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Susano kickoff a family event

By Mike Steely
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Charles Susano III, who prefers "Charlie," rallied a crowd of supporters Thursday evening at The Foundry as he kicked off his race for the Republican nomination as Knox County Circuit Court Clerk.

Present for the event were several county and city officials, candidates, family, friends and supporters. Many supporters brought their spouse and the event was attended by both candidates for Knox County Sheriff. Also present Nick McBride, R. Larry Smith, George Wallace, Sherri Witt, Ted Hatfield, Ed Shouse, John Whitehead, Larson Jay, Ron Rochelle and many others.

Susano has been serving as Collections Coordinator and Legal Assistant to the Knox County Trustee's Office. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife live in West Hills and have been married for 20 years and have two children.

As an archeologist for UT he managed teams with the goal of preserving the history of Knox County and the East Tennessee area.

In thanking his supporters he said his father, Judge Charles D. Susano



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The family of Charlie Susano turned out for his campaign kickoff for Circuit Court Clerk Thursday. Charlie is seen standing with wife Robin, mother Carolyn and daughter Sophie. Seated is his father, Judge Charles D. Susano Jr.

Jr., had instructed him to "keep it short" and he thanked his family for support, especially his wife Robin. Referring to public service, Susano said the

most important person is "standing in front of you." Susano's humor was apparent in his brief remarks.

He thanked Trustee Ed Shouse for his guidance

during Susano's five years in that office and thanked Dean LaRue, Susano's campaign manager.

Susano says he is a "life-long Knoxvillean and grew

up here going to school, worshipping, playing sports and learning the importance of a tight-knit community."

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Stretching the Almighty Dollar Budget Time at Knox County Schools

By Anne Primm

The two and a half month process of creating a budget for fiscal year 2019 began last Monday evening at the Knox County Board of Education's end of month meeting. Gary Spencer of the Knox County Schools Finance Department is in charge of this endeavor. April 15, 2018 is the deadline for the KCS budget for 2019 because it has to be incorporated into the mayor's budget that has to be approved by Knox County Commission. This process is complicated by the fact that it is difficult to estimate how many funds will be available at this point in the year. Estimates of tax collections are strictly preliminary in February (sales tax, property tax, etc.) Estimations of Better Education Funding will not be available until April 15, 2018 and the final allocations

will not be evident until July of 2018. The student population in Knox County Schools looks like it will be flat at this time for next school year. Yet Principals have a deadline of February 14, 2018 to submit projected staff allocations for the next school year. The first draft of the budget is due March 21, 2018.

Knox County Schools is opening two new middle schools in the fall of 2018. Both are long-term budget items. The Magnet Schools and Magnet School programs are not scheduled to have an increase in the 2019 budget. First District representative Gloria Deathridge expressed concern that perhaps monies were being diverted from the magnet programs to fund the new schools. Deathridge emphasized that the magnet programs and magnet schools have different

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Amber Rountree seeks re-election to BOE seat

Amber Rountree has announced her intention to run for re-election to represent the 9th District on the Knox County School Board.

She will host a campaign kickoff on Feb. 6 from 5:30-7 p.m. at 3 Bears Coffee, located at 1120 Sevier Ave.

Rountree, who is the board's vice chair, played a key role in hiring current schools superintendent Bob Thomas; developing and supporting the renovation of the South Doyle High School Library; and helping to eliminate developmentally inappropriate testing for local K-2 students.

She's also worked with the Great Schools Partnership to expand community schools, pushed for new athletic fields and restrooms at South Doyle Middle School, and partnered with Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and the County Commission to successfully address sidewalk and traffic concerns at



Amber Rountree is pictured with her husband Bart and sons Teddy (left) and Holt (right).

South-Doyle High School.

Rountree joined the school board in 2014. The non-partisan election for the 9th District seat is set for May 1.

"As an educator, a UTK doctoral student studying literacy, and a mother of two future Knox County students, my life's work has been devoted to public education," Rountree said.

"Students, teachers, parents and community members in South Knoxville deserve a strong advocate for public education and who will make sure our dollars are wisely spent."

As a board member, Rountree is responsible for helping to oversee a \$471 million budget, developing

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Three high paying county offices have only one candidate each

By Mike Steely
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Is it unusual that three of the highest paid elected jobs in Knox County are getting no challengers in the upcoming primary?

The County Trustee makes \$125,829.34 each year and only incumbent Ed Shouse has picked up a petition and filed for re-election. The Criminal Court Clerk job pays \$138,412.04 each year with an \$8,400.08 travel allowance. Only incumbent Mike Hammond has filed to keep his position. The Register of Deeds position pays \$125,829.86 with an \$8,399.82 travel allowance. Only Nick McBride has a petition for that position.

At least three Republican candidates have indicated they will seek to become the Knox County Mayor, a job that will pay \$172,738.02. Two county commissioners and an insurance agent all want that job. They are Bob Thomas, Brad Anders and Glenn Jacobs. On Friday Ronda Gallman picked up a petition for county mayor in the Democratic Primary.

Five people want to be the Circuit Court Clerk, which pays \$159,174.08 each year. Republicans in the primary race are Don Ridings, Scott Smith, Charlie Susano and Tom Wheeler. Sheri Ridgeway is the lone Democrat and will face the Republican winner in the general election.

The sheriff makes \$156,174.08 in salary and two deputies, Tom Spangler and Lee Tramel, are in the race for the Republican nomination.

Thus far no Democrat other than Ridgeway and Gallman have stepped forward to qualify for the top jobs and a victory in the upcoming Republican Primary on May 1st will mean the winner will be elected.

In the race for County Clerk Republicans Roger Kane and Sherry Witt face off in the primary. The salary for County Clerk is \$125,829.34 per year.

Knox County Commissioners will receive \$22,111.96 each year and there's some

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opposition in the primary for both At-Large seats. Running in the Republican Primary for Seat 10 are Larsen Jay and Ronnie W. Rochelle. Democratic candidates for that seat are Tori Griffin and William P. Stone.

In the race for the Seat 11 position are Republicans Justin Biggs and R. Larry Smith. Democrats Jacob Grant and Rebecca Saldivar have a petition to oppose the Republican winner. Vivian Underwood Shipe, whose name appears on

the “pickup list” told The Focus last week she’ll not turn her petition in and allow her name to come off the list. She’s a postal worker and cannot seek the office because of the national Hatch Act.

In the race for District 7 incumbent Commissioner and Vice Chairman Charles Busler will apparently face Democrat Steve Hart in the general as neither candidate has primary opposition so far.

Commission Chairman Randy Smith has no Republican primary opponent and neither does Democrat Cody Biggs. The

two may face off for the District 3 Seat.

Knox County School Board Members receive the same yearly salary as the county commissioners. So far there are only three of the five seats with opponents. The races are non-partisan and those unopposed include Virginia Babb in District 4 and Chairperson Patti Lou Bounds of District 7. Joshua Hawk has a petition to oppose Terry Hill in the 6th District.

In District 1 the current petitioned candidates are

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Knox County Mayor	\$172,738.02 salary
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Parkridge to elect officers today

By Mike Steely
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The Parkridge neighborhood was divided by a push to expand the Historic Overlay to most of the homes there in East Knoxville this past year. The overlay question is on hold and the Parkridge Community Organization meets this evening to reorganize by electing nine officers who will then select a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting at the Cansler YMCA at 616 Jessamine Street begins at 6:30 p.m. today.

Leadership of the organization gave way to the help of the Office of Neighborhood last fall and Debbie Sharp, Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator for the city, has been chairing the meetings. She detailed today’s meeting in

a notice to members.

“As people arrive they can pay their dues if they did not in January or ask for a hardship to be eligible to vote,” Sharp notified the members. “Board nominations will come from those dues-paying members and each person nominated will be given one minute to speak.

Ballots will be handed out and each qualified member will then vote for nine members. Sharp will count the votes. Once nine members are selected the officers will be selected.

“We will bring a list of people that paid their dues or asked for hardship in January and add to that list as people pay in February,” she said.

Sharp noted that a bylaws committee does not have to be chosen yet, “If the PCO board

wants to choose this committee, that’s fine.” She said the Office of Neighborhoods will help do that if asked and that Bill Murrah has agreed to advise the committee and the city will cover the cost.

“The Office of Neighborhoods is here as long as PCO requests our assistance,” she said.

“I look forward to seeing a great turn out and I look forward to seeing Parkridge thrive,” Sharp said.

