney General)..." Davis was seeking to correct a provision of the law enacted by a Republican Congress, which he believed protected a monopoly enjoyed by owners of radio stations. Davis referred to the "radio trusts" which he believed had "grown more powerful, more effective, more oppressive and more arrogant" over the years.

Ewin L. Davis had already indicated he would seek reelection to Congress, but made his official announcement on May 13, 1932. Davis issued a lengthy and staid statement to the Tennessee press asking voters to carefully consider his "record of achievement" during his time in Congress. Davis said he would "stand squarely upon my record, and invite the closest scrutiny of my service to the district..." Congressman Davis said he had been "consistently a loyal friend of the farmers" as well as those "men who served our country in time of national emergency" and the general "masses

of the people." Raising a populist theme, Davis reminded voters inside the Fourth District that he had "aggressively fought" those "predatory interests" who sought "to exploit the government and oppress the people." Davis tried hard to contrast himself with Ridley Mitchell, pointing out after almost fourteen years in Congress, he had only been absent from his office for two weeks due to a death in his family. Davis was alluding to the fact Ridley Mitchell left Washington to campaign frequently in Tennessee. Days later, Democrats in Shelbyville, Tennessee gathered together and passed a resolution supporting Ewin L. Davis' reelection to Congress.

Congressman Ewin L. Davis quickly found himself under increasing pressure from veterans to support the Patman "bonus bill", legislation that would require payment of a congressionally approved bonus to those men who had served in World War I. With the country in the midst of the Great Depression veterans were clamoring for immediate payment of the bonus, which amounted to roughly \$1,000 per veteran. Congressman Edward Eslick of Tennessee signed the petition to bring the matter to a vote while four colleagues from Tennessee had failed to sign it; Congressmen E. H. Crump, Republican O. B. Lovette, Joseph W. Byrns of Nashville, and Ewin L. Davis were the holdouts. Just days after E. E. Eslick signed the petition, Ewin L. Davis was feeling the heat and added his own name to the petition. Eslick made an impassioned plea on behalf of the veterans' bonus bill and died of a heart attack while making his speech on the floor of the House.

Congressman Davis was back home in Tennessee in July with the Democratic primary just weeks away. Davis participated in a special program in Murfreesboro, which he helped to arrange. Davis moved on to Putnam County, the new home of his opponent Ridley Mitchell, where he spoke to a gathering of some 200 persons at the

courthouse in Cookeville. Davis tore into promises made by Mitchell and promised to vote against any new taxes "unless they were necessary to meet the actual expenses of government operation." Ridley Mitchell followed Davis into Murfreesboro and denounced the congressman for having opposed payment of the bonus bill in 1924. Potentially more effective, Congressman Mitchell produced records from the Clerk of the House showing three of Ewin L. Davis's daughters had been on his congressional payroll for nine years. Mitchell pointed out the Davis daughters were attending college at the time in "exclusive schools in Washington and Virginia" while on their father's payroll.

Ewin L. Davis spoke in Shelbyville, Tennessee and attempted to refute the charges leveled against him by Ridley Mitchell. Speaking before a crowd of 2,000 people, Davis defended his record and showed irritation with Mitchell, saying he was surprised "any citizen could listen to such charges or could support such a man."

Ridley Mitchell continued to campaign, all the while making numerous promises. Congressman Mitchell said he believed congressional salaries should be reduced from 9,000 per year to \$5,000 per annum. Mitchell roared that every "useless" federal board and commission should be abolished, although he did not specify which agency he considered to be useless. Mitchell attacked "the extravagant cost of government in all branches."

Clearly on the defensive, Ewin L. Davis trailed Ridley Mitchell into Gainesboro, Granville and North Springs where he again tried hard to counter Mitchell's attacks. The congressional race in the Fourth District narrowed when former state senator James P. Owen announced he was withdrawing from the campaign a day before the primary election. Owen complained it was "very difficult to wage a fight for a seat in Congress" in a district that was geographically quite large, especially when the other candidates

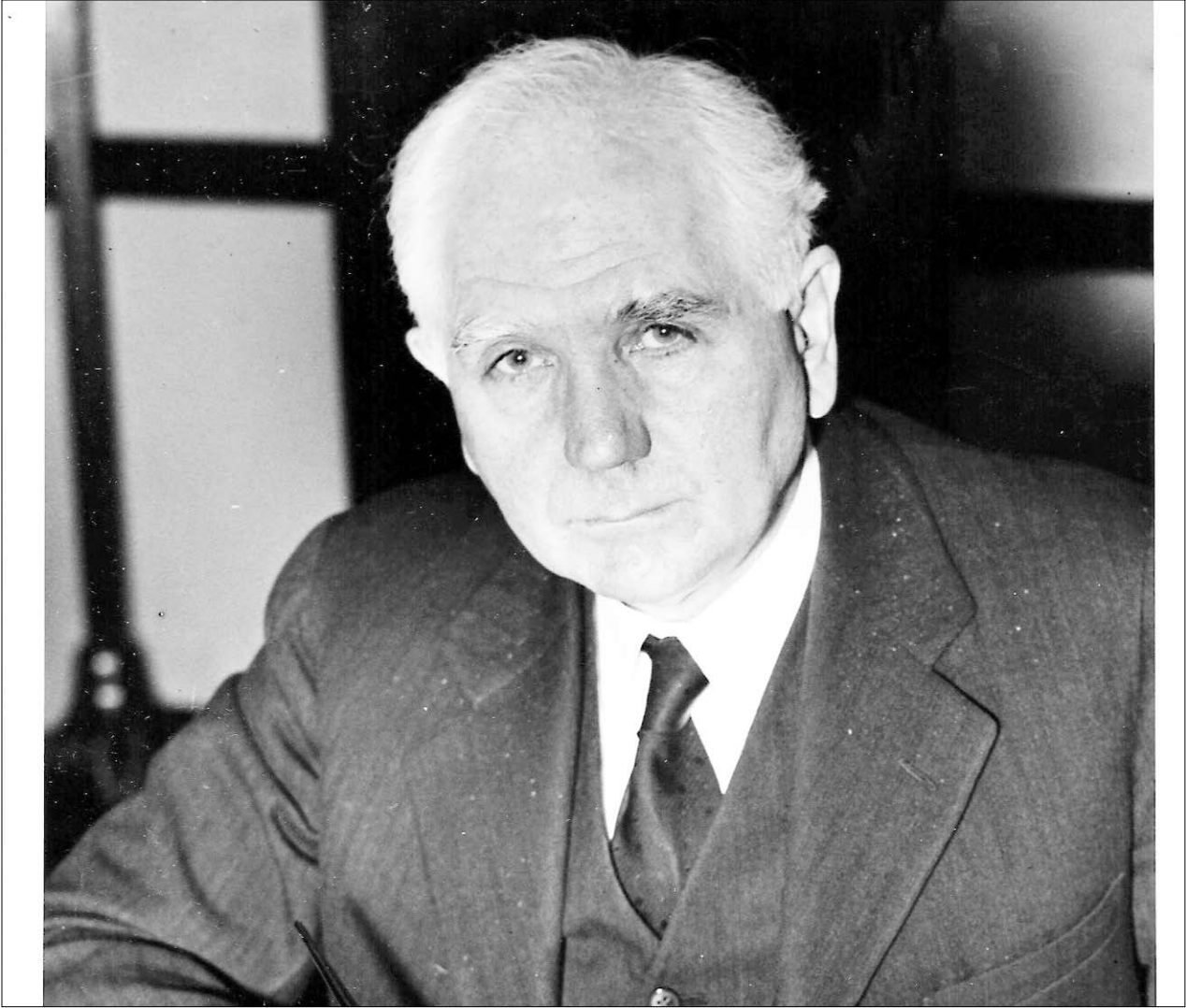
were members of Congress "and are permitted to carry on their campaigns at the expense of the taxpayers." Owen grumbled, "In traveling over the district, I find that they are sending out untold thousands of campaign speeches and other election literature from Washington at government expense. By these unfair privileges, members of Congress can keep themselves constantly before the public without cost to themselves, while the same amount of publicity would cost candidates who are not members of Congress thousands of dollars." Owen said the practice of using a congressman's franking privilege during campaigns would be "a fertile field for the taxpayers' association to get in some good work." While thanking his friends for their support, J. P. Owen declared "if not providentially hindered I will be in the fight two years from now."

Both Ewing L. Davis and Ridley Mitchell largely ignored Smith and he proved to be no factor in the primary campaign. Congressman Mitchell closed his campaign in Smith County, speaking in the courtroom of the Smith County Courthouse. After giving an hour and a half long speech, Ridley Mitchell "shook hands with hundreds of the men and women" who had come to hear him speak. The Tennessean reporter covering the campaign said Mitchell had "received an enthusiastic ovation" from his audience. The day before Ridley Mitchell had campaigned in Lebanon, Tennessee where his hour and a half speech was not long enough to suit his listeners. Evidently the crowd was so insistent, he spoke for an additional thirty minutes. As voters headed to the polls, Ridley Mitchell swept through Celina, Byrdstown and Willow Grove, Tennessee.

