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Tom Spangler for Sheriff Campaign Opens Headquarters

By Focus Staff

With the holidays over and a new year underway, the 2018 political season has begun. Tom Spangler, Republican candidate for Knox County Sheriff, opened his campaign headquarters last week on 1601 Western Avenue.

In a two-day event, occurring over Thursday and Saturday, Spangler treated guests to appetizers, coffee, tea and desserts and a big welcome. The Spangler headquarters was packed with visitors on Thursday when The Focus visited.

Tom Spangler worked his way up through the ranks of the Knox County sheriff's department, serving at various times as a patrolman, SWAT team member, narcotics detective and chief deputy to the sheriff. Spangler eventually became the interim sheriff of Knox County. Spangler dedicated his life to law enforcement after a stint in the Air Force.

The number of retired and current sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement professionals joining Spangler for the opening of his headquarters was amazing. It was impossible to miss that Spangler has deep and strong support from his fellow law enforcement officers, but there was a big crowd of ordinary citizens in attendance as well. That a large crowd turned out was not surprising at all as Spangler is known for being

forthright, honest, and less a politician than a law enforcement professional. One thing is for certain, Tom Spangler is off to a great start and isn't the usual courthouse type of candidate.

Matt Fagiana, Campaign Aid and former Knox County officer and State Trooper, had this to say about Spangler:

"Tom Spangler is the only candidate with the full experience and background in law enforcement. He has served in leadership roles. He has led the training academy, worked in the jail and on patrol and has truly walked in the shoes of the officers he wants to lead.

"At the end of the day you want to elect someone who has that kind of experience and understanding of what it takes to run the department that keeps our community safe. Tom Spangler is one of most ethical and moral men I know and he has the passion and qualities to lead the sheriff's department. The 1000+ employees can trust the leadership of someone who has the experience to lead the department.

"Tom Spangler is a candidate we the taxpayers can trust to make the most of the county's resources. If given the opportunity by the voters he will make a great sheriff for the citizens of Knox County."



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Above, Linda and Tom Spangler at the grand opening of the Spangler for Sheriff Headquarters. Left, Spangler mingles with the crowd of citizens and active and retired law enforcement officers.



MPC talks sidewalks again

By Pete Gawda

At their meeting on Thursday, January 11 the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) once again came up against the issue of sidewalks when a developer protested what he called "a sidewalk to nowhere."

Primos Land Company presented for concept/use on review approval a proposed 37-lot subdivision on the north side of Crippen Road and the west side of Recreation Lane. One of

the conditions for approval was that a sidewalk be constructed outside the subdivision along Crippen Road. The developer requested that condition be removed. He noted that it would not connect to an existing sidewalk and that he had plans for sidewalks within the subdivision and a sidewalk going to a nearby ball field.

"I really have a problem requiring a sidewalk that does not have a connecting sidewalk or where there should be a county sidewalk," was the opinion of

Chair Rebecca Longmire. "That just doesn't make sense to me."

In response to a question staff stated that there are no plans for a county sidewalk in that area.

The MPC granted approval without the sidewalk requirement.

Jim Sullivan's request for concept/use on review approval passed with no opposition and no discussion. His proposed 115 lot Hickory Creek Farms

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2018's political year update

By Mike Steely
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The primary election deadline for filing is a month away but already there are several races drawing opponents, most of them Republican. So far of the 24 announced candidates for the various county offices only four are Democrats. The at-large seat 10, where county mayor candidate Bob Thomas now serves, has two Republicans and two Democrats who have petitions for election.

February 15 is the filing deadline for the county races. Given the August 2 primary date for state and federal filings, 2018 looks like a long and political

year for Knox County, the state and the national offices.

Thus far there are few Democrats stepping forward to get petitions for election. County Democrat Chair Emily Gregg told The Focus that there are potential candidates but they have not declared yet.

United States House of Representatives

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett picked up his petition for U. S. Congress to replace retiring 2nd District Congressman Jimmy Duncan. Republicans announcing to become the next congressperson are Jimmy Matlock, Vito Sagliano, Mark Whitmire and Brad

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School board hears from auditors, decides on lobbyist

By Anne Primm

Superintendent Thomas gave his report to the Knox County Board of Education in their regular meeting Wednesday. He stated that he had been directed by the board at the December meeting to appoint a committee to help him organize a new Leadership Academy with the University of Tennessee. Thomas reported that the committee had been chosen and that the first meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2018.

Thomas also reported that the first of many strategic planning meetings had been held at West Valley Middle School on Tuesday night with approximately forty people in

attendance. South-Doyle High School, Thomas relayed, has been chosen as a Lighthouse School of Distinction. Also, Julie Thompson was named Supervisor of the Year by the Tennessee Principals Association. Lastly, Thomas congratulated Melissa Glover as being named Assistant Principal of Hardin Valley Middle School and Scott Reed as being named Assistant Principal of Gibbs Middle School.

Fourth district member Lynn Fugate inquired when Knox County Schools and the University of Tennessee will be ready to solicit candidates for the next Leadership Academy and Thomas replied, "in February."

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Knox County School Board Chairwoman Patti Bounds introduced her former student and current Miss Tennessee, Katy Davis. Miss Davis talked briefly about drug addiction and overcoming issues related to addiction in family members and loved ones. She has devoted her reign to speaking to over 50,000 school age children all over Tennessee about alcohol and opioid addiction. Pictured are board member Terry Hill, Davis, Bounds and Superintendent Thomas.

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What is a Holographic Will and is it a Legitimate Will?

You may have never heard of the term, "holographic will." What does it mean? A holographic will is a will that is handwritten and signed by the person making the will.



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handwriting of the testator and the testator's handwriting must be proved by two (2) witnesses."

What does that mean? That means that the entire will must be handwritten by the person

making the will and after the person dies, their handwriting must be confirmed by two witnesses.

So, can you write out your own will in Tennessee. Yes, you can. While I do not recommend it, it can be done.

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Some states do not recognize holographic wills as valid wills and they are definitely not preferred as they are usually considered to be less professional and do not cover all of the bases that a professionally done will does.

Holographic wills are legal in Tennessee. That means that if someone handwrites out their will, that will is an actual, valid will that can be probated.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 32-1-105 deals specifically with holographic wills. It states, "No witness to a holographic will is necessary, but the signature and all its material provisions must be in the

Briggs and Massey face some tough questions

By Mike Steely
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In recent weeks members of the local state legislature have been meeting with various groups including the Knox County Commission and the Knoxville City Council.

When Knox County's two state senators, Dr. Richard Briggs and Becky Duncan-Massey, sat before the League of Women Voters recently neither of them probably expected to be asked some hard ball questions. It was obvious that the audience welcomed both elected officials but it was also obvious that some audience members had some strong disagreements with the two senators.

Questions about gun control, vouchers for special needs students, medical marijuana, guns on campus, and deportation attempts of foreign born children stirred some comments and audience resistance. But probably the loudest response from the audience came when Senator Briggs mentioned rumors of voter fraud.

"I think I'm hearing different things," he said, adding, "There's no controversy on voter fraud?"

The mention of "voter fraud" prompted the president of the League of Women Voters, Linda Maccabe, to immediately step forward

as the crowd yelled "No" at Briggs' remark.

"We work very closely with our election officials here in Knox County," Maccabe said.

"I believe the Knox County Election Commission has done an exceptional job," she said, adding, "I am absolutely confident in their ability to make sure that the voting is clean."

Senator Massey agreed that "Knoxville is best" and the election commission "does a really fine job."

"I agree, I think it's that way everywhere in the United States. That's not what I said," Senator Briggs said.

"What I said is that it's being brought up. To say it's not been in the news is denying reality. What we have to do is that when we register people to vote we need to make sure it's ironclad and defensible. We do a great job in Knox County and I think we just need to put it to rest," Briggs said.

He went on to question registering people to vote when they get a driver's license.

"Do you have to be a citizen to get a driver's license?" he asked, mentioning undocumented workers may want to get a license.

Massey then brought up her bill that will change the underage license format beginning this summer. The new vertical ID could make it more

difficult for underage drivers to buy alcohol. On allowing the use of medical marijuana in the state Briggs said the issue will be back before the legislature this year. He said he served on a "joint taskforce" in the last session but voiced no opinion on the issue.

Massey and Briggs were praised for their stand for "Insure Tennessee" and Briggs lamented the closure of 11 rural hospitals in the state. Briggs also commented that the hospital association will be bringing up the issue of health care up again.

On the issue of school vouchers and charter schools Massey said she supports charters but not vouchers. Briggs said, "We don't need vouchers in Knox County," adding that a parent can change a child's school with a request to the school board.

Massey said she supports charter schools because they are controlled by the local school board.

Speaking to a question about undocumented college students Briggs said permitting that attendance by tuition passed a senate committee but failed in a house vote.

Massey said that an opioid bill will probably come back before the legislature this year and Briggs said he's concerned with the growing number of "private prisons" in the state.

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Fullington.

Democrats in the race for Congress are Joshua Williams, a Knoxville psychologist, and Renee Hoyos, executive director of the Tennessee Clean Water Network.

State Legislature

Knox County Commissioner and former Chairman Dave Wright is so far the only Republican to file to replace retiring State Representative Harry Brooks. Democrat Edward Nelson has also picked up a petition for that State District 19 seat.

State Senator Richard Briggs has a petition for re-election as does District 13 State Representative Eddie Smith, District 14's Jason Zachary, and District 15's Rick Staples. Staples is the lone Democrat to declare for the state house.

County Commission Seats

There are two at-large seats on the ballot since Thomas and Ed Brantley have both announced they are leaving the council. Both candidates for Brantley's Seat 11 position are Republicans: Justin Biggs and R. Larry Smith. Although Vivian Underwood Shipe's name appears on the petition pick-ups she cannot run because of her employment with the U. S. Post Office.

In competition for the at-large Seat 10 are Republicans Ronnie W. Rochelle and Larsen Jay. Democrats Tori Griffin and William P. Stone are seeking their party's nod.

Rochelle describes himself as a "moderate Republican" and is past chairman of Parks and Recreation, a Chamber Ambassador, a former Planning Commissioner, a UT graduate and a current

member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Jay is the founder of Random Acts of Flowers, a UT graduate, a film and TV producer on the boards of Joy of Music, Bijou Theatre, Knoxville Symphony, and Alliance for Better Non-Profits.

Griffin is a Knoxville native and Fulton High School graduate. She's a Moreland College graduate and was a White House Intern and now is a community activist.

Stone is a graduate of Florida State and a retail store manager.

Current Commission Chairman Randy Smith is so far alone in his Republican Primary bid. Democrat Cody Biggs has picked up a petition for that District 3 seat.

Charles Busler is unopposed thus far for re-election to Commission District 7.

Circuit Court Clerk

Four Republicans have picked

up petitions: Don Ridings, Scott Smith, Charles D. Susano, III, and Tom Wheeler.

Knox County Mayor

Commissioner Bob Thomas announced early for the office and has been joined in the contest by fellow Republicans Brad Anders and Glenn Jacobs.

Knox County Sheriff

Republicans Tom Spangler and Lee Trammel face each other in this race for the county's top law enforcement office.

County Court Clerk

Current State Legislator Roger Kane will face Sherry Witt who is the current Knox County Register of Deeds.

Knox County Board of Education

These races are non-partisan and three people have filed to replace outgoing 1st District member Gloria Deathridge. They are Andre Canty, Dametraus

Jaggers and Evetty Satterfield.

Running, so far unopposed, is Virginia Bap for the 4th District seat to replace outgoing member Lynne Fugate.

Also unopposed in their bids for re-election so far are Terry Hill, Amber Rountree and current BOE chairperson Patti Lou Bounds.

Mayor of Farragut

Ron Williams is, at present, the only candidate to pick up an election petition for mayor of Farragut.

Also unopposed thus far in the upcoming primary are, Ed Shouse for Trustee, Mike Hammond for Criminal Court Clerk, and Nick McBride for Register of Deeds. All these candidates are Republicans.

School board hears from auditors, decides on lobbyist

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The next order of business was the discussion of the ongoing audit by Gary Spencer and Garret Raiden. Raiden elaborated on the definition of "internal school funds" as any monies that are paid by parents as fees and/or

contributions for fundraisers, sports activities, field trips and driver's ed. Such funds are property of the schools and are the principal's responsibility.

Next month, findings of the audit will be presented to the board. "Findings" means "discrepancies."

According to a new law, PL 383, a corrective action plan must be submitted for each "finding." Principals are responsible for these plans.

Raiden lamented that by the time the audit is complete, we will be six months into 2018 and this is not the way to do business.

Third District representative Tony Norman explained that the renovations to Inskip Elementary School will include a Rain Garden

which will allow the students and teachers to take advantage of a structural abnormality in a productive and scientific way.

Discussion followed regarding retaining a lobbying group, Milsaps Gowan Government Relations, for 2018 to represent the interests of Knox County Schools in Nashville. Norman went on record that he did not think this expenditure was necessary as did Eighth

District's Mike McMillan. Sixth District representative Terry Hill reported that to date, one hundred ninety-nine education bills have already been introduced this year. All other school board members voted to retain Milsaps Gowan for 2018.

After much discussion in favor, the school board voted to add two new administrator positions to the staff at Vine Middle School. Vine Middle will have seven principals: one executive principal, two grade level principals for each grade 6-8, one for curriculum and instruction and one for discipline. Vine Middle School has only a 9% proficiency rate on TCAPs and a 20% special education population. First District representative Gloria Deathridge expressed sincere

appreciation to the board for being willing to give Vine Middle the tools it needs to move forward.

Board members agreed that Knox County schools all have disparate needs. Representative Fugate pointed out that all schools need more than "we can afford."

The board approved the request for rezoning of Dogwood, Green, Sarah Moore Greene, and South Knoxville Elementary after public forum contributions from Carolyn Williams, Dr. Celeste Carruthers and Reverend John Butler.