The Parkridge neighborhood has been one of the most active organizations in the city, supporting and cleaning murals, preserving historic homes, and sponsoring home tours, cleanups and many other projects. The push to expand the Historic Overlay to include 711 parcels adjoining the currently designated area divided the neighborhood and the board.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Debbie Sharp, Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator, speaks with the Parkridge Community Organization as she guides the group through reorganization. New officers will be elected today.

In their annual meeting in November the PCO voted to postpone the election of officers until today’s meeting and invited the Office of Neighborhoods to chair the meetings until the election.

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“My family raised me to take pride in public service. My grandfather worked as a chemist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratories during World War II. My father served as a judge for more than two decades. Working with the Trustee and our fine team I have instituted successful programs to improve communications with people,

streamlined workflows, increased revenues and emphasized customer service,” he said.

If elected as Knox County Circuit Court Clerk Susano said he will work hard to reduce costs, maximize efficiency, return excess fees to the county and provide better service to citizens.

Susano’s wife, Robin, and daughter, Sophie, were there to support him

What is a Notice of Appearance?

There may come a point in your life when a lawsuit is filed against you and you decide that you need to hire an attorney to represent you in court. Or you may have filed a lawsuit on your own in general sessions (small claims) court and then decided at a later point that it’s a good idea to have a lawyer help you instead of trying to handle the case on your own.



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If you do that, how does your attorney go about notifying the court that they are now involved and will be representing you? They do that by filing a document that is called a, “Notice of Appearance.” This document does not contain any earth-shattering information and usually only has one or two sentences of content. It will simply state something to the effect of, “Comes now attorney XXXX XXXX, of XYZ law firm, and hereby enters his appearance on behalf of Defendant XXXX.” That is generally all that is contained in a

Notice of Appearance. The notice will be sent to the court as well as any and all parties (or their attorneys if they are represented) who are involved in the case.

What is the point of this document? It does not seem to serve much purpose.

Judges and courts always want to know when attorneys are involved in cases. They know now to contact the new attorney instead of an unrepresented party with notification of all future court dates. Further, all other parties and attorneys involved in the case will know that there is a change to the prior location where they sent their correspondence and pleadings.

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Publisher's Position

FBI: Changes needed at the top



**By Steve Hunley,
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With the release of the by now infamous FISA memo, it has been a lot of fun to watch the opponents of President Trump, almost all Democrats, babbling about protecting the integrity and credibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Leftists, Democrats and most mainstream media types have been attempting to distract from and discredit the memo well before its release, doubtless hoping to lessen its impact. The worry by some about wounding the integrity and credibility of the FBI ignores a long history by the agency of actions, many of which are, at best questionable; still others clearly unethical, if not downright illegal.

For decades Congress has had to pass new laws to end abuses by the FBI. Even the

USA Today network ran an excellent opinion piece by James Bovard, who called out those who would have us think the FBI is as pure as the driven snow. Bovard points out FISA "has long been a disaster for Americans' constitutional rights" and notes the standard for seeking a warrant has a frighteningly lower standard. Basically, all the FBI has to do is approach a judge and declare a person is thought to be a terrorist or foreign agent to get a FISA warrant. Of course, that standard was written with the notion foreign agents do not enjoy the same rights as American citizens. As James Bovard says in his opinion piece, unfortunately those rights all too often only exist on paper. Worse still, once granted by a court, the FBI can "conduct simultaneous telephone, microphone, cell phone, e-mail and computer surveillance" of the targeted person.

J. Edgar Hoover, longtime director of the FBI, has a deservedly tarnished reputation. It is a fact Hoover helped to push the political agenda of some presidents, while clandestinely hampering that of others. Hoover also kept "secret files" on many members of Congress, making them more

pliable and truthfully, more exposed to political and personal blackmail. Following Hoover's death, Congress acknowledged the abuses of J. Edgar Hoover's reign by limiting the term of a Director (Hoover was head of the FBI for 48 years), a law which also was designed to make certain FBI directors were not the creatures of any particular president.

Every president since Franklin Roosevelt has engaged in illegal wiretapping in some form or another. The American Civil Liberties Union, hardly a hotbed of conservatism, has detailed abuses of power by the FBI. The sweeping new powers granted the FBI by the Congress, as well as the president and the attorney general following 911, according to the ACLU, allowed the FBI to be used in violation of the First and Fourth Amendments. The ACLU report also contended, the FBI gave itself even broader powers by merely revising its own internal guidelines. That gave FBI agents more power in investigating and collecting information on Americans when there was no factual basis to suggest wrongdoing of any kind. The ACLU documented a long list of abuses of power by the FBI and made mention

of the agency's secrecy of its abuses, as well as internal suppression of whistleblowers. The ACLU also was critical of the FBI for giving oftentimes misleading testimony during Congressional hearings, which prevented proper independent oversight of the agency. "The list of abuses is long and demonstrates that Congress must do a top-to-bottom review of FBI policies and practices to identify any activities that are unconstitutional or easily used," Hina Shamsi, director of the ACLU's National Security Project, said.

It is absurd for the opponents of President Trump to cry foul that the FISA memo might in some way reflect negatively on the Robert Mueller investigation. More than a year after the charge Donald Trump colluded with still unnamed and unknown Russians, there is not a shred of evidence to support the charge. By the same token, there is quite a bit of evidence to suggest Hillary Clinton colluded with Russians. The dossier authored by the now utterly discredited Christopher Steele --- paid for by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee --- was almost certainly influenced by Russians. The Mueller investigation

was tainted by the inclusion of Peter Strzok and his lover Lisa Page as part of that investigative team, a fact conveniently overlooked by Trump critics.

Irrespective of whether one supported Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump in the last election, does any rational person believe the FBI was exercising good judgment in exonerating her before she had even been questioned? The Strzok - Page texts and emails provide a trial proving beyond a certainty of a doubt extreme bias against Trump, if not outright hatred. That same irrational hatred of Donald Trump is the fundamental core of the cries and wringing of hands about any abuse of power by the FBI. It has been proven deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe's wife received political assistance from Clinton allies to the tune of \$700,000, yet we are supposed to believe he is completely impartial and unbiased? The FISA memo points out Andrew McCabe stated in a closed-door meeting without the Christopher Steele dossier, the FBI could not have secured surveillance warrants. It is becoming increasingly clear the Steele dossier was the means to an end and the source for the original FISA

warrant. The bottom line is --- and cannot be legitimately disputed --- a ratty document paid for by the Clinton campaign and the DNC was used to obtained to spy on the Trump campaign. Nor can it be legitimately disputed the FBI omitted vital information in seeking the warrant from the FISA court.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear. The vast majority of the folks who work for the FBI are good, hard-working and unbiased people. However, if the FBI's reputation has been harmed, it is not the fault of Donald Trump or the Republican Congress. The blame should fall squarely where it belongs: at the feet of the people at the top who run the FBI. While leftists, Democrats and the mainstream media now attempt to discredit the FISA memo, they only discredit themselves. One of those howling the loudest now is the Washington Post, which broke the law when it published the Pentagon Papers.

No person should ever be spied upon or investigated without good cause, nor should any American be subjected to a biased law enforcement agency run by people who put politics above the law.

Budget Time at Knox County Schools

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needs than regular schools that are met by extra funding. Second District representative Jennifer Owen requested a complete breakdown of the "Additional Positions" needed for magnet facilities that account for \$946,674.

Spencer told Superintendent Bob Thomas that he would forward that information to Thomas for dissemination to board members.

The next items for discussion were the Cusp/Priority Schools. The Cusp schools include Austin-East High School and Belle Morris Elementary. Priority schools are Vine Middle, Green Magnet, Lonsdale, and Sarah Moore Greene. These are schools that are not performing up to the State Standards and need remediation. Knox County Schools are currently working on programs to help with deficits.

Next year Sam E. Hill School will be used for Lonsdale students and the proposed budget for that move is \$121,192. This cost would cover moving

the kindergarten grade level from Lonsdale to Sam E. Hill.

Garrett Raiden, Supervisor of Internal School Funds, spoke next about the 2017 Audit. He turned the discussion over to Ted Hotz with Pugh Associates. Hotz related that there were twelve "findings." (Remember,"findings" are discrepancies.) All twelve were relatively minor. Hotz attributes these findings to lack of training for bookkeepers and designated personnel. Each principal is required to submit his/her own plan of remediation of the problem and Mr. Garrett's office will monitor whether or not changes to alleviate issues are actually made. A principal's performance rating could be affected by non-compliance. The final Audit report will be available by January 31, 2018.