The Mitchell campaign claimed victory even before the polls had closed. Ridley Mitchell's campaign managers announced they believed their candidate would carry fourteen of the Fourth District's seventeen

counties. Mitchell's campaign managers were not far off the mark. Ridley Mitchell's insistence upon personal contact and relentless campaigning had paid off. Mitchell's victory ended Ewin L. Davis' congressional career. Turnout was fueled by an especially bitter race for the gubernatorial nomination between Hill McAlister and Lewis Pope. With 354 precincts out of 377 reporting, Ridley Mitchell led by 1,432 votes. Mitchell's campaign managers proved to be overly optimistic in their projections of the congressman carrying fourteen of the seventeen counties comprising the Fourth Congressional district. Ridley Mitchell carried six counties, while Ewin L. Davis carried eleven. Yet Mitchell's majorities in the counties he had represented in Congress were massive. Congressman Mitchell won Pickett County with 775 votes to only 30 for Davis. Mitchell won Putnam County (Cookeville) with 2,936 votes to a paltry 507 for Ewin L. Davis. Ridley Mitchell's hard campaigning had reduced Ewin L. Davis' margins in those counties he had represented in Congress for fourteen years. By the time all precincts had reported, Ridley Mitchell had beaten Ewing L. Davis by 902 votes out of 39,170 ballots cast. James P. Owen, who had withdraw shortly before the primary, received only 340 votes district-wide. Mitchell had won with just barely over 50% of the vote with Ewin L. Davis winning slightly more than 48% of the ballots.

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Outdoor Toys

I "had" to buy a lawnmower the other week. Oh, it wasn't because I didn't have one already. In fact, two riding mowers are in the basement.

My older brother and his wife bought the

first one a year after my mother died; they did so that I could keep the nearly 2-acre yard mowed. That was 21 years ago. The mowing deck is worn out and pulleys scream as if they are being tortured.

The other one is much younger, perhaps 6-7 years old. It is a zero-turn mower,



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and I loved it... for a while. First, something went wrong with the deck. The John Deere store owner who sold me the machine told me the deck was damaged because I

ran water on it when it was still hot. DO WHAT? I asked him how that could be since a built-in nozzle is located on the deck for cleaning. After a tirade laced with profanities, he told me he would take a few bucks off the price to fix this deck that had only gone out of warranty one-month prior.

Rest assured that I won't buy another mower from this business.

A little after that, the motor began smoking. I took it to a couple of mechanics who either couldn't figure out why it was losing oil or said the motor was faulty. I can't say that I was too surprised after the debacle with the mowing deck. For the last couple of years, I've survived by pouring oil into the motor before every use. The other day, however, it sputtered, coughed, and died. Since then, the mower hasn't started.

So, I was forced to go buy a new mower. Sure, I have a push mower, but it's not

the machine of choice to mow my 2-acres. The struggle deciding on purchasing another zero-turn mower or a regular lawn tractor was difficult. The determining factor was price. A zero-turn mower with a comparable engine and deck size was \$2000 more than the tractor. You can bet that I looked at every possible zero-turn make and model that might have done the job, but in the end, I just couldn't afford one.

This new lawn tractor has a 25-horsepower engine with a 48-inch cut. It sits me up as if I'm the king of the neighborhood. Still, it has some items that are useless. A cup holder

is one. I've never put a drink in one of those things without having most of the liquid splash and spill. Another little compartment appears to be for holding sunglasses or small tools. Two lumbar support buttons are on the sides of the seat. Really? I've discovered over the years that nothing is going to stop the beating that my butt and back take as I mow some parts of my yard. Much of the machine is made of plastic.

I'm pleased that I once again have a mower that will handle the demands of my yard. I hope that the deck holds together since it, too, has a nozzle

for connecting a hose for cleaning. I also am keeping my fingers crossed that the motor will hold up as long as the one on my old mower.

I'm keeping the other mowers. At some point, I'll replace the motor on the zero-turn since the deck is not too old. Then I'll have two mowers to handle all my mowing chores. When the oldest mower's deck gives up the ghost, I will use the tractor for pulling a cart, de-thatcher and aerator. Every man understands this strategy because we all love our outdoor toys.

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get a business permit, pay an annual fee, meet standard safety precautions, and pay the hotel-motel occupancy tax.

While many of the audience members wore buttons in favor of short-term rentals there were many different opinions among

them. Some residents are opposed to legalizing the in-home business.

The mayor suggested that those wishing to speak on the issue should attend the yet unscheduled hearings.

In other action the council honored the late Rudy G. Bradley and Rex L. Davis.

The council also authorized the issuance of about \$100 million in KUB bonds for Wastewater, Water, Gas and Electric Systems. KUB assured the council that the city would not be responsible for payments.

The city council approved a contract to remove a large curtain from the Civic Auditorium because it contained asbestos. They also approved \$81,000 for an agreement with SEI, Inc., to provide security at special events, contracted with the Public Building Authority to manage the Riverwalk Parking Lot and Garage, and authorized the mayor to create a Department of Employee Benefits and Risk Management.

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SUPERMEN: Stopping monsters who could not be stopped by their own people

By Randall Baxter

My Mom would send me out to play sports in the neighborhood. My friends pretended to be Unitas or Mantle, but I knew that before the day was over, I was going to go pretend I was one of our American soldiers. I have had the honor of meeting, not Johnny Unitas or Mickey Mantle, but heroes from Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Chosin Reservoir, and The TET Offensive. They were my heroes, my sports stars, my SUPERMEN.

Some were teenagers in the Roaring 20's leading simple lives experiencing a time of great prosperity. Many Americans were building skyscrapers, working in automobile plants, and building railroads all over the USA. After the Wall Street Crash of 1929 we were stuck in an economic rut known as the Great Depression. Then the world caught on fire.

My SUPERMEN did things they would never have dreamed of doing. They sailed the world, fought in Europe, at sea and on distant Pacific Islands. They helped bridge the gap of racial tension in the military, delivered supplies and crying troops to the frontline, wrote letters to children they would never live to meet. They saw their buddies explode, felt the cold steel of a knife, a grenade shaking their insides loose, or a bullet ripping through their hip. They would bring gold teeth home as souvenirs and their children would play with them, not realizing what they were. They would feel fear as their ships were torpedoed, or broken in half in a typhoon, or float in the ocean while sharks drug their buddies under the water. They would see the first German Jets attacking their

B-17 formations, and when they came home they had to confront corrupt local governments that had taken over their counties while they were gone.

The monsters in Germany and Italy and Japan were conquered, and my SUPERMEN came home. Not all came home walking. Many were malnourished and frostbitten. They had to recover from wounds and PTSD. Imagine standing on a ship one day, and watching a Japanese bomber drop two shells on an American aircraft carrier about a mile away, and watch it burn with two thousand sailors onboard.

Life after the war was their goal. To become an antique dealer, a dairy farmer, an engineer, to work on the space shuttle. One became a math professor of Knoxville College and served as President of Knoxville College more than once. They all became family men and worked until they retired and most have recently passed away.

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Two Jefferson County products to enter Hall of Fame

By Steve Williams

Two Jefferson County High School products of the 1980s – Todd Collins and George Quarles – who went on to successful football careers are part of the 2017 class that will be inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame Aug. 3.

Collins is a former NFL linebacker who twice played in the Super Bowl, with the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI and with the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXIV.

Quarles, who will be inducted in the “Coach” category, became one of the winningest high school coaches in the nation at Maryville High before making a career move after the 2016 season to join the

staff at Furman University, his collegiate alma mater, where he is now associate head coach and tight ends coach.

Quarles’ younger brother, Taylor, played with Collins on Jefferson County’s 1987 state championship team.

“They were freshmen when I was a senior at Jefferson County in 1984,” said Quarles. “I played with Brent, Todd’s brother, who also was a great player.”

The Collins brothers and the Quarles brothers all played for Jefferson County head coach Craig Kisabeth, who Quarles said will be at the Hall of Fame induction, making that evening even more special.

“It’s a huge honor and something

I never dreamed I would be doing,” said Quarles. “As a coach, I had a lot of help from my assistants and great players.”

Todd Collins was a USA TODAY high school All-American and received a scholarship from the University of Georgia. After injury problems kept him off the field, he transferred to UT for one semester before ending up at Carson Newman, where he led the Eagles to the 1989 NAIA championship.

Collins was drafted by the Patriots in the 3rd round of the 1992 NFL draft.

Quarles was a 1989 Furman graduate and starting wide receiver on the Paladins’ 1988 NCAA FCS (I-AA) national championship

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Former UT football player Inky Johnson, who will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony, is known for inspiring his audiences.

Halls to introduce new hoops coaches tonight

By Ken Lay

When Randy Moore recently resigned from Halls High the school had to hire, not one, but two basketball coaches.

Moore, who left to pursue business opportunities in South Florida, coached both the Red Devils and Lady Devils for eight seasons. He took over the boys program nine years ago.