Reverend Butler also spoke to the board about Knox County Board of Education 2018 Legislative Priorities. Butler agreed with the priorities except for the one about School Grading which would detrimentally impact Vine Middle School.

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Publisher's Position

Trump Economic Accomplishments Are Real



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It is an undisputed fact the American economy is picking up and one of the big reasons why is because of President Donald Trump. It is no coincidence the stock market has hit a historic high after the passage of the tax bill. Unemployment is currently at a 17 year low; unemployment

for African-Americans is also at a 17 year low. The same is true for Hispanics, as job growth for Hispanic-Americans has also improved. Economists have noted "total earnings" are up almost 5% from last year. Job cut announcements have also been the lowest since 1990. A host of big businesses, including Exxon Mobil, Delta, Hyundai, Toyota, and Bayer AG have announced plans to make vast investments and significantly increase hiring. Labor productivity almost doubled in the third quarter, while household wealth increased by \$1.7 trillion. Quite nearly 1.4 million Americans fell off the food stamp rolls since Trump took office. Claims for unemployment have fallen to the lowest level in

44 years. The Dow Jones average has increased more than 32% since Trump's election last year. Broadcom Limited has announced it is returning its headquarters to the United States, bringing with it \$20 billion in yearly revenue. Corning is investing \$500 million and creating 1,000 new jobs; Foxconn Technology is investing \$10 billion, building a factory in Wisconsin, which will create 3,000 new jobs and may benefit another 22,000 employees. We've felt the effect here in Tennessee, too. Tennessee is one of 12 states that have reached record low unemployment rates. Since Trump took the oath of office the number of people working is up by almost 1.9 million. President Trump's insistence on

tax cuts and deregulation has obviously been good for growing jobs for Americans. Every demographic --- from those with no high school or college diploma to those with degrees --- has seen a decline in unemployment. The notion, espoused by some leftists, that Trump is the beneficiary of an economic pump primed by his predecessor, Barack Obama, is blatantly absurd. Under Trump there has been positive Gross Domestic Product growth, while just the opposite was true under Obama. In fact, Obama is the only president in the history of the United States not to reach 3% of the GDP in a single year. Even the New York Times published a headline: "The Trump Effect: Business Anticipating Less Regulation, Loosens Purse

Strings." The Times even ruefully acknowledged a "wave of optimism" in the country, which has resulted in an expansion of the economy. Still, the Washington Post is twisting itself into a mutant pretzel to attempt to give Obama the credit for the economic upswing. Nor does anyone seem to recall both Bill Clinton and Barack Obama at one time supported reducing the corporate tax rate. It has been both amusing and disgusting to hear liberals wail about increasing the deficit, something they only seem to acknowledge when a president proposes to cut taxes. The national debt almost doubled during Barack Obama's presidency and for the life of me, I cannot recall Democrats and liberals being the least

bit concerned about it. The National Association of Manufacturers surveyed its membership and found almost 95% of those responding had a positive outlook for the future of their businesses. The Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index has just reached a 16-year high. Companies like Comcast and AT&T and North Carolina's BB&T have doled out bonuses for employees. Summit State Bank in Santa Rosa, California has issued \$2,000 checks to its employees. More than 60 businesses have announced they are raising wages for their employees. You may not hear much about these accomplishments from the mainstream media, but it doesn't make it any less real.

Hartung discusses new tax laws at FCBPA's monthly luncheon

By Ken Lay
The Fountain City Business and Professionals Association had its first monthly lunch meeting Wednesday, and in carrying on its January tradition, taxes were discussed as Knoxville residents and other Americans prepare to settle their tabs with the federal government. Area Certified Public Accountant and current FCBPA treasurer Andrew Hartung addressed those in attendance at Central Baptist Church, Fountain City at his annual appearance before the FCBPA. Hartung, a past president of the organization, discussed the recently passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The controversial legislation

was passed in December and it will be implemented during the 2018 tax year. Hartung addressed the changes in both the individual and corporate tax codes, which take effect. He was able to discuss and answer questions on some parts of the newly-passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. But some remain a mystery and currently up for interpretation. "Well, there's a new tax law this year. You may have heard about it once or twice on the news once or twice," Hartung said. "There is absolutely no guidance out yet and we don't know what this is going to look like on a tax form." The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was

passed by Congress and signed by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 22, 2017 and calls for tax brackets to shift downward for most taxpayers. It also raises the Standard Deduction from \$6,500 to \$12,000 for single and from \$13,000 to \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly. Personal and dependent exemptions are eliminated along with home equity debt deductions. Employees will no longer be able to deduct work expenses not provided by employers. University of Tennessee football season ticket holders may no longer make a deduction for the donation they make to the school for the right to buy tickets. That could previously be deducted as

a charitable donation. The medical deduction drops from 10 percent to 7.5 percent for 2017 and 2018 only before returning to the previous rate in 2019. The Child Tax Credit increases to \$2,000 for children under 17. Businesses will be taxed at a flat 21 percent rate after previously being a progressive tax for C-Corps. This results in a huge break for bigger business entities that previously were taxed at a rate as high as 35 percent. The Alternative Minimum Tax, which was originally repealed, was re-added before the final bill was passed. Corporations, however, will no longer have to pay the AMT. "This really affects the

upper-middle class, especially in wealthy states like New York, New Jersey and California," Hartung said. "We call them wealthy states, but they're overpriced states." Alimony payments will also be affected in 2019. Alimony will no longer be considered taxable income for the recipient. It will no longer be a deduction for the payer for any divorce finalized after Dec. 31, 2018. "This was supposed to go into effect in 2018 but I think they had problems getting the divorce attorneys together," Hartung said, with tongue firmly planted in cheek. "So if you're planning on getting a divorce, you better do it before Dec. 31."

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

Courage and PTSD

By Randall Baxter

On a recent trip up north, I got to do something I love to do. I got to walk through an antique store and something that caught my eye. A stack of Classics Illustrated comic books. Most issued right after and during World War II.

Included in my find was issue number 98, "THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE." In Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage," Henry Fleming leaves home as a young man to join the Union Army during the American Civil War. He faces external conflicts from his war enemies and authority figures, but he also faces internal conflicts, such as leaving home and demonstrating courage.

I never was a soldier, but I played one as a child, and my idea of masculinity, and also that of Henry Fleming, was a brave soldier rushes headlong into battle. Whether we call it bravery or courage, it means "the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous." It allows us to find the moral or mental strength to face our fears and make unthinkable choices.

You are inside Henry's head all throughout the story. At one moment, Henry succumbs to his fear and runs away during a battle. He feels the fear and shame of being called a coward. After a time, Henry joins a column of wounded soldiers. He is deeply envious of these men, thinking that a wound is like "a red badge of courage"—visible proof of valorous behavior. He meets a tattered man who has been shot twice and who speaks proudly of the fact that his regiment did not flee.

Henry wishes that he had a red badge of courage (a wound) like many of the other more seasoned soldiers. He sees the injured soldiers around him and wishes he had something to show from battle. Henry becomes wounded when he stops another fleeing soldier, who injures Henry trying to escape the melee of another battle.

Eventually Henry, with the help of his red badge of courage, becomes a leader on the battlefield.

My friend Howard experienced these same thoughts in Vietnam. His orders were to stay inside a bunker to do his job. The battle outside was increasing in velocity, and Viet Cong were running into the bunkers with TNT strapped to themselves and exploding the bunkers, with few survivors.

Howard would never know if the doorway to his bunker was guarded or not. He was to stay at his post and if a VC ran in, it would be too late. That intense fear of wanting to vacate his post and guard his entrance created a mental anguish I have never experienced.

Howard held his post and after the battle found a dead VC strapped with TNT near his entrance.

Sometimes the wounds a soldier receives are not marked with a red badge of courage. The wounds are deep in the mind, and heart, and gut. The experience keeps returning and does a little more damage each time. Over time the hidden wound begins to shape behavior, it effects your personal life, and that of your family. There is a reason the word POST is present in PTSD.

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Sunhouse Fountain being restored

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The City of Knoxville boasts about being a community of great neighborhoods. Tuesday's City Council meeting will see a neighborhood effort to preserve its history being authorized and praised.

The Kingston Pike Sequoyah Hills Association is moving into Phase Two of its efforts to restore its historic features. Following the restoration of Talahi Park, the community, on the National Registry of Historic Places, is now ready to start restoration of the Sunhouse Fountain at the park's entrance.

Efforts to bring the fountain back to its original glory were boosted in October with a \$30,000 grant from the State of Tennessee. The fountain sits on city property in the middle of Cherokee Boulevard. Chad Weth, Director of the Public Service Department, told The Focus that once the city

approves the donation of design plans, supplies and a labor on the fountain the work will get underway and should be completed by the end of March.

"The fountain would then be maintained by the city. Their efforts will make it a lot easier to maintain," he said.

Weth also said that Dennis Jessee of Tile and Stone has done the design work.

The association reportedly raised an additional \$50,000 for the project and the next restoration goal is aimed at restoring Panther Fountain, located further along Talahi Drive SW from the Sunhouse Fountain. That's Phase Three and there are plans also to restore and improve the Mall footpath area.

The Talahi Park section of Sequoyah Hills was originally designed as one of Knoxville's first suburban neighborhoods. The up-scale neighborhood was named for Sequoyah, inventor of

the Cherokee Alphabet and the development took on a Native American feel with stone gateway and structures. The footpath down Cherokee Boulevard runs along the middle of the street and eventually passes over a historic Indian Mound.

The wording of the resolution expresses the city's appreciation for the association's efforts and authorizes a "Limited Use Agreement" to the group to the fountain restoration as a donation to the city.

In other action the city council will consider giving an additional \$35,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant money to the Community Action Committee for the Homeward Bound Program.

More funding may also be authorized in the contract with Wilson Construction Group, LLC, for the First Creek Greenway in the Edgewood Park area.

Various appointments and re-appointments are on the



The Panther Fountain in Sequoyah Hills will be part of Phase Three of the Kingston Pike Sequoyah Hills Association's ongoing preservation effort. The city council will vote Tuesday on applauding and authorizing the group to restore the Sunhouse Fountain as part of Phase Two. A state grant and community donations are funding the effort.

agenda including Dr. Andrea Ludwig to the Board of Environmental Appeals, Jordana Nelson to the Industrial Development Board and Chris Oldham to the Golf Course Advisory Board.

Mark Hairr, Liliana

Burbano Bonilla and Kimberly Watkins are suggested by the mayor for the Knoxville Transportation Authority Board and Councilman Andrew Roberto is nominating Amy Midis to the Public Property Naming Committee.

Council member Lauren Rider may be named chair of the Property Naming Committee and Ronnie Collins and Molly Gilbert are being nominated by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders to that committee.

MPC talks sidewalks again

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subdivision is to be on both sides of Nora Mae Lane and the north side of Hickory Creek Road. He also received concept plan/use on review approval for Harpers' Cove, a proposed 15 lot subdivision to be located on the northwest side of South Northshore Drive, northeast of Charlottesville Blvd.

Sullivan was not so successful with his proposed 45 lot The Cove in West Hills. The site is on the southeast side of Broome

and northeast of Marlboro Road. Several nearby residents appeared to protest the subdivision citing lack of notification, traffic and drainage problems. The MPC voted to delay considering the matter for 30 days. In the meantime the developer was urged to meet with area residents to consider their concerns.

With no opposition MJM Development received approval of its concept plan for 61 lot Boulder Point to be located at the northwest terminus of Popular Grove Lane, northwest

of Boulder Point Lane.

Turning to zoning requests, the MPC denied the request of Mike Frazier of Knox Rail Salvage for a change in zoning from General Commercial to General Industrial for property on the northwest side of East Depot Ave. and northeast of North Central St. The requested change, if approved, would have allowed for the operation of an equipment and material storage operation.

Jeffery Nash, representing the Courtland Group which is involved in real

estate and commercial development, stated that the application was not in line with what most people had in mind for Old North Knoxville. He said current developments are retail and commercial.

The MPC approved Aleksandr Botezat's request for a change in zoning from Agricultural to Planned Residential for property on the north side of Cain Road, northeast of Amherst Road. However the MPC only authorized a density of 3.5 dwelling units per acre. The

applicant had requested a density of 5 units per acre. Approval came despite the objections of neighboring property owners.

John Huber was successful in having the zoning changed from Neighborhood Commercial with restrictions to Neighborhood Commercial without restrictions. This action removed restrictions from the types of businesses allowed in a Neighborhood Commercial zone and paved the way for his anticipated request next

month for a self-service storage facility in a Neighborhood Commercial zone. The property in question is located on the southeast side of South Northshore Drive, northeast of Choto Road.

GBS Engineering was successful in their request for approval to open a hardware store in a Planned Commercial zone on the north side of Hardin Valley Road, east of Westcott Road.

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Parkridge organization is rebuilding

By Mike Steely
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Last year's Historic Overlay expansion debate in the East Knoxville community of Parkridge left the neighborhood organization bruised and divided. Last week more than 40 residents met at the Cansler YMCA to begin to restore trust and cooperation with one another.

The Office of Neighborhoods' Debbie Sharp, who has led the group beyond the division when the overlay plans were put on hold, led the meeting and, at the end, asked who would be interested in serving on the nine member board. That vote comes in their February meeting when all dues-paying members will elect a board. The new officers of the Parkridge Community Organization (PCO) will then select a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Debbie Sharp, left, led a discussion on what Parkridge residents want in their East Knoxville neighborhood. The Office of Neighborhoods official is pictured with Jennifer Montgomery, past President, and City Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie.

Among those who voiced an interest in serving on the board were Kenny Riffey, Danny Sullivan, Peggy

Cline, Britney Holland, David Darling, Brenda Blankenship, Jessica Dean, David Johnson, Matt Foster,

Albert Nelson, Rebecca Lloyd, Michael Goins and Megan Burnett. Johnson Harwell, an attorney with

the Public Defenders Office, was suggested for the Bylaw Committee. Sharp raised four

questions that were discussed in the meeting: What are some good reasons to have an organization? What do you like about the neighborhood? What would you like to see changed? What should be priorities be in 2018?

