

POW to tell his story

By Pete Gawda

“Never give up. Never give in” was the attitude that got Bill Robinson through seven and a half years in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp. He will be telling his story at a breakfast to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 14 at Black Oak Heights Baptist Church, 405 Black Oak Drive. Robinson, a 23-year Air Force veteran was shot down September 20, 1965 and released February 12, 1973 as the war was winding down and troops were preparing to withdraw. He and Neil Black, who was in the same aircraft, are the longest held enlisted POWs. Because of this Robinson received the Air Force Cross which ranks just below the Medal of Honor.



Bill Robinson

Robinson credits four things with keeping him going during those dark days in North Vietnam. “Faith in myself, faith in each other, faith in my country and faith in my Heavenly Father to see us through.” Religion played an important part in his survival. His experiences reminded him of the difficulties of Bible characters

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Jane Cade Young stands beside the bench dedicated to her late husband, radio personality “Your Dave Young.” Both were employees at WIMZ Radio and the station supported her efforts to purchase four benches for the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway.

Benches for Bravery

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If you’ve been to the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Pike over the past few years you may have noticed there are few places to sit town. For some time one long bench was located near the ceremonial building but none in or around the grounds. That fact came home to one woman

a couple years ago and she decided to raise money and buy four benches. Those benches were dedicated in ceremonies Friday. Jane Cade Young, wife of the late radio personality “Your Dave Young” of WIMZ, learned that finding benches and placing them would be a drawn out process. Dave Young was a Vietnam veteran and well known to lots of people in the area

including Congressman John Duncan, Jr. So Jane Young got busy. She’s WIMZ’s Marketing Consultant and the station pitched in with a fundraising promotion. The listeners responded and so did Dunlap RV, Garza Law Firm, and the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association.

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KTA to pick up national transit award

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Usually when the Knoxville Transit Authority Board meets each month their agenda could be for any meeting during the year. It’s a basic agenda of new and old businesses, reports from the various departments, and a pretty routine outline with a spot for public comment. Yet a recent meeting broke the mold as Director Dawn Distler reported on a series of new business. She gave an update on the success of the system’s seven new hybrid buses which replaced older buses on routes. She said the new buses were “very well received” and that ridership on them has increased. The Knoxville system was recognized recently as the Outstanding Public Transportation System for Small Systems and Distler said she when she returns from the Atlanta meeting to pick up the award, she and her staff will share their

presentation with the board. The meeting of the American Public Transportation Association meets soon for award presentations. She also said that the project to add new camera systems to city buses is about half done and said that the recent Bus Hop Trash Stop on Magnolia Avenue was so successful that another such event is planned for December. She also reported that ridership for the first and second UT football home games was up and praised the “Passenger Play Books” designed for riders attending the games. Distler also said that August was the second month in row with no preventable accidents in the system. Board member Chris Crouch asked Distler about a report of a liquid being thrown in the face of a Chattanooga bus driver and Distler said Knoxville Bus drivers are told to “be aware of their surroundings” and that the employee bus parking lot is secure and well lighted.

Board member Renee Hoyos, who is leaving the group to run for U.S. Congress, asked Distler, “where do old buses go to die?” Distler said the buses are put up for auction if other city departments want them. City Councilman Daniel Brown mentioned a complaint at a city council meeting by Anthony Brown about problems for riders at the bus stop at the Social Security office and the difficulties there for senior and disabled citizens to navigate the hillside from the stop to the office. Distler said the bus used to go up into the parking lot there but could not keep the lane clear and often had to back out of the lot guided by a supervisor. She said a passenger count was completed and only two trips a day there had passengers for the office. She said the neighboring auto dealer owns the entrance to the Social Security parking lot and

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City Council Large agenda includes cell towers, parking

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday the members face a long agenda of everything from appointments to the Historic Zoning Commission to renaming some streets but the biggest questions involve passing, on second and final reading, the city’s new Parking Ordinance. They will also wrestle with the first reading of the new “Wireless Communications Facilities Plan regarding cell tower regulations. Both will probably take up a bit of the agenda. The updated Parking Ordinance may require a distance between parking lots, either 10 or 20 feet depending on the size of the lot, and require buffering between the lots and

the street. The cell tower regulations are an attempt by the city to have some say into where the towers are located, how they are located, and how to meet the different federal regulations for placement on private property or on right-of-ways. Five properties are proposed for sale to individuals as part of the Home-makers Program. The properties vary in sales price from \$64,300 to \$1,000 and are located on Amelia Road, Linden Avenue, West Bellemeade Avenue, Ailsie Drive and Ivy Avenue. Most are vacant lots or homes taken by city because of blight or unpaid taxes. Habitat for Humanity is interested in the property at 3801 Ivy Avenue.

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What Force Can You Use to Protect Your Property?

Say that you are walking out to your car after a trip to the store and you see someone breaking in to your car, or maybe you're walking down the street and someone runs



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to your own person or others, you are authorized to fire a weapon, or attack someone with a knife in order to protect yourself. However, you cannot do these things to protect property only.

What can snatch your purse. What can you do to recover or protect your property in these instances?

Well, Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-11-614 states that you are justified in threatening or using force against another to the degree necessary to prevent or terminate unlawful interference with the property.

BUT the law also says that, "a person is not justified in using deadly force to prevent or terminate the unlawful interference with personal property."

So, what does that mean? Essentially it means that you cannot pull a gun or another "deadly force" weapon on someone to protect property only. Now, if you are in fear of safety

Why is this the case? Is your car not worth protecting? I presume that the law is this way because the legislators value life more than recovering stolen possessions. Having said that, I don't know how sympathetic cops will be to people who get injured committing crimes, but I can't recommend opening fire when trying to recover stolen property.

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The 8th Annual Green Thumb Gala, a fundraiser for Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, was held Sunday, October 1 with 340 guests attending. Pictured above are members of the Host Committee and city council candidate Lauren Rider. From left to right: Angie Riedl, Megan Stair, Katy Weisfeld, Vicki Baumgartner, Lauren Rider, Sharon Moore and Corey Meyerson.

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controls access.

"It's not something we wanted to do but it forced our hand," she said of the situation of having to drop off people at the current stop location.

Daniel Brown said that neither

he nor Anthony Brown are blaming the transit system.

The financial report showed the system income down for the first two months of the fiscal year.

In the public comments portion of the meeting Deborah Langston of Woodbine Avenue asked

the board to consider audio announcements of bus arrivals at the terminal to aid blind passengers there. She also praised the plans for a bus shelter and a pathway at Summit Towers but said the trolley there is not running as regularly as it once had.

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The council may also approve of a contract with Whaley Construction for the Cedar Lane Sidewalk Project for \$301,434. The city council recently authorized funds to acquire property along the street for the

needed sidewalks.

The name of the brief road between North Broadway and Lynnwood Drive may be named "Jane Allen Drive" and the Turkey Creek Greenway may be renamed "Parkside Greenway."

Funding is being requested for conduit placement work for traffic signal updates as part of the Blount Avenue Green-scapes Project and for city-wide traffic signal infrastructure for two years in an agreement with Progression Electric, LLC. Elite Facility Maintenance

may be hired for janitorial services at various recreation facilities in city parks and Anderson Lumber may get an increase for roof repairs and ceiling beams in the renovation of the Sanitary Laundry Building.

The State Street Garage may get Public Building Authority management and the council may authorize the Industrial Development Board to negotiate and accept from Dover Development payments in lieu of taxes on the Old South High School property located at 953 Moody Avenue.

The council also faces several rezoning requests along Blackstock Avenue, Midway Road, Hero Road, Rickard Drive, Creekhead Drive and Harvey Drive.

Benches for Bravery

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She found a manufacturer who could build the benches and make them similar to the lone "Boy Scout" bench already there. Her "Benches for Bravery" campaign was coming along but still she didn't have permission to place the seats.

Then she turned to Congressman Duncan who pushed the approvals along. The idea of benches apparently caught on because both East Tennessee Veterans Cemeteries, including the one on Lyons View Pike, now have some more benches courtesy of the state.

When Duncan arrived

at the cemetery last week Jane Cade Young was the first to greet him and thank him for his support.

The congressman spoke briefly at the gathering, recognizing the woman for her effort. Tennessee's Veterans Commissioner, Many-Bears Grinder, also spoke and noted that burial in the cemeteries are not by military rank.

WIMZ's Billy Kidd hosted the event that included the Patriot Guard Riders in a flag parade, prayers by Rev. John Gill, and music by Jay Mack and Stevie Jones.

The Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard attended and offered a 21 gun salute.

During the ceremony white doves were released by Townsend Dove Release and filled the sky.

East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery Director

Kevin Knowles told The Focus that the cemetery is growing and 3,000 new spaces and 1,000 cremation spaces are being added. Duncan said he'd been there several times and was amazed at the number of graves since his last visit.

The benches placed by Jane Young sit around the flag pole in the center of the cemetery. Plaques on each of the four benches honor those buried three. One of the plaques simply reads:

"This bench is placed in memory of Radio Personality 'Your Dave Young,' Vietnam Army Veteran, and is made possible through the support of 103.5 WIMZ, Dunlap RV, East Tn Veterans Memorial Association and the donations of men and women in our community."



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Council Candidates Talk at Oakwood-Lincoln Park

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It was City Council Candidate Night at the monthly meeting of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association Monday evening and most of the candidates showed up to mingle, pass out campaign literature, and then speak briefly.

The association meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in The Clubhouse at 916 Shamrock Avenue behind the Christenberry Elementary School. Last week's meeting was very well attended by members and guests.

The candidates were introduced in order of district starting with the 1st District. Stephanie Welch told the crowd of her involvement in creating "Walk to School" at Christenberry in 1999 and noted that she serves on the ReCode Knoxville Committee and works for Greater Schools Partnership.

Welch's opponent, Rebecca Parr, didn't attend the meeting.

2nd District candidate Wayne Christensen recalled his Navy and Whittle Communications experiences and talked about his plans for the creation of city sidewalks.

Andrew Roberto, who opposes Christensen, spoke about



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Candidates for Knoxville City Council pose during a recent meeting of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association meeting.

his daughters and his desire to create opportunity for them and other children to stay and work in Knoxville.

3rd District candidate Seema Perez said she grew up in Knoxville, went to UT and got a degree in psychology and religious studies. She called for the election of qualified people with diversity and spoke of poverty, drug addiction and domestic violence.

James Corcoran is the other 3rd District candidate and is an attorney primarily involved with the Juvenile Court. He said the local drug problem is getting worse and

it's becoming harder for employers to find qualified, sober workers. Corcoran serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals and said there should be a balance between promoting business and protecting neighborhoods.

The 4th District write-in candidate, Amelia Parker, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in law and human rights. She asked the attendees to write her name in during the election.

4th District candidate Lauren Rider said she was born within walking distance from the

Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood. She was a founder of the Broadway Corridor Task Force and is involved in fighting blight. She mentioned efforts to save the Howard House and her participation in ReCode Knoxville.

Harry Tindell, also a 4th District City Council candidate, did not attend the event.

6th District candidates Jennifer Montgomery and Gwen McKenzie spoke to the neighborhood members.

Montgomery mentioned her Master's Degree in science and urban planning and suggested

that the senior tax break offered in the county should be extended to city taxpayers. She also mentioned business development, sidewalks, and greenways and noted that East Knoxville has fewer greenways than any other neighborhood.

Gwen McKenzie noted she is a lifelong East Knoxville resident. A member of the Urban League, she stressed economic development and community involvement. She said that Knoxville is growing by leaps and bounds and elected officials should never lose sight of the people they serve.

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in the stories told him by his mother and his Sunday school teachers.

The word "hope" also played a big part in his survival. Since he could possibly go home any day, he only had one day to be concerned with. "Yesterday, today and tomorrow" were the only days on his calendar. "Yesterday I was captured and tomorrow I am going home." Therefore he

only had to be concerned with today.

In spite of his hardship, he says others have had it worse. Robinson was not in solitary confinement as long as some prisoners and there is an officer who spent more time as a POW than he did.

Robinson's captivity caused him to put life in the proper perspective. "I don't get bogged down in the petty stuff," he asserted. When he hears people

complaining he tells them of his experiences.

"I don't take my freedom for granted," he told The Focus. To illustrate this he asked people to imagine getting up in the morning and finding there is no knob on their bedroom door.

"Those who went before me proved you could survive," was a thought that also gave him hope. He learned to adjust to adverse circumstances, a trait carried over to the present

day. "We adjust every day," he asserts. "Life is an ambitious adjustment."