Halls put its new coaches into place early last week and both Tom Poisal and Jonathan Smith will be introduced to the community today (July 24) at the school.

Poisal, who will coach the girls, really needs no introduction to Halls or Knoxville basketball fans.

He’s taught physical education and wellness at Halls Middle School since 2008. He also coached the Lady Demons from 2010-2014 after a stint as an assistant at Bearden High School with the Lady Bulldogs under Nathan Hodges.

Poisal returned to coaching in 2016-17 in Fountain City where he coached Gresham’s boys basketball team.

He had big plans for the Gladiators but another chance to return to the sideline in Halls proved too much to pass up.

“It’s a chance to work in the community where I’ve worked in Knoxville for the last eight years,” he said. “I’ve taught here for nine years and this is the only place I’ve taught in Knoxville and I live five minutes from the school.

“I love the community. I have very few kids [at Halls High] that I coached in middle school. I have a couple of seniors and a sophomore there that I’ve coached. Most of our kids are going to be incoming freshmen. I’ve never coached them but I do know them.”

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Gators cut down Stanford for title

National Collegiate All-Sports Rankings

Editor’s note: Knoxville Focus sportswriter Steve Williams originated the National Collegiate All-Sports Rankings in the summer of 1971 when he was sports editor of The Daily Beacon, the University of Tennessee student newspaper. The rankings were picked up by The Associated Press wire service and reprinted in newspapers across the country for years. Colleges also recognized and promoted their athletic programs that ranked among the best in the nation.

By Steve Williams

Back-to-back national titles in track and baseball at the end of the school year propelled the University of Florida to the National Collegiate All-Sports championship for 2016-17.

The Gators finished with 83 points in the men’s rankings to pass runner-up Stanford, which totaled 73 points. Virginia came in third with 66 points.

North Carolina (62.5 points) and Southern Cal (62) rounded out the top five.

“We have many things to celebrate at the University of Florida thanks to the dedication and commitment of our student athletes,

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NCAA DIVISION 1 MEN'S TOP 10											
FLORIDA	0	0	7	0	18	11	7	0	20	20	83
STANFORD	19	20	9	0	16	0	5	1	0	3	73
VIRGINIA	3	8	0	6	0	0	20	11	18	0	66
NORTH CAROLINA	0	17.5	0	0	0	20	19	2	0	4	62.5
SOUTHERN CAL	0	0	18	0	15	0	14	14.5	0.5	0	62
OREGON	12	0	0	0	0	17.5	0	19	12	0	60.5
OKLAHOMA STATE	9	0	10	18	0	0	6	14.5	0	0	57.5
OHIO STATE	0	0	15	19	2	0	17.5	0	0	0	53.5
LSU	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	12	13.5	19	52.5
LOUISVILLE	0	15	0	0	10	7	0	0	0	15.5	47.5
NOTE-20 POINTS ARE AWARDED FOR FIRST PLACE IN EACH SPORT, 19 FOR SECOND, 18 FOR THIRD, ETC. THE SECOND 10: TEXAS A&M 46.5, GEORGIA 45.5, ALABAMA 45, OKLAHOMA 44, WAKE FOREST 44, WISCONSIN 41, TEXAS 39, CLEMSON 36, BAYLOR 35.5, AUBURN 35.											

coaches and staff along with the tremendous support from our loyal fans,” said Florida Athletic Director Scott Stricklin. “It is certainly great to be a Florida Gator.”

The National Collegiate All-Sports Rankings started in 1971 and were the first ranking system of NCAA Division 1 men’s athletic programs. A similar ranking of women’s athletic programs began in the 1980s. Both the men’s and women’s rankings are being

restarted this year.

The rankings are based on the 10 sports that have the most participating teams. These sports are basketball, cross country, golf, baseball, track (outdoor), tennis, football, soccer, swimming and wrestling.

The top 20 teams in each sport score in the rankings, with first place collecting 20 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc.

NCAA championship events are used to record

the top 20 teams in cross country, golf, track, swimming and wrestling.

In soccer, the top four finishing teams in the NCAA tournament are supplemented by the next 16 top teams in the NSCAA coaches’ rankings.

With a playoff now in football, the champion and runner-up teams earn 20 and 19 points, respectively, with the remaining 18 teams taken from The Associated Press’ final poll after the title game.

In basketball, the results of the Final Four are supplemented by the next 16 highest ranked teams in the USA TODAY final coaches’ poll.

Tennis’ top four teams come from NCAA tourney play and the remaining 16 from the ITA rankings.

College World Series play produces the top eight teams in baseball, with the remaining 12 teams taken from Collegiate Baseball News’ final poll after

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Poisal, who will continue to teach at Halls Middle, said that leaving his coaching gig in Fountain City was tough.

"Last year, I kept 16 kids and most of them were sixth or seventh graders," he said. "We came out late in the season and started playing pretty good basketball."

"This year, it was going to be more perfecting than teaching. But they're a good group and they're going to be fine."

Smith, 26, was tapped to

coach the Red Devils. He was previously an assistant coach at Morristown East.

He played at St. George's Independent School and said that he's looking forward to coming to Halls.

"I'm excited because I know the community loves its sports and the school has a winning tradition and I'm happy to be a part of that."

"I have seven seniors coming back."

Smith will teach history at Halls High in addition to his coaching duties.

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He spent 22 years at Maryville High, including the last 18 as head coach, and compiled a remarkable 250-16 (.939) record. He guided the Red Rebels to 11 state championships, including the last four in Class 6A, and 15 state title game appearances.

The 2017 Hall of Fame class also includes Buck Vaughn, Founder; Jim Haslam, Athlete and Contributor; former UT baseball skipper Rod Delmonico, Coaching; former Karns High and UT standout J.J. McCleskey, Football; Kevin Swider, Hockey; Art Reynolds, All Around; former UT Lady Vol Dawn Marsh, Basketball; and Rebecca O'Connor, Bowling.

The 36th annual dinner and induction ceremony will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Inky Johnson, UT football legend and motivational speaker.

Special awards recipients include Ott Dafoe, Chad Pennington Professional Athlete of the Year;

Eddie Courtney, Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award; Skyler Merrell, Will McKamey Spirit Award; the 1987 Lady Vols national championship team, Thanks for The Memories Award; and Larry Cox, Special Recognition.

High School Athletes of the Year Allie Dunn of Grace Christian Academy, girls soccer; KeKe McKinney of Fulton, girls basketball; Luke Smith of Knoxville Catholic, boys basketball; Davis Shore of Christian Academy of Knoxville, golf; and Tee Higgins of Oak Ridge, football and basketball; also will be honored.

Tickets to the event are \$150 each or \$1,400 for a table of 10 and can be purchased at www.gkshof.org. Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley.

Hospitality will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the induction ceremony at 7:30.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley serve over 8,300 youth and teens at 15 club locations in Knox, Blount, Loudon and North Anderson Counties.

Bradley happy to be back in Knoxville as Grace Coach

By Ken Lay

Rusty Bradley has returned to Knoxville and he's glad to be back. He's also glad to make a return to the world of Christian education.

"I'm glad to be back in Knoxville and in an area that I know," said Bradley, who was named football coach at Grace Christian Academy in the spring. "I'm glad to be around kids that I sort of know because I coached against them."

"It feels great to be in Knoxville. I'm glad to be back at a Christian School."

Bradley, who spent more than a decade as a coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville and guided the Warriors to back-to-back Class AAA State Championships in 2011 and 2012, takes over as coach of the Rams after spending one season as head coach at University School of Jackson.

He replaces longtime Grace Christian coach Randy McKamey, who departed to become head coach at Clinton High School, his alma mater.

Like CAK and USJ, the Rams have a well-

established winning tradition. Grace went 6-6 and made the second round of the playoffs in 2016.

The school chose to move to Division II and the Rams will have a pair of Knoxville opponents in Division II-AA. Webb and CAK will be two of Grace's league foes.

Bradley said that the football landscape has changed for his new school.

"Division II is a different animal. You see good players every week and you face good coaches every week," Bradley said. "You have to be ready to play and you have to bring your A-Game every week and you have to bring your A-game to practice every day."

"The teams in Division II are prepared and they're all doing the things that they need to do to be successful. Also, when you're in Division II, you can go find players if you need to. All the schools have money and all the schools are pumping it into their programs. That's what excites me about being at Grace."

Expectations at Grace

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are simple according to the Rams' new coach.

"We want to love each other. We want to give glory to God in everything that we do," Bradley said. "We want to keep improving. We want to get better and we want to love God."

"We want to work hard and if we do those things, the wins and losses will take care of themselves. If we do those things, everything else will take care of itself."

Top returners for Grace include: Luke Kirby (junior, quarterback); Eli Nordhorn (junior, wide receiver); Blake Rankin (senior, wide receiver); Andrew Sorrells (a senior, who will move to wide receiver after playing running back last season); Ben Arnold (senior, offensive tackle/defensive end); Jadon Tullock (senior, offensive guard); Cody Estep (senior, running back); Justin West (junior, center); Luciano Ganziano (senior, offensive guard); Wes Dorsey (junior, offensive tackle); Ryan Medders (senior, inside linebacker); Bradley

Rash (junior, linebacker); Robby Vandergriff (senior, defensive tackle); Jackson Daniel (sophomore, nose-guard); Jonah Duggins (senior, outside linebacker); Ashton Treischmann (senior, cornerback) and Emory Webb (senior, free safety).