A large amount of feedback came from the 40 plus residents of Parkridge. The crowd included past board members, supporters and opponents of the historic district's expansion, city council members Gwen McKenzie and Lauren Rider, State Representative Rick Staples, and Jesse Mayshark and Dawn Michelle Foster of the City Administration.

Foster told the homeowners and renters that the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape project is in a process of securing right-of-ways and that ground breaking should take place this spring starting

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County offers winter weather safety tips

Mayor Burchett: Check on elderly, homebound during extreme weather

As temperatures in the teens continue the next few days, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett is urging citizens to take time to check on homebound seniors and anyone who may not be able to easily care for themselves. In addition to the elderly, other at-risk populations include young children, anyone with an altered mental status or mental illness, those who remain outdoors for extended periods of time and pets.

"Too many seniors are homebound and have no one to care for them," said Mayor Burchett. "With the extremely low temperatures expected to continue through the week, I hope neighbors, friends and

relatives will take time to check on the elderly and others who may be homebound and in need of help."

Cold weather also brings an increase in residential use of portable/supplemental heating equipment. These items should be used with caution as heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association, half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.

Anyone finding themselves in an emergency situation should call 9-1-1 immediately.

Tips from the Knox County Fire Prevention Bureau and Knox County Health Department:

- Check on elderly neighbors, friends and relatives – make sure they have adequate heating, food,

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Our Neighborhoods

Knoxville's Neighbors: Blaine, Kodak and Louisville

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The smaller communities on the outskirts of Knox County contribute much to our local economy not only with commuters who drive here to work but also those residents who come to shop here. Many Knoxvilleans and especially newcomers know very little about these important places. Sometimes we get so caught up with our own county and cities that we forget how important our neighboring communities are.

Blaine is growing

Blaine is located just outside Knox County along U. S. Highway 11W, better known locally as Rutledge Pike. Originally called "Blaine's Crossroads" the Grainger County town was established at the intersection of that old route with Emory Road, the first route built through Knox County before statehood.

Later it was a stopping place of



The Blaine City Halls sits along Indian Ridge Road just off Highway 11W. The community is growing and sits just south of Clinch Mountain between Knoxville and Rutledge.

the Knoxville-Bristol trains which rolled along what was known as the Peavine Railroad.

Located 19 miles northeast of Knoxville and 14 miles south of the county seat Rutledge, Blaine has a town area of just over 9 square miles. It is named for early settler Robert Blaine. Nearby is Shield's

Station, once a well-known tavern and inn built in the 1830s. Clinch Mountain rises just north of Blaine and House Mountain is just to the southwest.

Blaine is a growing community. The 2010 census listed 1,856 residents, up 271 over the earlier

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Parkridge organization is rebuilding

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at Jessamine Avenue.

Sharp urged residents to take part in an 11-week "Enriching Neighborhoods" series hosted by Ron Davis. She said it would help develop neighborhood leaders and aid in restoring the trust in the area.

She also announced that Bill Murrah has agreed to be the local consultant as the new board creates a Bylaws Committee. She noted that fliers distributed by some of the residents helped generate the crowd including a 53-year resident who was

attending the neighborhood organization meeting for the first time.

The group brainstormed on the positives of Parkridge which included racial, economic, religious and age diversity, proximity to downtown, architecture, affordable housing, concerned citizens, and its parks, sidewalks and walkability.

When asked what they might want to change about Parkridge the group's answers included the traffic problems, adding kids programs, getting churches involved, more compassionate and caring neighbors, playgrounds, better bus stops, a

Beautification Mob, more organized events, block captains and block meetings and cooperation between former historic zoning residents.

Among the priorities for this year are youth projects, getting involved, mentoring, starting with a clean slate in relationships, fire and safety training, more police patrols or community policing, a community grocery store and "just having fun."

"That's what a neighborhood organization can do," Sharp told the crowd.

Knoxville's Neighbors: Blaine, Kodak and Louisville

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The town sports a Food City, a branch of the Citizens Bank and Trust, Okie's Pharmacy, and several convenience stores.

Blaine was known for years as the nearest community to Indian Cave, located to the east along the waters of Holston River. The cave, now closed to visitors, was used for thousands of years by Native Americans and later commercialized and a popular place for tourists.

Kodak

The community of Kodak, just east of Knox County, is a bit different than most rural communities in that it's not that rural anymore.

Founded in 1892 by Harvey N. Underwood, who named the place for the introduction of the Kodak Camera with the

permission of George Eastman of Eastman Kodak, the Sevier County village had its own post office and several businesses along State Route 139. It languished as a farming community until the development of Sevier County's tourism industry.

The construction of Interstate 40 passed just north of Kodak and, along with the growing popularity of Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville, brought many businesses to Kodak. The city of Sevierville saw the growth and annexed land all the way to beyond the interstate. Today the interchange features the Smokies Stadium, a Bass Pro Shop, the Great Smokies Flea Market and many other tourist-type and real estate businesses.

Near Kodak is Tennessee's newest recreation and bird-viewing

area. The Seven Islands State Birding Park is located along the river and has 416 acres and about 190 different bird species. The park is undergoing improvements and the loop there is currently closed.

Louisville

Pronounced "Lewis-ville" and not "Louey-ville" this growing Blount County town has jumped from about 750 residents in 1990 to more than 4,000 residents nowadays. Located on Fort Loudoun Lake just south of the Knoxville Airport, the town dates back to the 19th Century as a trade center and river port.

Louisville was founded around 1840 and was the home of the Foster family who operated a storehouse, a historic building that now guards the road going into the

Louisville Point Park. The storehouse became the Harper Brothers General Merchandize and operated until 1938.

When the railroad reached Louisville in the 1890s the commerce there shifted from the river to the rail. The construction of Fort Loudoun Dam flooded about 70% of the historic town. A park was built along the lakewaters. Much of the Louisville story is compiled by the Town History Committee. Members are nominated by the mayor and aldermen.

Tim Bickers is mayor of the Board of Mayor and Alderman. The City Hall and Community Center is a 7,200-square foot building at 3623 Louisville Road. The town of Louisville is on the internet and Facebook and you can also get information by calling (865) 661-1983.

Preservation Groups Seek Redevelopment Proposals for the Historic Gilley's Hotel

Knox Heritage and the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance (ETPA) are assisting the Bulls Gap Railroad Museum & Community Development Corporation (BGRMCDC) with finding a new owner to redevelop the historic Gilley's Hotel property in Hawkins County. Located at 157 Main Street South, the property is within the Bulls Gap Historic District which is also a National Register District. This is an exciting opportunity to transform this historically significant property.

The Gilley's Hotel is a reminder of an era when the railroad served as the primary mode of passenger transportation. By 1912, according to a pamphlet printed by the Bulls Gap Board of Trade, as many as 14 passenger trains stopped in Bulls Gap every day. Gilley's Hotel was built close to the railroad track so that it could serve rail passengers. Travelers could exit the train, go down a set of stairs, and enter directly into the dining room. According to the National Register nomination, an 1885 account cited the Gilley's Hotel as "one of the best hotels found on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad."

At this time, the Gilley's Hotel is greatly endangered. After railroad passenger service ended, some rooms were converted into apartments, but the building is now vacant with some areas used for storage. The roof has leaked over the years and there is damage to some ceilings, walls, and floors. Paint and wallpaper have long faded. However, the building boasts many useful spaces, a beautiful staircase, and lovely wood trim. There is great potential to repurpose this iconic building into a new and exciting use for the Bulls Gap community.

BGRMCDC is seeking a new owner for the Gilley's Hotel who has a vision for the development of the building that blends well with the surrounding community, can offer a reasonable timeframe for completing the renovations, and has the financial resources needed to complete a successful project. The building will require substantial investment to maximize the use of all spaces. The selected respondent will be expected to remedy any structural deficiencies, replace or repair mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and construct any other improvements required to meet current building codes. All rehabilitation work must be consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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George W. Norris, although a Nebraskan, has a relevance and importance to our community with the help of the railroad many may fail to realize. Norris Dam and the community of Norris are named for George William Norris. One might think it odd for landmarks in Tennessee to be named for a Nebraska lawmaker. Yet, G. W. Norris has a special significance for our region and state for he was the "Father of the Tennessee Valley Authority." George W. Norris was born on July 11, 1861 in Ohio, the eleventh child of poor farmers. Norris was still a young child when his father died and his forty-six year old mother was pregnant with her twelfth child. The Norris family had to endure a hardscrabble existence and were quite poor, but Mary Magdalene Norris instilled a strong sense of right and wrong in her son, as well as a strong religious faith. George W. Norris managed to eke out an education and graduated from Valparaiso University with a law degree.

Norris took his law degree and moved to Beaver City, Nebraska. Norris also found love in Nebraska, marrying Pluma Lashley and the couple had three daughters together before Mrs. Norris died in 1901, following the birth of their third daughter. After the death of Pluma Norris, George's sister hurried to Nebraska to help him care for his daughters. That also allowed Norris to pursue his own political ambitions.

In 1903, George W. Norris remarried and Ella Leonard and her husband had no children born of their union; Ella, a former schoolteacher and principal, was content to be stepmother to the Norris daughters. Ella Norris remained with her husband to his death more than forty years later.

George W. Norris enjoyed a relatively successful law practice and dabbled in real estate. Norris was comfortable enough to build an impressive office building in Beaver City, renting out space to others. The building also housed Norris' own law practice.

The political career of George W. Norris began with his election as prosecuting attorney for Furnas County and he was later elected to a judgeship. Norris moved from Beaver City to McCook, Nebraska as he felt the latter city was more centrally located in the heart of his judicial district.

1903 was special year in the life of George W. Norris; not only did he remarry, but took his seat in Congress. Norris had been elected in 1902 and served a decade in the U. S. House of Representatives. Congressman Norris was a man who tended to look at issues in black and white

terms; those of right and wrong. Originally, Norris had been elected to Congress with the help of the railroad interests. Most everything in the country was transported by rail at the time, making the railroads a powerful special interest. The railroad magnates were both shocked and dismayed when Norris supported a reform proposed by President Theodore Roosevelt to regulate the rates charged by railroads. Norris believed the regulation of railroad rates would benefit the small businessmen of his district, as well as the average consumer. George W. Norris would become the scourge of Wall Street, special interests and big business throughout his long Congressional career.

Congressman Norris studied the issues that interested him and quickly mastered the rules of the House and became one of the more able parliamentarians in Congress. As a young legislator, Norris became increasingly disheartened by the domination of the House of Representatives by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois. Norris' attitude hardened and he became disturbed by the rule of the tyrannical Speaker, who was also deeply conservative. Congressman Norris decided to make an effort to curb the powers of Speaker Cannon. Norris picked his moment shrewdly, launching consideration of his resolution to scale back the Speaker's power when many of Cannon's allies were not on the floor of the House. Norris had helped to organize a coalition of insurgent Republicans and all the Democrats who proceeded to defeat "Uncle Joe" and his allies.

Norris' victory over Speaker Cannon helped to propel him into the United States Senate in 1912. Norris was a strong proponent of direction election of senators, as well as unicameral legislatures. Nebraska remains the only state in the nation without two legislative bodies.

George W. Norris was an isolationist when he entered the United States Senate in 1913. There is a common misconception that most isolationists in Congress were also reactionaries or mossback conservatives. The fact is most of the isolationists were liberals and progressives. William E. Borah of Idaho and Hiram W. Johnson of California, Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota, and Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin were all progressive Republicans. Isolationism was not confined to one political party and there were powerful Democrats who were rabid isolationists. David I. Walsh, the first Irish Catholic ever to be elected governor and



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska walking from the Capitol, 1940.

United States senator from Massachusetts loathed the British Empire and was an isolationist. Burton K. Wheeler of Montana was so progressive he had been denounced as a radical socialist or worse and was fiercely isolationist. Bennett Champ Clark, son of the late Speaker of the House Champ Clark of Missouri, was one of the leading spokesmen in the U.S. Senate for isolationism.

The Midwest had a strong tradition of isolationism as well as a significant population of German immigrants. George W. Norris was one of six senators who voted against American entry into World War I. Robert LaFollette, Asle Gronna of North Dakota, both Republicans and progressives, joined Norris in voting against war. Democrats William J. Stone of Missouri, Harry Lane of Oregon and James K. Vardaman of Mississippi also voted against a declaration of war against the Central Powers of Europe. Many voters in states represented by the six men were outraged their senators had voted against the war. The senators were reviled, burned in effigy and Senator Lane was facing an effort to recall him from office when he died suddenly in 1917. Vardaman had been the most popular politician in Mississippi before voting against war and subsequently lost his reelection bid in 1918.

Senator Norris believed most wars were fought less for territory or other valid reasons and more for profit, due to corporate greed. Norris felt the only people who benefitted from war were the munitions manufacturers and the financiers.

Norris did not alter his isolationist course one single iota and was reelected in 1918. Senator Norris was profoundly opposed to the Treaty of Versailles, which sowed the seeds of World War II. Norris was also deeply opposed to American participation in the League of Nations.

Unlike many of his fellow progressives, George W. Norris was a prolific legislator, although it often-times took his years to achieve his goals. Norris tried hard to abolish the Electoral College and was ultimately unsuccessful. Norris was the sponsor of the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, called the "lame duck" amendment. Prior to the passage of the Twentieth Amendment, the president and the Congress took office on March 4, having been elected the previous November, leaving a frequently "lame duck" president and Congress to

legislate for four months following the election.