After his time in the air force, Robinson spent over 20 years in Florida. After coming to East Tennessee for several family reunions, he fell in love with area and moved here. He spends much of his time doing speaking engagements. He said there was a time when he doubted he would

see his 23rd birthday. Then he said the Lord stepped in and told him there was more work for him to do. That work could just be to tell others the value of faith. He has written a book entitled "The Longest Rescue" which he calls his "Forest Gump" book because it starts with his birth in North Carolina and continues until the time the book was written, three years ago. He

says that except for time in POW camp, the rest of his life has been boring.

In addition to the breakfast Saturday morning, Black Oak Heights will be holding a special worship service at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening, October 15 honoring veterans. All veterans and any other interested persons are invited to both events.

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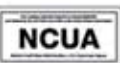
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Focus Questions Answered by 1st District Candidates

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Recently The Knoxville Focus asked a dozen questions of all the Primary winners in the five races for Knoxville City Council. Each race will have two candidates on the ballot, the first and second place primary winners. The General Election is November 7th and early voting begins on October 18th. Answers from the candidates may have been shortened in some cases and not all of the total questions and answers are included. Responses are by alphabetical order based on the candidate's last name.

This week First District Candidates Rebecca Parr and Stephanie Welch are seeking to replace Councilman Nick Pavlis who has endorsed Welch.

What will be your focus as a council member?

Parr: My focus is and has been about the issues and concerns that effect our communities, particularly in regard to the current and future situation for affordable housing, and making sure there is equitable representation in our decision making for our city. I am also focused on the opioid epidemic, and what is the next step we need to take in order to prioritize spending toward stabilizing our intergenerational families and individuals through job training, increased wages, and greater opportunities.

Welch: In an era marked by political divisiveness,

I will work to build on the respect and professionalism that are important to continue the current positive momentum in our city. The ability to work with others to reach solutions has helped move Knoxville forward as an economically vibrant, environmentally sustainable city with strong neighborhoods radiating from a thriving downtown. I have had the opportunity to support this momentum and establish positive relationships by serving on city-appointed committees and engaging in community processes, and I support current priorities such as the Urban Wilderness, corridor redevelopment, and strong city services. Knoxville's success has also created new priorities. As demand for urban living grows, there is a growing need for diverse housing options for residents of different ages and income levels. And although the city doesn't directly manage schools, engaging with schools is also a priority as education directly affects prosperity, safety and the health of our community.

What are your thoughts on expanding the Historic Zoning in Park City?

Parr: I fear that in doing so we will lead to a push out of residents who cannot afford the cost of meeting the requirements that are specific to historical zoning. I believe that individuals can choose to make the historical updates to their homes, and that historical preservation can and

should be done as a community, but not by means of specific zoning overlays. Fourth and Gill is an example of a beautiful neighborhood that no longer has any affordable housing options. It is a beautiful community but the diversity of socioeconomic families that once were there, no longer exist. Many individuals who once resided there became part of our homeless population. How can we explore ways to have mixed communities that allow choices and options for assistance in preservation without dictates?

Welch: There has been significant public process related to expansion of the Edgewood-Park City Historic Zoning overlay. Community input has helped identify a compromise that addresses concerns regarding the potential burden of design guidelines, while also addressing concerns about preserving historic structures and the character of the neighborhood. I support this compromise approach to the overlay expansion.

Please comment on TIFS and PILOT and the preservation or construction of corporate buildings.

Parr: I am having a difficult time with being fully supportive to the gamble of TIFS and PILOTS as a sustained means of supporting the needs of any community, particularly those with ingoing reliefs. The tax base that surrounds any development, does not reap the same

rewards, and actually bears the brunt through increased taxes. Property values may have potential to increase, but to what cost for the surrounding communities?

Welch: I support the strategic use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) as financing and incentive tools to revitalize or bring development to areas of the city that are blighted or have been economically stagnant. Specifically, I will only support projects that solidly demonstrate long-term benefit to Knoxville's economy, either through new tax revenue that would not have been seen without the project, or through new jobs, or both.

Where should the focus be in the future of revitalization in the city?

Parr: Creating more residential friendly and livable areas on our main corridors can allow for increased inclusion for our entire city in areas of walkability, thriving economy, and overall vitality.

Welch: Following the successful revitalization of Knoxville's downtown, focus must now turn to key corridors including Magnolia Avenue, Chapman Highway, Broadway, and continued redevelopment of Western Avenue, with purposeful reach into surrounding neighborhoods. The strategy must be tailored to the unique characteristics and challenges of the specific corridor and neighborhood.



Rebecca Parr



Stephanie Welch

Have you ever attended a City Council meeting, work session or a neighborhood association meeting?

Parr: I have attended neighborhood association meetings and as a young woman worked for Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Association as the youth director. In that position I organized and implemented summer feeding program, dance instructors, nutritionists, a community garden, educational and recreational field trips and much more. I know what community building and engagement looks like and how to utilize all the abundance of resources available, to help a community to thrive. I am also organizing Next Step Initiative, which serves as a coalition approach to community building for intergenerational families effected by many issues and concerns of the opioid epidemic and gun violence in our neighborhoods. We need to become a visible presence as political leaders of our communities, through engagement and opportunities of hope for all of our citizens of all backgrounds and circumstances.

Welch: I have been fortunate to serve on boards and committees as an appointee of Knoxville City Council, including two terms on Knoxville's Better Building Board, and as a current appointee to the Zoning Ordinance Update Advisory Committee. I have attended council meetings and workshops in this capacity. While serving as a Knox County appointee and the President of the Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council, I provided presentations and hosted events for Knoxville City Council. I have also served as a neighborhood association board member (Island Home Park) and, prior to campaigning for City Council, I attended many neighborhood association meetings, including Old North Knoxville, Inskip Community Association and Old Sevier Community Group. Since launching my campaign, I have enjoyed attending many more of these meetings across Knoxville's neighborhoods.

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR Dr. Seuss Goes to War

By Randall Baxter

"The Cat in the Hat," "Horton Hears a Who" and "Green Eggs and Ham." You have probably read them all!

Did you know, Theodor Seuss Geisel was a World War II editorial cartoonist in 1941 and 1942?

His cartoons have been restored from decades of being hidden in forgotten files in a book by Richard H. Minear.

He was a third generation American of German heritage born in 1904. German was the household language, Lutheran was the practiced religion, and he sold US War bonds during WWI as a Boy Scout in Springfield, Mass. He began drawing political cartoons in college, spent a year at Oxford, and never achieved a PhD except for an honorary doctorate. Occasionally published by the Saturday Evening Post, he lived in New York from 1927 to 1941, not participating in the poverty of the depression era due to a sizable salary from ESSO. Before he sold over 80,000,000 copies of "The Cat in the Hat" starting in 1957, the world had gone crazy in Japan, Germany, and Italy. Seuss's opposition to Facism began the formation of the characters we love today in his books, but they were originally designed to oppose the issues of the day. If you read the book, Dr. Seuss Goes to War you can see many of his characters begin to take shape. Again selling War Bonds with cartoons was a mission of Dr. Seuss. Back then, editorial cartoons displaying racism were tolerated in society, as we had to dehumanize the people in whom we needed to kill to protect our way of life.

He sought to motivate production in America with his cartoons. As a devoted FDR

supporter, he was pro labor, anti Republican, pro minority rights and outrageously humorous in his cartoons depicting bigotry and sloth in his characters.

He depicted the American Eagle as an ostrich, and Uncle Sam as a content elderly gentleman in a separate bed safely sleeping next to another bed full of people suffering from maladies he called Stalin-itch, Hitler-itis, Blitz pox, Nazi fever, Italian Mumps, and Facist fever. In one cartoon, the American ostrich sat snugly in a tree, with all the other trees around it destroyed and labeled: England, Norway, Greece, Denmark, Holland, France, ect.

He attacked Americans who backed isolationism, and again, many of the characters began to look like the characters I grew to love as a child in the 50s and 60s.

When it came to foreign aid, one of my favorite cartoons are of a businessman and a bureaucrat discussing Aid to Britain. The business man smoking a cigar turns to the bureaucrat and says, "Sometimes I wonder- Would we speed things up if we used turtles instead of snails to transport our goods?"

In his opinions about India, and their role in the war, he depicts India as a huge passive elephant, who looked a lot like our friend Horton.

Another of my favorites is of the ostrich beginning to develop some muscles, but still wringing his hands, when Seuss thought those hands should be wringing the necks of Germany, Japan, and Italy.

I have a few copies of the book at The Veteran Next Door booth at the Mega Peddlers in the former Kmart store on Broadway. It's fun to read.

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Veterans Heritage Ridge Run this month



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Sharps Ridge Park was dedicated in 1953 to the veterans of all wars. The park will be busy Saturday, October 28th, during the 2nd Annual Heritage Ridge Run and Halloween Walk there.

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Until a few years ago Sharps Ridge was probably the most overlooked park in the city. It was thought to be a hangout for drug deals, sexual activity, and many local people stayed away from the beautiful overlook.

Then local people and groups started getting involved to transform the property into a recognized and viable park. The Appalachian Mountain Bike Club worked on bike trails,

the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society adopted the peak for bird watching, and another group has managed to emphasize the "Veterans Memorial" in the park's name.

Still one of the most isolated and rural sections of the city Sharps Ridge Veterans Memorial Park is located just off Broadway and the home of several television, radio and cell towers. Founded in 1953 Sharps Ridge is the only park in the city honoring

military veterans and will be very busy Saturday, October 28.

The Veterans Heritage Site Foundation is hosting the 2nd Annual Veterans Heritage Ridge Run and Family Halloween Trail Walk. The foundation, headed by President Marilyn Childress, seeks to preserve and maintain veteran heritage sites in our area including veteran cemeteries, marked and unmarked burial sites, monuments, battlegrounds, forts and

outposts, buildings of military importance and veteran parks.

The organization is a 501c3 non-profit charitable fund and 95% of funds raised go to mission purposes. Childress told The Focus she is grateful for the recent \$4,500 donation from the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association.

Childress has been out and about promoting the Ridge Run and said that the 2nd annual event is a **Continue on page 2**



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

A Vietnam veteran listens to General John R. D'Araujo speak at the "Wall That Heals" opening ceremony at Lynnhurst Cemetery Thursday morning. Several hundred veterans and their families attended the event and visited the one-half size version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (seen behind the general).

The Lesson of 'The Wall That Heals'

By Mike Steely
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"The Wall That Heals" is a smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and was displayed in Knoxville starting Thursday. The wall was open 24 hours a day and lit at night until yesterday.

The 250-foot long wall has 58,318 names of men and women who died in the Vietnam War. It drew a huge crowd when it opened Thursday morning in Lynnhurst Cemetery, 2300 Adair Drive.

Major General John R. D'Araujo Jr. spoke at the opening of the Wall that Heals and recalled the Vietnam War years, the soldiers who returned alive and those who did not. He said the war years were a "period when this country was so divided."

"In terms of grand strategy the United States lost the War in Vietnam. Our forces in the field were never defeated in battle. Those whose names are on this wall lost their lives but they did not lose the war," he said.

General D'Araujo was the keynote

speaker at the event where John Becker emceed. HonorAir Knoxville founder Eddie Mannis and Fred Berry of Berry Lynnhurst Cemetery spoke briefly as did Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero.

"Many blame the media," the general continued, "But the truth is it was our domestic politics, a misguided foreign policy, the loss of a political will and a losing strategy."

"Perhaps this moving wall will serve as a re-enforcement of these

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BBBS-ETN launches Bigs in Blue Partnership

By Ken Lay

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of East Tennessee announced a new program last month that involves a partnership with public safety professionals in police officers.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of East Tennessee launched its Bigs in Blue Program Thursday, Sept. 14 at its annual Cash for Kids' Sake dinner and auction at The Standard Knoxville in the Old City.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, which works to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that can change lives forever for the better.

Officers from the Knoxville Police Department, the Maryville Police Department and the Chattanooga Police Department have already come aboard to assist with the program, which strives to forge positive relationships between high-risk youth and area law enforcement agencies.

The new program was unveiled at last month's event but one officer, Sean O'Brien, was named East Tennessee Big Brother of the Year. O'Brien is a sergeant in

the Chattanooga Police Department. He was a first responder during the 2015 Chattanooga Terrorist attacks.