Bradley said that Grace's biggest strength is experience but he noted that "the system on both sides is new, so everyone is really a new starter."

Bradley got a late start with the Rams because he was hired just three weeks before Grace began spring workouts.

The Rams open their 2016 campaign on Friday, Aug. 18 when they host defending Class AAA State Champion Alcoa at home.

"We start with a tough game out of the gate," Bradley said.

Bradley is extremely familiar with the Tornadoes and coach Gary Rankin as Alcoa and CAK have combined to win 11 of the last 12 Class AAA State Championships.

Eagles soaring on optimism

By Alex Norman

Is 2017 the year the Gibbs Eagles take the next step in Class 5A?

Let's just say optimism is sky high off of Tazewell Pike.

Coming off of an 8-4 season in which the Eagles advanced to the second round of the playoffs, Gibbs is aiming towards an even deeper postseason run this season.

I asked Gibbs head coach Brad Conley if his returning players are encouraged by the experience of 2016, and if they are using the playoff loss to South-Doyle as motivation heading into the fall.

"The answer to the first question is yes," said Conley. "The answer to the second question is that it better motivate them. We cannot assume anything for 2017. We must play hard every snap."

The Eagles bring back a significant amount of talent on both sides of the football. Seven starters return to run the double slot triple option offense. Seven starters return on the multiple defense as well.

The most high profile player perhaps in the history of the Gibbs football program is offensive lineman Ollie Lane, a verbal commitment to Tennessee's Class of 2017. Conley expects him to make an impact at the next level.

"Ollie is a smart, athletic kid who will contribute to the team in a positive way," said Conley. "Ultimately, how quickly he plays will depend on how quickly he adjusts to the speed of the college game."

The publicity that Lane commands could help some of his teammates as they attempt to make names for

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themselves as well.

"We have several players who are going to get the chance to play college football at some level," said Conley. "Hopefully, it creates competition and motivation for everyone. Additionally, it brings attention to our program that will allow others in the future to play college football."

Key players on this team include Lane, center/defensive lineman Dalton Widner, defensive end Trey Mullins, defensive backs Bailey Sivyer and Javay Williams, and linebackers Noah Colorusso, Wyatt Humphries and Noel Leyva.

One of the major changes for Gibbs will be the football field itself. It's Gibbs turn to receive a new varsity field, courtesy of the Haslam Family and Pilot Flying J. The

artificial turf field will make things considerably easier in terms of upkeep.

"The new field will hopefully eliminate the concern about practice on those days where mud and standing water would create issues," said Conley. "I also believe it will allow for true game feel practices."

Now in his tenth year as the head coach of the Eagles, Conley understands that opportunities like the one that is in front of the Eagles don't come around every season.

"8 of our 10 opponents were playoff teams last year. It is a schedule that will challenge us each week to play our best," said Conley. "Those types of games would seem to prepare a team for the playoff grind, if we are fortunate enough to earn a spot."

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By Steve Williams

Change is in the air for Powell High football. Rodney Ellison, beginning his third year as head coach after 2-9 and 1-9 seasons, has announced a new starter at quarterback. Six new assistant coaches also are part of his staff. And there is a feeling of new commitment among his players to get things turned around. There are no guarantees that there will be huge dividends from these changes. But it's certainly looking like the program is taking positive steps, and moving in a direction that really has only one way to go. "It's been tough," said Ellison. "I knew when I took the job it was going to be a slow building process. I thought by the third year we could be a competitive football team." This is that year. "Year 1 we had a good group that worked hard for us and got better and it paid off at the end of the year," recalled Ellison. "Last year we didn't have a lot of seniors on the team. We were a very young team and started several freshmen and sophomores, so Year 2 was tougher than Year 1. And of course, people start getting impatient, wanting to see wins. "But I think we are on schedule with where we want to be," added Ellison. "We're going to be a more mature football team this year. We're bigger and stronger and we've got more experience." Ellison revealed his decision to go with sophomore Walker Trusley at quarterback last Monday. Junior Carson Cole, who had been the Panthers' starting QB since his freshman campaign, took the move like a true team player and told Coach Ellison he would help wherever needed. Ellison asked Cole to keep himself ready to play quarterback and also said Carson would be playing other positions, including free safety. The new assistants include secondary coach Micaiah Smoker, a former defensive coordinator at Fulton; defensive line coach Joe Hassell, former head coach at Central; running backs coach Daniel Pace, former assistant at Science Hill, and slot receiver coach Garry Mooney, former William Blount assistant. Also new on board are Troy Price and Darian Stone. Price was head coach at Clinton Middle School and assistant coach at Clinton High last season. He will be an assistant offensive line coach and junior varsity head coach at Powell. Stone, former Clinton High standout and Tennessee Tech quarterback, will be Powell's QB coach. Returning on the staff are defensive coordinator Eric Myers, linebackers coach Dan Thompson, wide receivers coach Matt Abba and offensive line coach Pace Melvin. "This is the best staff we've had here," said Ellison. Powell will continue to run a spread up-tempo offense that never huddles and tries to get in as many plays as possible. Defensively, the Panthers plan to line up in a 3-4 full time this year. Key losses off the 2016 squad include Hunain Rasheed, who was the team's leading receiver the past two seasons; and two-way linemen Will Hoyle and Tanner Kesterson. Also gone are all-region players Eric Ludwig and Kamari Smith. Ludwig, the Panthers' leading tackler at linebacker, is now playing at Kentucky Christian. Smith had five interceptions at cornerback. Two-way starters Alex Hart (senior slot receiver and free safety) and junior Riley Bryant (slot receiver and strong safety) are among the top returnees. Preseason All-State nose-man Alvin Stacy (6-0, 290, junior) and sophomore standout Bailor Walker, who will start at cornerback and fill in at running back and slot receiver, also are among leading returnees. Trusley won a three-way battle for the quarterback job. Seniors Wesley Hardin and David Robbins are two solid inside linebackers and also will contribute at fullback when the offense is in a two-back set. Sophomore Michael Treadwell (6-0, 260) is the team's top offensive lineman at left tackle. He started all 10 games as a freshman. Senior Brandon England (6-1, 245) is an experienced center. Senior Jonathan McQueen (6-0, 215) will start at running back and sophomore Eli Owens will start at outside linebacker. The two also will back each other up. Nick Moore, a senior wide receiver and cornerback, may be undersized at 5-9, 150, but he plays with more heart. So far junior place-kicker James Hyman is perfect. Also a soccer player, Hyman kicked 14 of 14 PATs and was good on his only field goal attempt last season. Other probable starters for Powell include wide receiver Miracle Spencer and offensive linemen Morgan Chase (6-3, 290), Marquice Edkis (5-10, 245) and Colton Webb (6-1, 225) plus defensive ends Bryson Reed and Isaiah Roark and linebacker Hayden Epperson. "We're still starting a lot of sophomores and juniors now," said Coach Ellison. "The seniors that we have – and there is only nine or 10 of them – are good football players that are working hard and very coachable, so I think that's just enough seniors to give us some good leadership and push us in the right direction to get better this year and have a more successful year and be more competitive." In the TSSAA's new two-year classification period, Powell is a member of Region 3-5A, along with Oak Ridge, Fulton, West, Campbell County, Clinton and Karns. The Panthers will play their first four games on the road, including the opener at rival Halls on Aug. 18.