A passionate believer in public power, Norris labored for years carrying bills that foreshadowed the creation of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Norris found himself at odds with Tennessee's own senator, Kenneth D. McKellar. Senator McKellar disliked several provisions of Norris' original legislation, which he felt did not help farmers and their need for fertilizer, as well as other provisions, which the Tennessean believed, put the Volunteer State at a disadvantage. Once Norris and McKellar resolved their differences, the Tennessee senator worked hard to pass the Nebraskan's bill. The two were finally successful, only to see the bill vetoed by President Calvin Coolidge.

Coolidge's successor as president was Herbert Hoover and Hoover's candidacy caused Senator George Norris to bolt the Republican Party. Norris endorsed the Democratic nominee, Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York. Smith, a dripping wet Irish Catholic with a pronounced accent, was hardly a popular candidate in the Cornhusker State. Oddly, Norris was himself an ardent supporter of prohibition.

Many Republicans found George W. Norris so distasteful, they went to extraordinary lengths to defeat him in 1930. Those same Republicans induced a grocer of the same name to enter the GOP primary in the hope it would confuse voters. "Grocer" Norris did nothing to help defeat Senator Norris, who won both the primary and general elections easily. In 1932, unchastened, Norris once again refused to support President Hoover, who was largely discredited following the advent of the Great Depression. Courted by the Democratic nominee, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Norris endorsed the New Yorker over Hoover. Senator Norris lent FDR the prestige of his name when he headed a league of progressives backing the governor.

With the election of Franklin Roosevelt, Senator Norris was personally selected to sponsor the bill creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. Norris' rival, Senator McKellar, a loyal Democrat and enthusiastic backer of President Roosevelt, remembered it as the greatest disappointment of his life.

McKellar harbored some jealousy toward the old Nebraska progressive, yet also gave Norris grudging respect. Like McKellar, Norris employed a

relative on his Senate staff. McKellar's youngest brother, Don, served as his Chief of Staff, while that position in Norris' own Senate office was filled by his son-in-law, John P. Robertson.

Senator Norris joined with another liberal Republican, Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, to sponsor the Rural Electrification Act, which provided cheap public power for much of rural America. LaGuardia, New York's "Little Flower", would go on to become the most celebrated Mayor of New York City.

Norris sought reelection to the United States Senate in 1936, but quickly realized he likely could not win a Republican primary. Senator Norris announced his candidacy as an Independent candidate. Norris faced two former Congressmen in the general election, one a Republican and the other a Democrat. Norris beat them both.

While Senator Norris supported most aspects of the New Deal, he refused to go along when President Roosevelt sought to enlarge the U. S. Supreme Court in 1937. That same year, George W. Norris changed his point of view on foreign policy. Norris had seen a photograph, which was quite famous at the time, of a badly burned Chinese baby crying while sitting in the midst of the rubble of what had been a train station. The train station had been bombed by the Japanese and the baby's dead mother lay nearby. It became one of the most famous of all war photographs in history, viewed by as many as one hundred and thirty some-odd millions of people. Like many other Americans, George Norris had been both deeply moved and horrified by the picture. Senator Norris minced no words in describing the Japanese aggression in the Far East. According to Norris, the Japanese were "disgraceful, ignoble, barbarous, and cruel, even beyond the power of language to describe."

The once fiercely isolationist Senator Norris became just as fired in his determination to punish the Japanese Empire. While he had been an isolationist, George Norris was certainly no pacifist. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Nebraska senator declared the United States would "burn Jap cities off the face of the earth."

Widely respected and even revered by many Americans, George W. Norris had intended to retire in 1942 when he was eighty-one years old. Once Senator Norris stated his

intention to retire, thousands of people begged him to remain in public life and run one more time. Norris changed his mind and sought reelection as an Independent candidate yet again. Senator Norris had hoped the Democrats would not field a candidate, as he had been quite supportive of the Roosevelt administration. He was disappointed and faced a serious Republican opponent in Kenneth S. Wherry, a glad-handing former mortician. A Democrat entered the race, sure to pull votes from George Norris. The war was not going well for the Allied forces, causing many incumbents political problems. After forty years in Congress, George W. Norris lost.

The loss of his Senate seat stunned and embittered Senator Norris. Norris termed his defeat as a "repudiation of forty years of service." Norris lamented his rejection by the "people I love."

Norris had once said, "I would rather go down to my political grave with a clear conscience than ride in the chariot of victory." Yet when defeat came, George W. Norris had difficulty believing his constituents would turn him out of office.

Senator Norris, with tears in his eyes, plaintively asked, "Why are the people so mad at me?"

Sadly, Senator Norris returned to Washington, D. C. to close his senatorial office and his Congressional career. When asked by one interviewer, Norris summed up his career in Congress by saying simply, "I have done my best to repudiate wrong and evil in governmental affairs."

President Roosevelt offered the old progressive any number of posts and appointments, all of which Norris declined. The former senator chose to return to his home on Main Avenue in McCook, where he lived out the remainder of his life. Norris kept himself busy by writing his autobiography, *Fighting Liberal*. Norris' autobiography sold rather well and was reprinted almost thirty years after its original publication.

The former senator celebrated his eighty-third birthday in July of 1944 and was fatalistic about his own end. Norris had been quite active for a man of his advanced years, but confessed, "I never expected to live this long; this birthday only means it's getting closer to the end."

The end was not long in coming. On August 29, 1944, George W. Norris suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, which left him partially paralyzed. Originally, doctors thought there was a "good chance" Norris would recover. Instead, George W. Norris grew gradually weaker and died on September 2, 1944.

Senator Norris' former home in McCook is now a museum dedicated to his life and career. Yet, the greatest monument to the life of George W. Norris are the many achievements of his long tenure in Congress. Those of us in Tennessee, more than seventy years after George Norris' death, have more reason than most to be grateful.

Accepting and Living

Not long ago, Rev. Larry Dial encouraged his flock to dare to tell their stories. He said that doing so was one way of carrying out our missions as Christians. He also stated that, just per-



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haps, we might connect with another person who has experienced similar circumstances. A little more than four years ago, Amy and I had the props knocked out from under us. She woke up one morning during our vacation to discover that she had lost her job. In the blink of an eye, the majority of our income disappeared, and all that was left was my retirement check and any cash I earned from writing.

Our lives were a mess. We fretted and stewed over the entire situation. Along with that, we plotted what we could do to recover the income we'd lost. For hours, we sat together and road

the tides of anger and worry. What remained throughout everything was a belief in a higher being that watched over us. Our responsibilities were to do all things possible to correct a negative situation; after that, we had to let things go and trust that His watchful eye would be with us. Even though I tried to be of good faith, questions and pure anger bubbled to the surface. I wondered why events such as these happened, especially since Amy and I had tried to do those things that we thought we were supposed to do. After much questioning, prayer, and discussion, I accepted that "I wasn't driving the bus" in this situation, and I have had to try to let it go. No, that realization didn't come early or easily, but slowly its revelation appeared to my stubborn mind.

Over the last four years, I've gone back to work. First, I moved cars for a rental agency; next, I worked moving customer vehicles at a car dealership; then I substituted in high schools, and now, I am teaching a couple of English classes at Byington Career and Technical Center.

Amy has worked at temporary jobs. On a couple of occasions, she was to be hired permanently, but companies pulled the plug on that just as the temporary periods ended. It appeared that they had no intentions of hiring anyone on a full time basis. Those disappointments put us back at the starting blocks and left us, once again, wondering where the help that we believed would come was.

What we have once again remembered is that God is with us, regardless of our situations. No, we have no clues as to why things have occurred as they have. We have certainly tightened our belts and stopped much of our spending, but we still are

doing all right. Each day, we wake up and wonder what will happen. The anger is no longer there. We simply have faith in our God and believe that He will watch over us. The questions linger, but we know that God's time is not our time. We must continue to do the best we can and have faith in someone we can't see but whom we know is ever-present.

Some might look at Amy and me and shake their heads at what they perceive is our naiveté. That's all right. We still have faith that grows stronger in the face of difficult times. Having just completed that special season that celebrates the coming a savior who defeated death so that we have life everlasting, our problems seem small in comparison to what we've received. Yes, I still hope that we find a bit more financial stability, but I also know that we must do our best and leave to God the rest.

Remembering the East Tennessee Chest Disease Hospital

Shaped like a crescent moon, the big tan building set atop a hill at the end of a long driveway on Tazewell Pike in northeast Knox County. Originally known as the Beverly Hills TB Sanitorium and later the East



By Ralphine Major
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Tennessee Tuberculosis Hospital, the facility's main purpose was to treat tuberculosis patients. The beautiful country setting, surrounded by lots of trees, grass, and even a herd of cattle, seemed the perfect place for convalescing patients.

In the late sixties and seventies, our mother worked at the state-run facility as an assistant to the dietician and later as assistant to the purchasing agent. By then, the name had been changed to East Tennessee Chest Disease Hospital to encompass a broader range of chest diseases in addition to tuberculosis. When I started classes at The University of Tennessee, mother and

I carpooled in our commutes. I actually looked forward to stopping by her workplace each evening. The open fields and towering trees were a stark contrast to the city streets and sidewalks

where I had spent the day on campus. She worked there for twelve years until the hospital was closed during the late seventies. I was always intrigued by the corner across from the hospital where remnants of the very first building once stood.

Today the building looks much the same as it did back then. It is now Beverly Park Place Health & Rehab which is operated by Knox County Government. Beside the older hospital is a much newer building, which is a very nice complement to the original structure. The beautiful setting atop the hill at the end of the long driveway is still intact today.

Preservation Groups Seek Redevelopment Proposals

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Properties. This property will be donated to a new owner upon agreement of a viable redevelopment plan (including proof of financial capability and a redevelopment timeline) and willingness to

donate a preservation easement to protect the property. For more information on the building and how to submit a proposal, please visit <http://knoxheritage.org/etpa/gilleys-hotel>.

County offers winter weather safety tips

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clothing and necessary medications.

- If using space heaters, make sure to follow the instructions properly and keep them away from any flammable materials.
- Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test all devices to ensure they are working properly.
- Never leave candles, fireplaces or other open flames unattended.
- Bring pets indoors, if possible. Otherwise, ensure adequate shelter and bedding to keep them dry and warm.

or cold temperatures and the loss of body heat faster than the body can warm

• Signs of hypothermia in adults: shivering/exhaustion, confusion/fumbling hands, memory loss/slurred speech and drowsiness

• Signs of hypothermia in infants: bright red, cold skin and very low energy

Frostbite:

- Results from exposed skin becoming so cold it freezes
- Signs of frostbite:
 - Early on - red painful skin
 - Later - yellow or pale skin
 - Skin feels waxy, firm and numb
 - Can result in loss of affected finger(s) or toe(s)

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death if inhaled.
- The most common symptoms are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion.
- Alternative sources of fuel or electricity for heating, cooling or cooking can cause CO to build up in a home or garage and poison the people and animals inside.
- CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by small gasoline engines, stoves, generators, lanterns and gas ranges or by burning charcoal and wood.

If CO poisoning, frostbite or hypothermia are suspected, consult a health care professional right away.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention:

- Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.
- Never run a motor vehicle, generator or any gasoline-powered engine outside an open window, door or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.
- Never run a generator or any gasoline-powered engine indoors, even if the doors or windows are open (including garage, basement or attic).

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TOURNAMENT TIME

HVA boys, South-Doyle girls 'strike' gold in District 4

By Steve Williams

Hardin Valley Academy's boys and South-Doyle's girls captured team championships in convincing fashion in the first-ever District 4 bowling tournament Wednesday at Family Bowl.

The Hawks toppled Bearden 21-6 in the finals, while the Lady Cherokees rolled past HVA 20-7.

The addition of three new Knox County schools to the sport within the past two seasons, including South-Doyle, allowed the TSSAA to form the new six-member District 4. Central and L&N STEM Academy joined this season.

"We had to face Bearden and we're big rivals, so it felt really, really, really good to beat them," said Matthew Owens, who led Hardin Valley's veteran squad with games of 233, 240 and 210 for three wins over his opponent in the lineup's No. 1 position.

Blaine McAmis and Cody Ozias each rolled a 208 game as the Hawks flew to a 13-3 lead in the first two games.

Ozias finished with three wins and Ryan Baker two.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardin Valley Academy's District 4 tournament champion boys bowling team: Front row (left to right) -- Ryan Baker, Timothy Fortune, Jordan Huber, Aiden Corum and Cody Ozias. Back row (left to right) -- Seth Proaps, Matthew Owens, Gabe Anderson and Blaine McAmis.

Timothy Fortune, freshman Jordan Huber and sub Gabe Anderson chipped in one win each.

South-Doyle's girls got off to a slow start and led

Hardin Valley only 4-3 after the first game before pulling away.

The key to the victory was the bottom three bowlers in the lineup winning eight

of nine possible points and also contributing to the total pin fall advantage, which netted an additional three points.

Seniors Regan Riffey,

Dakota Brown and Vanessa Del Valle were the No. 4-5-6 bowlers.

South-Doyle freshman Lucy Edwards, the District 4 leader who entered the

tourney coming off a sizzling regular season finish, lost her first game but bounced back with the team's best series (451). Brown posted a 157 for the team's top game.

Senior Kendall Rollins and freshman Hannah Burnette contributed in the No. 2 and 3 positions, respectively, for the Lady Cherokees.

In the boys' semifinals, Hardin Valley ousted Central 24-3 behind Owens' 223 game and 631 series. Huber, No. 6 in the lineup, gave the Hawks a boost with a 221 first game.

Bearden trounced Catholic 22-5 behind Ben Whitaker's 185 and 183 games and Corey Ramey's 495 series. The Irishmen's Austin Humphreys, the District 4 boys' leader, rolled 230 and 192 in a losing cause.

The girls' semis saw South-Doyle crush Central 24-3 as Edwards posted a 172 game and 483 series.

Senior Jennifer Kelley had a sparkling 212 game and 584 series as Hardin Valley eliminated Bearden 18.5 to 8.5.