He said that he is honored to serve as a Big Brother to his Little Brother, Kenneth, who is a seventh grader at the Baylor School, one of Chattanooga's prestigious private educational institutions.

"My wife and I have been married for 20 years and we don't have children of our own," O'Brien said. "But Kenneth is a wonderful kid and he is a great athlete. He plays football and basketball."

"He's a great kid and his mom really pushes him. But he didn't have a strong male figure in his life. He loves to fish. I'm part of a K-9 unit, and he loves to help me take care of my dog."

O'Brien was matched with Kenneth in 2014, shortly before the officer found himself involved in a firefight during the terrorist attack on a military recruiting center in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015.

"We lost officers and after it was over, I got to be with my family and then I saw that Kenneth's

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lessons," he concluded.

The general said that each time he visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., he stopped by the statue of the three soldiers.

"Always I was overcome with mixed feelings of gratitude that my name was not among them and the feeling of guilt that those names were there and mine was not. There's something haunting about the wall. When you stand in front of it you see your own reflection," he said.

Fred Berry, who spoke briefly, said he was "amazed at the number of volunteers" the event is drawing and was "honored to be the host site."

Eddie Mannis told the story of two men named David who finally could approach the Washington, D.C., memorial and remember their fallen friends. Mannis' HonorAir just celebrated its tenth year of taking East Tennessee veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built to honor their sacrifice.

Knoxville Mayor Tim Burchett recalled his father's Marine service and spoke of Vietnam veterans returning

to an unwelcoming nation. He also said that about half the homeless in our area are veterans.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero told the crowd she has accompanied veterans on the flight to the wall in Washington and said, "You see every time what it means to them and their families."

The ceremonies included the placement of wreaths at the wall by 31 different local organizations, patriotic music performed by the Central High School Band, and prayers led by Rev. Dr. Pat Polis and Most Reverend Richard F. Stika, Bishop of Knoxville. The colors were presented by the South-Doyle High School Cherokee Battalion Army JROTC Color Guard.

Other events over the weekend at the travelling wall included the Quilts of Valor on Friday and the presentation of the Missing Man Table and Soldier's Cross on Saturday and Sunday. The speaker on Saturday was Captain Bill Robinson, the longest held enlisted Prisoner of War in U.S. Military History.

My friend on the Wall That Heals

Editor's Note: Our writer, Mike Steely, has a personal connection with The Wall That Heals and he chose to share it this week.

By Mike Steely
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The Vietnam War was long, horrible, and divided our nation. Those who served in the military then were not treated kindly when they returned. Some of us served during that period and returned to civilian life without much notice.

Others returned scared or disabled with physical and mental wounds.

But more than 56,000 of the soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and air force service members did not survive the conflict. The "Wall That Heals" was displayed last week at Berry Lynnhurst Cemetery in Fountain City and among the names are seventy-six men from Knoxville.

Beginning in 1997 the names of those wounded in Vietnam and died later of their wounds have been added to the wall.

My thoughts turned to two incidents not related



Lt. John Michael Cole of Williamsburg, Ky., is one of the area men's name appears on the Vietnam War's "Wall That Heals." The Air Force officer was a childhood friend of the Focus' Mike Steely.

to Knoxville but mean a lot to me as do several names on the wall.

First, although few know it, seven Coast Guardsmen were killed in Vietnam and five of those names are on the wall. I was Coast Guard and have been surprised to find that very few Americans know that branch of the military was serving there.

But the USCG was there, offshore in cutters and on the Mekong River doing patrol. Two of the men were killed while on river patrol, mistakenly gunned by the U. S. Air Force because there was no radio communication between the boat and the planes. Some were killed aboard the ship they on which they served and one Coast Guard pilot was killed while flying on a bombing mission with a Navy pilot.

The name that draws

me to the original Wall in Washington, D.C. years ago is that of Lt. John Michael Cole. He and I were friends when we both were high school students in Kentucky. I lost touch with him and a lot of other friends who served when my family moved out of state.

Mike Cole was a great guy, played in our high school band, and was a friendly and outgoing young man. He attended the University of Kentucky and Cumberland College. By the time he was killed in action, in 1972, he had earned the rank of lieutenant.

Cole was a navigator aboard an Air Force plane and was killed by ground gunfire. The Williamsburg, Kentucky, native was married at the time of his death and his daughter was born one month later.

I didn't hear of Mike's death for a few years as my journalism profession moved me and my family around the country but when I returned to the area it struck me like it was something I should have known. His parents ran a small business there and I went by a couple of times to visit them. I still think of my days and the many friends I had, several who served during the conflict.

Four other young men from that town, where I lived for 10 years as a child, became casualties of Vietnam.

The "Wall That Heals" was scheduled to come down and move on yesterday but, while it stood there people who had visited the original wall and those who have not had to opportunity to view the names of those almost forgotten men and women.

On the wall are 276 Native Americans, 120 men of foreign birth, 25,000 who were 20 years or younger, 17,000 who were married, 1,448 who were killed on the last day of their Vietnam tour, and 8 women of the 7,484 women who served there.

The Wall That Heals was sponsored by The Vietnam Veterans of America, Capt. Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Berry Lynnhurst Cemetery and East Tennessee PBS, and the Wall That Heals is a creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The structure's schedule called for it to next appear in Burnsville, N.C., and then six other cities this year.



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and upkeep of the park. A 5K trail run on the trails will kick off at Lincoln Park Technology Trade School at 535 Chickamauga Park and proceed in a loop along the hiking trails of Sharp's Ridge. The course is made up of well-marked trails in a wooded and hilly terrain.

Childress, who was a corpsman in the U. S. Navy, is seeking sponsors for the event and information is available at <http://veteransheritagesite.org/veterans-heritage-annual-ridge-run/> or by calling (865) 765-4494.

Following the race

Childress is inviting families to come dressed in Halloween costumes and take a family one-mile walk along the trails with family-friendly tricks and treats along the trail. There will be prizes for best costumes. She notes that the trails are too narrow for strollers.

Information about the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation can also be obtained by writing the group at 3328 Shropshire Blvd., P.O. Box 873, Powell, TN. 37849.

She said the events will kick off the area's Veterans Day season events.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Colonel Luke Lea, away in Europe during the First World War, had never gotten along with John Knight Shields when they were colleagues in the United States Senate. Lea's newspaper, the Nashville Tennessean sided with Shields' opponent, Governor Tom Rye in the Democratic primary. According to Lea's newspaper, Shields had made several "unholy" alliances to get himself reelected. The Tennessean stated Senator Shields had allied himself with the political machine headed by Hillary Howse in Nashville, as well as that led by E. H. Crump in Memphis and even Republicans. Worst of all, at least in Luke Lea's eyes, was Shields's alliance with rival publisher E. B. Stahlman, "the open and notorious Hun insulter of President Wilson and the American people."

American boys were fighting a bloody war in Europe as a fierce political contest was fought between U. S. Senator John Knight Shields and Governor Tom C. Rye. The governor was attempting to wrest the Democratic nomination from Senator Shields inside the primary. It was only the second time in Tennessee's history voters would actually select their own nominees in a binding primary contest.

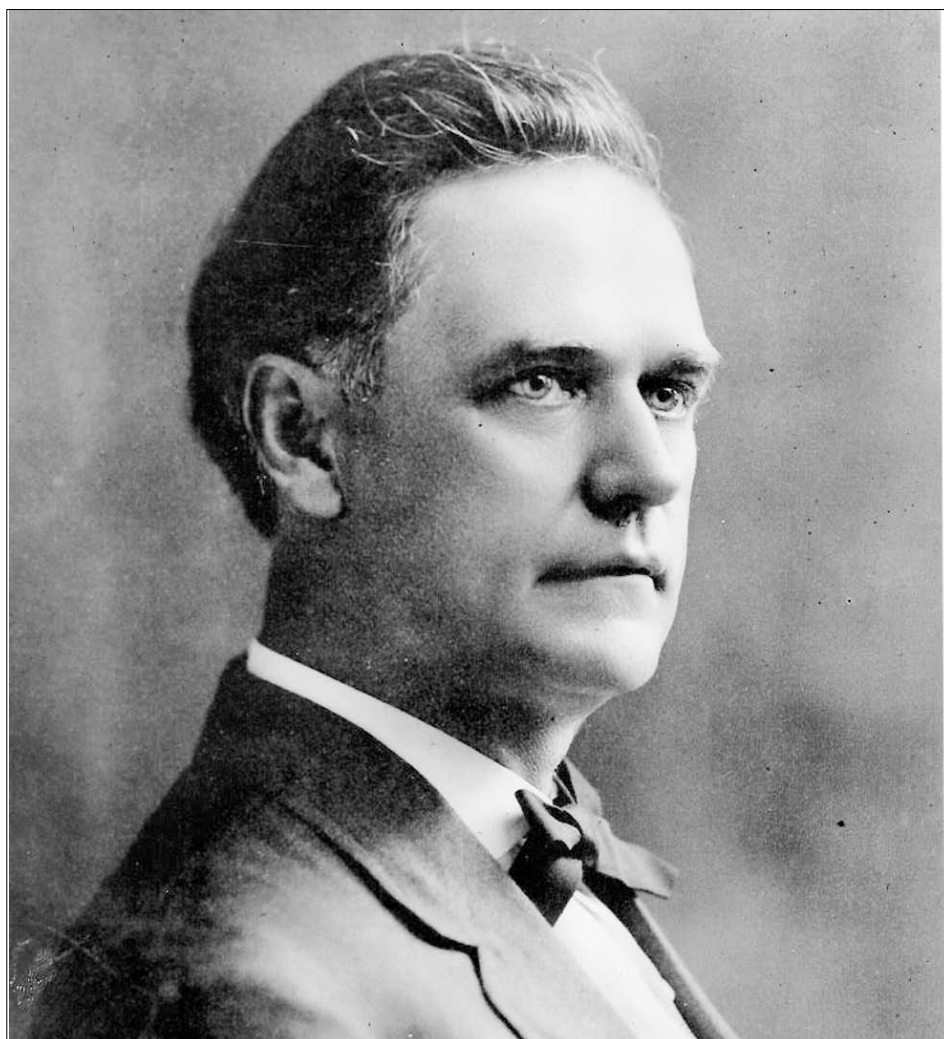
Rye was an able speaker, popular with the people and had been a good governor. Dignified while remaining genial, Tom C. Rye was a sharp contrast to the peppery John Knight Shields. Many observers of the race between Shields and Rye thought the governor was gaining throughout the month of July. The race between Senator Shields and Governor Rye had much to do with support for President Woodrow Wilson. Rye promised all out support for the President, while Shields had been less than enthusiastic about Wilson and his administration.

Despite his contrary nature, John Knight Shields was not without resources, chief of which was his junior colleague, Kenneth McKellar. Loyal to a fault, McKellar had not forgotten the support he had received from Senator Shields when he ran in the 1915 primary against Senator Luke

Lea and former governor Malcolm Patterson. McKellar had run exceedingly well in East Tennessee, which was the home of John Knight Shields. McKellar moved his own appointees and friends behind the senior senator and convinced E. H. Crump to back Shields. Relations between Senator Shields and Crump were virtually nonexistent. McKellar wrote that Shields had "never forgiven" Crump for the Shelby County legislative delegation having fiercely opposed him when he was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1912. McKellar admitted Crump had thrown his support to Shields "on my account." Even more

important, Senator McKellar convinced President Woodrow Wilson not to write a public letter denouncing John Knight Shields as no friend to his administration. That alone would have been enough to turn the tide against Senator Shields, as Wilson was highly popular in Tennessee, especially with fellow Democrats. Shields had assessed his own chances and thought he would run well in East and Middle Tennessee, but was worried about West Tennessee, which was the home ground of Governor Tom C. Rye. It was also the home of K. D. McKellar. Senator Shields wanted McKellar to go home to Tennessee and help his cause in the western portion of the state. McKellar was packing for his trip when he received a telephone call from John Knight Shields. Senator Shields told McKellar he had heard President Wilson intended to write a letter to a friend in Tennessee for publication. The letter would state John Knight Shields was no friend to Wilson or his administration. The President had written similar letters, which had helped to defeat at least two other Democratic senators. Shields wanted McKellar to keep the President from writing that letter. A startled McKellar promised to do all he could to prevent President Wilson from denouncing Shields. Immediately after hanging up with Shields, McKellar went to the office of Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson. McKellar related what he had been told by Senator Shields and wondered if it was true. Burleson said it was. Burleson said the President had raised the issue of writing a letter condemning Shields with the members of his Cabinet and every member save for himself had agreed Wilson should write the letter. McKellar hurried over to the White House and saw the President's secretary, Joseph Tumulty. The presidential secretary once again confirmed Wilson intended to write such a letter, but pointed out it had yet to be written. Tumulty told McKellar he would make an appointment for the senator to see the President the following morning at 10 a.m.