At the top of the meeting, Superintendent Thomas gave his report. Thomas congratulated Vine Middle School Administrator Clarence Swearengen for receiving the Chair Award

during the MLK annual awards. Swearengen was also nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award. Superintendent Thomas described the successful January opening of the Teacher's Supply Depot. Fifth District board member Susan Horn was one of the volunteers at the Supply Depot. Many thanks to Ms. Horn! The Strategic Plan Meetings that had to be cancelled due to inclement weather in early January are rescheduled. Check the KCS website for dates and locations. All meetings will take place in early February and they are all from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the evening. The Teacher Appreciation Dinner will take place at the World's Fair Convention Center on February 13, 2018. Lastly, Knox County Schools will hold a Recruitment Fair for certified and non-certified personnel from 9 a.m. until noon on March 3, 2018 at Central High School.

There was no Public Forum at this meeting. The Board Forum included Rountree reminding

everyone of a Strategic Plan Meeting at South-Doyle High School on February 1, 2018. Lynne Fugate wanted everyone to know that they can leave feedback online for the

Strategic Plan Meetings. Jennifer Owen invited everyone to the Central High School Career Fair. Gloria Deathridge announced a Strategic Plan Meeting at Vine Middle at 6:00 p.m. on

February 13, 2018. Kinley Koontz thanked all the students that have attended the Strategic Plan Meetings.



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and implementing strategic plans that better the school system and partnering with the community to address overall concerns, including the recent rezoning of Dogwood and South Knoxville Elementary Schools. In 2016, Rountree also helped write a grant to implement a Big Read at South Doyle Middle School which provided each 6th grader with a copy of the book "Wonder."

If re-elected, Rountree plans to expand the community schools program in South Knoxville, implement more early literacy programs, strengthen and expand CTE opportunities, and partner with county leaders to address future capital needs in her district.

Rountree's campaign kickoff is set for Tuesday at 3 Bears Coffee. She's encouraged participants

to bring a new or gently used book that will be placed in the "little free libraries" that surround South Knoxville schools.

"Growing great readers is a key to growing great schools," Rountree said. "These little free libraries are a place where students can borrow, return and give books within their school community. Reading is the foundation of success for our students and more access to books will help strengthen that foundation."

Rountree is a member of the Tennessee School Board Association, the National School Board Association, the Literacy Research Association, and attends St. James Episcopal Church.

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Gov. Sevier Corridor study moving forward

By Mike Steely
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It may seem surprising to Knox County drivers to find just how busy Governor John Sevier Highway in South Knox County is every day. During the rush hours it seems it is car after car traveling along the long stretch of road that connects Alcoa Highway to Asheville Highway.

Folks living along and near the highway know well that that portion of our area, split between the city and the county, is growing quickly and in need of some future planning.

South Knox Commissioner Carson Dailey asked the Metropolitan Planning Commission last year to look into the growth of the Governor John Sevier Corridor. A Stakeholder

Committee was formed and met for the second time recently at the administration office of Marble Springs Historic Site. More meetings are planned and there's a public session coming to get local residents' input.

Tentatively a community meeting is planned for Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at SoKno Market at 2014 West Gov. Sevier Highway. Liz Albertson, the MPC Staff member coordinating the corridor study, said the local market can seat about 75 people. If the turnout of area residents is large and, depending on the opinions received at that meeting, another public meeting may be planned.

Albertson said she will email flyers to the stakeholders who would print and distribute them, especially to local churches to be included in church bulletins. The meeting will be the first public session for the appointed group of citizens serving on the board.

Albertson noted that the highway from Alcoa Highway to Chapman Highway has been designed as

part of the Scenic Highway System in the state and that category sets some limitations on how the land along the highway can be used.

The planning commission's historic planner, Kaye Graybeal, addressed the stakeholder meeting and reminded them that if a local historic zoning is applied in the future it "cannot stop development but has certain requirements."

She asked that representatives of John Sevier's Marble Springs Historic Site and the Historic Ramsey House keep their nearby residents informed of the corridor study and the upcoming public meeting in March.

Several of the committee members mentioned homes and sites along the corridor that are not designated as "historic" including an old road. Graybeal said that vacant land can't be so designated but if the land adjoins a historic site it could be added as an extension of the historic site.

Graybeal said that while the national designation of a historic site doesn't protect it from being developed or demolished that such historic designation by the county does protect it. She said that Knox Heritage and the MPC has a map of all "antebellum" structures in the county and that she must sign off on any demolition of

those sites. She added that there are several structures within the Gov. John Sevier Corridor that are eligible for such a designation.

Graybeal presented several options that can be used along the route ranging from designating all of it as historic to other categories such as "conservation easements and rural retreats."

Albertson said the public meeting hopefully will survey local people for input. She urged anyone interested in the preservation and control of growth along the highway to go online to the MPC site and view the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study.

Board members include Dailey, Mike Brown, Terry Barnwell, Jim Buckenmyer, Art Dyer, Bob Dykes, Joyce Feld, John Gammon, Tim Graham, Buddy Gregory, Samantha Hickey, Mike Kidd, D.J. Krahwinkel, Judy LaRose, Dr. Ted Lewi, Jan Loveday-Dickens, Mark Mugford, Jim Sturdivan and Bob Thompson. Each member represents an aspect of the highway including historic sites, businesses, development, and preservation.

The board was authorized in a resolution by Dailey for the planning commission staff to undertake a study for managing the development along the corridor with the idea of protecting the historic assets, rural character and scenic qualities.



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Pictured left to right: Owner, Chris Mynatt, employees Michaela Turner and Hend Mlameldian and happy customer Jim Cogdill.

Ronald McKinney passes away

By Focus Staff

Ronald Joe McKinney, 71, passed away on Sunday, January 28. He was a retired and much admired teacher of Farragut Middle School where he taught science for more than 20 years. Ron was born March 29, 1946 to Paul W. McKinney and Zelma Coffey McKinney. After graduating from Harriman High School, he studied English Language at Roane State Community College, Environmental Science at Morgan State University and Education / Science at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ron had two daughters, Lisa McKinney and Dana Walden, and one granddaughter, Savannah Grace Walden. He also leaves behind brother and sister in-law Gregory W. McKinney and Terry Davis; nieces Rebecca Lee Hall and family, George, Wynn and Shy, and Allison Pilling and family, Cory, Alex and Arthur in addition to a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

After retiring, Ron spent time helping sort and value items at the Fountain City Auction before health problems hindered him. He continued to visit regularly at the auction and the adjoining Knoxville Focus Office. He published "Winter of 2017/2018 Cold and snowy? Warm and rainy?" in the December 4, 2017 edition of the paper.

"I will miss Ron's regular visits to my office. Even on days when he didn't feel well, he would come in with a cheerful smile—sometimes bringing jars of jelly or the apple butter he had perfected," said Rose King of The Knoxville Focus. "He would ask about my kids and swap stories and recipes. His positive



Ronald Joe McKinney passed away on January 28. The retired Farragut Middle School teacher will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

attitude and infectious smile would brighten any day."

Greg Lawson of the Fountain City Auction said, "Ron was a good personal friend and customer. He enjoyed the auction and antiques as much as the auction family atmosphere. He will be greatly missed."

Ron loved the outdoors, the Smoky Mountains and sitting on his patio enjoying his plants. He also enjoyed cooking, and spent much of the fall and winter making jams, jellies and apple butter that he sold at the flea market and often gave to friends. He kept up with family and friends on Facebook and posted on January 25th his plans to try his hand at making hot pepper jelly.

His friend Leslie A. Casteel posted on Facebook: "He was a caring, loving guy, always made us jams and jellies, and part of our family for the past 13 years. He was a dear friend."

Memorial contributions can be made to East Tennessee Children's Hospital or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

'Good people who do the right thing'

By Rose King

Navy veteran and loyal customer of Halls Cleaners, James H. Cogdill, wanted to personally thank Hend Alameldian and Michaela Turner for returning a large sum of money that had fallen out of his pocket on Saturday, January 21. He had been to the bank earlier Saturday morning before stopping at the cleaners to pick up laundry. At the next stop on his honey-do list for the day, he realized that the cash was missing. He was happy to learn when he returned home that

Alameldian had already called his wife and told her that she had placed the money in their safe until he could return to pick it up on Monday.

Cogdill told The Focus, "With all you hear about, it's like a breath of fresh air to know that there are still good people who do the right thing."

Alameldian said, "This is just what we do here. Michaela and I both counted the money and put it into the safe until he could come to pick it up."