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Seymour girls advance to sectionals

District 4 teams eliminated in Region 2 tourney

By Steve Williams

Seymour High's girls bowling team knocked off previously unbeaten South-Doyle in the Region 2 tournament semifinals but still couldn't get past Heritage Thursday at the Pigeon Forge Community Center.

"We've only lost five games this season, but four of the five have been to Heritage," said Seymour Head Coach Andy Jackson after his Lady Eagles' 17-10 loss in the finals.

Both teams qualified for the sectionals.

Seymour will go against Region 1 champion

Cherokee today (Jan. 15), starting at 1 o'clock at the East End Lanes in Rogersville. Heritage will host Region 1 runner-up Dobyns-Bennett.

Gatlinburg-Pittman defeated Heritage 16-11 in the Region 2 boys' finals and will host Dobyns-Bennett in the sectionals. Heritage travels to Cherokee, the Region 1 boys' champion.

Despite its loss to Heritage, Seymour's 15.5 to 11.5 win over South-Doyle assured the Lady Eagles of a sectional berth.

In addition to South-Doyle, District 4's three other region qualifiers also were eliminated in the semis. Hardin Valley Academy's girls were ousted by

Heritage 21-6.

HVA's boys bowed to Gatlinburg-Pittman 21-6 and Bearden's boys fell to Heritage 20-7.

In the Region 2 boys' finals, G-P defeated Heritage 16-11.

Making up the Seymour girls' starting lineup, No. 1 through No. 6, were senior captain Heather Vetrovec, junior Abby Baird, sophomore Hannah Porter, sophomore Kara Wyatt, senior Jaelin Musick and senior Bethany Williams.

Vetrovec had three wins and a team high 436 series to lead Seymour in the region title game. Baird, who rolled a team high 166 game, and Porter had two wins apiece.

Marissa Hamblen led

Heritage with three wins, a 183 game and a 495 series.

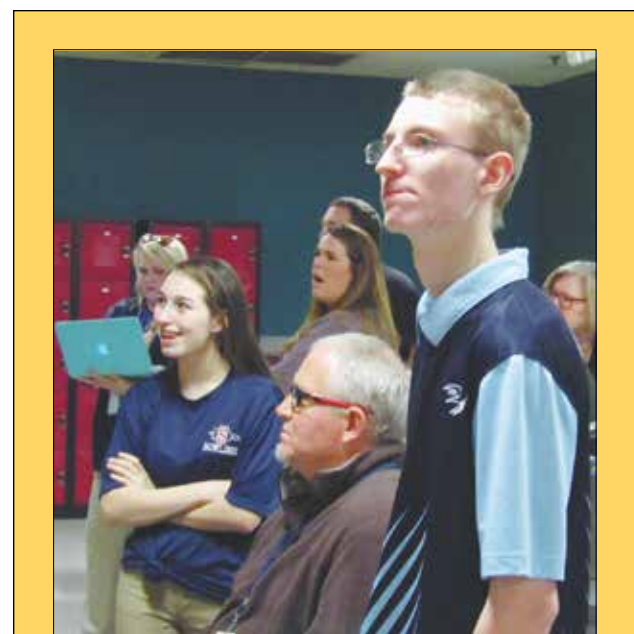
In the District 3 tourney Wednesday at Pigeon Forge, No. 3 seed Seymour upset No. 2 seed Gatlinburg-Pittman 19-8.

The Seymour girls had Heritage on the ropes in the district finals.

"We won the first two games," said Coach Jackson, "but they had such a big third game, they also took total pin fall (worth three points), which gave them the win (15-12)."

Wyatt had three wins for Seymour. Vetrovec and Baird won two each and Porter one.

The Seymour boys' season ended with a loss to Pigeon Forge in the District 3 tourney.



South-Doyle's Lucy Edwards (left) and Coach Ron Hickman (sitting), along with Hardin Valley Academy's Matthew Owens (right) and fans, watch the action in the first-ever District 4 tournament at the Family Bowl in West Knoxville last week.



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Bearden avenges loss to Farragut, stays perfect in league play 51-37

By Ken Lay

Bearden Middle School's boys basketball team hung on to its share with a Knox County Middle School Basketball victory at home Thursday night. The Bruins also turned the tables on rival Farragut.

Bearden (17-1 overall, 10-0 in the KCMSBC) kept its perfect conference with a 51-37 win over the Admirals. The Bruins also avenged its only loss of the season. Farragut (10-8, 4-6) knocked off the Bruins on Dec. 28 at the West Valley Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The Admirals had hopes of beating Bearden for the second time in two weeks and Farragut hung tough for three quarters after getting off to a rather sluggish and lackluster start.

Early on, Farragut fell

behind 9-2 before closing in the inaugural frame with an 8-1 run to pull to within 12-10 by the end of the quarter.

The game remained tight throughout the first half and into the third quarter. Farragut, which led late in the first half, managed to knot the game at 24 by halftime.

Dillon Atwell scored 10 of his 13 points before the break. Eli Jones had four points in the first half Isaiah Smith scored five points in the opening half.

"I thought that we played well in the first half," Farragut coach Randy Swartzentruber said. "When we hit shots, we're pretty good. But we struggle when our shots aren't going down, we struggle.

"We know that Isaiah and Dillon are going to get their

points but we need some of the other guys to step up a little bit more for us.

Bearden, which entered the night in a first-place tie with Vine, led 35-32 by third quarter's end and coach Ben Zorio attributed the Bruins success to defense, rebounding and foul shooting after halftime.

"We did a good job in the second half," Zorio said. "We rebounded well, we played better defense and we did a good job hitting our free throws late.

"We knew that this was going to be a tough game because Farragut has a lot talented players on their team. They're well-coached. Randy does a great job. They almost always have five good shooters on the floor."

Despite being in a tight

game much of the night, Bearden finally pulled away in the fourth quarter. The Bruins, who had just two field goals over the final six minutes, were a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line in the final stanza.

Defensively, Bearden didn't allow the Admirals to score from inside the paint in the second half and the Bruins' Grant Sterchi clamped down as he was guarding Smith.

"We made some adjustments and our kids executed. They did a good job with the adjustments," Zorio said. "Grant Sterchi did a great job guarding Isaiah. He's one of the best players in the county."

Bearden's Ryan Neal led all scorers with 20 points. Altin Perry added 14 and Will Biven finished with 11.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Farragut's Mason Collins (11) tangles with Bearden Middle's Will Biven in Thursday night's game at Bearden. Biven scored 11 points to help the Bruins down the Admirals 51-37 in a KCMSBC game.

For Farragut, Atwell The Bruins closed the scored 13 and Smith game with a 16-5 surge. added 10.

Looking to 2018: The Tennessee Sports Scene

By Alex Norman

Hello there! Hope that you had a good new year's. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. I understand how busy everyone is these days. Work, school, family... it can get really easy to miss out on some of the good stuff with regards to the Tennessee sports scene.

So I've taken my crystal ball out of storage to find out what's going to go on in the great state of Tennessee this year.

Let's light this candle. (Editor's note: Alex is not being serious for all of these. Please don't send us hate mail. It hurts our feelings.)

January is halfway done so we move on to...

February 2018

Jeremy Pruitt closes the deal on a Top 15 recruiting class. Considering that running back John Kelly, defensive back Rashaan Gaulden and defensive tackle Kahlil McKenzie are all going pro early, Pruitt is going to need players to contribute right away. This class will help fill some

holes.

March 2018

Tennessee's men's basketball team makes the NCAA tournament after a four year absence. The Vols win their first game but lose to Creighton at the buzzer, costing them a spot in the Sweet 16.

Head coach Rick Barnes holds a press conference at Pete's Restaurant to announce that he will retire at the end of the 2018-2019 season.

The Lady Vols finally advance to the Final Four for the first time since 2008. This sets up a matchup with UConn. ESPN devotes 45 consecutive hours of coverage to the game. The Huskies win by 40.

April 2018

The Vols complete spring practice with 100,000 fans packing Neyland Stadium. After the game quarterback Jarrett Guarantano announces that he is switching positions and will now play offensive line. News leaks that defensive tackle Shy Tuttle would prefer to be called

"Introverted Tuttle" during media interviews but won't say anything about it because... you know... he's shy.

May 2018

Tennessee's baseball team completes an unheard of winless season. First year head coach Tony Vitello is given a ten year contract extension. The Lady Vols softball team completes an undefeated regular season. Former Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart is escorted out of Lee Softball Stadium after trying to climb a pole to remove a flag with the Lady Vols logo.

June 2018

The Lady Vols softball team advances to the College World Series, where they end up finishing in third place. Co-head coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly are given 20 year contract extensions.

July 2018

Tennessee brings quarterback Quinten Dormady to SEC Media Days, at which time he announces that he has switched positions to

wide receiver. In an ugly incident, new Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt dodges a punch by Alabama fan and tree poisoner Harvey Updyke because, "He wasn't Bama enough." Updyke is given probation and a new show on the SEC Network.

August 2018

The Vols open Fall camp. There is no tackling, or hitting of any kind. Apparently Pruitt got very "Zen" after the Updyke attack, and now believes that physical football is bad for the soul. This should normally cause fans to flip out, but after the past decade, Tennessee fans just take it in stride. That's not even in the top ten of terrible things to happen to the athletics department in recent years.

September 2018

Pruitt snaps out of his

mind freeze in time for game week preparations for West Virginia. This game is played in Charlotte, and Michael Jordan is on hand for the ceremonial coin toss. Unfortunately, West Virginia quarterback Will Grier plays Jordan to the Vols Patrick Ewing in a 35-21 Mountaineers victory. The Vols exit September with a 2-3 record.

October 2018

The schedule makers really hated Tennessee. They ended September with Florida and Georgia, and now play Auburn, Alabama and South Carolina. The Vols get out of the month with a 2-6 record. Jeremy Pruitt wonders aloud where all the 5-star talent he had in Tuscaloosa went.

November 2018

Tennessee quarterback

Will McBride leads the Vols to a 4-0 finish, including a victory over Missouri, and their offensive coordinator Derek Dooley. The Vols win that game after Tigers quarterback Drew Lock thought the clock struck zero and threw the ball out of the back of the end zone in celebration, giving the Vols a safety and a one point win.

The Vols finish the season 6-6, earning a Music City Bowl berth.

December 2018

The Vols lose the Music City Bowl to Purdue 11-10. Tennessee has big things to dream about, after Pruitt secures four 5-star players during the early signing period for the Class of 2019.

As always, hope springs eternal on Rocky Top.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

South-Doyle's District 4 tournament champion girls bowling team: Front row kneeling -- Kamryn Faulkner (left) and Vanessa Del Valle. Back row (left to right) -- Hannah Burnette, Lucy Edwards, Regan Riffey, Taya Davis, Dakota Brown, Elizabeth Kidd, Kendall Rollins and Bella Gaskins.

HVA boys, South-Doyle girls 'strike' gold in District 4

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In opening round games Tuesday, Bearden defeated L&N STEM Academy 17-10 and Central knocked out Catholic 20-7 in girls' action.

Catholic got past L&N 20-7 in boys' first-round play, while Central edged South-Doyle 15-12.

HELPING HAND: Carroll Rousseau started the bowling program at Hardin Valley in 2014-15. He has retired from teaching but continues to assist head coach Terry Disney, working

primarily with the girls' team.

INDIVIDUALS: Catholic's Humphreys and HVA's Owens will represent District 4 in the boys' state individual tournament Jan. 18 and 19 at Smyrna Bowling Center.

Humphreys (213.09) and Owens (209.16) have the state's No. 14 and No. 17 best averages, respectively.

South-Doyle's Edwards and HVA's Kelley are the District 4 girls' state qualifiers.

STATE BOUND: Webb School's girls (11-4) have qualified for the Division I state tourney and will go against Pope John Paul (9-3) in first-round action Friday in Smyrna.

STATE TRIPS: Knoxville Catholic, Knox County's oldest bowling participant, has had two boys' teams (2008 and 2012) and one girls' team (2010) advance to the state tournament under Coach Peggy Settlemyer.



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CHRIS DALTON
Farragut

JAMES DAVIS
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COLE FROST
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SHAWN HAMILTON
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Hardin Valley Academy

Farragut downs Lady Bruins in MS girls hoops

By Ken Lay

Farragut Middle School's girls basketball team held on to its share of first place with a big victory at Bearden Thursday night.

The Lady Admirals got off to a fast start and boasted a balanced scoring attack. And those ingredients provided the recipe for Farragut to notch a 49-16 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference victory.

The Lady Admirals scored the first 11 points of the contest and would cruise to an easy win over the Bruins, who finally got on the scoreboard when Jameya made the second of two free throws with 2 minutes, 38 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Bruins (9-5 overall, 6-4 in the conference) endured another long scoring drought before Maddie Brillhart hit Bearden's first field goal with 3:47 left in the second quarter. That made the score 20-3. Brillhart would make one more



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Farragut Middle School guard Keeliegh Rogers sets the Lady Admirals' offense as Bearden's Hunter Johnston (2) prepares to defend in Thursday's KCMSBC game at Bearden. Rogers scored nine points to help Farragut defeat the Lady Bruins 49-16.

bucket before halftime. Farragut (14-2, 9-1), which entered the game in a first-place tie with South-Doyle (with the Lady Cherokees holding the head-to-head tie-breaker thanks to their road win over the Lady Admirals in November),

led the Bruins 24-5 at halftime.

"This was a good game for us coming off the break," Farragut coach Susan Davidson said. "We had points tonight where we were a little sluggish. But overall, it was a pretty

good game for us.

"Our scoring was balanced and we got to work on our handling with some of our younger kids. We've had some illness going around on our team; we had Ella McFerran change some things about her

game. She had to be a post player tonight and she did well. Macy McWhirter had a big game for us as well."

McWhirter led all scorers with 11 points. She made three 3-pointers. Keeliegh Rogers added nine. Ashlyn Sheridan and Avery Strickland, the reigning Most Valuable Player, scored eight points apiece. Aubrie Stackhouse finished with six. McFerran scored five and Emmie Harville scored two.