Senator McKellar recalled he had never seen the President "in a more engaging frame of mind" when he entered the White House that morning. Once McKellar told Wilson why he was at the White House, the President's attitude changed. Wilson told the senator, "McKellar, this war is going to be over in six or eight months and I am tremendously interested in the permanent peace of the world. Mr. Shields will not be for me. He has never liked me, and I have never liked him. I want a Senator who will uphold my plan of securing a permanent world peace." McKellar quickly replied, "Why, Mr. President I have his word that he is



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Governor Tom C. Rye of Tennessee.

behind you and your aims and purposes in this war." Wilson was insistent. "I know; but Mr. Shields will not be for me." Originally scheduled for a five-minute appointment, McKellar stayed for an hour and forty minutes. The Tennessean confessed he tried every way in the world to change the President's mind and finally resorted to quoting from a book Wilson had written on civil government, which deplored the idea of a chief executive of inappropriately attempting to influence the actions of the Congress. After reading Wilson's own words back to him, McKellar concluded by saying it was the best argument that could be made for the President not involving himself in a contest in Tennessee. The President had the good grace to laugh and told McKellar that he had written those words while a very young man and now had a different view brought about by experience. Wilson made no commitments, but he never wrote the letter, even after former governor Malcolm Patterson, who was campaigning hard for Tom C. Rye, had wired the White House and demanded the President write the letter.

While Luke Lea's Nashville Tennessean daily plugged the candidacy of Governor Tom C. Rye, Senator Shields had the support of many newspapers in his own East Tennessee. The Tennessean claimed the Knoxville Sentinel had refused a political advertisement for Governor Rye. The ad in question was a reprint of a speech made by Rye hitting Senator Shields hard for "aiding slackers" in the war effort. Despite paying for the ad, the Sentinel's management refused to publish it, much to the chagrin of the Rye campaign and the Tennessean. Rye continued his theme of Shields interfering with the war effort, noting he had received a letter from a West Tennessee boy asking to serve in some other way rather than the actual battlefield. Rye, whose only son was on the staff of a general in Europe, refused to help, but claimed the young man had received assistance from Senator John Knight Shields. Speaking in Shelbyville, Tennessee, Governor Rye claimed there was only one issue in the

campaign: "Win the war." Rye pledged to follow the lead of Woodrow Wilson, to help the President in all things, and "never be absent" when his vote was needed by the Wilson administration.

Rye swept through his native West Tennessee and drew impressive crowds at a time when there was no radio or television to influence voters. Candidates flourished or sank largely due to their own abilities. The only outlet for candidates, aside from the mail, was newspaper coverage and advertising. Thousands of Tennesseans came out to hear the candidates speak and Tom C. Rye was an able orator, while John Knight Shields was a poor speaker. As the campaign drew to a close, Governor Rye invaded Memphis, the domain of E. H. Crump. Crump had yet to consolidate his hold on Shelby County and Rye was introduced to the audience by former governor Malcolm Rice Patterson. Patterson was from Memphis, had represented Shelby County in Congress, and the flamboyant former governor still had a statewide following.

Governor Tom C. Rye closed his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in Brownsville, Tennessee. Rye's final appeal consisted of the governor pledging to stand by President Wilson and the Democratic Party. "You must judge a public servant his official acts," Rye reminded his audience, "and judge a Democrat by his fealty to party and its principles." The governor attempted to link Senator Shields with German-born E. B. Stahlman, publisher of the Nashville Banner. Clearly, at least in the mind of Tom C. Rye, Shields had allied himself with the Republicans and pro-Germans.

Kenneth D. McKellar. McKellar was highly popular in West Tennessee and many of his friends and supporters backed Senator Shields.

Governor Rye was gracious in defeat and promptly sent a telegram to Senator Shields conceding defeat and offering his congratulations. Senator Shields replied by wire with his own terse acknowledgement of the governor's telegram. "I thank you for your congratulations upon my nomination by the Democratic primary for United States Senator."

In the end, it was K. D. McKellar who saved John Knight Shields' seat in the United States Senate when he went to the White House to plead with President Wilson not to write the letter denouncing Shields as being hostile to his administration. McKellar, pleased by the victory of his colleague in the Democratic primary, proposed Shields join him in visiting the White House.

McKellar told his senior colleague he would accompany him to the White House so that Shields could thank both Wilson and Tumulty. To McKellar's utter astonishment, Shields barked he would "see them in Hell first". McKellar sadly recalled, "From that time on he fought the President and the President's League of Nations, just as the President had predicted..." McKellar confessed, "I was tremendously embarrassed."

The senatorial campaign in Tennessee was hardly the only disappointment Woodrow Wilson received during the 1918 Congressional campaigns. As the general election approached in the fall, President Wilson called for the voters to give him a Democratic Congress. Wilson made the mistake of making the off year election into a referendum on his own leadership and the voters responded by electing a Republican Congress. Former president Theodore Roosevelt, who had come to loathe Woodrow Wilson, chortled with delight that voters had clearly repudiated the Wilson administration. It was an ominous sign as President Wilson hurried to Paris to help negotiate the peace between the victorious allies and the defeated Central Powers after World War I.

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Small woman, large contributions

Nellie West passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017. No, most folks won't know who she was, but her family certainly will. The following day, Tom Petty, rock legend, died after suffering full cardiac arrest. Probably, millions knew of him. Which death is more devastating?

By Joe Rector
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I keep hearing when persons of fame die that their passings are tragic. The sense of loss is supposedly greater because these individuals made impacts in the world on grander scales. The truth is that I just don't buy that line.

Let me tell you about Nellie West. She lived a full life of 92 years. During that time, she married, had three children, and doted over a passel of grandchildren. She married Earl West but lost him to lung cancer in the 1970's. She grieved for him but eventually returned to life and the adventures that it offered.

Nellie had a dry sense of humor. A cutting of her eyes and a slight smile belied her supposed serious tone when she told a story that folks believed to be a gospel. For years, people thought of her as a quiet, demur woman, but after Earl passed, Nellie blossomed in many ways; she became a more talkative, outgoing person who allowed her full personality to shine.

This small woman, at times, had a huge temper. I'm not privy to all the details, but family members have related incidents where a fit of anger led to the throwing of a bowl across the kitchen and where a cooking mishap ended in her throwing a skillet out the back door.

What Nellie West offered folks most were kind words and sweet smiles. She asked me every time I saw her if I had written more pieces in Chicken Soup books. Then she'd follow that up

by saying she picked up those books and sifted through the list of authors to find my name before buying them. I don't know how much truth is in that, but she made me feel good. That's the effect she had on all folks with whom she made contact.

Nellie passed on to her children the qualities of kindness, fairness, honesty, and empathy. Then they passed those same qualities to their children, who then passed them on to grandchildren. The actions of family members were noticed by people with whom they worked or socialized and impressed others so much that they adopted those qualities and passed them on "world without end." So, I suppose that it's safe to say that Nellie West touched or will touch the lives of thousands of people as they try to emulate her. In the end, this small woman in Cookeville, TN will have help to make the world a better place.

Tom Petty's music will continue to touch his fans now and in the future. I have no idea what kind of person the man was in this world. While his musical talents will be his legacy, the impact of the way he interacted with others and the lessons that he passed along is in question. He became a rich man as he earned about \$95 million from his music.

Nellie West didn't earn a dime from her musical talents; she told me her singing was more like croaking. Neither did she make any money off the joy and love that she brought to so many people during her life. However, I'm here to declare that what she offered her fan club is much more valuable than any song that any person produces. I'm glad that Nellie lived so long and had so much impact on so many lives. I'm also glad that she now is reunited with those loved ones who went before her. No doubt, the good lord met her with a hug as he said, "Well done good and faithful servant."

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"mom was sending me texts," O'Brien related. "She said 'Kenneth wants to know if you're OK.'"

"That showed me just what kind of impact that I had on his life in a short time."

O'Brien also noted during his speech, that Kenneth had asked him about the terrorist attack.

"I took him to the site and we walked around and this kid was asking me questions that an adult would ask," O'Brien said.

That was the one of only several conversations that Kenneth and O'Brien had about current events.

"We've talked about Martin Luther King and what he means to [Kenneth]," O'Brien said. "We've talked about slavery."

"I know that people in our profession are under the microscope today, and

I told Kenneth that police officers are just like everybody else. We're human and human beings all make mistakes and bad decisions. I told him that the only difference between us is the pigmentation of our skin."

O'Brien has been a mentor to his Little Brother, but he himself finds the experience extremely rewarding.

"I would encourage anybody to become involved," O'Brien said. "It's not that hard. I think that I get more out of the relationship than [Kenneth] does."

Maryville Police Department Deputy Chief Greg Cooke said that he's glad to see his department take part in the program.

"This important to us because it's important any time that you and your department can become involved in the community," Cooke said.

Tales of strong Knoxville women told at Founder's Day Luncheon

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville celebrated its 226th birthday Tuesday at The Foundry with a talk by Joan Cronan and Professor Bruce Wheeler. The two spoke to a large audience in an event sponsored by the Historic Homes of Knoxville.

Robin Wilhoit was emcee and both Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero spoke briefly before Cronan and Wheeler talked about the contributions of women to local history.

Going back through history, including the recent contributions of Mayor Rogero and the late Pat Summit, both former UT officials named and discussed "Women Who Make a Difference."

Cronan is the Women's Athletic Director Emeritus and Wheeler is a UT Department of History Professor Emeritus. Cronan said she asked Wheeler to accompany her

because of his knowledge of women in the history of our area.

Wheeler spoke of the late Mildred Doyle, the first woman ever elected as school superintendent and was known for interviewing almost every teacher that applied for a position. She once hired a person who had been a mule skinner in the Army and told the man that if he could handle mules he could handle the boys at Central High School.

Wheeler said that Dr. Stevens didn't get along with the administrator and during her many years teaching she never got a pay raise.

Cronan, a trailblazer herself, remembered when she arrived in Knoxville she was told the city was ruled by 12 white men. She then pointed out Mayor Rogero in the room and noted she became the first woman mayor of the city.

"As you think about the last 30 years the impact

that women have had here gives me goose bumps," she said. "Dreams come true."

Speaking of her association and friendship with Coach Summit, Cronan said Summit taught her three things: humility, planning ahead, and leaving late but getting someplace early.

She told a story of traveling with Summit to Nashville once when the coach was driving. Summit put her purse in the trunk before they set off. They got stopped for speeding and Summit asked the officer if she could get her purse from the trunk. She opened the trunk, got her purse, and also retrieved a signed basketball and gave it to the officer.

"She never got a ticket," Cronan told the laughing crowd.

"I hope I taught her to enjoy her life journey along the way," she said after talking of things she had learned from Coach Summit.

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Halls boys win state golf titles in historic fashion

By Steve Williams

Halls' 2017 boys golf team will go down as one of the best in TSSAA history.

The Red Devils, in fact, recorded the best-ever 36-hole score by a public school team, a 7-under-par 569, in winning the Division I Large Schools championship Wednesday at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

Only Baylor, a private school in Chattanooga, has ever shot better. Baylor

posted a 565 at Winchester in 2003 and a 568 at Old Fort in 2007 during a run of six straight state titles.

A confident Halls squad combined for a 278 on the second day and pulled away for a 26-stroke margin of victory over runner-up Hendersonville (595).

The Red Devils were led by individual champion Ryan Hall's 13-under-par 131 (66-65). The University of South Carolina commitment edged Michael Barnard (68-64) of Beech by

one stroke.

Ryan's score also was the best ever by a player on a public school team in TSSAA history and only one shot off the all-time state record of 130.

Halls' Jake Hall (no relation to Ryan) took third place with a 71-66-137. The all-senior Red Devil team also got a 77-72-149 from Will Collins, a 77-75-152 from Anthony Basilio and an 82-79-161 from Andy Cofer. (Only the top four individual scores count

in a team's score).

"You get to the state and you have those first round jitters," said Halls Coach Bill Warren. "Ryan played well the first day and Jake played pretty good. We shot 3-over as a team and they felt bad.