Beavers hope last year's adversity nets results in 2017

By Ken Lay

Karns High School battled its share of adversity on the gridiron in 2016. The Beavers battled through multiple injuries and navigated a minefield of tough luck and lost their first nine games last season. They finished the campaign with a victory over Lenoir City and second-year coach Brad Taylor is hoping that his squad can build upon beating the Panthers in last year's finale. "I'm hoping that we can get off to a good start," Taylor said. "We open against Cocke County. And on paper, that's an even game. "The two teams are evenly matched and with that game being at home [on Friday, Aug. 19], that's a game that we would like to win." The Beavers were one of Knox County's youngest teams in 2016 and they suffered from lack of depth. Add that to a long list of injuries, and things got difficult in a hurry. "We had a lot of injuries and we were really banged up last year. That added insult to injury for us last year," Taylor said. "We were thin anyway. "We had an ankle injury, three knee injuries and a broken wrist." Those injuries caused the Beavers, who will compete in Region 3-5 A in 2017, headaches but they also gave Taylor and his staff the opportunity to get playing time for some youngsters and the coach is hoping that last year's tough times will pay dividends this year. "We were very young last year and we have some young guys who either started or got significant time last year," Taylor said. "They got some experience and they played a lot. That's a good thing." Depth, however, remains a concern for the Beavers as they have region 3-5A tilts against the likes of perennial powerhouse Fulton, defending region champion Oak Ridge, Campbell County (which is always competitive), West (which always competes for a playoff berth), Clinton (which has a new coach in Randy McKamey) and Powell (which like Karns, has had its share of recent struggles). Defending Class 5A State Champion Farragut is now playing in Class 6A. "We have a tough region," Taylor said. "Farragut is gone but we picked up Fulton." Top players for the Beavers include: Bryson Garrett (senior, offensive lineman, who played both center and tackle in 2016); Patrick O'Brien (senior, offensive lineman); Christian Glenn (senior, center); Neyland Fendley (a sophomore offensive lineman who started as a freshman but had his season cut short due to injury in 2016); Jake Brown (junior, offensive tackle); Daniel Kitts (junior, quarterback); Jordan Gillespie (junior, split end/defensive back); Drew Weaver (senior, tight end/wide receiver/outside linebacker); Thomas Harper (wide receiver/cornerback/kick returner); Landon Kelly (senior, running back/linebacker); Nathan Krull (senior, defensive lineman); Sean Nodor (senior, defensive lineman); Kameron Guerra (senior, defensive lineman); Hunter Osborn (senior, inside linebacker) and Kobe Vaughn (senior, running back/outside linebacker). Karns has a competition at two secondary spots and Taylor noted that he has several players vying for time at those positions. Taylor said that his squad's strengths will likely be on the offensive line. "Our offensive line needs to be a strength," he said. "We'll go, on offense, the way they'll go. "My main concerns are our defensive front and our depth at running back. We'll need to get some help there for Landon. "My other concern is overall depth, but that's always a concern at any school." Taylor also added that he would like to see the Beavers win at least five or six games in 2017. "I would like to win five or six games. But to do that, we'll have to get off to a good start," he said. "We'll have to win our league games against Powell and Clinton because we're all pretty close. If you win five or six games, you have a chance to go to the playoffs."

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Davis becomes head football referee

By Ken Lay

Jay Davis has been a fixture on the Knox County sports officiating scene for nearly two decades and he recently reached the pinnacle of high school football.

Davis, who became a sports official in 1998, was recently named a head high school football referee by the Knox County Football Officials Association.

He is a second generation football official and began carrying the cable for the clock operator at area games.

"My dad was an official and when I got into it, I went with Phil Hatcher's crew when I didn't have a game, I went with them and I carried the cable for the clock guy," said Davis, who graduated from Central High School in 1985 where he played baseball for coach Bud Bales and was the first quarterback

to play for the late high school coaching legend Joel Helton.

After his playing days, Davis (who works in the City of Knoxville's Engineering Department) followed his father into the officiating business. He's worked as a side judge in three TSSAA State Championship Football Games.

He's a high school and middle school basketball referee and he's called 22 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference Tournament Championship Games (11 for both girls and boys).

He's also an umpire and calls games for high school and college contests.

Now, he's looking to serve as a mentor for young high school football officials.

"I've called three championship games at my position," Davis said. "We're one of the few

associations in the state that still uses crews and now, I'm a coach.

"I will have four guys who have never been on a crew before and my goal is to get to see them work in a state championship game one day."

Davis, 51, said that officiating has kept him young.

"If I ever stop, the wheels will fall off," he said.

He now sees himself as a coach and his crew is just another team on the field.

"I'm a coach and it's just like a team," Davis said. "You get to know the people on your crew. You get to know their strengths and you get to know their weaknesses."

"You have to know that your quarterback can't make that throw."

Like all teams, officiating crews have pregame and postgame rituals.

"You show up and you have a meeting before the game and you go through every aspect of the game, from the kicking game to coin toss," Davis said. "You have a 20-minute meeting and you discuss the situations that may come up. You prepare for the possibility of overtime and it may not happen until the seventh week of the season."

"But when it does, you're prepared and you're ready."

Officiating crews then leave together and it's usually off to an area restaurant to wind down and discuss the game.

Davis is a family man. He and his wife Natalie have three children. Gary, 28, is working at MIT and pursuing a doctorate at Harvard. Sierra was a high school volleyball player. She's a student at Carson-Newman. Taylor is a high school senior.

Alabama in a runaway or will SEC media get it wrong again?

The SEC Media Days are in the rearview mirror, but Alabama's stature in the conference is so enormous, we can still see Big Al, the school's mascot elephant, and hear "Roll Tide" from miles and miles away.

Based on the votes of the media in its prediction of how the 2017 football campaign will end, why even play the season?

The Crimson Tide is going to win another SEC championship in a runaway. Bama received 225 of 243 first-place votes to win the West Division title and 217 of 243 points to take the overall crown.

How did the SEC become so top heavy? Nick Saban has more of a stranglehold on the conference than the late, great Bear Bryant once did.

Could it be that the voting was dominated by Alabama media? Let's hope that had something to do with it.

Alabama also dominated the media's preseason All-SEC team with 10 first-team selections, including a quarterback, one wide receiver and two linemen on the offensive unit; two linemen, one linebacker and two secondary guys on the defensive unit; and a placekicker among the specialists.

The Tide also has six other players among the second-team and third-team honor-ees.

By comparison, Tennessee, which was picked by the media to finish a very distant third in the SEC East, didn't have a single player worthy of

first-team honors.

The Vols had one offensive lineman and a return specialist make the second team. They also had a punter and one wide receiver make the third team.

It kind of feels like Tennessee will be going into this season with a pocket knife.

And how do the fans of South Carolina, Kentucky Vanderbilt and Missouri feel? Their teams are picked to finish behind Tennessee.

Fans of West Division teams other than Alabama can't feel much better, either, can they?

There is hope, however. The SEC media has been wrong before. Many times before. In fact, since 1992, they've picked the conference champion correctly only six of 25 times!

To their credit, the media did get it right when they picked Alabama to win the SEC title last season. So they're going for two in a row.

But there have a couple of years when the media really had to eat humble pie. In 2015, it picked Auburn to win the championship and the Tigers finished in last place in the SEC West. In 2005, the media predicted Tennessee would take the title and the Vols stumbled to fifth place in the SEC East.

So, while this year looks like a cakewalk for Alabama, don't throw in the towel just yet.

If anything, from Tennessee's perspective, these unworthy Vols should now be more motivated and hungrier than ever.



By Steve Williams

Chomp! Chomp!

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the dust has settled in Omaha.

In addition to its two national crowns, Florida had a third-place showing in swimming and diving that netted 18 points and a 10th place ranking in basketball for 11 points. The Gators also tallied seven points each in football and tennis.

Stanford started strong with a national runner-up finish in cross country and a soccer championship in December. The Cardinal would tally in six more sports but a fifth-place showing in swimming was its only other top 10 finish.

Virginia's outstanding year was highlighted by a national title in tennis, third place in track and field and 10th place in golf.

North Carolina cut down the net in basketball, was runner-up in tennis and shared third place in soccer.

Southern Cal, third in the final football poll, totaled 62 points for sixth place in the Top 10.

Overall, the battle for the National Collegiate All-

Sports championship was tight, as only 22.5 points separated Florida from Oregon, the seventh-place finisher.

Northern Arizona's cross country team earned the first championship of the school year last November. Other team champions in the 10 sports were Clemson in football, Penn State in wrestling, Texas in swimming and diving, and Oklahoma in golf.

Going into the final two

sports' championship events in June, Stanford held the lead with 70 points and Southern Cal was second with 61.5. Florida was back in the pack with 43 points, but not for long.

VOLS' OUTPUT: Tennessee totaled 14.5 points in the rankings, getting one point from a 20th place showing in swimming and diving and 13.5 points for tying for seventh place in track and field.

Also in addition to the six SEC members that placed in the Top 20 in the rankings, Arkansas scored 33 points, Kentucky 26, South Carolina 23.5, Vanderbilt 23.5, Ole Miss 23 and Mississippi State 11. Missouri was the only SEC school that did not tally.

GLORY DAYS: Tennessee placed third in the National Collegiate All-Sports Rankings in the 1972-73 school year with 74 points.



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Medicalese

I'm often asked to comment on or explain what another doctor told a friend or family member. However, I'm careful to comment, other than in general terms, because I have incomplete information. Doctors call superficial opinions "curbside consultations." They do a disservice to patients and are medicolegally risky because the law stipulates such medical conversations are actual consultations.

It is true that the arcane language of medicine (medicalese), like the legalese of lawyers, can confuse laymen. And like many professionals, it's hard to operate outside of who I am. I'm a doctor wherever I go. So, not infrequently, I'm asked to explain a diagnosis or a condition, and sometimes a confusing, noncommunicative medical term.

Though I'm fluent in medicalese, several years ago

I've learned a new term called medical jousting. No, this is not a holdover from the games played by medieval knights. Medical "jousting" is the practice of casting disparaging remarks about other doctors or undercutting a colleague's patient care. It can be as subtle as furrowing one's eyebrows while listening to a story or more obviously uttering a disapproving harumph. Sowing the seeds of doubt in someone's mind, especially with incomplete information, is inappropriate and leads to worry, illwill and lawsuits where no one wins.