Brillhart had eight (including six after half-time) to lead the Lady Bruins.

Bearden coach Clark Bowling said he was pleased with his squad's effort against the Lady Admirals.

"We knew that this was going to be a tough game because Farragut is a great team," Bowling said. "We showed a lot of fight and I don't think we ever quit."

"I like the fight that we showed."

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Games through Jan. 12)

BOYS		
Team	Wins-Losses	
Bearden	10-0	
Vine	10-0	
South-Doyle	8-2	
West Valley	7-2	
Karns	6-4	
Powell	5-5	
Northwest	5-5	
Gresham	4-5	
Farragut	4-6	
Whittle Springs	3-7	
Holston	3-7	
Carter	1-8	
Cedar Bluff	1-8	
Halls	1-9	

GIRLS		
Team	Wins-Losses	
South-Doyle	9-1	
Farragut	9-1	
Carter	8-1	
Karns	8-2	
West Valley	7-2	
Gresham	6-3	
Bearden	6-4	
Powell	4-6	
Halls	3-7	
Vine	3-7	
Whittle Springs	2-8	
Holston	2-8	
Cedar Bluff	1-8	
Northwest	0-10	



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Eric Brabson watches from the sideline as South-Doyle Middle School's girls improve to 9-1 with a win over Vine Thursday. Also the boys basketball coach, Brabson stepped in to give the girls program continuity.

Brabson could have hands full of trophies, too

By Steve Williams

Eric Brabson is performing double duty as basketball coach at South-Doyle Middle School this season. He's coaching the boys and girls teams.

And both are expected to challenge for championships in the upcoming annual Knox County Middle School post-season tournament.

"There's been a turnover here year after year on the girls' side for the last six years," said Brabson, who took over as the school's boys head coach last season. "Every year they've had a different coach."

"It got to the point where I wanted to step in to give the girls program some continuity. I have no intentions of leaving next year, so they can start having a consistent

coach."

Last year's girls coach, Tony Cooper, is now an assistant girls coach at Fulton High School.

During his career, Brabson has been a girls' head coach at Austin-East and South-Doyle high schools. He also was a boys' assistant coach at SDHS prior to coming to South-Doyle Middle last season.

"The biggest thing with coaching both teams is the time issue, having to split up time a little more than you would like," he said.

Normally, Brabson will have a three-hour practice, with the boys going the first half and the girls the second half and then 30 minutes when they are all together.

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Gresham boys start fast, run past Halls 51-25

By Ken Lay

A fast start helped Gresham Middle School's boys basketball team notch a crucial road victory over a longtime rival Tuesday night.

The Gladiators were hot early as they captured a 51-25 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference victory at Halls.

The victory enabled Gresham (8-6 overall, 4-4 in the conference) to complete the regular-season series season sweep over the Demons (2-10, 1-8). The Gladiators darted out to a 19-5 lead and never looked back on a night when they dominated the glass and boasted a balanced scoring attack in the second chapter of the Black Oak Ridge rivalry.

"We did a good job rebounding," Gresham coach Joel Sampsel said. "But Halls is getting better and their coach is doing a great job with his team."

"When we played them at the first of the year, we beat them by 30-ish points and today, it was by 20 or 25 points. So they've gotten better."

The Gladiators routed the Demons 68-39 when the two Black Oak Ridge rivals met at Central High School on Thursday, Dec. 9 but Halls coach Nathan Sherrod, who like Sampsel, is a first-year

head coach in Knox County, didn't exactly agree with the Gresham coach's assessment of the Demons and their performance last week.

The Gladiators won the rebounding battle handily and it was one of Gresham's smaller players who hustled and hit the boards early Austin Ellis grabbed eight rebounds in the first quarter and scored second-chance points to help the Gladiators put things away early.

Ellis would finish the game with 12 points.

"Austin Ellis did a great job on the boards, especially for a smaller guy," Sampsel said.

Darion Bailey also scored 12 points in the contest. He had a bucket to give Gresham a 9-2 lead with 4 minutes, 49 seconds remaining in the first quarter. From there, the Gladiators would finish the frame with a 10-2 run.

"Darion Bailey also had a big game for us," Sampsel said.

Bailey scored half of his points before halftime and Blake McCarty scored all eight of his points in the opening half. Carson Jessie also scored eight points for the Gladiators.

Vann Kirkland and Ethan Shaffer each scored five points for the Demons.

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CAK's Amber Heatherly scores a gem

By Steve Williams

Amber Heatherly recently reached a special milestone in her high school basketball career.

The Christian Academy of Knoxville senior scored her 1000th point in the Lady Warriors' 58-54 win over host Cleveland High in the championship game of the Under Armour Tournament Dec. 29.

Heatherly and her teammates also notched wins over Hampton and Walker Valley in the holiday tourney. Heatherly scored 30, 19 and 14 points in the three games.

Amber, who has a 4.2 GPA, will be attending the University of Tennessee in the fall.

"I am so very proud of Amber for accomplishing such a special milestone in her career at CAK," said Coach Caitlin Hollifield.

"She has worked very hard the last four years; both on and off the court. It's fun to see that time and commitment in both academics and athletics pay off. Not to mention, Amber is also a great young lady!"

Amber is the daughter of Roger and Angel Heatherly of Halls.

TRIPLE DOUBLE: Central sophomore Ashton Blair had 20 points, 13 rebounds and 12 blocked shots in a 61-57 loss to Scott High on Jan. 6.



Amber Heatherly has piled up the points in her basketball career at CAK and also sparkled in the classroom.

RAINING THREES: Jordan Crawley of Grace Christian Academy hit five 3-pointers and tallied 20 points in the Rams' 83-52 win at CAK on Jan. 9.

Paige Gentry of Hardin Valley Academy swished in four treys and 14 points in the Lady Hawks' 72-48 win at Fulton on Jan. 3.

CLUTCH TIME: Trent Stephney scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half as Bearden, the No. 1 ranked Class AAA boys team in the state, pulled out a 74-67 win over upset-minded West on the Bulldogs' floor Jan. 9.

FLYING HIGH: Fulton Falcons' Trey Davis had a game-high 30 points and eight rebounds in a 73-51 win over rival Austin-East Jan. 6.

Unranked Lady Hornets focus on 'what we can control'

By Steve Williams

Some folks in Strawberry Plains might have been a little upset last week when they didn't see their Carter Lady Hornets listed anywhere in The Associated Press' first high school basketball state rankings of the 2017-18 season.

But it didn't bother Bo Lewis, Carter's head coach.

"As far as the AP state rankings go, we can't get worried about or wrapped up in rankings," Lewis replied when asked for a comment.

"Our goals are still the same regardless. One of those goals being not to pay attention to any noise outside of our program. Control what we can control. No point in getting tore up over something that doesn't really matter at this stage of the season.

"Our focus should be on one another as a team/family and how can we make one another better each day."

The rankings came out on Jan. 9 and Carter notched a 53-44 road win at Pigeon Forge that night to improve to 12-1 overall and 4-0 in District 3-AA.

With first place in the district on the line Friday night, the Lady Hornets lost 54-44 at Northview Academy (17-1, 5-0).

Carter's next assignment will be at Grace Christian Academy tonight (Jan. 15).

The Lady Hornets are in their third season of causing a buzz in East Knox County under Coach Lewis. And this year they already have enjoyed special victories.

According to Lewis, a 60-56 win at Jefferson County on Jan. 6 was the first in school history. Carter also defeated

Gatlinburg-Pittman for the first time in over eight years and toppled Alcoa, which is at the top of its district on the other side of the region.

The win at Pigeon Forge was the Lady Hornets' fourth in the last five meetings and Carter had never beaten Pigeon Forge until two seasons ago. Being tied in first place in the district hasn't happened since 2000.

Carter lost at Powell 68-62 on Jan. 5, but bounced back with the win at Jefferson County.

"It has been a complete team effort," said Lewis. "We talk on a daily basis about being a great teammate first. You have to care about one another.

"We have a group of players that are just really good people on and off the floor."

The Lady Hornets were averaging close to 68 points per game and holding their opponents to 40 when the first AP rankings came out.

Big games remaining in the regular season also include a trip to G-P on Jan. 23 and home contests against Northview Academy (Feb. 2), Pigeon Forge (Feb. 6) and Powell (Feb. 8).

OTHERS: Hardin Valley Academy was the only Knox County girls' team listed in The AP rankings. The Lady Hawks were listed among "others" receiving votes in Class AAA. They lost their first district game Thursday night to Maryville 49-39.

Top ranked girls teams in the state were Bradley Central in Class AAA, Upperman in Class AA, Clarkrange in Class A and Brentwood Academy in Division II.

Gresham survives late comeback effort from Lady Demons 32-25

By Ken Lay

After getting off to fast start Tuesday night in a rivalry game, the Gresham Middle School girls basketball team had to hang on for a 32-25 Knox County Middle School Conference victory at Halls.

The Lady Gladiators started fast and led 16-7 at halftime. Gresham (7-6 overall, 6-2 in the KCMSBC) extended their advantage to 23-12 by third quarter's end.

But the Lady Demons finally came alive in the fourth quarter. Halls (3-9, 3-6) scored the first seven points of the final frame and made five consecutive free throws en route to pulling to within 23-19 when Anna Jo Mullins converted an old-fashioned three-point play with 5 minutes, 17 seconds remaining.

Mullins, who finished the contest with 10 points to lead the Lady Demons, had two other free throws

during her team's comeback attempt. Kiera Eyertze hit two more to shift momentum in the home team's direction.

During Halls Middle's surge, The Lady Gladiators struggled to take care of the basketball as they committed three turnovers.

Gresham, despite struggling and committing seven turnovers in the fourth quarter, never led by less than three down the stretch.

Lady Gladiators coach

Kiley Gray said that she was pleased with the way her team handled adversity on the road.

"We really showed a lot of poise when we could've flipped out," she said. "At times, things really weren't going our way and Halls played tough.

"They've gotten better

and we hadn't practiced in a while."

Aaniyah Johnson led Gresham with 11 points, including six in the final stanza. Macaiah Harrison added 10. Cadence Horner finished with six.

Halls coach Richard Lee has watched his young team struggle all year but

he was certainly pleased with his team Tuesday.

"These kids play hard and seven of them are sixth graders," Lee said. "I'm really proud of them because they play hard.

"There's not an ounce of quit in them. They play hard but we just have to learn to put the ball in the basket."

Brabson could have hands full of trophies, too

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"I do enjoy it," he said. "There are definitely differences in coaching high school and middle school. Obviously, the skill set is more developed at the high school level. One of the fun things is actually getting to develop the middle school player."

Brabson is assisted by Kelby Arrowood and Nate Roach and calls them "solid backup."

After last Thursday's games against visiting Vine, the South-Doyle girls

improved to 9-1 in league play with a 38-18 win before the S-D boys slipped to 8-2 with a 40-39 loss.

Brabson pointed out that every team in Knox County will finish the season with a loss, except for the girls' and boys' championship teams in the post-season tournament, which gets underway Feb. 1.

"I want our teams to have that winning feeling at the end," said Brabson. "The quality of play and the talent is here on both sides."

The Lady Cherokees are led by Terryauna Griffin, Jamia Simmons and Ranaisha Gates. They are eighth graders and have played together since the sixth grade, said Brabson.

Leading the way for South-Doyle's boys are Taishawn Cates, Quentin Carr and Parker Williams.

Brabson also said two key post players, Nick Martin and Cameron Monday, are beginning to develop this year after getting little experience last season.

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The Doctor is in
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Podagra

Every week I wait for a story to find me. Sometimes a story is obvious like Trump versus The Swamp. Sometimes a story line just strikes you on the toe.

When Becky and I built our retirement home we were sure to include a wood burning fireplace. There's something about fire which is embedded deep in the psyche of human beings. In ancient Greek mythology, Prometheus was an Olympian god who gave fire to mankind. Though I discount this myth, somewhere in our distant past, the light and warmth of fire was discovered and became embedded in our genetic memory.

I was a conservationist and was recycling before it was cool. Years ago, I ran into a liberal friend at a recycling center. He was obviously puzzled to see me, and asked, "What are

you doing here?" Obviously, my recycling challenged his bias and preconceived notions of conservatives. The word conservative derives from a Latin verb meaning to conserve.

Since our home is in the woods, we had to sacrifice some trees during the building process. We waste little on our Thistle Farm. Our table scraps feed chickens which produce eggs which we use and give to neighbors and friends. We're still using pine boards, milled on our property during our barn raising five years ago, for pasture fencing. With the new home project we harvested a white and red oak and milled the wood for cabinets, fireplace mantles and door frames.

Winter's cold is hard on an older internist, but a crackling fire warms my chilled bones and makes our home cozy. The only problem is that wood has

to be split after it's cut. Fortunately, my neighbor loans me his gas wood splitting machine. And I did wise up and installed a gas firestarter which works much like a gas grill. This is a decided improvement. I no longer have to split kindling to build a fire. This spares cold fingers the dangers of a hatchet.

Unfortunately, a log is sometimes missed when splitting and must be split the old fashioned way with a sledge hammer and steel wedges which I've done for forty years. And that's where the problem began.

Podagra is a medical term referring to pain in the bunion joint of the toe. However, the implication is more than bunion pain often caused by stylish women's shoes. Shoes with pointed toe pinch the forefoot, and together with high heels make women appear so fetching. Nonetheless, stylish shoes are hard on the forefoot and the bunion area of the foot.

Podagra connotes in a doctor's mind not only pain but inflammation with associated swelling, redness, warmth and loss of function of the first metatarsal joint (bunion joint). The cause of podagra is often gout, although other similar conditions such as pseudogout can produce similar inflammation of the

great toe.

You might find it curious that gout preferentially inflames the great toe. However, other arthritic conditions have predilections for certain joints. An example is osteoarthritis (aka degenerative arthritis) which preferentially involves the terminal joints of the fingers. On the other hand, rheumatoid arthritis preferentially affects the middle finger joints.