Owner Chris Mynatt explained that this happens

sometimes at the cleaners. "It is not uncommon for customers to leave valuables, debit cards or money in the pockets of garments to be cleaned. Our employees follow the policy and contact the owners to return them. Small amounts of cash left in a pocket are credited to the payment on their account."

He added, "We conduct background checks and drug screening on all our employees and we just have good people working with us."

Sheriff candidates asked about video visits

By Mike Steely
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How do the two candidates for Knox County Sheriff feel about the current video visitation policy at the Knox County jail? That's the question that a coalition of citizens wants to know.

Almost four years ago the new policy went into effect permitting video visits only and eliminating face-to-face meetings between inmates and family members. Last week around 70 people, some with signs, met on the steps of the City-County Building to voice their objection to the current system and demand changes to permit

person-to-person visitation again.

Currently the only face-to-face visits prisoners are permitted are with their attorney or with clergy or law enforcement officials when their attorney is present.

"I challenge the candidates to step up and demand more oversight of the sheriff's office," John Butler of the Knoxville NAACP told the Face to Face Knox rally last week.

UT student Nathan Light told the rally that his father was once a prisoner and recalled how he visited him before he passed way in jail.

"That last hug and the

last smile mean everything," Light said of face-to-face visits.

Currently visitors can purchase 30 minutes of video visits for \$6. The video visitation costs the county nothing but the company that controls the encounters pays part of the funds to the county. The coalition claims that the county received almost \$70,000 since the video visits began in March of 2014.

Many of those present disputed the claim by the current sheriff's department that the forbidding of actual visits has cut back on the amount of drugs entering the facility. They also said the number

of violent acts inside the buildings have actually increased.

Andre Canty, a 1st District school board candidate and community activist, asked if all those in jail are bad people or if the video visits are just a bad policy.

"Do we care about these people or not?" he asked, adding, "It's all about revenue."

Rebecca Parr with the New Step Initiative recalled that her father died in prison but noted that she could visit him. "I got to hug him, squeeze him, and kiss him."

"These people are human beings. We're



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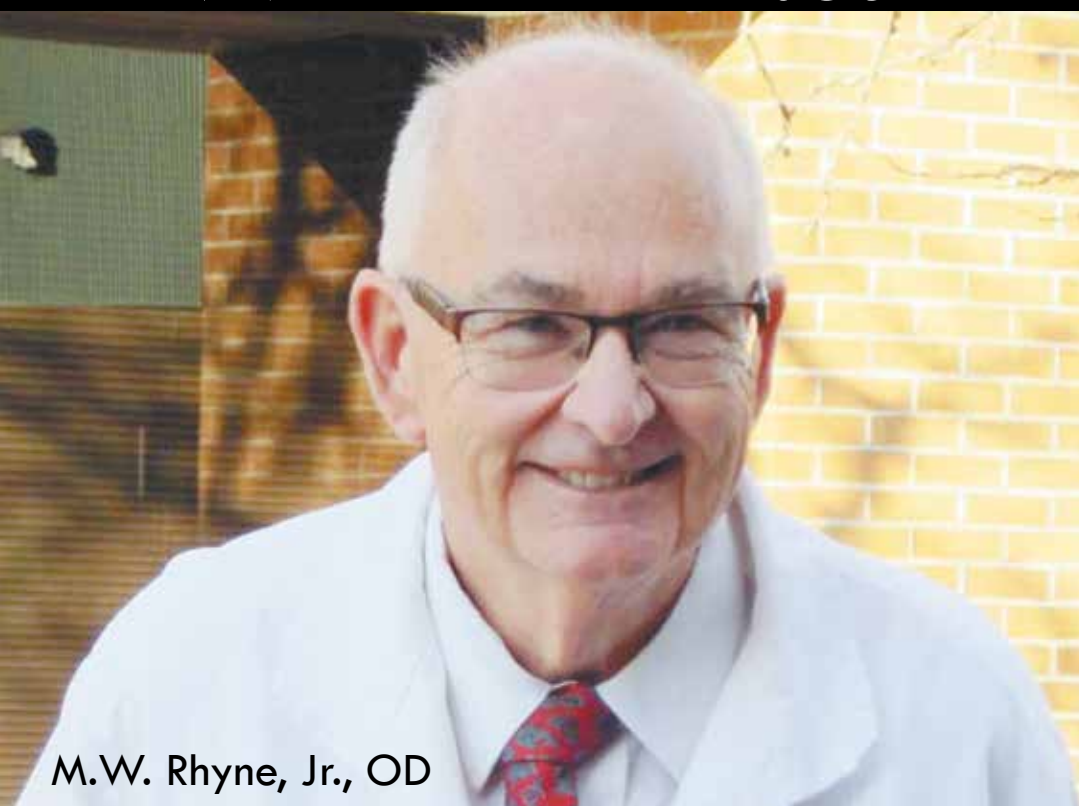
John Butler of the Knoxville NAACP challenged the sheriff candidates to speak up about the current video visitation policy at the county jail.

punishing families for not allowing these visits," she said. Parr also said that

the video visits are often "pixelated" and often don't

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Harry Truman's White House Restoration

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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The White House, following a century and a half of wars, repairs and the addition of a new third floor caused serious problems for the area reserved for the First Family. Virtually nobody thought Harry Truman would be occupying the White House in 1949 and the Republican Congress had been exceptionally generous in appropriating money for much needed repairs. The Truman restoration had its roots in the twelve years when Franklin Roosevelt had been president. FDR had been too preoccupied with the Great Depression and World War II to consider improvements to the White House. Roosevelt had made significant additions to the White House in both the West and East Wings as the President's office and staff had grown considerably. Still, the West Wing was especially crowded and the White House did not even have a cafeteria.

A report was filed by the Army Corp of Engineers in 1941, which pointed out fire hazards, as well as structural failure in several areas of the White House. FDR's greatest fear was fire due to his being crippled, but the President paid no attention to the report. Following the death of Franklin Roosevelt, Bess and Harry Truman moved into the White House. It was not long before Truman and his family noticed swaying floors and chandeliers moving about in an odd way. Perhaps the greatest impetus for moving along the restoration project was when a leg of Margaret Truman's piano went right through the floor of her sitting room, which was situated above the family dining room. Upon investigation, engineers found the floor had not only rotted, but also had sunk eighteen inches over the years. The New York Times wrote, "The ceiling of the East Room... weighing seventy pounds to the square foot, was found to be sagging six inches on Oct. 26, and is now being held in place by scaffolding and supports..." Supporting bricks, which had been purchased second hand in 1880, were discovered to be disintegrating. The President's bathtub was sinking into the floor, although the White House architect made the surprising observation the building's "structural nerves" were impaired, but otherwise the executive residence was in "good shape." The plumbing had become barely short of a nightmare for White House residents. The White House Historical Association noted the executive mansion was standing "by force of habit" more than anything else. After 140 years of