"Three-over-par is a pretty good score. But they were in the motel that night and said, 'Coach, we're 3-over-par and that's the worst we could have been. They went back out there in the second round with

something to prove. I'm proud of them."

The Red Devils combined to shoot 10-under the second day.

Carter's Jake Mynatt shot 76-71-147 to lead other local golfers who had qualified for the state as individuals. Jeremy Jones of Hardin Valley had a 76-75-151 and Bearden's Bryson Morrell a 75-76-151.

Brentwood's Trenton Johnson, the defending champion, struggled to a 75-78-153.

Ryan Hall was solid and consistent. In the first round, he was 3-under on both the front nine and back nine. The second day saw him go -3 and -4. He had only one bogey in the tourney, a 5 on hole No. 6 the opening day.

Other boys' team scores included Walker Valley 597, Franklin 614, Science Hill 621, Coffee County 637, Houston 647 and Lexington 699.

Lady Admirals rally for second place at state



PHOTO BY MARIANNE DEDMON

Farragut players (left to right) Jennaly Nolan, Emily Keeling and Lexanne Halama are all smiles as they accept their runner-up plaque at the TSSAA Large Schools state golf tournament on Oct. 4 at WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

By Steve Williams

The battle for second place had the most suspense in the TSSAA Large Schools state girls' golf tournament and Farragut was right in the middle of it.

"When our girls approached the final two holes, I knew we needed to make a few birdies if we had any chance of walking away with second place," recalled first-year

head coach Kathy Nagy.

The Lady Admirals came through in the clutch, combining for three birdies on the last two holes to overtake Clarksville and claim runner-up honors last week at the WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester.

Senior Emily Keeling made birdies on No. 17 and No. 18 and freshman Lexanne Halama finished with a birdie

on No. 18 as Farragut erased a 1-stroke deficit to the Lady Wildcats.

The strong and exciting finish gave Farragut a 303 total, three strokes better than Clarksville (306).

Houston captured the state team title with a 290 total and UT commitment Malik Stovall of Franklin County shot a 7-under-par 66-71-137 for top individual

honors.

Halama finished with a 3-over-par 73-74-147 to lead Farragut and tie for fifth place in the individual rankings.

Keeling carded a 79-78-157 and senior teammate Jennaly Nolan posted 78-85-163. (The top two individual scores counted for the team's score).

Keeling sank a 30-footer **Continued on page 2**

Farragut wins battle of district champs

By Ken Lay

When Farragut and Powell tangled Tuesday night, it was a battle of girls district soccer champions.

The Lady Admirals and Lady Panthers had recently earned the top seeds of their respective tournaments and both squads were using the match as a tune-up for the postseason.

On this night, it was Farragut that nabbed a 4-1 victory at the Powell Soccer Complex. The Lady Admirals may have prevailed but Lady Panthers coach Mark Smith couldn't complain about his squad's effort.

"We definitely had our chances," Smith said after watching his squad fall to 11-3 with the loss. "We kept fighting but this time, we made a couple of mistakes and Farragut made us pay for them."

The Lady Admirals, who extended their winning streak to 11 matches, scored first when Elise Stepp took a pass from Skylor Keane and promptly buried the ball past Powell sophomore goalkeeper

Haley Howerton and into the back of the net in the 26th minute.

Keane would score approximately nine minutes later to give Farragut the 2-0 advantage that it enjoyed at halftime.

Powell and the Lady Admirals each managed five shots on goal over the first 40 minutes and Farragut coach Drew Payne said that the match was much closer than the final score indicated.

"Powell has a good team and Mark does a great job with them," Payne said. "I don't think that the 4-1 score was indicative of the match."

After the break, the Lady Panthers grabbed the momentum and applied pressure and fired shots on Farragut netminder Elizabeth Everling. She stopped them all and the Lady Admirals took a 3-0 lead when Megan MacLean scored in the 47th minute.

"We had some momentum in the first half and then they got that second goal," Smith said. "Then we had some more

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Knoxville Catholic Beats West Greene

By Alex Norman

The first half of the 2017 season was a challenging one for Knoxville Catholic, but they seem to be hitting their stride with the playoffs less than a month away.

On Friday, October 6th, The Fighting Irish dominated West Greene, winning 58-7.

"We were the better team tonight and I like the way we came out and took care of business," said Knoxville Catholic head coach Steve Matthews.

On the Irish's first possession, it was the Dashon Bussell show. First, the junior wide receiver picked up 33 yards on a run down to the West Greene 32. A few plays later, with Catholic facing a 3rd and 17, they called a middle screen. Quarterback Jack Sompayrac found Bussell, who made the catch and then ran 29 yards to the Buffaloes 16. A few plays later that combination worked for a score. Sompayrac took the snap, rolled out to his right, and found Bussell one step into the end zone and one step from the sideline.

With 6:53 left in the first quarter, it was 7-0 Catholic.

After the Irish defense forced a three and out, the Irish offense went back to work.

The drive started on their own 38. Facing 3rd and 18, Sompayrac found Bussell in a soft spot in the Buffaloes secondary for 19 yards. It was first down at the West Greene 39.

Two plays later, Sompayrac threw it to Cameron Blakely near the sideline. Blakely stayed in bounds, broke a couple of tackles, and finished the play in the end zone. That 27-yard hookup made it 14-0 Catholic.

In the second quarter, the Buffaloes had a couple of opportunities to get on the board. They missed a 35-yard field goal, and had another drive deep into Catholic (5-3) territory. But Cameron Blakely made a strip sack, and Alex Binder recovered a fumble.

The Irish were able to score their third touchdown of the night thanks in part to a short field. Starting at the West Greene 39, they kept the ball on the ground with Joshua Brown bulldozing the West Greene (4-3) defense. Finally, senior Joe Fluker pushed his way over

the goal line. The 2-yard score made it 21-0 with just under 3 minutes to go in the half.

A Jack Jancek interception gave the Irish a chance to pad their lead before intermission, and they would do just that. First, Sompayrac passed to D.J. Mitchell, who leaped into the air and stretched the football to a point just short of the goal line. On the very next play, the Irish went full "Refrigerator Perry," giving the football to lineman Cade Mays, the massive Tennessee commitment and one of the best high school football players in the country. Mays powered his way into the end zone with only 11 ticks left in the half, and it was 28-0 Catholic at the break.

"We've done that a few times this season and probably should do it every play," joked Matthews. "He's an athlete and gets down there and so far, we are three for three on it."

The second half started with an Irish possession, and another score. Fluker picked up 47 yards on the ground, down to the Buffaloes 8. A couple of plays later, Brown scored from a yard out, making it 35-0 and



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Dashawn Bussell and the Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish looked good in pink Friday as they romped past West Greene. Catholic wore the pink jerseys as part of October breast cancer awareness month.

starting the running clock with 10:41 to go in the third quarter.

For Brown, it was a very happy return to the lineup. Brown had been out since early in the season with a sprained knee ligament.

"He's still not himself yet but we are getting him back, he's definitely a weapon for us and when healthy he is a tremendous player," said Matthews. "We've missed him. Hopefully he will keep performing and getting

better." The Irish coasted from there for the 58-7 win. Catholic looks to continue their winning ways on Friday night when they travel to Walker Valley.

Victory narrowly eludes Concord Christian

By Ken Lay

It been a long tough ride for Concord Christian since the school started competing in varsity football in 2015.

But the Lions nearly snagged the first victory in school history last week. Concord had a chance to win but its hopes disappeared when it failed to convert on fourth down late in the fourth quarter of a 7-6 non-region loss to Cosby Friday night at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

The Lions (0-8) might've come up just short but they earned a fan in Eagles head coach Kevin Hall. "They gave us all that we wanted tonight. They really gave it to us," Hall said of the Lions. "They're a tough team."

"They gave us all they had and they're going to win some ball-games."

Things looked promising for CCS early as the Lions recovered a Cosby fumble on the first play from scrimmage. The Lions took possession on the Eagles 22-yard line.

From there, Concord got the ball to the 16 but came up empty when Grant Sillyman missed a 33-yard field goal.

The Lions defense was stiff and the home team's offense moved the ball well, but couldn't score.

The two teams slugged through a scoreless opening quarter. Cosby (3-4) a 6-0 lead when Andrew Lil-lard connected with Michael Darby on a 25-yard touchdown pass with 6 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the second stanza. Eduardo Gonzalez would add the extra point, which would eventually prove to be the difference in the game.

Concord Christian opened the second half with a special teams miscue that could've been costly. Cosby recovered the ball after

the Lions failed to field the second half kickoff. The gaffe gave the Eagles the ball at the Concord 25-yard line.

The Lions, however, escaped potential disaster when their defense held the Eagles on downs.

"Our defense played well, but here, it's about the little things," CCS coach Troy Fleming said. "We weren't focused and that will get you beat."

"I'm really proud of the way we fought. We made some mistakes but we fought back and put ourselves in position to win the game on our last [offensive] play of the game."

The Lions, who have an open date this week, pulled to within 7-6 when Rafe Keyes made a diving catch in the end zone with 7:32 left in the third frame. Gage Maynard threw the scoring strike, which covered 30 yards.

Cosby maintained the lead when it blocked the ensuing extra point.

Concord had a chance to win late. The Lions had the ball on the Eagles 27-yard line but Maynard's final pass fell incomplete with 2:34 remaining in the contest.

Despite the loss, the Lions had some bright moments.

Keyes, who caught the TD pass, also had a key interception that ended a Cosby scoring threat in the second quarter.

The Lions also got an interception from Jason Klenkel. Conner Quinlan also recovered a fumble.

Hall knew that his team's latest win wouldn't earn many style points. But that didn't seem to matter after the game.

"Any win on the road is big for us," Hall said. "We're struggling right now to get to where we want to be. So this one was important for us."

Special teams and defense feed Rebels in 28-6 win at Powell

By Steve Williams

West High Coach Lamar Brown liked the recipe his football team went by Friday night as the Rebels cooked up a feast at Powell's Scarbro Stadium.

Big plays on special teams and defense led the way in an impressive 28-6 win over the Panthers in a key Region 3-5A game.

"Special teams came up big and particularly early in the game to get us great field position, and that's what we talked about to the kids (last) week," said Brown. "What does the recipe look like for us to be successful? It starts with our defense and then it goes to our special teams."

Xavier Davis set the table for West by recovering a muffed punt at the Powell 16-yard line late in the opening quarter and senior running back Preston Wardell cashed in with a 4-yard touchdown run three plays later. Logan Bowers' first of four PAT kicks made it 7-0.

With Powell's offense backed up midway through the second quarter, sophomore Grant

Tierney blocked a Panthers' punt and West turned it into six points on Myles Everson's 15-yard slant pass to Daniel Leadbetter to increase its lead to 14-0.

The harassing West defense, which has limited opponents to an average of 10 points per game this season, finally gave up a first down on the Panthers' seventh possession of the game.

But an ensuing 12-yard punt by Powell gave West excellent field position at its 47-yard line. The Rebels' offense drove 53 yards in eight plays for the third touchdown. Wardell simply followed his blockers into the end zone from eight yards out. Bowers' kick made it 21-0 with 1:15 to go in the half.

That was still enough time for West's defense to strike and score. Sophomore Drew Francis did it with a 25-yard return on a pick six. That made it 28-0 with 21 seconds to spare before intermission.

Powell finally got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter when Riley Bryant took

a screen pass from Walker Tru-sley and raced 87 yards for a touchdown. Sophomore defensive lineman Tyrece Edwards blocked the PAT attempt.

The Panthers turned to a hurry-up, all-passing offense in the fourth quarter. Aided by a roughing the passer penalty, Powell produced three first downs but the drive fizzled out at the West 27.

The Rebels turned to their ground game to eat up the final seven minutes. Just like the recipe called for.

The win lifted West to 3-1 in region play and 5-3 overall. The Panthers slipped to 2-3 and 5-3. Both teams have an open date this week.

Powell Coach Rodney Ellison said his team wasn't at full strength because of injuries and the open date would help.

Ellison also said the Panthers would be facing a "must win" situation in their next game against Oak Ridge as far as staying in contention for the playoffs.

Lady Admirals rally for second place at state

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off the edge of the green for her birdie on the par 3 No. 17. Moments later, Halama rolled in a double-breaking downhill putt from over 40 feet for birdie on No. 18.

Keeling's approach shot on No. 18 landed five feet from the hole. In dramatic fashion, Emily putted in the final shot of her prep career for the birdie.