Uric acid is a waste product of metabolism which is absorbed into the bloodstream and is filtered by the kidney and finally eliminated. Higher levels of uric acid can precipitate an exquisitely painful attack of gout. There is a concept in medicine called the solubility product which describes the equilibrium of partially dissolved substances in the body's water medium. If you increase the substances or decrease the volume of water, a point will be reached when the substances no longer stay in solution and crystallize. That's not a healthy situation.

Consider the bunion joint which carries the entire weight of the body as you stride/walk. Uric acid and other dissolved salts accumulate in heavily used joints during daily activities. Then at rest, the extruded joint fluid is

reabsorbed just as edema subsides with elevation of the legs. Because physiologic (semipermeable) membranes allow the movement of water faster than salts, the concentration of salts rise as fluid is absorbed favoring crystallization. That should be more than enough medical science for purists. Now let me tell you about another cause of podagra and the picture I've posted to the internet!

I found three logs I'd missed with the gasoline splitter, so I decided to get out my trusty sledge hammer and steel wedges to render these logs fire-place-ready. Normally, I cut and split wood in heavy coveralls and with boots, but not for three logs I told myself. This was a big a mistake. Though I've used these tools to split wood for decades, I'm not perfect. On the third log I missed the center of the wedge with the sledgehammer. It ricocheted off the wedge and mashed my big toe between the hammer and the frozen ground.

Curiously, when people hear this story they invariably ask me if I cursed. Perhaps they assumed that I would; I didn't. Perhaps they imagined they would have done so in a similar situation.

People often consult me

with injuries and whether they should seek immediate attention. A sign of significant injury is immediate swelling of the injured part, often indicative of internal bleeding. I find this a better sign than the degree of pain which is subjective.

From the picture you can tell that an eight pound sledgehammer slung from shoulder height onto your big toe, hurts. And from the immediate swelling I knew there was bleeding. I immediately iced my toe to reduce the bleeding, but the damage was done and by that evening the toe was, to use the vernacular, "athob'n." Yes, the doctor confirmed the cause of my podagra was a fracture, but it's telling when he saw my toe and said, "Oh, wow." My toe was actually shattered like a plate dropped from shoulder height onto concrete.

The doctor gave me one of those strap on walking shoes which I referred to as my Christmas boot. It's been five weeks now and I'm much better, but I won't be kicking soccer balls anytime soon. I am back in normal shoes. And that's a good thing because your toes get cold in winter in a "Christmas boot."

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

Healthy ways to weigh less

By The University of Tennessee Medical Center News Service

Did you make a New Year's resolution to lose weight? Dr. Greg Mancini, medical director of University Bariatric Center at The University of Tennessee Medical Center, offers the following tips that can improve your chances of weight loss success.

- Choose a diet that works for you. "Diets are not one size fits all."
- Eat a healthy, well-balanced diet. "Don't starve yourself or eliminate entire food groups."
- Plan what you will eat each day. "Planning will help

you avoid quick decisions and poor choices. Packing your own lunch and snacks is a good way to make better choices."

- Eliminate unhealthy snacks and desserts from your home. "Replace unhealthy foods with healthy fruits and vegetables."
- Begin every meal with a salad or broth-based vegetable soup. "These foods are low in calories, and due to their high water content, they help you feel full. Also, avoid high calorie salad dressings."
- Track your eating habits. "Keeping a record of what you eat makes it easier to see what does and does not work."

- Exercise. "Any weight loss effort should include exercise. A mix of aerobics, resistance training and stretching is best. Resistance workouts build muscle and muscle burns more calories."
- Consult your healthcare provider. "Before beginning any weight loss plan or exercise routine, talk with your healthcare provider. He or she will help you choose a diet plan that works best for you and an exercise plan that will help you avoid injury-related setbacks."

"The key to overall weight loss success is balance and moderation," says Mancini. Should you need additional

help with your weight management, Mancini suggests seeking the guidance of healthcare providers like herself at University Bariatric Center.

"Our weight loss surgery options include laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery, laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LapBand) and laparoscopic gastric sleeve surgery," explains Mancini. "The center complements every surgery with pre-surgery counseling, additional nutrition education, after-surgery information and counseling."

Mancini says you can schedule a one-on-one consultation or receive more information on

weight loss options by calling University Bariatric Center at 865-305-WELL.

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Celebrating Train Your Dog Month

Nature versus nurture: how the genome shines light on the age-old question



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

January is National Train Your Dog Month. We hope you included dog training as part of your New Years Resolution. The importance of basic training and socialization is essential to enjoying your dog in more places. A strong training foundation starts with the dog owner understanding proper dog etiquette and becoming an active participant in training their dog. Nothing is more rewarding than enjoying the company of a well-behaved dog in a social setting. Good manners and proper dog etiquette opens a whole new world for you and your dog to enjoy together.

are staggering and emphasize the importance of having a well-behaved dog. No one likes being in the company of an ill-behaved dog. However, a dog with good manners and proper etiquette can be the life of a party—especially if Fido has a few entertaining tricks to perform. Hobo the Wonder Dog was abused, frightened, and despondent when he was rescued. With love, patience, and a professional dog trainer Hobo thrives. Hobo exemplifies the spirit and value of professional dog training. Hiring a professional can be a daunting task; here are a few tips to help select a trainer best suited for you and your dog.

method of training, and experience with dogs having special needs. I stress the importance of references because they can attest to the trainer’s promptness, professionalism, results, manners, and methods. This is where you dig in and ask the questions you may not want to ask the prospect. Our celebration of National Train Your Dog Month is a celebration of Hobo’s life. We believe wholeheartedly in the skills, heart, experience, education, and the person who helped bring Hobo back to life. You can see the transformation on Hobo the Wonder Dog’s YouTube channel video titled “The First Five Months.” If you will spend fifteen minutes three or four times a week and incorporate training into everyday life and outings; before you know it—you’ll be Celebrating Train Your Dog Month every month. Life is better with a well-trained dog—woof!

trainer have qualifying them to train your dog. Does the trainer belong to a professional association, and if not, why? Trainers may have a specialty such as behavior, obedience, tricks, or agility. Trainers with a specialty and passion in the area of your goals will deliver better results. Request references and call them. **Methods:** Trainers may use different methodologies such as punishing bad behavior while others use positive reinforcement and rewards for good behavior. Hobo the Wonder Dog only trains with positive reinforcement and rewards for good behavior methods. Request references and call them. **References:** I say again request references and call them. Hobo’s trainer came highly recommended by another dog trainer because of their background, personality,

gather evidence on many policy topics.” In The Genome Factor, Fletcher and co-author Dalton Conley take us on what one reviewer called, “an exhilarating and accessible exploration of dangerous and disputed territory: the role of genes in economic and social life.” They reveal that there are real genetic differences by racial ancestry, but differences that don’t conform to what we call Black, white, or Latino. Genes explain a significant share of who gets ahead in society and who does not, but instead of giving rise to a genocracy, genes often act as engines of mobility that counter social disadvantage. Fletcher is currently Romnes Professor of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He completed a B.S. in economics and public administration at the University of Tennessee–Knoxville, and a doctorate at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in Applied Economics.

Knox County Public Library invites the public to join UT alumnus Dr. Jason Fletcher for a discussion of his book “The Genome Factor: What the Social Genomics Revolution Reveals about Ourselves, Our History, and the Future” at noon on Wednesday, January 24 in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium at this month’s Books Sandwiched In program. Bring your lunch or pick up something downtown. Drinks are available for fifty cents. Reading the book is optional. Books Sandwiched In is generously sponsored by the Friends of Knox County Public Library. “I’m very excited to be returning to Knoxville to share my research,” Fletcher said. “My first experience doing research was as an undergraduate at UT in the economics department and the center for business and economic research (CBER), which gave me many opportunities to learn how to work across disciplines and

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Billie F. Summers and Joseph W. Summers, Jr. executed a Deed of Trust to AmSouth Bank, Lender and FMLS, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated March 14, 2005 and recorded on March 29, 2005 in Instrument No. 200503290075810, 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, Regions Bank Successor by Merger with AmSouth Bank, (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 **February 13, 2018, 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:

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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 September 20, 2006, executed by JEFFREY A PICKENS, WENDY N PICKENS, conveying certain real property therein described to BROADWAY TITLE INC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 26, 2006, at Instrument Number 200609260027189; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-CH2 who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 1, 2018 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 TWO (2) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 16TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 5, BLOCK M, IN COKER AND BUCHANAN NORTH PARK ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION TO KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 9, PAGE 37, IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY.

Parcel ID: 082AH00401 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 2218 COKER AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JEFFREY A PICKENS, WENDY N PICKENS

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated May 29, 2015, recorded in Instrument No: 201506010065243, and further assigned in Instrument No. 201511020027191, of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, Matrix Knox, LLC conveyed to R. Kirkland Moser, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated, Lying, and being in the 14th ward of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and having a common address of 2627 Wimpole Ave, Knoxville, TN 37914.

Parcel ID’s: 82NH-034, 82NH-035, 82NJ-034.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Substitute Trustee as appointed in the aforesaid Deed of Trust by a substitution, said appointment being in the manner authorized by the Deed of Trust; and WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, Centerline Mortgage Partners, Inc, and further assigned to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc, Multi-Family Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2015-SBS, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **January 31, 2018, the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee’s sale will occur on or about 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, TN 37902.**

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; 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. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following party may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Matrix Knox, LLC.

The right is reserved to adjourn the date of the sale to another date or time, and place certain without further publication, upon the announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Gregory T. Pratt, Substitute Trustee 705 Gate Lane, Suite 202 Knoxville, TN 37909 865-769-6969

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 24, 2014, executed by JANICE S SANFORD AND ROBERT A SANFORD, conveying certain real property therein described to CRUMP & RICHARDSON PLLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 3, 2014, at Instrument Number 201403030050632; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Stearns Lending, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6TH) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE LIMITS OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING ALL OF LOT FIFTY-SIX (56), AS IS SHOWN ON A MAP OF EMORY ESTATES, UNIT III PREPARED BY ARNOLD ESTEP, ENGINEER, TENN. LICENSE #6062, WHICH MAP IS RECORDED BY THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN MAP BOOK 67S, AT PAGE 32 AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR AID IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND CONVEYED HEREBY. SUBJECT TO EACH OF THOSE RESTRICTIONS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID MAP, AND ALSO TO THOSE STATED IN A DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS FOR EMORY ESTATES, UNIT 111 AS RECORDED IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1652, PAGE 1046. (ALSO SEE IN THAT SAME OFFICE, BOOK 1260, AT PAGE 617). IN WHICH DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS THE RESTRICTION #5 IS AMENDED TO CHANGE THE SIDE STREET SET BACK LINE TO 30 FEET. SUBJECT TO ZONING REGULATIONS, BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE FOREGOING PROPERTY. SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ZONING ORDINANCES OR SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREOF.

Parcel ID: 037-LD-010 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7740 DAN LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938. 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): JANICE S SANFORD AND ROBERT A SANFORD

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

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Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rubinelublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #129018 01/01/2018, 01/08/2018, 01/15/2018

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Jessica L. Eads and Justin J. Eads, Wife and Husband executed a Deed of Trust to U.S. Bank N.A., Lender and J. Phillip Jones, Trustee(s), which was dated February 27, 2015 and recorded on March 3, 2015 in Instrument No. 201503030046987, 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 National Association, (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 **February 1, 2018, 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:

SITUATE in District Five (5), County of Knox, City of Knoxville, State of Tennessee, and being all of Lot 3R as shown by map entitled “Final Plat of the Resubdivision of CHUKAR STATION, Lots 1-3 of record in Instrument Number 200710050029201 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS DONE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to any applicable covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, conditions, including, but not limited to, those of record in Instrument No. 200710050029201, Instrument No. 200611270044169, Plat Cabinet L, Slide 158B and Stormwater Covenants in Instrument No. 200503110071494 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Jessica L. Eads and husband, Justin J. Eads from Neighborhood Housing, Inc. by Corporation Warranty Deed dated February 27, 2015 of record in Instrument No. 201503030046986 in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 092PL-003 Address/Description: 2711 Chukar Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.

Current Owner(s): Jessica L. Eads and husband, Justin J. Eads.

Other Interested Party(ies): City of Knoxville and U.S. Bank, N.A..

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 18, 2016, executed by CRYSTAL SMITH, STEVEN SMITH, conveying certain real property therein described as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 22, 2016, at Instrument Number 201611220033271;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-County Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

TRACT ISITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 (EIGHT) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF BROWN GAP ROAD, CORNER TO WALKER, SAID PIPE BEING LOCATED 670.0’ MORE OR LESS NORTHWEST OF THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEAST LINE OF BROWN GAP ROAD WITH THE NORTHEAST LINE OF CARTER ROAD; THENCE WITH THE NORTHEAST LINE OF BROWN GAP ROAD NORTH 21 DEG. 17 MIN.