The language of medicine is the language of science and derives from Latin and Greek. Alexander the Great conquered the known world in the 4th century BC, and disseminated Greek language, philosophy and culture throughout the world. This

process became known as Hellenization, deriving from the Greek word Ellinismos, describing people of Greek lineage. Later, Rome controlled much of the known world around the time of Christ, and incorporated Greek culture into the Pax Romana of its Empire. For the next millennia and a half, the language of education and science was built upon these two ancient cultures.

Understanding some root words, a few prefixes and some suffixes may help you decipher some medicalese; you're on your own with legalese. The word tumor means a swollen area. A boil is a tumor and so is a breast lump. The former is rarely malignant and most breast lumps are likewise benign or non malignant.

The prefix hyper- refers to an elevated state. Attaching hyper to thyroid refers to an excessive amount of thyroid hormone, the molecule that regulates the metabolic rate of the cells of your body. A deficiency of thyroid hormone is described by the word hypothyroid. Like the idle on your car, you want to be in balance. If set too high your engine races, and if too low your cellular engines chug along and may stall. I once had a patient who fired me because I would not prescribe excessive doses of thyroid replacement

hormone for her. She told me she liked the way she felt when she was "hyper," and it helped to control her weight problem. I explained the dangers of such inappropriate therapy, but she decided to find another doctor.

The suffix -oma means a swollen area or lump also called a tumor. An example is a carcinoma or a cancerous tumor. A meningioma is a non malignant tumor of the meninges or the brain's covering/enclosing membrane. Meningiomas are the most common primary brain tumor. By primary I mean, a tumor originating in the brain rather than secondarily spreading to the brain. After the age of 40 more than half all brain tumors occur from cancers beginning elsewhere and spreading to the brain. Malignancies of the breast, lung and melanoma are especially prone to do so.

Glioblastoma is in the news again with Arizona senator John McCain's diagnosis. When considering all cancers, this aggressive malignant brain tumor is not common, but is dramatic and carries a terrible prognosis. Joe Biden's son died of Glioblastoma, as did Ted Kennedy. One of my favorite writers, a relative's husband and two members of my wife's dance class also died from this type of cancer. So, despite

statistics this malignancy is on my radar.

The average human has approximately 100 billion brain cells or neurons. Integrative functioning of the neurons produces thoughtfulness. Glioblastoma is a malignancy of the brain's neural tissue and often presents as confusion, seizures or neurological deficits. Because the brain resides in the protective helmet of the skull, there is little room for swelling, and as a result headaches and nausea are also common with brain tumors.

Additionally, there are about 100 billion other brain cells which support the function of the neurons. These are called glial cells, known as astrocytes, oligodendrocytes and ependymal cells. Not to get lost in the weeds, but these cells also can undergo malignant degeneration. An example is an astrocytoma.

Lately, I've been going to doctors with various family members. My wife, Becky has the wise observation that two sets of ears are better than one. And when you are sick or scared processing information is different than during a routine examination. Most of us know of the childhood game "telephone," where a whispered message changes over repeated telling. And everyone hears things a bit differently. For this reason

doctors often encourage a family spokesperson for hospital discussions with family. Even these written words are only an approximation of my thoughts and require processing by each of my readers.

The Psalmist said we "are fearfully and wonderfully made." This 3000-year-old writing is marvelously demonstrated in the intricacies of the human body. And there is more. As I write, the 100 billion neural cells in my brain function to produce thoughtful words. And I find it majestic that the number of neurons in my brain is on the order of the number of stars in the Milky Way galaxy. And our galaxy is only one of 100 billion other known galaxies in the Creation.

The ancient Greek philosopher, Protagoras once said that "Man is the measure of all things." Perhaps he did not recognize his statement as one of hubris, the greatest sin in ancient Greece. Unfortunately, hubris exists today in secular humanism, a perspective built on reason alone. Perhaps these modern day sages are unaware of the Proverbist who likewise observed, "Respect of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

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

National Check the Chip Day

Hobo the Wonder Dog celebrates National Check the Chip Day by having his microchip checked by his veterinarian and me updating my contact information. We want to stress the importance of microchipping your pet and keeping the registration information updated. August 15th is National Check the Chip Day and Hobo the Wonder Dog and I invite you to celebrate this important day by having your pets microchipped and updating your contact information.

Remember, a microchip without an accurate registration is not helpful reuniting you with your pet. Hobo the Wonder Dog always wears a collar with his



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

identification tag with up to date contact information. Hobo is chipped and his registration information is checked and updated at least twice a year: with his annual wellness visit and National Check the Chip Day on August 15th.

Having the correct registration information is vital to protect your pet in the event you become separated.

Ohio State University in a study they conducted in shelters found that: 73% of owners of stray dogs and cats that had microchips were found. The reasons owners were not found 35% were incorrect or disconnected telephone numbers and 10% had unregistered microchips, 17% were chips not being registered with

the manufacturer's database. The study highlights the importance of having accurate contact information associated with your pet's microchip and National Check the Chip Day.

4 tips to help reunite a lost pet:

1. Visual identification on your pet's collars in the form of a ID tag, microchip tag, and rabies vaccination tag
2. Microchip your pets
3. Update contact information on all forms of your pet's identification yearly
4. Check your pet's microchip number with the national registry: www.petmicrochiplookup.org

Losing a pet is traumatic and stressful and microchipping your pet increases your odds of being reunited. Hobo the Wonder Dog and I hope you and your pet are never

separated, but believe in having all the tools available just in case.

It can get confusing on where to register your pet's microchip, so use the one animal shelters and veterinarians will search—the one who manufactured your pet's chip. If you are unsure who manufactured the chip check the number with the Universal Pet Microchip Lookup Tool: www.petmicrochiplookup.org.

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I hope you will celebrate National Check the Chip Day with us by having your pet microchipped. If you already have a microchip, take a few minutes to update your contact information—it could be the difference between lost and found!

Life is better with a microchipped dog—woof!

Mabry-Hazen House hosts 1920s themed dinner

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, the Mabry-Hazen House will cordially invite twenty guests into the historic home for an evening of eating, drinking, and learning. Partnering with Heartfire Culinary and Craft Accommodations, the Mabry-Hazen House will exhibit the tastes, ingredients, and culinary history of 1920s America. The dinner will immerse guests in the period as each course and beverage was inspired by culinary experiences typical of the 1920s. Guests will dine in the historic dining room and parlor and enjoy a seven-course dinner prepared by local chefs Amber Lloyd (former executive chef at The Orangery, RT Lodge, and Bistro by the Tracks) and Chris Cantrell of Heartfire Culinary as well as cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages mixed by mixologist Palmer Mason of Craft Accommodations. Before the dinner, Patrick Hollis of the Mabry-Hazen House will guide diners through the fascinating and nuanced culinary histories of the Hazens, Knoxvilleians, and Americans during the Roaring Twenties. Tickets are \$180 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance by visiting www.mabryhazen.com or call 865-522-8661 for more information.



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Bits and Pieces

Every once in a while, the inevitable happens. Such was the case with me. Last week I wrote about books and mentioned the novel “The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo.” I was so disappointed with it. The plot was intriguing and the scenes were remarkable with their beauty but it was very graphic—might I say pornographic—on a lot of pages. Some novels I can read over and over again but, not this one.

John Grisham has a new book out, “Camino Island.” This new one is a page-turner, as usual. I am so blessed. Last April, my twenty-seventh great grandchild was born. A boy, named Jedekiah. Now, I wonder, where did the parents get that name? Becoming a grandparent is a joyous occasion. Becoming a great-grandparent is an added bonus. Last, but not least:

“Depth of mercy, can there be Mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear. Me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood his grace Long provoked Him to His face. Would not hearken to his calls, Grieved Him by a thousand falls..... There for me the Savior stands, Shows His wounds and spreads His hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still. Now incline me to repent Let me now my sins lament, Now my foul revolt deplore, Weep, believe, and sin no more.” This beautiful hymn was written by Charles Wesley, an English leader of the Methodist movement widely known for writing over 6,000 hymns. That’s amazing! Thought for the day: The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works. Augustine Send comments to rosemarie@att.net. Thank you.

Most of us know The Little Engine That Could. It has become a favorite children’s story and one of my favorites (although I’m not sure it is as good as Green Eggs and Ham). It is a favorite story due to its message of perseverance – never give up. But there is a downside to this story as well. One problem is that it can create pride. We can self-congratulate ourselves. It took a lot of work, a lot of effort to get up that hill. High fives all around! Others gave up and some got on the wrong theological track; but not us, we kept going. We thought we could, thought we could, thought we could...and we did! Another problem is that it may encourage us to keep others out of the victory lane we find ourselves in. If you can’t shovel coal

A Little Engine That Could Myth

fast enough, you won’t make it up the hill. This also prevents too many trains on the top of the hill. That would be very inconvenient. A “little-engine-that-could” myth seems to lie

behind the division in the church at Rome. Remember that Paul is writing to remind the church that the gospel is for ALL – to the Jew first and then the Gentiles. It is the same gospel and church. Here is a rendition on “the little engine that could” by Shel Silverstein:

The little blue engine looked up at the hill. His light was weak, his whistle was shrill. He was tired and small, and the hill was tall, And his face blushed red as he softly said, “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.”