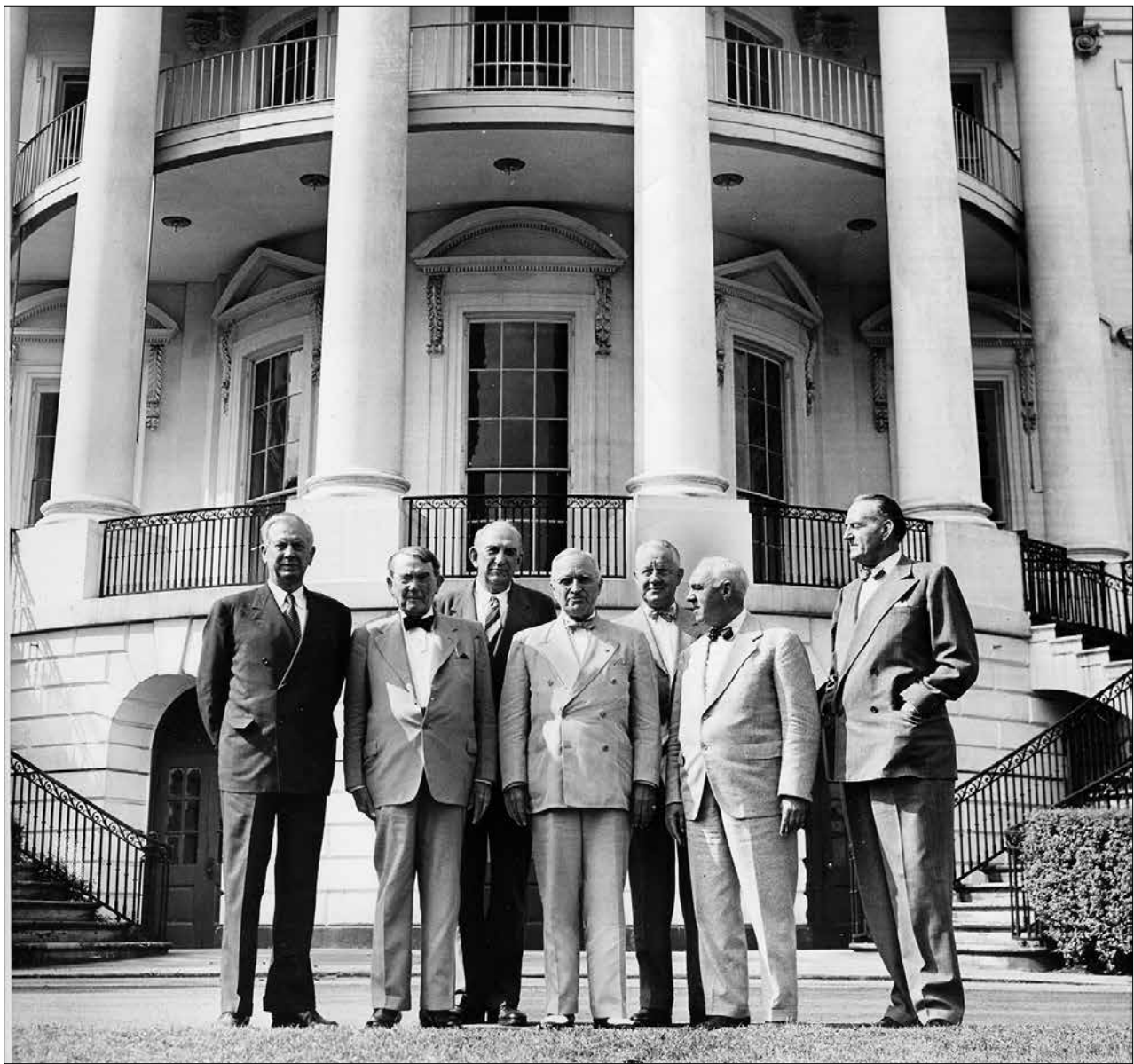
additions and tinkering, the observation was as shrewd as it was accurate.

Truman never lost his sense of humor, but his wife Bess was somewhat more dour, especially in public. President Truman was taking a bath while Mrs. Truman entertained friends from the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Blue Room of the White House. As Truman bathed, the First Lady noticed the chandelier in the Blue Room wobbling dangerously. The President joked he very well could have landed in the midst of the Daughters of the American Revolution in his bathtub wearing nothing but his glasses. Truman said the upstairs floor "sagged and moved like a ship at sea." It was a year later when Margaret Truman's piano leg went through the floor.

As to the White House plumbing, John Quincy Adams was the first president to bring water that could be pumped into the White House. Unfortunately, according to the White House Historical Association, it was only used to water the president's garden. Tennessee's Andrew Jackson was the first chief executive to have running water inside the White House as well as the first "bathing room." Flushing toilets were installed while Millard Fillmore was president, but it was Franklin Pierce who had the first "modern" bathroom constructed inside the White House. Some members of the Senate viewed the idea of indoor plumbing inside the White House with horror. They believed the idea of indoor bathrooms were distinctly unsanitary. Before 1850, presidents and janitors alike had to leave the White House to relieve themselves.

Another modern convenience was the telephone. The first telephone was installed in 1877 during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. President Hayes was astonished the first time he used the telephone and declared Alexander Graham Bell's invention "wonderful." The White House number was quite easy to remember; it was 1. Nor was the White House telephone placed on the president's desk. That did not occur until Herbert Hoover occupied the Oval Office.

Author Robert Klara, who wrote "The Hidden White House," extensively detailed the many serious flaws with the building. As Truman campaigned in 1948, Klara wrote a more thorough investigation of the condition of the White House gave cause for considerable alarm. The foundations for the walls supporting the upper floors of the White House were all but gone; the investigation



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Tennessee's Senator K. D. McKellar (second from left) standing beside President Harry Truman on the White House grounds in 1949

concluded the interior of the White House was sinking into the ground and there was every reason to believe the entire structure was in imminent danger of collapse. The White House was no longer safe for the Trumans to live in, nor was it safe for the many employees who worked there. Congress responded by creating the Commission on the Renovation of the Executive Mansion, which allowed Truman to appoint two of the six members, with the Senate and the House of Representatives appointing the other four. Tennessee's senator Kenneth D. McKellar was appointed to serve on the commission and was named chairman. The other Congressional members were Senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, Congressman Louis Rabaut of Michigan, and Congressman Frank Keefe of Wisconsin.

Shortly after being named to the commission, McKellar suffered second and third degree burns when he fell into a bathtub with overheated water. Senator McKellar sent his resignation to Vice President Alben W. Barkley, saying his accident made it impossible for him to serve on the commission. McKellar's resignation was refused and after a time in the hospital, the veteran senator returned to work. Chairman of the Senate's Appropriations Committee once again, McKellar added to the money allotted by the previous Republican Congress. The Tennessee Democrat told his colleagues on the floor of the Senate spending the public's money had shattered his own boyhood dreams. As a boy, McKellar thought it must be wonderful to have money to spend. Senator McKellar wryly noted he had shepherded \$30 billion in appropriations alone by early August of 1949. "As a boy," McKellar said, "I thought the greatest joy on earth would be to spend money." "I never had any," McKellar added, "but I saw other people spending it." McKellar sighed and

concluded, "I've learned that spending money is a hard job if a man is conscientious - - - and God as my judge I've been conscientious."

Tearing down the White House had been seriously considered, but eventually it was determined to gut the interior and leave the exterior walls standing. Senator McKellar made the announcement "after a long conference at the White House." Instead, the White House would undergo a \$5,400,000 renovation. The renovation was much more than the "facelift" described by much of the press; for most of his term in office, President Harry Truman and his family lived in the Blair House.

Congressman Frank Keefe confided it had been a difficult decision whether to raze the White House or renovate it. Keefe realized the White House was more than a building or a residence; it represented the very history of America and was an important symbol to the American people. "Gaping holes appear on the floors where the nation's greatest men and women have tread," Congressman Keefe said, "exposing the corrosion and decay which have taken possession of this grand old building."

Harry Truman recognized the importance of the White House to Americans better than anybody and he had testified before Congress to urge restoration rather than demolition. "It perhaps would be more economical from a purely financial standpoint to raze the building and rebuild completely," Truman admitted. "In doing so, however, there would be destroyed a building of tremendous historical significance in the growth of the nation."

President Truman was photographed with the members of the commission on the White House grounds after inviting them to tour the building in June of 1949. Around the same time, Senator McKellar was at the center of a controversy involving a photograph

taken by Ms. Marion Carpenter, a freelance photographer. Political columnist Tris Coffin had made the mistake of referring to Ms. Carpenter having "teased and smiled" to convince the old senator to pose for a photograph. Evidently susceptible to Ms. Carpenter's charms, McKellar posed for a photograph and apparently liked the end result well enough to purchase large copies in quantities. "I don't tease anybody into posing," Marion Carpenter snapped to a reporter.

Marion Carpenter found Tris Coffin eating in the Senate cafeteria and flung a bowl of the famed bean soup in the startled columnist's face, bellowing, "Here's an exclusive for you!" The tall and raven-haired Marion Carpenter then stomped off. An angry Coffin said he regretted his mention of Ms. Carpenter "as favorable and factual." Coffin's reference to Ms. Carpenter's method of persuasion stated she "talks her subjects into putting on makeup" for "eye-opening character studies of the greats in Congress."

The restoration of the White House was a painstaking process, which involved storing every piece of the interior structure, including the walls, so the exterior walls could be reinforced with brand new concrete columns.

Truman, a veteran of the Senate, might have despaired at times with Senator Kenneth McKellar's occasional displays of bad temper, but was shrewd enough to know when the Tennessean was committed to a project, he pursued it relentlessly. McKellar saw to it the White House restoration had the necessary funds and in January of 1950 celebrated his 81st birthday. As he got older, the senator was a bit touchy about the topic of his age. When reached in Washington and asked by a reporter for a comment, Senator McKellar barked, "I am happy that the Good Lord has been so

kind to me to this time." Asked whether he had any special plans to celebrate his birthday, the senator refused to comment. As the restoration was reaching completion, McKellar had to fend off Senate Republicans in the Appropriations Committee, who complained about various costs. McKellar was resting in Memphis when he was called back to Washington for "urgent" business involving the Commission on the Restoration of the Executive Mansion in November of 1951. Anticipating his seventh bid for the U. S. Senate, McKellar said, "I regret having to leave so hurriedly and hope to be able to return soon and carry on my visit in Tennessee."