Coach Nagy said her team had split two head-to-head matches with Clarksville earlier this season.

"So we knew this would be close against them and it was," said Nagy.

"It took literally all three of my players to win second place and I couldn't have been more proud of each of them."

"Looking back on my first season as Farragut's golf coach, I'm humbled and honored to have coached these amazingly talented young players."

McNairy Central took fourth place with a 328 total and Cocke County rounded out the top five at 332. Other team scoring included White County (349), Franklin County (373) and Nashville Martin Luther King



Lexanne Halama, a freshman, tied for fifth place individually as she led the Farragut Lady Admirals to second place in the TSSAA Large Schools state golf tournament.

(397). In the individual competition, Central junior Alyssa Montgomery placed seventh with a 77-71-148. Halls junior Shelby Liford also finished strong with an 81-71-152.

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Butch Jones is the little train that couldn't

The University of Tennessee football program has come off the track. The 41-0 loss to Georgia in a dressed up Neyland Stadium was just the latest shake and rattle before the derailment.

The Volunteer express under Butch Jones has been swerving for two seasons now. Faithful passengers are fed up and want off. I don't blame them. This ride to seemingly nowhere has gotten old.

The biggest question now is should Jones be allowed to finish the season and given the opportunity to get the train back on track. Frankly, I am not confident he can. That's based on five seasons of watching him at work and the results up until now.

But this is John Currie's call. Only six months into his post as UT's new athletics director, he has to make that decision. He has to do what he thinks is best for UT football.

Currie couldn't be facing a more important decision, as football is the engine that pulls all the other sports in the athletic program.

When football is not doing well, it affects all the others.

The fact Currie has not cast a vote of confidence in support of Jones since the Georgia whipping tells me there could be things going on behind the scenes, such as discussions regarding a buyout and exploring potential coaching candidates.

The lopsided loss to the Bulldogs was Tennessee's worst defeat since a 45-0 beating by



By Steve Williams

Vanderbilt in Knoxville back in 1905. It also was the first time the Vols had been shut in 23 years.

A picture of Jones, accompanied by security officers, running off the field with his head down and only a scarce amount of fans still on hand in the background reflected the bleak shape of the football program.

Jones, who was head coach at Central Michigan and Cincinnati prior to arriving at Tennessee in 2013, has improved the UT program since the Derek Dooley days, but some now believe even Dooley was a better game day coach than Butch.

Jones had put Tennessee back in the national rankings and the Vols were in contention for the SEC East title and a berth in the conference championship game in 2016, but losses to South Carolina and Vanderbilt spoiled that and even knocked UT out of a trip to the Sugar Bowl.

The Vols outplayed rival Florida again this season but got beat on the last play of the game when the Gators got behind the secondary to complete a 64-yard bomb. Butch has only one win over Florida in five years. I honestly believe the Vols could have and should have won all five.

Tennessee returned from the Swamp as a 28-point favorite over UMass but its lethargic performance produced only a 17-13 win over the winless Minutemen.

There's no question that changes need to be made, and Jones has already made a lot of

them in his time at Tennessee. He has brought in new coordinators. He has brought in new position coaches. But one thing that hasn't changed has been Jones' way of doing things, particularly on the offensive side of the ball.

In Butch's first season here, he had a pro-style quarterback in Justin Worley, who wouldn't or couldn't run the ball, a necessity in his read-option offense. If Jones didn't have a quarterback to fit the system, why didn't he put in a system to fit the personnel he had that season?

Five years later, we've had the same issue with Quentin Dormady, a non-running quarterback operating the read-option attack. Two years ago, I wondered why Jones would recruit a pro-style quarterback like Dormady in the first place.

For that matter, why did Jones recruit and sign a downhill running back like Jalen Hurd? Jones' system wasn't the best fit for the 6-4, 240-pound Hurd.

I'm tired of seeing Butch trying to drive a square peg into a round hole.

Furthermore, Jones' lack of aggressive play calling equates to playing not to lose and has cost Tennessee some big wins ... choosing to kick a field goal instead of going for a touchdown inches from the goal line against Oklahoma in 2014 ... not going for two and the win against Texas A&M last year, even after the Aggies had jumped offsides ... not punching the ball into the end zone with a tough runner like John Kelly on first-and-goal at the 1 against Florida this year.

Butch hasn't changed his ways and he's not going to change. He's stubborn.

Jones' greatest success at Tennessee has been off the field, helping elevate players' academic scores, minimizing discipline problems and taking swift action when issues have occurred. He's also recruited well, according to the ratings, to rebuild the roster, but success on the field hasn't followed to the same degree, which has caused some critics to point to a lack of player development.

A large number of injuries affected the team's play last year and again has been a factor this season. But all teams have injuries.

Tennessee football has been down this gloomy path before. I remember near the end of a disappointing 1976 season when an embattled Bill Battle finally said Tennessee fans needed a coach who could rally them and he couldn't, so he stepped away. And I remember a sad day in the fall of 2008 when an emotional Phillip Fulmer said he loved Tennessee too much to see her stay divided, so he stepped aside.

History could end up repeating itself this coming Saturday when Tennessee plays South Carolina. Two times before, in the Johnny Majors era and in Fulmer's last season, those coaches were fired after losses to the Gamecocks.

The only difference is Majors and Fulmer had built up a lot more equity in their coaching tenures at UT than Jones has. A whole lot more.

Farragut announces 2018 Hall of Fame inductees

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School recently announced its 2018 Sports Hall of Fame Class.

The new inductees will be honored at a dinner in the Farragut High School commons on Feb. 3, 2018.

The new class includes longtime boys soccer coach Wallie Culbreth, who coached the Admirals from 2002-2015. While coaching at Farragut, Culbreth won Class AAA State Championships in 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2009. His 2004 squad was awarded a National Championship by studentsports.com after finishing 24-2.

Culbreth retired after the 2015 season. He passed away the following year after a battle with cancer.

The school will also induct 12 former standout athletes including: Lytle Rather (basketball, 1982); Brian Foster (baseball, 1988); Chad Starliper (golf, 1991); Darren Rothenberg (football/track, 1996); Chris Martland (track, 2000); Eric Watkins (wrestling/football, 2001); Rhonda Snow (softball, basketball and cross country, 1982); Jeane Heydet (track/cross country, 1985); Julie Crews (soccer, 1988); Meredith Lance (basketball/cross country, 1994); Lacie Smith (volleyball, 2003) and Alyssa Randolph (golf, 2008).

Bobby Henry and Dr. Jerome McKenzie will receive Service Awards.

Kapaya and Coughlin capture KIL cross country titles

By Steve Williams

The Knoxville Interscholastic League has a new girls champion in cross country.

Shila Kapaya of Knoxville Catholic won the annual KIL meet Saturday, covering the 5K Sequoyah Hills Park course in 18 minutes, 18 seconds.

Three-time champion Rebecca Story, a senior this year at Christian Academy of Knoxville, did not run in this year's KIL meet as she was competing in the Wendy's Invitational in Charlotte.

Carter Coughlin of Webb School kept his streak going in the KIL by winning the boys' race in 14 minutes, 57 seconds. Coughlin has now won the KIL meet three years in a row.

Hardin Valley Academy took top team honors for girls, totaling 53 points. Farragut (58) was second and Webb (67) third.

Knoxville Catholic won the boys' team title with 45 points. Farragut (77) was second and Hardin Valley (111) third.

The girls' top 10 individual finishers, in order, included runner-up Anna Delahunt of Farragut (18:38), Niki Narayani of Webb

(18:46), Lindsay Holliday of Webb (18:56), Laura Bretscher of L&N STEM Academy (19:07), Jenna Wall of Hardin Valley (19:32), Lydia Cooke of Knoxville Ambassadors (19:38), Madison Grimm of Hardin Valley (19:39), Madelin Ebbert of Farragut (19:41) and Ellie Bachmann of Hardin Valley (19:54).

In the boys' run, Catholic's Jake Renfree (15:28) and Devin Sullivan (15:40) finished second and third, followed by Gabriel Tardy of Knoxville Ambassadors (16:11), Nathan McFall of Farragut (16:16), Preston Ruth of Bearden (16:23), Kenton Bachmann of Hardin Valley (16:26), Seth Jinks of L&N STEM Academy (16:26), Jacob Pettinger of Catholic (16:32.57) and Ethan Tornstrom of Catholic (16:32.80).

UPDATE ON STORY: Rebecca said she would be taking an official visit to NC State during her weekend trip. Story, one of the nation's top prep distance runners, visited Stanford earlier this month and visited Georgetown and Baylor in September.



Knoxville Catholic's Shila Kapaya (left) and Carter Coughlin of Webb School took top individual honors in the annual KIL Cross Country Championships Saturday.

Farragut wins battle of district champs

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momentum and the third one got in."

The Lady Panthers got on the board when Hannah Miller tallied in the 51st minute.

"They had us on our heels early in the second half," Payne said.

Throughout the season, Payne has preached possession and on Tuesday night the Lady Admirals moved and passed the ball well, according to their first-year head coach.

"We possessed the ball well tonight and I've been harping on that all year,"

Payne said.

Stepp closed out the scoring with a marker in the 65th minute.

The Lady Admirals and the Lady Panthers each played home games Thursday night. Farragut (12-5) edged Catholic 3-2 and Powell played Maryville to

a 1-1 tie.

Both teams will return to action Tuesday night. Farragut will host a second-round game in the District 4-AAA Tournament while Powell will be at home in District 3-AAA. Opponents and game times were not set at press time.

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Malevolence

Sometimes the best explanation for the otherwise inexplicable is evil. But then you'd have to believe that there is such a thing as evil.

Is there a force in the world that opposes good? For most of man's history the notion that there were opposing forces at work in the world was real. Increasingly, it is not so today.

In antiquity most people believed they were subject to not only the will of kings or strongmen, but also the will of gods. Even the ancient and "logical" Greeks believed they lived and acted beneath a panoply of Olympian gods. By Jesus' time the monotheistic Israelites had been introduced to the eastern concept of a cosmic and personal war between good and evil. This perspective would dominate Western Civilization for millennia.

People in the Middle Ages lived in the Age of Faith. They believed that faith was the pathway to understanding. It's hard for moderns to understand, but they viewed themselves as dwelling in an almost enchanted forest where God was involved in and animated everything. This view of reality began to change as observable truth became increasingly important. Ultimately, observational reality led to the scientific method in the 15th century and finally to the Age of Reason in the 18th. Now, reason and observation are the vehicles to understanding.

Many other factors contributed to God's death in Europe as proclaimed by Nietzsche. The Black Death in the 14th century, the Wars of Religion in the 16th, the Industrial Revolution of the 19th and the ravages of the 20th

century's world wars took their toll on the sovereignty of God.

Even now, the assault on Judeo-Christian religion as the standard bearer of human moral behavior continues in America. The self is now sacrosanct and promoted through "self-actualization." Consumerism and the Sexual Revolution have also contributed to the assault on traditional perspectives to the point that Elizabeth Warren and other Democrats attack prayer as being an insufficient and unacceptable response to the Las Vegas murders.

I once heard an interview with Hallerin Hilton Hill after the Christian-Newsom torture/murders. Mr. Hill spoke with detectives who investigated the crime scene. Those detectives felt that they had stood in the presence of pure evil.

I believe the murders in Las Vegas are best explained by evil rather than objective, definable psychiatric illness. An example is a sociopath/psychopath as depicted in the movie No Country for Old Men. And I don't believe the standard criminal rap sheet and behavior, such as perpetrated by the gang MS-13, was operative in the Las Vegas slaughter.

Perhaps the Las Vegas murderer ascribed to some ideology which radicalized him to commit murder as claimed by ISIS. The majority of Americans see the philosophy and actions of ISIS and other Islamists as depraved. But then you'd have to ponder Mr. Webster's definition of the word depraved.

We are told that 10% of Muhammad's followers are the extremists and perhaps have been co-opted by that perverse ideology. Well, how do you categorize the even larger percentage of Muslims who are sympathetic with a philosophy which says it's OK to saw off the head of a kafir?

Every week there's a new outrage and this week gun control and the Second Amendment are in the crosshairs. I no longer hunt, except at the Kroger meat department. However, I've field dressed game and have some knowledge of the procurement process, so I'm sympathetic to hunters. Furthermore, I don't need or own an assault rifle. With all the brouhaha, I challenge you to read the definition of this type of firearm.