So he started up with a chug and a strain, And he puffed and pulled with might and main. And slowly he climbed, a foot at a time, And his engine coughed as he whispered soft, “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.”

With a squeak and a creak and toot and a sigh, With an extra hope and an extra try, He would not stop – now he neared the top – And strong and proud he cried out loud, “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.”

He was almost there, when – CRASH! SMASH! BASH! He slid down and mashed into engine hash On the rock below... which goes to show If the track is tough and

the hill is rough, THINKING you can just ain’t enough! This is actually more truthful than the original story. It is also more biblical and better theology. We are each in many ways a train wreck. It doesn’t matter if we are old, worn-out, a coal-burning engine, or a brand new Amtrak. We have each been derailed. Some have managed to creep halfway up the hill. But ultimately, “All have sinned and fall short” (Romans 3:23). The good news, however, is found in Romans 3:21: “But now a righteousness from God... has been made known.” If the top of the hill is “the little engine that could” story represents salvation, then we only got there because God picked us up and airlifted us there. It is a gift of His grace, not our own effort. Give thanks to God for His grace as you put your trust in Him.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **August 17, 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 SARAH B. STEINBRUEGGE AND CHASITY D. PETREE, to GLENN BALLETT, Trustee, on May 15, 2015, as Instrument No. 201505280064613 in the real property records of Knox County Register’s Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Pacific Union Financial, 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: Situated in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 4, Washington Valley Subdivision, as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 199909270024855 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Smoky Mountain Land Surveying Company, Inc., Howard T. Dawson, Surveyor, dated May 24, 2001, bearing drawing No. 010246.

Being the same property conveyed to Sarah Steinbruegge and Chasity Petree, from Corinne Marie Barnard and husband, Robert Joseph Barnard, by Warranty Deed, dated August 22, 2014, as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 201409050013875, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Also known as: 4719 Washington Valley Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918 Parcel ID#040EA-01404 Tax ID: 040ea-01404 Current Owner(s) of Property: SARAH B. STEINBRUEGGE AND CHASITY D. PETREE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **4719 Washington Valley Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918**, 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 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 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. §67-1-1433. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.

MWZM File No. 17-000085-840 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

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 September 21, 2015, executed by ALISHA K. BREAZEALE, BOBBY G. BREAZEALE, III, conveying certain real property therein described to ADMIRAL TITLE, INC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 29, 2015, at Instrument Number 201509230020387; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Pacific Union Financial, LLC 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 **August 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 44TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 6, BLOCK A, HIDDEN HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET E, SLIDE 21D (MAP BOOK 52-S, PAGE 34), IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, AND AS SHOWN ON SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 20, 1992. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, AND ALL CONDITIONS OF RECORD. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

Parcel ID: 092CA018 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6212 HANDLEY LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ALISHA K. BREAZEALE, BOBBY G. BREAZEALE, III

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the

performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 26, 2008, executed by BETTY JEAN MANIS, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 28, 2008, at Instrument Number 200802280064211; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, 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 **August 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES, TO-WIT: SITUATED IN CIVIL DISTRICT NO. 8, FORMERLY DISTRICT NO. 4 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE STRAWBERRY PLAINS PIKE ABOUT ONE FOURTH MILE EAST OF THE HOLSTON RIVER BRIDGE BEGINNING ON A STONEWHITES CORNER, ON THE EDGE OF THE PIKE RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE WITH THE PIKE RIGHT OF WAY S.82 DEG.30 MIN. W. 200 FT. TO A STONE; THENCE N.4 DEG.00 MINE.346 FT. TO A STONE ACROSS A DITCH; THENCE N.63-DEG.00 MINE.230 FT. TO A STONE, LUSBY’S CORNER; THENCE WITH LUSBY S.4 DEG.00 MIN. W.427 FT. TO THE BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1 7/10 ACRES MORE OR LESS. WITH WATER RIGHT TO A WELL SITUATED ABOUT 250 FT. N. 63 DEG.00 EAST FROM THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT AND PRIVILEGE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO SAID WELL IS HEREIN CON- VEYED. A RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES 14 FEET WIDE S.69 DEG.50 MIN W. IS RESERVED.

Parcel ID: 083NA009 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4705 STRAWPLAINS PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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Ad #119326 07/17/2017, 07/24/2017, 07/31/2017

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 11, 2005, executed by Alan Ray Miller, Carrie A. Miller, conveying certain real property therein described to “NO TRUSTEE STATED”, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 11, 2005, at Instrument Number 200502110063682; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE

BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR INDENTURE TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE CWHQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-B 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 **August 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NINE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE AT THE CORNER OF VEST AND REECE WHALEY, THENCE WESTERLY ACROSS REED LANE AND ON THE LINE OF REECE WHALEY 746 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE NORTHERLY ON SAID SOUTHERN RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY 438 FEET TO A STAKE, CORNER OF KENNETH REED; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE LINE OF KENNETH REED AND ELLIS GARLAND 990 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE LINE OF VEST; THENCE SOUTHERLY WITH THE LINE OF VEST 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE IS THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SOUTHEASTERN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BY J. WILLIAM DAVIS, SINGLE, BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1969, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1414, PAGE 492, KNOX COUNTY REGISTER’S OFFICE. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

Parcel ID: 122LD-020 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4719 Reed Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920**. 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): Alan Ray Miller, Carrie A. Miller

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: DISCOVER BANK, REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION, United States of America The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Ad #120519 07/17/2017, 07/24/2017, 07/31/2017

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 2, 2014, executed by JUDY L. PECK, conveying certain real property therein described to LIBERTY TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 13, 2014, at Instrument Number 201405130064091; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Mid America Mortgage, Inc 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 **August 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. THREE (3) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 20TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 503 IN BON-VIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 45 FEET ON NORTHERN OR NORTHWESTERN SIDE OF WEST EMERALD AVENUE AND EXTENDING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 125 FEET TO A 10 FOOT ALLEY.

Parcel ID: 081 OK-028 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **917 W EMERALD AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF JUDY PECK

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

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Ad #120344 07/17/2017, 07/24/2017, 07/31/2017

TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that at **11:00 AM on Friday, the 28th day of July 2017** at the Northernmost entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City-County Building, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash in hand and to the highest and best bidder and in bar of the equity of redemption, the following described premises, to-wit:

SITUATED IN Eighth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 5, Sailor Island Estates, as shown on the map of the same of record in Cabinet L, Slide 361A and 361B, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property is bounded and described as shown on map of aforesaid addition to which map reference is made for a more particular description.

SAID PREMISES bearing street address of 9664 Clift Road, Strawberry Plains, Tennessee 37871.

This sale is being made by virtue of the power and authority vested in the undersigned by that certain Deed of Trust dated 23 November 2010 executed by Bryan Harris and wife Mary Harris, of record in Instrument No. 201011290033060, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and demand having been made on the undersigned by the holder of the indebtedness.

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

and to sell to the next highest bidder in the event the highest bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale.

This notice posted and published in accordance with said Deed of Trust on the 10th day of July 2017, on the 17th day of July 2017, and on the 24th day of July, 2017.

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

Myron C. Ely, Trustee 8930 Cross Park Drive Suite 1 Knoxville, TN 37902 (865) 690-7811

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 14, 1999, executed by LOUIE A. BENDER, SHARON K. BENDER, conveying certain real property therein described to “NO TRUSTEE STATED”, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 28, 1999, at Instrument Number 199912280047947; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR CIM TRUST 2016-4, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2016-4 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 **August 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATE IN THE EIGHT (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS TRACT 10, LAURELWOOD FARMS, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 69-S, PAGE 2, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO ANY PORTION OF JOINT PERMANENT NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TRANSVERSING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID.

Parcel ID: 05311010 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1043 RANDLE RD, STRAWPLAINS, TN 37871**. 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): LOUIE A. BENDER, SHARON K. BENDER

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

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

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IF THIS DESK COULD TALK

From the Jim Halsey Company Archives

Anniversaries are always so important they should be acknowledged and celebrated with respect and gratitude. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of what would become the epicenter of the Jim Halsey Company.

This is Jim Halsey's custom designed, hand-crafted desk and matching divans and side furniture for the company headquarters office, tastefully executed by one of Mexico's leading wood sculptures provided through Designs of Mexico, Los Angeles, California. Many an interesting and important deal came across its solid mahogany top...contracts, proposals, sales and marketing plans, global country music expansion.

Roy Clark, Hank Thompson, The Oak Ridge Boys, Judds, Reba McEntire, Tammy Wynette, Merle Haggard, Dwight Yoakam, Mr. James Brown, Leon Russell and many others of Halsey's elite artist roster sat with Jim around his desk, dreaming and planning for the future.