Harry Truman and his family finally moved back into the White House on March 27, 1952. The President was given a gold key to the White House in a small ceremony just at the entrance of the executive mansion. The White House was much the same as it had been before the Trumans had moved to Blair House, but 48 rooms had been expanded to 54. Both the spaces open to the public and the quarters reserved for the president's family were restored to look like the original rooms. By February of 1952, workers sanded the floors, installed tiles and painted the walls. Soon thereafter, furniture began arriving from storage in anticipation of President Truman and his family returning to live in the White House.

Yet another innovation made its way into the White House when President Truman led a reporter on a televised tour of the executive residence, an event watched by an estimated 30 million Americans. The restoration of the White House pushed by Harry Truman was clearly the most extensive and radical in the history of the executive residence. The changes initiated by Harry Truman remain to this day.

Miss Brunetta

By **Ralphine Major**
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She may have been best known as a fourth grade teacher at Gibbs Elementary School. I knew who she was because our father had her as a teacher. Brunetta Sharp graduated from Gibbs High School and The University of Tennessee and enjoyed a long career at Gibbs Elementary. Teaching was her life! I can remember seeing her at recess putting on a ballcap and playing kick ball with her students. She was never my teacher, but she was our neighbor--and a good neighbor she was. Sometimes she would bring greeting cards and gifts addressed to "Major 4" before our father passed away, or a book of stamps, or a plate of fresh-baked cookies. Our mother often gave her and her brother, Tom, a large piece of cake only to learn that the teacher stopped and shared it with

others on the way home.

Miss Brunetta lived in the house where she grew up. It was a picturesque setting surrounded by rolling hills and towering trees. One fall, I used a whole roll of film taking pictures of their home nestled among the beautiful, colored leaves and framed them for her. A step inside the house was like stepping back in time. Across the road from her lived second grade teacher Avis Sharp. Miss Brunetta could often be seen driving her big, blue Buick along our rural roads and picking up litter. When someone in the community passed away, she would canvass the neighborhood collecting money for flowers. I loved her spirit and enthusiasm for life. On Sunday, she would be dressed for church. I was always intrigued by her sense of fashion and often thought she looked like a model as she made her way to a church pew. Before



Picture of Miss Brunetta Sharp that she gave to this writer years ago.

the service, Brunetta would often bring a bouquet of flowers from her garden for the church sanctuary. When we first moved to the neighborhood, Miss Brunetta sometimes visited for hours at a time, telling stories of past years. She was a walking history book and a wealth of information.

Though she retired in the sixties and passed away several years ago, the teacher will surely be remembered for many years to come. Miss Brunetta touched the lives of so many--one student at a time.



**Rosie's
World**

A man and his soul

He was born on September 23, 1930 in Albany, Georgia, to a teenage orphan making her living as a sharecropper. Later his father abandoned them.

He started to lose his sight around the age of four or five and became completely blind at the age of seven. His younger brother drowned in his mother's laundry tub and doctors assumed this traumatic event spurred his blindness, but later they ascertained it was caused by glaucoma.

His mother was able to enroll him at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind where he learned to play the piano by Braille.

Frank Sinatra called him

"the only true genius in show business."

Here are some interesting facts about this famous musician: In 1979 his classic rendition of "Georgia On My Mind" was approved as the official song of the state of Georgia, and he as invited to be present at the State Capital to its first performance. He was inducted into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

In recognition of both his artistic and humanitarian achievements, he received a Star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame on December 16, 1981.

Who is this "man of soul?" Ray Charles, of course. I became interested in his story in a roundabout way. I received a piano for Christmas. Not a new one but a used one from my daughter's church. I love to "strum" on it, playing the old-fashioned hymns and some new ones, and also some famous ballads from years

gone by. Among my musical repertoire I found a book of Ray Charles' songs. What a delight!

Especially during this month of February--the month of love and for lovers. While flowers, candy, Valentines and other beautiful objects depicting one's love for another, the sad but melancholy tunes that Ray brought us must also be included. I love most of his music but my favorites songs are "Born to Lose," "Unchained Heart" and "I Can't Stop Lovin' you." His mellow tones can reach one's heart, helping us to remember that whatever life thrusts upon us, music can calm the soul. Thank you, Ray Charles.

He passed away June 10, 2004 in Beverly Hills

Thought for the day: when love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. John Ruskin

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

Sheriff candidates asked about video visits



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Last week's "Face to Face" rally drew about 70 people to protest the video-visits at the Knox County Detention Center. Various speakers talked about the policy and asked the candidates for sheriff to speak out on the issue.

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work. She said that many families don't have access to a home computer and must drive to the Knox County Detention Facility on Maloneyville Road to do the video visits.

Tex Pasley of the No Exception Prison Collective said the sheriff's office claims the policy has not changed because their office is innovative and has heard no complaints about the current system.

"The 60 or 70 people here, together, we can fight this," Pasley said. He said that the citizens "want a community focused jail."

"I spoke with a representative from the coalition last week," Tom Spangler told The Focus Tuesday. Spangler is the former chief deputy running for sheriff.

"They asked me if I would be willing to entertain using face-to-face visitation as a backup to the video visitation and I told them I would certainly consider the notion as a backup, but would also look into costs and staffing shortages. Staffing has been an issue with the correction facilities for quite some time now," he said.

Lee Tramel, candidate for sheriff and chief of

the sheriff's department administration, told The Focus Thursday the current system is best for the jail employees, inmates and families.

"It's a solid policy and a manpower and officer safety issue," he said. He said the county spends an enormous amount on inmates and providing programs for them while in custody, and said the current video visitation system is available at any time.

"If they want to visit face to face with their families then don't go to jail," he said.

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Alvah Bible, longtime FCA sponsor, honored by CHS

By Steve Williams

A surprise for Alvah Bible didn't turn out to be a total surprise as planned, but Central High School's mission to honor its former longtime sponsor of the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes program was accomplished.

"I knew they were doing something," said Bible, following a ceremony in between the girls' and boys' basketball games at Central Tuesday night, Jan. 23. "I didn't know it was quite this detailed."

In 2000, the FCA honored Bible, who served as Central's sponsor for 32 years.

"This is what we call the Alvah Bible FCA Influence Award and it is for a coach or volunteer to FCA that has just been an exceptional example and a great leader on their campus or in their community," said Dean Craig, the multi-area director for FCA's 67 schools in a 16-county area in which Knoxville County is the "hub" in East Tennessee.

"Alvah was the first coach we recognized in this way and he was the namesake of the trophy because he certainly has been an outstanding person and a great leader in the Central High community."

There have been 17



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

A large turnout of friends and former recipients of an FCA award that bears his name were on hand as Central High honored Alvah Bible.

recipients of the award since Bible's selection and Athletic Director JD Lambert said CHS wanted to place a permanent plaque in the school gymnasium to honor Bible and the annual recipients.

The plan was for Bible to think he was only coming to

Central last week to present the 2017 award to Phillip Beeler of Karns.

"Somebody let the cat out of the bag," admitted Bible. "They wanted to do something about a plaque. But I didn't dream about all the people and the ex-award winners being here.

I thought that was pretty neat to get that many people to come out over a period of that many years.

"I was very humbled." Three "hiking buddies" – Lynn Hill, John Miller and Gordon Sisk – presented Bible with the special plaque as many of the

previous recipients of the award looked on at center court.

"Thirty-three years he taught here and coached about every sport," said Lambert.

Beeler, who has been Karns' FCA sponsor for 22 years, added, "Coach

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2004 Vincent Lambdin
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2011 Phillip Fulmer
2012 Bobby Henry
2013 Ken Sparks
2014 Tyler Lane
2015 David Moore
2016 Chuck Comer
2017 Phillip Beeler

Bible deserved every bit of it. It was good to see all the guys get back together. It was really special for him. He's a unique, special guy.

"The large turnout just shows you how much he's loved by the community and by all."

Bible recalled Tom Schumpert working with FCA when he first arrived at Central.

"He asked me to take it over and that's when I started in the fall of '72.

"Dwayne Sanders I think was very influential in me receiving the first award," added Bible. "He was the

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HS swim championships coming to Knoxville

By Ken Lay

The state's top swimmers will converge on Knoxville for the Tennessee State High School Swimming and Diving Championships.