Automatic weapons, such as the machine guns used by Bonnie and Clyde, have been banned since 1934, but rarely do criminals obey the laws passed by Congress. Neither Speaker of House, Paul

Ryan, nor I, had heard of a bump-stock before this week. Now the NRA has called for a review of the rules for "gun modifiers" which convert semi-automatic firearms to automatic weapons. Interestingly, it was the ATF in 2010, during the Obama administration, who made the modifier (alleged to have been used in Las Vegas savagery) legal.

Personally, I see no need for an AR 15, except for the military or police. I have ample personal protection without this semi-automatic weapon. However, if a law abiding citizen wants to go to a shooting range and blow away a target, so be it. And that's the crux of the matter or the "conversation." I've come to despise this term because it's never a reasoned debate, but actually an emotionally charged political shouting match.

The Constitution was written to protect citizens from an all powerful government. And it was ratified by the various states on the stipulation that a series of amendments would follow to guarantee the individual liberty of citizens. We recognize these first ten amendments to the Constitution as The Bill of Rights, and the right to bear arms for personal protection and to resist governmental tyranny is integral to Americanism.

Laws cannot protect us from evil in the hearts of men. We have laws against murder, but they don't stop the nightly slaughter on the streets of Chicago despite the most stringent gun laws in America.

In the high Middle Ages Thomas Aquinas and other scholastics formulated a hierarchy of laws to govern civilized man. The all encompassing Universal Law of God was supreme. Next came Divine laws such as the Ten Commandments. Then, like Venn diagrams, came nature's natural laws. And lowest on the rung were the so-called positive laws made by man, from Constitutions to speed limits.

Jesus boiled all laws down to two foundational precepts: we are to love God, and our neighbors as ourselves. The Founders believed that democracy without reverence of God was doomed. And now we move in the direction of making the same mistake as did the Israelites and then the Europeans.

The absence of light is darkness. The absence of God allows evil to fill the void in the heart and soul of man.

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

8 Safety Tips for Your Dog This Howl'oween

Can you believe it is Halloween already! Hobo the Wonder Dog and I want to stress the importance of our 8 Safety Tips for Your Dog This Howl'oween. Halloween is one of my favorite times of year. The biggest reasons I enjoy Halloween so much is it takes place in the fall of the year. The nights are crisp with just enough nip in the air to bring nature to a time of rest and renewal. Halloween can also bring some pretty frightening and haunting hazards for our pups. 8 Safety Tips for Your Dog This Howl'oween will help you and your trusted companion make the most of the season while enjoying a safe and stress free Halloween.

Dogs, like people may not enjoy dressing up as your favored superhero, Waldo, Scooby-Doo, or Ghost to fulfill our desire for the perfect pet costume. Halloween can be frightening and risky for our four-legged family members. When we keep our pet's safety in mind, it helps ensure a safe and fun holiday is had by all. 8 Safety Tips for Your Dog This Howl'oween will point out the obvious and the not so obvious hazards.

8 Safety Tips to Keep Your Dog Stress Free This Halloween

1. Candy is never a good idea. Some candy may contain XYLITOL a toxic ingredient to dogs even in small amounts. Chocolate can also be dangerous to your pooch so best practice would be no candy.
2. Party supplies, candy

wrappers, tin foil, and cellophane are dangerous if swallowed. These items may be irresistible to your dog.

3. Decorative pumpkins and corn, although not poisonous, can cause upset stomach and diarrhea bringing a whole new meaning to scary. Don't add Pooptacular to describe your Halloween.
4. Keep decorative lights, wires and cords out of reach. Chewed electrical wires can cause electrical burns causing minor to life threatening shock.
5. Lighted pumpkins can easily be turned over causing fire and injury.
6. Use common sense with Trick-or-Treaters at your door. Unless your pup is well socialized and enjoys strange scary creatures coming to the door, keep them in a separate room away from the festivities.
7. Costumes: Make sure your dog enjoys being dressed

up beforehand. If you are going to dress your pup up steer clear of costumes with the potential to restrict breathing, barking, hearing, vision, or movement.

8. Some dogs love being dressed in costume but many do not. Only dress your dog in costume if you know they love it and are stress free.

Always have your veterinarian and emergency clinic phone numbers handy in case of an emergency.

Injuries and accidents can ruin the best laid plans of any outing. Take a little time to follow these tips for an accident and stress free holiday. Time with your dog should always be fun and stress free and Halloween is no exception. So get out there and have a tail wagging Spooktacular time and make this Howl'oween stress free.

Howl'oween is better with a dog—"Aww-woooo"

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 20, 2004, executed by AMANDA C. BURGESS, JASON P. BURGESS, conveying certain real property therein described to SECURITY ESCROW & TITLE CO, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 24, 2004, at Instrument Number 200408240016784;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **October 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 13, BLOCK A, OF THE WINDRUSH SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET L, SLIDE 342-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF ROBERT H. WADDELL, SURVEYOR NUMBER 1479, 1114 CUNCH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1990, DRAWING NUMBER R-16,208-8-2B.

Parcel ID: 106AC-023016
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2121 SILVERBROOK DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923**. 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): TERRY J COMBS
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SILVER BROOK ASSOCIATION INC. 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 FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Franklin and Jack L. Franklin executed a Deed of Trust to Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee 1, LLC, Lender and Brandon G. Polito, Trustee(s), which was dated August 7, 2008 and recorded on August 21, 2008 in Instrument No. 200808210012699, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **September 19, 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:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF KNOX, and described as follows:
The following described premises and land, to-wit:
Situated in the Second Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and within the 33rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:
Designated as Lot 2, Block A, of the Windrush Subdivision, Unit 1, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet F, Slide 52-D, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot, together with such rights and obligations and easements of enjoyment in common with other owners of lots shown on the recorded map aforesaid in the area designated on said Map as "Common Area" as the owner of the lot herein conveyed may be entitled to as such lot owner and as a member of the Windrush Owner's Associations, Inc.
APN # 0590E002

Being the same property conveyed to Mary Katherine Franklin, married by deed from Maxine E. Miller, single, dated 11-20-01, filed 11-21-01 and recorded in Deed as Inst. No. 200111210040880 in Knox County Records.
Parcel ID Number: 0590E-002
Address/Description: 3853 Tambark Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917.

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

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. 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. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the purchaser, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-1-1433C(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 2015100200221182. Notice of the sale has been given to the State of Tennessee in accordance with T.C.A. 67-1-1433B(1).

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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 July 30, 2012, executed by TERRY J COMBS, conveying certain real property therein described to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 15, 2012, at Instrument Number 201208150010119;

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

New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **October 26, 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 CIVIL DISTRICT FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 2B, BUILDING 2, LOT 1, SILVER BROOK CONDOMINIUMS, PHASR 1, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET L, SLIDE 342-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF ROBERT H. WADDELL, SURVEYOR NUMBER 1479, 1114 CUNCH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1990, DRAWING NUMBER R-16,208-8-2B.

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

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APN # 0590E002

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Other Interested Party(ies): N/A
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and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to

Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 16-15719 FC01

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **October 24, 2017 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by JAMES E KANE AND BARBARA J KANE, to JOYCE, MEREDITH, FLITCROFT & NORMAND, Trustee, on March 24, 2006, as Instrument No. 200603300081440 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3

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 THE SIXTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY MUNICIPALITY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DESIGNATED AS LOT 10, BLOCK J, BELMONT WEST SUBDIVISION, UNIT 6, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET E, SLIDE 42-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JAMES E. KANE AND BARBARA J. KANE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED FROM DANIEL R. HAMILTON AND KATHY E. HAMILTON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 02, 2004, RECORDED JUNE 15, 2004, IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200406150114851, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

IF THERE IS A MOBILE HOME OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, GRANTOR/BORROWER GRANTS A SECURITY INTEREST IN SUCH MOBILE HOME OR OTHER STRUCTURE TO THE OWNER OF THE INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY THIS DEED OF TRUST.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PRIOR DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

Tax ID: 07119AG015
Current Owner(s) of Property: JAMES E KANE AND BARBARA J KANE

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9637 BRIARWOOD DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923**, 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: DITECH FINANCIAL LLC - JUNIOR DOT AND CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC

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. 567-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 17-001388-670

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 FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Jason Eugene Mellon and Moriah Mellon executed a Deed of Trust to East Tennessee Mortgage Company, Lender and Albert R. Gil, Trustee(s), which was dated July 29, 2005 and recorded on August 4, 2005 in Instrument No. 200508040011170, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, 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 **October 26, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 11, Evergreen Court, as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 200405250108182 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

The instrument constituting the source of the Borrower's interest in the foregoing described property was a Warranty Deed recorded at Instrument No. 200508040011169 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 038ND 011
Address/Description: **6823 Audrianna Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918**.

Current Owner(s): Jason Eugene Mellon and Moriah Mellon.

Other Interested Party(ies): Midland Funding LLC as successor in interest to Citibank (SD) N.A./ Home Depot.

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 16-11581 FC02

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **October 31, 2017 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth here-in below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by SCARLET HEATH WHITED AND THOMAS WILLIAM WHITED, to Robert M. Wilson, Trustee, on October 24, 2006, as Instrument No. 200610300036888 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Hilldale Trust

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

SITUATED IN District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 13, Block A, Final plat of OXMOOR HILLS, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Map Book 63-S, Page 22, 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 Kenneth D. Church, dated June 24, 2000 and bearing work order no. 00-06-26.

BEING the same property conveyed to Thomas William Whited and wife, Scarlet Heath Whited by Deed from Philip W. Twitty, aka Philip Whitfield Twitty, unmarried, dated June 26, 2000 and of record in instrument no. 200006280043755, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines and all existing easements 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.

Tax ID: 079H C 006
Current Owner(s) of Property: SCARLET HEATH WHITED AND THOMAS WILLIAM WHITED

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **7321 Oxmoore Rd, Knoxville, TN 37931**, 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. 567-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 17-000056-347

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 FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Toni Marie Atchley executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southwest Funding, L.P., Lender and Alan Pritchard, Trustee(s), which was dated May 27, 2016 and recorded on May 27, 2016 in Instrument No. 201605270069210, 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, Banc Of California, National Association Dba Banc Home Loans, (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 **October 24, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary

location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in the fifth (formerly Eight) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 50th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

First Tract:
Located about three (3) miles west of Knoxville, said lot herein conveyed is a part of Lot No. 92 in said addition, fronting forty-three (43) feet on Hunter Street and extending back one hundred thirty (130) feet to Lot No. 93. See Map Book 14, Page 106, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Also reserving off of the west side of said lot to a strip of land ten (10) feet by one hundred thirty (130) for a street, and the said party of the first party for the strip herein retained deeds to the said second par-ties ten (10) feet off the west side of Lot No. 91, making the property herein conveyed off the west side of Lot No. 91 and thirty-three (33) feet off of Lot No. 92 and the adjoining Lot No. 91; side of the property herein conveyed being forty-three (43) feet by one hundred thirty (130) feet.

Second Tract:
BEING the eastern portion of Lot No. 91 in B. H. Sprinkle's 2nd Addition to West Knoxville, said lot beginning on Hunter Avenue on line of Lot Nos. 90 and 91; thence along Hunter Avenue, forty (40) feet, more or less, to Mr. Slaughter's Property; thence on his line one hundred twenty (120) feet to a ten (10) foot alley; thence on his line along said alley, thirty seven (37) feet more or less, to Lot No. 90; thence on a line of lot Nos. 90 and 91, one hundred twenty (120) feet to Hunter Avenue, the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

BEING the same property conveyed to Toni Marie Atchley by Special Warranty Deed from Joseph D. Smallman, dated as of May 27, 2016, filed for record as Instrument No. 201605270069209 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Online.

Home and work safety addressed at East Town Business meeting

By Mike Steely
steelym@knoxfocus.com

Home and business safety was the topic of Wednesday's meeting of the East Towne Business Alliance at New Harvest Market as President Mike Davis welcomed Jeff Bagwell of Rural/Metro Fire Department and Brian Bush of the Knoxville Police Department.

Both men spoke and the main topic was "Be Prepared" for fires, disasters, and work place violence.

Bagwell spoke of common practices anyone should do at home or at work like not covering an

electric cord with a rug, unplugging air fresheners when they are exhausted, and keeping space heaters away from flammable objects.

He also urged people to check their fire extinguishers and to be trained on the devices.

"PASS is the abbreviation for Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep," he said in using extinguishers. He said most extinguishers have a 10-year shelf life.