Walter Kane, entertainment Czar for Howard Hughes' six casino/hotels in Las Vegas sat at this

desk with Jim and planned future bookings of Halsey artists, opening country music on the Vegas strip for the first time. John Hitt and Jo Ann Berry planning fairs and celebrations with Hap Peebles, Don Romeo, Joe Higgins and E. O. Stacey.

Sherman Halsey making plans and television projections for videos and long form programming to HBO, MTV and the networks. Dick Howard, Judy Pofsky establishing guest appearances on network TV for the Halsey artists. Dianna Pugh coordinated efforts and reports to facilitate the meshing of all plans and projects.

Halsey associate Dick Howard and famed Tonight Show producer, Freddy de Cordova in arranging Roy Clark, The Oak Ridge Boys, Minnie Pearl, Freddy Fender, Mel Tillis, the Judds, Dwight Yoakam and Clint Black's first network appearances and other Halsey acts as guest bookings on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. All of this changed the perception and shape of country music in its national acceptance.

Both Walter Kane and Freddy de Cordova in Tulsa, attending the Halsey Ranch Party extravaganza

in conjunction with the Roy Clark charity/celebrity golf tournament. All shared desk time in the Tulsa Halsey office.

The first country music tour behind the Iron Curtain, the 1976 Roy Clark/Oak Ridge Boys three week concert tour of Moscow, Leningrad and Riga, Latvia was initially laid out on this desk with the principles gathered around. Big history here.

Major sales and marketing plans all mapped out and strategy planned on and around this desk... for 50 years! National radio and press/PR campaigns designed around this desk. Bob Burwell creating new concepts and organizing the new management company with Sherman Halsey (Michael Martin Murphy, Dwight Yoakam and more). Fred Woods on the road making sure production, promotion and performances were coordinated. Steve Ripley was there too, later to produce the award winning Roy Clark and Gatemouth Brown record, "Makin' Music".

Kathy Gangwisch and Sandy Brokaw organizing national press and PR campaigns. Major tours, state fairs and important festivals and expositions



Jim Halsey at his desk July 2017

were all negotiated here. The desk saw deals with Mr. James Nederlander, Ed Solomon on New York's WHN radio on strategy for bringing Country Music to New York... Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall and Madison Square Garden.

Commissioning famous caricaturist Al Hirschfield for his impression of the Oak Ridge Boys, used in the Radio City Music Hall event starring the Oak Ridge Boys and featuring the Judds.

The Oak Ridge Boys sat on the desk, Tammy Wynette leaned on it,

Freddy Fender brought us all chips and salsa and we ate on it, Mel Tillis stuttered around it, Roy Clark laid his banjo on the desk many times, Wanda Jackson and husband Wendell Goodman reminisced around it, Dayton Duncan collected stories for the forthcoming Ken Burns' PBS History of Country Music, Dr. Bob Blackburn examined Oklahoma music history, visitor Bob Hope exchanging thoughts about the Roy Clark Celebrity Golf Tournament. Minnie Pearl placed her famous hat with the price

tag on the desk. Jimmy Dean sat and hoisted his cowboy boots on top of the desk (no spurs attached at this time).

Ernie Smith, Sherman Halsey, Tommy Martin and I set around this until 5 a.m. one morning with Mr. James Brown listening to songs. We signed him to our company and record label at this desk.

The famous Halsey desk and matching office furniture has been at home at various times in our Beverly Hills, Nashville and Tulsa offices. It's seen it all and **Cont. on page 4**

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Malinda Ann Miller executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. As Nominee For Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated September 30, 2005 and recorded on October 4, 2005 in Instrument No. 200510040030433, 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, CitiMortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **August 3, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 133, Final Plat of "Lexi Landing Phase One", as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 200311060051276, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

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

BEING the same property conveyed to First Party, by Warranty Deed dated September 28, 2005, recorded as Instrument No. 200510040030432, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and building set back lines.

Parcel ID Number: 06BFC039
Address/Description: 6334 Hugh Willis Road, Powell, TN 37849.

Current Owner(s): Malinda Ann Miller, Trustee, or successor Trustee, U/D/T Dated June 1, 1998, F/B/O Malinda Ann Miller.

Other Interested Party(ies): Bank of America, N.A..

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 17-08621 FC01

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**JEREMY L. OSBORNE - VS- RYANNE E. KASIK
DOCKET #140724**

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 RYANNE E. KASIK 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 RYANNE E. KASIK.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY JEREMY L. OSBORNE, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH N/A, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS N/A, 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 FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**SHAILJA SHARMA RATTAN
- VS ARUN RATTAN
DOCKET #126070**

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 ARUN RATTAN 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 ARUN RATTAN.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY SHAILJA SHARMA RATTAN, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH FELISHA B. WHITE, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS 216 PHOENIX COURT SUITE D. SEYMOUR, TN 37865, 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 FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
THIS THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2017.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID A. CASE
DOCKET NUMBER 79170-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID A. CASE who died May 10, 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 JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF DAVID A. CASE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELISSA E. CASE; EXECUTRIX
1912 TREEMONT DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

DAVID B. HAMILTON ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
1810 MERCHANT DR., STE. 1, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GRACE W. HENDERLIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 79140-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

GRACE W. HENDERLIGHT 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 this first publication; or

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

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

This the 6TH day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF GRACE W. HENDERLIGHT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM L. MCKENZIE; EXECUTOR
860 LOUISVILLE RD., ALCOA, TN 37001

CARLETON E. BRYANT ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
P.O. BOX 76, ROCKFORD, TN 37853

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD S. HERRON
DOCKET NUMBER 79048-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of JULY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of

RONALD S. HERRON who died May 19, 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 12TH day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF RONALD S. HERRON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANNE HERRON; ADMINISTRATRIX
170 BLVD. SE, E117, ATLANTA, GA 30312

KEVIN A. DEAN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
550 W. MAIN ST., STE. 500, KNOXVILLE, TN 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ELMER LARRY EDWARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 79149-2**

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

ELMER LARRY EDWARDS who died Jan 3, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

(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 JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF ELMER LARRY EDWARDS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUSAN H. EDWARDS; EXECUTRIX
11620 MIDHURST DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37934

BROOKE GIVENS ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
110 COGILL RD., KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CLIFFORD A. PARROTT
DOCKET NUMBER 79160-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

CLIFFORD A. PARROTT who died Jun 18, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

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

This the 11 day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF CLIFFORD A. PARROTT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PATRICIA D. FITZGERALD; EXECUTRIX
8313 MECKLENBURG COURT KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

LISA W. GAMMELTOFT ATTORNEY AT LAW
110 COGILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KEVIN WAYNE SCHRAM
DOCKET NUMBER 79152-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of

KEVIN WAYNE SCHRAM

who died Jun 25, 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 10 day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF KEVIN WAYNE SCHRAM
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLE SCHRAM; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
503 BRIAR CREEK DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

KATHERINE BLEVINS; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
302 EAST H STREET ELIZABETHTON, TN. 37643

JOHN D LOCKRIDGE, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
1306 PAPERMILL POINTE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2577, Fire Alarm Services, due 8/23/17;
RFP 2579, School Bus Locator Software Suite Solution, due 8/23/17;

Bid 2580, Real Estate Appraisal Services, due 8/23/17;

Bid 2581, Motorcycles, due 8/22/17;

RFP 2583, On-Site Interpretation Services, due 8/24/17

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.

Email legals@knoxfocus.com to place your legal or public notice.

IF THIS DESK COULD TALK

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has been a substantial witness to the growth of the Jim Halsey Company and country music over the years, has been a cornerstone part of building the Halsey Company into the largest country music agency in the world representing one time or another over 100+ great artists. Of the 128 members inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Halsey Company has represented 26 of those. And it has represented 10 members in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

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Jim Halsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beaver Ridge UMC

Beaver Ridge UMC, 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy. (In the heart of Karns) has announced the upcoming Murder Mystery Play Tickets for "The Not-So-Sweet Life at La Dolce Vita" are on sale now! The Murder Mystery Play and Dinner will be Saturday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. On Sunday, August 27 there will be a matinee at 2:00 p.m. with Dessert served. Tickets will be \$15 each or \$12 each for table of 4 or more. The church will be offering childcare for \$10 per child. Come bring your friends and family for a good meal or dessert and see if you can guess WHO DONE IT! Call now for reservations and tickets. Church office: 865-690-1060 or 865-680-7032

Central High School Class of 1977 Reunion

Central High School Class of 1977 is preparing for its 40th Class Reunion. Mark your calendars as for the celebration on September 10, 2017 at Fountain City Park from 2-5 p.m. Bring your families, food, chairs, for games and a fun time with our classmates. Contact Teresa Black Teague at (865)679-9835 for information.

South Knox County officials/constituents to meet

Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey and Board of Education member Amber Rountree will meet with citizens of the 9th District from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at "Love That B-B-Q," 1901 Maryville Pike. Everyone is welcome to bring concerns and questions to your commissioner and school board member.



Every year the residents at Windsor Gardens Assisted Living participate in breaking green beans. Everyone sits around the table and share some good stories from the past while breaking fresh local greens beans to enjoy for meals! Pictured above is Bess Lay.

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