The state meet will be held Feb. 9-10 at the University of Tennessee's Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatics Center.

Maryville High School won the Knoxville Interscholastic Swim League Championship on Jan. 20 at Tennessee. It was the Rebels' first city championship.

Top teams from Knox County included Hardin

Valley Academy. Bearden, L&N STEM Academy, Webb School of Knoxville, Farragut, Berean Christian, West and Catholic.

Hardin Valley led throughout much of the City Championship last month, only to see Maryville amass enough team points to capture the crown late.

Blount County's Rebels finished with 556 points, followed by the Hawks (542.50), the Bulldogs (490), the Gryphons (400), the Spartans (345), the Admirals (314), Berean Christian (274), West

(272.50), Oak Ridge (193) and the Irish (177).

Girls to watch include HVA's Carissa Armijo, a University of Nevada, Las Vegas signee; Farragut's Sarah Walker; Farragut's Marissa Van Leuven, Catholic's Kelsey Craigmont, Hardin Valley's Rachel Aycock, L&N STEM's Abigail Rumpp, Bearden's Abigail Tankersley, Webb's Emma Martin and Carter's Annie Rimmer, who led the Hornets to a 21st-place overall finish and a division championship as she accounted for all 40 of Carter's

team points. She also set a record at last month's meet.

Armijo set a record in the 200-yard individual medley.

"I wasn't thinking about the record. I was just trying to win the event for my team," Armijo said. "We had some great swims and some personal bests. I'm looking forward to competing with my team at the state."

Webb's Jack Hamilton, Bearden's Caleb Harrington, Berean Christian's Tommy Weir and West High's Coleman "Mama Bear" Kredich headline a talented crop of

local athletes competing in the boys division.

Harrington, who will continue his aquatics career in the Southeastern Conference at the University of Georgia, will compete in his last high school meet this week.

He's happy to be finishing his prep career in his home pool. But he said his final high school meet will be emotional.

"It's going to be my last state meet and I'm glad that it's going to be here," Harrington said. "I look forward to competing with my

team, having some great swims and setting some more records."

Hamilton, Webb's captain said that the Spartans are also looking forward to a swim on the grand stage.

"I'm really pleased with our team," Hamilton said after last month's city championships. "We finished in the top five and we were coming in after finishing 13th last year.

"We're looking forward to going to state."



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Your Guide to National Signing Day

By Alex Norman

It is an unofficial holiday for football fans across the country.

National Signing Day... when grown adults sit on pins and needles as they wait for teenagers they probably will never meet to decide where they will attend college.

This year NSD is on Wednesday, February 7th. I'm still waiting for the day when a recruit puts an Alabama cap and an Auburn cap on a table, puts one on his head and then immediately sets the other one on fire.

This would start a war. Tennessee's football team has had its share of problems over the past 14 months, and the Class of 2018 paid the price. The uncertainty regarding the future of Butch Jones as Tennessee's head coach forced long time commitments to re-think their decisions.

All-purpose back Lyn-J Dixon, a four-star from Butler, GA, was described by 247Sports as "a dynamic playmaker who is a threat to score every time he touches the football." He had been committed to Tennessee for months, but de-committed last October. He signed with Clemson during December's early signing period.

Running back Brendon Harris was another guy that had Tennessee in his future plans, committing to the Vols last May. But

the four-star from Baylor School in Chattanooga de-committed in early October, only a few days after Tennessee's 41-0 loss to Georgia. He ended up signing with Vanderbilt.

The biggest blow to Tennessee's Class of 2018 came when five-star offensive lineman Cade Mays de-committed in November. His story is well known amongst Vols fans. Mays is a Tennessee legacy. His Dad and Uncle both played for the Vols under Phillip Fulmer. He committed to the Vols back in the summer of 2015.

Mays ended up signing with Tennessee's divisional rival, Georgia.

The advent of the new early signing period was not a good thing for Tennessee and new head coach Jeremy Pruitt. While he was still preparing for Alabama's national playoff semifinal game against Clemson (Pruitt was the Tide defensive coordinator), there were key high school players getting ready to sign from December 20-22.

In years past, Pruitt would have had until the first week in February to catch up. Instead, a good number of top prospects made their decisions official early.

But new Tennessee athletic director Phillip Fulmer has complete confidence in Pruitt.

"Oh, he has a plan," Fulmer told 247Sports.

"He's been around some really good coaches at really good places. He knows what it's supposed to look like. He kind of followed up with his commitment to me as to who he thought he could bring with him. That's who showed up, which was good. He showed he can turn recruiting around in a hurry. We tripled our recruiting board in like two days, with that staff — and not people that we were looking at, but people that were looking at us. That made a big difference. Unfortunately we had the early signing period. I'd like to have had another couple weeks with that, or it could have been really good. But we got recruiting turned and turned quickly, and hopefully we can finish strong here. That's the foundation of winning, is having the good players here."

At last look Tennessee had the 19th best class in the nation according to 247Sports. With a few big signings on Wednesday, the Vols could finish in the top 15, which would be quite the accomplishment considering where that class stood back in early December.

Either way Tennessee fans hope now that the program is on stable ground, which will lead to even better National Signing Days in the future.

Defense helps Lady Hawks retain top spot in district standings

By Ken Lay

A stellar defensive effort helped the Hardin Valley Academy girls basketball team retain sole possession of first place in the District 4-AAA standings Tuesday night.

The Lady Hawks clamped down and notched a 42-26 league victory over Farragut at home. The victory kept HVA (20-4 overall, 10-2 in the district) perched atop the toughest Class AAA district in the Volunteer State.

Farragut (11-12, 6-7) potentially has one of the more explosive teams in the area. The Lady Admirals also have one of Knox County's more prolific outside shooters in junior guard Morgan Carbaugh.

And HVA held Carbaugh to just four points, one field goal and no points from beyond the 3-point arc.

"I was really pleased with our effort on the defensive side of the ball," Lady Hawks coach Jennifer Galloway said. "I'm really proud of our program tonight."

Every HVA player had her chance to guard Carbaugh on this night. But HVA senior Lizzie Davis and junior Kiara Inman were the ones largely responsible for limiting the damage.

"Carbaugh is a very explosive player. She's great off of the dribble and she's a really good 3-point shooter," Galloway said. "Lizzie and Ki did a great job on her."

"But Farragut is really tough to defend because they set a lot of screens and everybody had to guard [Carbaugh] at some time tonight. This was really a great team effort tonight."

Hardin Valley started fast and took a 14-8 lead out of the gate. The Lady Hawks would go up before the Lady Admirals trimmed the home team's advantage to 17-13. Brooke Christian made a steal, which she converted into a transition layup to make it 17-12 with 2 minutes, 52 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Madison Hodge made a free throw a short time later to make it 17-13 and Farragut appeared poised to make a run before halftime.

But the Lady Hawks had other ideas.

Paige Gentry and Abbey Cornelius made the final two buckets of the second quarter and HVA went to the locker room with a 21-13 lead.

The Lady Hawks would

return to the floor after the break and quickly began to gain control.

Gentry made a pair of 3-pointers to open the third quarter and Hardin Valley's advantage swelled to 27-15 with 5:32 left in the frame.

After Cornelius made the score 29-15, the Lady Admirals would pull to within 29-19 when Christian converted an old-fashioned three-point play with 2:26 left in the frame.

But a 3-pointer by Inman made the score 32-19 and HVA held that edge heading into the final eight minutes.

Hardin Valley limited Farragut to seven points in the fourth quarter.

Offensively, Cornelius and Gentry each scored 13 points for the Lady Hawks. Davis finished with seven.

Christian, who scored nine points to lead the Lady Admirals, said that she was disappointed. But she said that she hoped Farragut would learn from Tuesday night's game.

"I think we didn't show up like we should have and I think rebounding was a problem for us at times," she said. "But I think we can learn from this and I'm looking forward to the rest of the district season."

Babb propels Gresham past Lady Hurricanes in postseason opener

By Ken Lay

When the Gresham Middle School girls basketball team played Holston during the regular season, Mackenzie Babb didn't appear in the game. But she played and made a huge and immediate impact when the sixth-seeded Lady Gladiators hosted the Lady Hurricanes Thursday night in the first round of the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Babb, one of the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference's centers, scored 20 points and was a force on the boards and played some solid defense in the Lady Gladiators' 45-25 victory over the Lady Hurricanes at Gresham's Hayne Steed Gymnasium.