Bagwell urged the business owners and managers present to call and have a fireman visit the business and train their

staff.

Other tips included keeping the extinguishers near the rear door and replacing them as needed, learning how to use heart defibrillators, using compression as the main CPR activity, and checking batteries in smoke detectors twice a year. He also said that a fire or disaster drill in homes and businesses is a great idea.

Lieutenant Bush urged everyone to have a plan in case of work place violence. He said the plan should involve "Run, Hide or Fight" during an incident and said that threats at

work should be reported at once so the police can talk to the problem employee or customer.

"There are warning signs," Bush said, adding that an intervention way before an incident can be effective.

Bush said he is concerned about the growing number of shootings in public places, specifically the incident of a shooter at a local hospital. He also said that such scenes are chaotic and also spoke about past shootings at Central High School and Inskip Elementary.

When reporting such

an incident Bush urged people to try to communicate effectively, give a description of the suspect, and think about barricading an office door if possible.

"Have a plan. You don't have to live in fear but be prepared," Bush said.

Next month the East Towne Business Association will have a speaker discuss short-term rentals. The organization meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. New Harvest Park is located just off Washington Pike just beyond the Target store.



KPD Officer Brian Bush at the East Towne Business Alliance meeting Wednesday. Bush spoke on workplace violence, both early reporting of threats and what to do during an incident.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
IN RE: JAYCEON IZIAH-KARTER BRUMFIELD NO. 194371-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Unknown Father 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 Unknown Father it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, an Attorney whose address is 2415 E. Magnolia Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 15nd day of September, 2017

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMES E. HOUSTON, EMERALD HILLS INC C/O JAMES HOUSTON AND BLH ENTERPRISES INC F/K/A BLH ENTERPRISES LLC C/O JAMES E. HOUSTON

IN RE: HOMETRUST BANK v. JAMES E. HOUSTON

NO. 194012-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants JAMES E. HOUSTON, EMERALD HILLS INC C/O JAMES HOUSTON AND BLH ENTERPRISES INC F/K/A BLH ENTERPRISES LLC C/O JAMES E. HOUSTON, non-residents 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 JAMES E. HOUSTON, EMERALD HILLS INC C/O JAMES HOUSTON AND BLH ENTERPRISES INC F/K/A BLH ENTERPRISES LLC C/O JAMES E. HOUSTON, it is ordered that said defendants, JAMES E. HOUSTON, EMERALD HILLS INC C/O JAMES HOUSTON AND BLH ENTERPRISES INC F/K/A BLH ENTERPRISES LLC C/O JAMES E. HOUSTON, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with James David Nave, an Attorney whose address is, 11 N. Market St. P.O. Box 7376 Asheville, NC 28802, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 5th day of October, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RYAN KEITH HUMPHRIES,

IN RE: JESSICA COREN HUMPHRIES v. RYAN KEITH HUMPHRIES NO. 194590-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, RYAN KEITH HUMPHRIES, 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 RYAN KEITH HUMPHRIES.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Gail F. Wortley, an Attorney whose address is, 3715 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of September, 2017.

Clerk and Master

PETITION FOR ANNULMENT

DOCKET NO: 139789

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PETITION FOR ANNULMENT

THOMAS WILLIAM WARREN, PLAINTIFF

VS

WANDA FAYA PHILLIPS, DEFENDANT

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM

THE ORIGINAL FILE AND THE PETITION FOR ANNULMENT HERETOFORE FILED BY THE PLAINTIFF, THOMAS WILLIAM WARREN, THAT THE DEFENDANT, WANDA FAYA PHILLIPS, FILE HER ANSWER WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND A COPY TO THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, R. BRANDON WHITE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE D, SEYMOUR, TENNESSEE 37865, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF PUBLICATION, OR A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AND THE CAUSE SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE AS TO HER. FURTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING THE MATTER, IT IS TO BE HEARD ON JANUARY 12TH, 2018 AT 9:00 AM. OR AS SOON AS THIS CAUSE CAN BE HEARD IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURTROOM, KNOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. FURTHER, THAT FAILURE TO ANSWER BEFORE OR APPEAR ON THAT DATE WILL RESULT IN THE JUDGEMENT BEING TAKEN AGAINST HER AND ENTRY OF A FINAL ORDER. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS, IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

THIS THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017

KNOX COUNTY FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

MIKE HAMMOND, CLERK
KATHY LEWIS, DEPUTY CLERK

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: GIL WILLIAM RANDALL

IN RE: CARSON STONE ANDERSON NO. 194468-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant GIL WILLIAM RANDALL, non-residents 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 GIL WILLIAM RANDALL, it is ordered that said defendant, GIL WILLIAM RANDALL, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jennifer Chadwell, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 4038 Oak Ridge, TN 37831, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 20th day of September, 2017.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
CHANCERY DIVISION
AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Rex Jackson
Whereabouts Unknown
Last Known Address:
201 Callahan Drive, Room 203
Knoxville, TN 37912
Tiffany Jackson
Petitioner
Vs
Rex Jackson
Defendant
No. 17CH8810

It appearing from the pleadings filed in this cause that, Rex Jackson whereabouts is unknown. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered September 21, 2017, service of process will be made by publication.

HE IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR, ON OR BEFORE:

November 13, 2017 next, before the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, located at 100 N. Main Street, Suite 308, Clinton, Tennessee and make defense to the complaint filed against him in said court by Tiffany Jackson, Petitioner or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default entered. Defendant is required to file responsive pleading with the court and Plaintiffs Attorney, Henry D. Forrester, III, 711 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd, Clinton, TN 37117. It is further ordered that this Notice be published in the Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks.

This 21st day of September, 2017.

Harold P. Cousins Jr.
CLERK AND MASTER
BY: Sandy Sherwood
Chief/Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

PATRICIA LEE MENDOZA - VS - SALVADOR MENDOZA ARIZAGA DOCKET #140832

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 SALVADOR MENDOZA ARIZAGA 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 SALVADOR MENDOZA ARIZAGA.

IT IS ORDERED THAT SAID DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY PATRICIA LEE MENDOZA, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH L. CLAY WHITE, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS 312 S. GAY ST. SUITE 204 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902, 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 IS THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017

MIKE HAMMOND CLERK
BARBARA DAVIS DEPUTY CLERK.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RALPH EDWARD VANCE, JR., DAVID ALLEN GRAY, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, the father of JACOB EDWARD RYAN VANCE, born to LORA MICHELLE PARROTT VANCE.

IN RE: DOCKET # 1-311-17 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DIVISION I, AT KNOXVILLE

In this cause, it appearing from the Adoption Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the respondents, RALPH EDWARD VANCE, JR., DAVID ALLEN GRAY, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, biological or legal father of the child, is either a non-resident of the state or whose present whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon them. It is ORDERED by the Court that the respondents, RALPH EDWARD VANCE, JR., DAVID ALLEN GRAY, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, file an Answer with the Clerk, Catherine Shanks, P. O. Box 379, Knoxville, TN 37901 and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney for the petitioners, whose address is P. O. Box 2564, Knoxville TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to you before KRISTI M. DAVIS, Circuit Judge, Knox County Circuit Court, City County Building, Main Avenue Knoxville TN. This notice will be published in The Focus, newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 13th day of September, 2017

/s/ CATHERINE SHANKS, Circuit Court Clerk
Published: 09/18/2017, 09/25/2017, 10/02/2017, 10/09/17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of CHARLES DORTON Docket number 79437-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES DORTON who died May 20th, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017
Estate of CHARLES DORTON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
SHARON ELAINE BASS; EXECUTRIX
3013 GREENHILL DR.
CENTERVILLE, TN 37033

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

10/2 & 10/9

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY R ETHERTON DOCKET NUMBER 79382-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of SEPTEMBER 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY R ETHERTON

who died Jul 4, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 21 day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

ESTATE OF BETTY R ETHERTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DALE ETHERTON; ADMINISTRATOR
945 PINEY GROVE CHURCH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 39
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of MARY B. HOLLAND Docket number 79451-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY B. HOLLAND who died JULY 21ST, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

This the 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

Estate of MARY B. HOLLAND
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
CONNIE LOU HOLLAND; EXECUTRIX
2004 MCCLAIN RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

ROBERT W. GODWIN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DANNY WILLIAM SHOCKLEY DOCKET NUMBER 79397-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DANNY WILLIAM SHOCKLEY who died Aug 5, 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 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

Personal Representatives:

ALLEN R. SHOCKLEY; ADMINISTRATOR
223 KIRKWOOD ST.,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

SUZANNE N. PRICE ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
800 S. GAY ST., STE. 2001,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RONALD DALE SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 79300-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of RONALD DALE SMITH who died Jul 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)

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

This the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

ESTATE OF RONALD DALE SMITH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SHEILA SMITH; ADMINISTRATRIX
3400 MORNING DEW LANE,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

THEODORE KERN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
800 S. GAY ST., STE. 1600,
KNOXVILLE, TN 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of STEPHEN WADE BOYLE Docket number 79345-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN WADE BOYLE who died JULY 30TH, 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 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

Personal Representatives:

ALLEN R. SHOCKLEY; ADMINISTRATOR
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or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

Estate of STEPHEN WADE BOYLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
WILLIAM KENNETH BOYLE, III; EXECUTOR
3008 MELBOURNE COURT EAST
MOUNTAIN JULIET, TN 37122
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Executive Board Meeting, October 25, 2017

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, October 25th at 9 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website approximately one week prior to the meeting and can be found here: www.knoxtrans.org/meeting. If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

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Statement of Revenues/Expenses for the Year Ending July 31, 2017			
Unaudited Report			
Revenues			
Water Sales		\$1,350,276	
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Other Operating		\$130,508	
Total Operating Revenues		\$1,523,134	
Operating Expenses			
Water Sources & Purification		\$332,009	
Distribution		\$245,495	
Administration		\$699,739	
Bond Payments		\$144,168	
Commissioner Travel Expense		\$1,014	
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,422,425	
Net Operating Income		\$100,709	
Increase in Net Assets		\$100,709	
Public Meeting Notice			
The Board of Commissioners meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 4:30 PM			
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Finding yourself

There are some very important questions each person needs to ask: Who am I? What is life about? What should my life be about? Higher education doesn't teach you the answers to these questions. Someone has said that life is "one prolonged identity crises." There are inherent dangers when asking the question, "Who am I?" It can turn into a narcissistic (self-absorbed) expedition. But there is a biblical concept of having a "calling" or "vocation" (from the Latin word for "voice") that legitimizes the question. What

By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

has God called you to do with your life? How can the gifts God has given you be best used in your life to bring him the most glory? God doesn't want you to be somebody else. He wants you to be "you." Old Rabbi Zusya used to tell his students, "In the coming world, God will not ask me, 'Why were you not Abraham, or why were you not Moses?' But he may ask me, 'Why were you not Zusya?'"

This brings our attention to Romans 14 and 15. Paul is bringing this amazing letter to an end and we

are going to hear him talk quite a bit about how to live and deal with one another in the body of Christ as you use your gifts, your calling. Here are a few verses from these two chapters to show the recurring theme: "Accept him whose faith is weak" (14:1). "Who are you to judge?" (14:4). "Why do you judge your brother" (14:10). "Let us stop passing judgment on one another" (14:13). "Do not destroy your brother" (14:15). "Make every effort to do what leads to peace" (14:19). "We ought to bear with the failings of the weak" (15:1). "May God give you a spirit of unity" (15:5). "Accept one another, just as Christ accepted

you" (15:7). Paul makes it pretty clear that while we are in the process of "becoming ourselves" we are going to need to extend much grace to one another. The body of Christ is in the process of becoming one, and that is not going to happen if there is a spirit of judgmentalism and disharmony. It will happen if there is a spirit of peace and unity.

The problem in Rome was that the Christians in the church had difficulty looking past some of their differences. They were divided over worship days and what to eat. On one side you had vegetarians, and on the other side you had meat-eaters.

Paul says there are some issues more important than others (Romans 14:1-21). Don't get caught up in one day being more special than another, or in food battles. More important than days of the week and items on the food table is the fellowship that our Lord died to redeem. Whether you are a Sabbatarian or

an anti-Sabbatarian, Jew and Gentile Christians alike are part of the family of God. The day to worship is important, but the worship is more important. Both vegetarians and meat-eaters are members of the body of Christ. Each are invited to the table of the Lord.

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