WEST 112.77 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO VICKERS; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF VICKERS THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES, NORTH 62 DEG. 59 MIN. EAST 313.02 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEG. 41 MIN. EAST 178.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF C. L. ROOP; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF C. L. ROOP SOUTH 56 DEG. 41 MIN. WEST 112.72 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF WALKER; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF WALKER THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES: NORTH 24 DEG. 07 MIN. WEST 66.1 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 66 DEG. 23 MIN. WEST 196.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF MICHAEL E. LUETHKE, RLS 842, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 6538 VINTAGE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, DATED DECEMBER 11, 2007, DRAWING NO. 07158. TRACT II: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 (EIGHT) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST LINE OF BROWN GAP ROAD, CORNER TO VICKERS, SAID PIN BEING LOCATED 782.77 FEET MORE OR LESS NORTHWEST OF THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEAST LINE OF BROWN GAP ROAD, NORTH 21 DEG. 54 MIN. WEST 24.48 TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO H. E. SEXTON; THENCE THE LINE OF H. E. SEXTON NORTH 62 DEG. 59 MIN. EAST 397.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF H. E. SEXTON AND D. SEVERS NORTH 23 DEG. 24 MIN. WEST 218.51 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF D. SEVERS NORTH 32 DEG. 16 MIN. WEST 596.52 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF GAP CREEK; THENCE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF GAP CREEK THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES: NORTH 80 DEG. 51 MIN. EAST 105.73 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 88 DEG. 20 MIN. EAST 137.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 25 DEG. 55 MIN. EAST 84.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST 40.98 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 72 DEG. 45 MIN. EAST 65.07 FEET TO A POINT, CORNER TO M. H. HARRIS; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF M. H. HARRIS SOUTH 28 DEG. 55 MIN. EAST 895.47 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO STROZYK; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF STROZYK SOUTH 56 DEG. 37 MIN. WEST 485.77 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO VICKERS; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF VICKERS THE FOLLOWING CALLS AND DISTANCES: NORTH 20 DEG. 41 MIN. WEST 178.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEG. 59 MIN. WEST 313.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF MICHAEL E. LUETHKE, RLS 842, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 6538 VINTAGE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921, DATED DECEMBER 11, 2007, DRAWING NO. 07158.

Parcel ID: 039 03801 & 039 038 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 5022 BROWN GAP RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CRYSTAL SMITH, STEVEN SMITH

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

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Dealing with Temptation

Right after Jesus was baptized we are told he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted while fasting forty days and forty nights. After leaving John the Baptist, Jesus likely headed due west across a flat desert peppered with scrub brush. There is not a lot to see between the Jordan River and the mountains of the wilderness. According to tradition, Jesus passed just north of Jericho in the Judean wilderness to a rugged and barren mountain known today as Mount Quarantal. Quarantal means forty. The mountain is so named because it is thought that Jesus spent his forty days of temptation here.

The wilderness where Jesus went is not a tropical forest. It is a dry, arid, desert. It looks similar to the desert South West, like many places in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, or Nevada. This is where Jesus spent forty days praying, fasting, and wrestling with the devil in temptation. If you were to journey there today, you would find a cave halfway up the mountain that was the traditional spot where Jesus spent the night. Today standing over the cave is the Monastery of the Temptation. You can walk up there or take a tram and journey to the back of the cave to see the supposed place where Jesus slept.

While we don't know the exact place where Jesus spent these forty days and nights, we do know what he did. He prayed. He fasted. He slept alone under the stars or in a cave. He lived with the wild animals. The wilderness is often used as a metaphor for a place we don't want to go. It describes when

life gets hard and we are wrestling with evil or the devil.

You can't help but think of Elijah who fled to the wilderness when Queen Jezebel wanted to kill him. David fled here when Saul wanted to kill him and he composed many of his Psalms here. Moses lived in the wilderness of Sinai for forty years as a fugitive from Pharaoh. These stories have something in common: God met each of them in the wilderness. Elijah heard God's still small voice here. Moses saw a burning bush and God spoke to him out of it. David received comfort knowing that God was his shepherd. And God will meet us when we enter into our wilderness. We often feel alone and hopeless, yet God is there. When we pay attention and listen, God will come to us and use our experience in the wilderness to strengthen us.

Jesus' temptations and his time in the wilderness was a way for him to connect with God's people of the past. It also served as a test for Jesus before he began His ministry and as an example for us to resist similar temptations we face. Satan used these temptations to try to break Jesus, but instead God used them to strengthen Him.

We each have moments of temptation. At those times God speaks to us through Scripture, through others, or through a still small voice. The devil attempts to do the same. He will quote Scripture, attempt to work through others to capture our hearts, or speak a word to your mind. But we can be like Jesus. When these times come, we can quote Scripture back and resist him, being strengthened in our faith. Jesus can empathize with us because He was tempted in every way yet was without sin (Hebrews 4:15-16). Go to Jesus with confidence so you may receive mercy and find grace.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ



The Tribute Quartet

New Destiny Productions announces the Singing News Top 40 Songs of 2017

The Singing News has just released the Top 40 Songs of 2017 which include the highly awarded Triumphant Quartet and the Tribute Quartet garnering 4 of the top 12 songs for the year.

The Top 40 Songs of 2017 is an end of year chart that is tabulated to show which songs earned the most points on the Singing News Top 80 charts between January 2017 and December 2017. Holding the number one ranking with "Chain Breaker" is the Triumphant Quartet who will appear on the New Destiny Productions stage on February 3. Following in the number 2 ranking is the Tribute Quartet with "God of the Storms." Tribute Quartet will also return

to the Gospel Winter Fest this year. Tribute Quartet also holds the number 6 spot with "Never Forsaken" and followed in the number 11 spot by Triumphant Quartet's "Living in the Promised Land."

New Destiny Productions is pleased to produce Gospel Winter Fest featuring the top 2 groups in all of Christian music, the award-winning Triumphant Quartet and the highly acclaimed, internationally known Tribute Quartet. They will appear on Saturday February 3 at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville at 6 p.m. More information on ticketing can be found at New Destiny Production's website www.newdestinyproductions.com.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 6, 2006, executed by HELEN BERNICE SLUDER HUMPHREY, PERRY BRACKTON HUMPHREY, conveying certain real property therein described to KNOXVILLE BUILDERS ESCROW SERVICES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 16, 2006, at Instrument Number 200602160069429;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-FF7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF7 who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 15, 2018 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 THREE (3) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET, 200 FEET EAST FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET WITH THE EAST LINE OF 6TH AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH 6TH AVENUE, 130 FEET TO AN ALLEY; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID ALLEY, 47-1/2 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST GIVEN LINE, 130 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET, 47-1/2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID: 082IE012
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1618 GRAINGER AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF HELEN HUMPHREY

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANCERY COURT SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY NO. 191834-1

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LARRY W. MIRACLE AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LARRY W. MIRACLE, ET AL, DEFENDANT(S)

LOCATION: Situated in District 6 of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, and being a house and lot carrying street address 4236 Felty Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918, carrying CLT tax ID No. 049AB-009 and being known and designated as Lot 3, Block A of the Murphy Hill Edition, Section 1, Unit 3, as shown by map in Map Book 33, Page 9 and by Deed of Record as Instrument No. 200109240023236, both of which map and deed are of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map and deed specific references are hereby made and which descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

The above sale is being made pursuant to the Order Granting Default Judgment and Foreclosure entered December 7, 2017 in the above caption matter.

Date & Time: Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: At the City/County Building within the corridor of the Main Street entrance near the Large Assembly Room, North Entrance, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, 27902.

TERMS: The sale will be for cash. The term, "cash," means ten percent (10%) down on the day of the sale with the balance to be paid in full to the Clerk and Master within thirty (30) days from the date of confirmation of sale. For the balance of ninety percent (90%), the Clerk and Master may take a note from the purchaser, without interest, if paid within thirty (30) days from the date of confirmation of sale, and may retain a lien on the property sold as further security.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 215-2555
HOWARD G. HOGAN, CLERK AND MASTER
RUBEN LUBLIN TN, PLLC
January 8, 15 and 22, 2018

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

Frank Leahy Renner Jr. You have been sued. Read the information below. Petitioner's name is: Grace Moranda Alegria Renner CASE NUMBER: 17FL04805.

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. NOTICE-RESTRAINING ORDERS:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court are: Sacramento County Superior Court 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

The name and contact email address of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are:

Grace Moranda Alegria Renner Grace.Renner@yahoo.com Date: August 18, 2017, Clerk, by /s/ Donnitia M. Deputy

INSERT Dates the notice will be published January 8, 15, 22& 29, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JO H ANDERSON, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 79758-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JO H ANDERSON, JR. who died Nov 29, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

This the 2 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF JO H ANDERSON, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JO ANDERSON; CO-EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 751 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

ERIC SCOTT ANDERSON; CO-EXECUTOR 1861 MCKELVEY ROAD GREENBACK, TN. 37742

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD BEELER THOMPSON DOCKET NUMBER 79796-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDWARD BEELER THOMPSON who died Jul 29, 2015, 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 5TH day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF EDWARD BEELER THOMPSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) HAZEL MARIE THOMPSON; EXECUTRIX 8019 WASHINGTON PIKE CORYTON, TN. 37721

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHANNON ELISE DAKIN DOCKET NUMBER 79791-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4TH day of JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHANNON ELISE DAKIN who died Dec 21, 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 4TH day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF SHANNON ELISE DAKIN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LAUREN DAKIN; ADMINISTRATRIX 10043 HIGHGATE CIRCLE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANK DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 79795-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ROBERT FRANK DAVIS who died Nov 13, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

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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 5 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANK DAVIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM DAVIS; ADMINISTRATOR 408 KINGSTON AVENUE OLIVER SPRINGS, TN. 37840

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DIANA LYNNE VINSON DOCKET NUMBER 79797-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DIANA LYNNE VINSON who died Nov 28, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

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

This the 5 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF DIANA LYNNE VINSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BARBARA M VINSON; ADMINISTRATRIX 4422 TWIN PINES DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 10255 KINGSTON PIKE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT;

IN RE: AMANDA TENELE GARRETT v. TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT NO. 195057-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT 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 TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT it is ordered that said defendant TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan Wortley, an Attorneys whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as

to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 9th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services: RFP 2639, Cost Allocation Services, due 2/13/18;

Bid 2641, Intersection Improvements-Westland Drive at Emory Church Road, due 2/15/18

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

APPLICATION FOR TITLE

Legal notice of intent to apply for vehicle title by David Vince and Dean Vince.

Vehicle described as follows: 1994 International 4700 24' box truck vin # 1HTSCPEL5RH550727

Any parties holding an interest in the vehicle please contact by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days of the date of this publication: David or Dean Vince 1929 Grenada Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37922

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following described vehicles have been impounded/ Repaired/ or towed and will be sold at public auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379. The sale will be held at Sam's Automotive Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 701 Cooper St, Knoxville, TN 37917. on January 19th, 2018 at 9 AM. These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public notice in the newspaper will comply with the law. The failure of the owner / lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below,

not bearing a Vin/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

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UT Arboretum Society offers monthly guided hike at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge

January Hike is January 20th

Did you make a New Year's resolutions to get more exercise or spend more time outdoors? The UT Arboretum Society can help with both! In 2018, the UT Arboretum Society is now offering a monthly hike on the third Saturday of each month.

The first hike will be Saturday, January 20th. This is a great winter occasion to spend some quality time outdoors and to learn about the UT Arboretum's trails.

This hike will be held the third Saturday of every month and will be led by Arboretum staff or a member of the UT Arboretum Society. The hike will begin at the parking lot of the UT Arboretum, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak

Ridge at 9:00 a.m. This is approximately a one-hour fun, short trail hike.

Participants are asked to wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking.

This is a free program offered by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society.

To learn more about this hike or the UT Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on the program, call 483-7277.

Celebrating 53 years in 2018, this program is one of many lectures and activities that will be offered this year by the UT Arboretum Society. The program is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center.



The UT Arboretum Society will now offer a monthly hike on the third Saturday of each month throughout 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Night Out

Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas are headed to Farragut for their 36th consecutive monthly Ed & Bob Night Out in Knox County. Ed and Bob will be at Little Joe's Pizza, 13100 Kingston Pike, Thursday, January 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet the people of Farragut and listen to their concerns.

District 9 Constituents Gathering

Commissioner Carson Dailey will be meeting with the citizens of the 9th District on January 30, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at G&D Deli Market, 612 Tipton Station Road.

Dolly Parton's Birthday celebration

Join the Imagination Library and Knox County Public Library to celebrate Dolly Parton's birthday on January 19 at 10:30 a.m. Seven participating library locations will host free story time programs with crafts and cupcakes, and guests can help make Dolly Parton's 8-foot-long birthday card. The Knox County Imagination Library program will celebrate its own milestone as well: since 2005, the program has mailed out 2.5 million books to Knox County children under the age of five.

Children of all ages, including infants, qualify for a children's card, which has some restrictions. Children must be present to apply and parents must provide identification and address verification in order to receive the special children's card. All new cards are free for Knox County residents.

When children have their own library card, they are more excited about reading and coming to the library, and they begin to learn responsibility for the items they check out.

Dolly Parton birthday celebrations will be held at the following library locations:

- Bearden, 100 Golfclub Road
- Burlington, 4614 Asheville Highway
- Cedar Bluff, 9045 Cross Park Drive
- Fountain City, 5300 Stanton Road
- Halls, 4518 E. Emory Road
- Lawson McGhee, 500 W. Church Avenue

• Powell, 330 W. Emory Road

Free Gardening Classes Start January 25th

Seymour Farmers Market presents its annual gardening class series starting Thursday, January 25. The first class will be presented by Rennie and Glenn Baisden, with information about build your own hoop houses (greenhouse), and by Phil Baker, with information about home hydroponic plant systems.

The second class will be Thursday, February 22. UT agricultural extension agent, Alan Bruhin, will present his ever popular talk about soil. He updates this yearly, so expect something new even if you have heard it before! The last class will be Thursday, March 29th. This class will have presentations on straw bale gardening and raised beds. All classes will be held in the community room of the Seymour branch library on Macon

Lane from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you have questions, or want to let us know you're coming, call Marjie Richardson at 865-453-0130.

PK HOPE IS ALIVE January meeting

Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee wishes you a Happy New Year and many years of good health! Everyone is welcome to join the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Kern Methodist Church in their Family Life Center, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge TN. 37830. The speakers this month will be Steve Hodges, founder of KiMe fund, dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's, by funding research (www.kimecnd.org). The second speaker will be Mary Jo Mosakowski of US Meds. Mary Jo is going to talk about two new medications designed to decrease "OFF" time with-out dyskinesia.

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