"When we played them earlier, I think we beat them by 10 or 11 points," Lady Gladiators coach Kiley Gray said. "It was a good competitive game."

"Mackenzie didn't play in that game."

But she played Thursday afternoon and made life miserable for Holston, the tournament's No. 11 seed.

Babb, who blocked several shots in the contest, scored eight points in the opening frame as Gresham opened a 15-10 advantage.

The Lady Hurricanes responded in the second quarter. Holston, which got eight first-quarter points (including two 3-pointers) from Abbie Buckner, but fell behind 21-12 when Babb grabbed an offensive rebound and immediately scored on a putback with 2 minutes, 23 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Lady Hurricanes scored the next seven points and pulled to within 21-19 when Cassidy Johnson knocked down a shot beyond the 3-point arc with 51.4 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

Babb, however, scored the last bucket of the half to give her team the 23-19 edge that it enjoyed at the break.

"Mackenzie has played like this a lot lately," Gray said. "She had a triple double last week against Bearden and she had a double-double against Farragut and there, she was one point away from a triple-double in that game."

"This is the way she can play when she believes in herself."


After halftime, Gresham took control and really blew things open.

The Lady Gladiators pulled away in the third quarter as they outscored the Lady Hurricanes 11-0 to start the second half and in total, Holston endured a scoring drought that lasted over seven minutes. Johnson finally ended the dry spell when she made a 3-point shot early in the final frame to make the score 36-22.

"I think all of the girls played really good defense," Gray said.

Gresham's post players were particularly effective

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Karns shakes off stubborn Central, 70-67

By Steve Williams

Central wouldn't go away. And in the end, it took a touchdown-like pass to notch a District 3-AAA basketball win for Karns.

The host Bobcats pulled within one point and quickly called timeout to stop the clock with 15.8 seconds remaining Tuesday night, Jan. 23.

Karns Coach Lee Henson set up the ensuing play that would start on the baseline 94 feet away.

K. J. Hawkins hauled in a pass for a layup that stood up for the Beavers' 70-67 victory.

"We always have a tough time when we play

at Central," said Coach Henson. "The play (for final basket) is a common option on our press break and if that wasn't open, then we were trying to get Tommy Sweat the ball because he is our best free throw shooter.

"Tommy has picked up the scoring since Teahz-jawon Hodge-Harper has been out the last two weeks due to illness and Tee is our second leading scorer and rebounder."

Hawkins, senior point guard, finished with a game-high 22 points. Sweat, a freshman wing, contributed 16 points.

Central got 20 points from sophomore Te'Von

Summers, 14 from senior Marcus Hixenbaugh and 12 from junior Sean Oglesby.

The Bobcats outscored Karns in three of the four periods of play, but the Beavers' 28-15 advantage in the second period was the difference.

Central trailed 64-57 well into the final period, but Summers drilled a 3-pointer, raced for a fast-break layup and drove down the lane for a third straight basket that tied the game with 1:54 to go.

With a chance to take the lead, the Bobcats misfired on the front end of a 1-and-1 bonus at 1:30.

"We still have a long way to go and need to be able

to finish games stronger at the end," said Henson.

The win lifted Karns to 9-2 in the district and 18-3 overall, but the Beavers lost to district frontrunner Oak Ridge 65-57 at home Thursday night.

Karns will finish regular season play with road games at Halls Tuesday and Gibbs Friday.

BLAIR SHINES: Sophomore Ashton Blair poured in 33 points and freshman shooting guard Morgan Webb 17 as the Central girls rolled 64-35. Freshman guard Kylee Scarbrough tallied 17 to lead winless Karns.



The Alvah Bible Campus Influence Award has been mounted in the Central High gym and will be updated annually as new recipients receive the FCA award that is named after Bible.

Alvah Bible, longtime FCA sponsor, honored by CHS

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FCA guy and would come to our school and I'd meet with him a lot of times."

Sanders is now FCA Program Director as well as Director of Sports Ministry for Emerald Youth Foundation.

Bible graduated from Corbin High (Ky.) in 1967 and received a football scholarship at Tennessee, where he was an offensive tackle. He also was involved with the FCA while at UT.

"We had a small FCA group at UT, including

teammates Steve Robinson and John Keller," said Bible. "That's where I got involved with it. We would speak at youth activities and churches. There were only just a few of us, but we did that quite a bit."

At Central, Bible served as offensive line coach under five head coaches - Frank "Boomer" Boring, Schumpert, Bob White, Harold Taylor and Joel Helton. He also spent time as head girls basketball coach and assistant track coach.

Middle school coaches honor area hoopsters

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference coaches named the conference's regular-season all-league team recently.

The South-Doyle Lady Cherokees won the 2017-18 regular-season championship and had three players named to the squad including Jamia Simmons, Ranaisha Gates and Terryauna Griffin.

Defending James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament Farragut was represented by Avery Strickland, Keeleigh Rogers and Ashlyn Sheridan. Strickland is the reigning James A Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Karns also had three players make the team as the Lady Beavers had Judea Taylor, A.K. Reichter and Olivia Neely were named to the squad.

Avery Treadwell and Hannah Stephens (West Valley) were selected along with Maddie Brillhart (Bearden), Reagan Trumm (Carter) Samiyah Smith (Cedar Bluff), Aaniyah Johnson (Gresham), Abbie Buckner (Holston), Cassie Sakhleh (Powell) and Rickia Watkins (Vine).

The Bearden Bruins, meanwhile, completed a perfect run in area middle school boys basketball. The Bruins, which went 13-0 in KCMSBC play and lost just one game all season, had three players named to the boys squad. Those players

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAYERS (2017-18 REGULAR SEASON)			
GIRLS		BOYS	
Maddie Brillhart #23 (Bearden)	Reagan Trumm #3 (Carter)	Will Bivens #25 (Bearden)	Altin Perry #10 (Bearden)
Samiyah Smith #10 (Cedar Blu')	Avery Strickland #23 (Farragut)	Ryan Neal #23 (Bearden)	Hudson Stokes #3 (Cedar Bluff')
Keeleigh Rogers #10 (Farragut)	Ashlyn Sheridan #44 (Farragut)	Isaiah Smith #33 (Farragut)	Dillon Atwell #23 (Farragut)
Aaniyah Johnson #32 (Gresham)	Abbie Buckner #25 (Holston)	Darian Bailey #24 (Gresham)	Anthony Thompson #21 (Holston)
AK Reichter #10 (Karns)	Judea Taylor #20 (Karns)	Tim Hall #24 (Karns)	Ty Gentry #1 (Karns)
Olivia Neely #14 (Karns)	Cassie Sakhleh #10 (Powell)	Noah Giger #50 (Northwest)	Bryce Burkhart #5 (Powell)
Jamia Simmons #2 (South Doyle)	Terryauna Griffin #21 (South Doyle)	De'Arius Kennebrew #24 (Powell)	Taishawn Cotes #30 (South Doyle)
Ranaisha Gates #32 (South Doyle)	Rickia Watkins #3 (Vine)	Quentin Carr #23 (South Doyle)	Ahija Washington #22 (Vine)
Avery Treadwell #34 (West Valley)	Hannah Stephens #14 (West Valley)	Javaree Roebuck #32 (Vine)	Elijah Bredwood #10 (Vine)
		Walker Kyle #24 (West Valley)	

included Will Biven, Altin Perry and Ryan Neal.

Vine (12-1 in conference play) also had three players named to the squad. The Golden Bears, who are the defending postseason tournament champions, were represented by Elijah Breadwood, Javaree Roebuck and Ahja Washington.

Farragut was represented on the squad by Isaiah Smith and Dillon Atwell. Powell had two selections including Bryce Burkhart and De'Arius Kennebrew. South-Doyle was represented by Tai Cates and Quentin Carr.

Karns had Ty Gentry and Tim Hall selected.

Hudson Stokes (Cedar Bluff), Anthony Thompson (Holston), Darian Bailey (Gresham), Noah Giger (Northwest) and Walker Kyle (West Valley) were also named to the team.

Lady Cherokees get defensive to down Gibbs 46-22

By Ken Lay

After falling behind in the first quarter, South-Doyle High School's girls basketball team turned up its defensive pressure and the Lady Cherokees were rewarded with a 46-22 victory over Gibbs on Monday, Jan. 29 in Corryton.

The Lady Cherokees trailed 10-6 at the end of the first quarter before getting a little defensive. South-Doyle (6-17) shut out the Lady Eagles in the second quarter. The Lady Cherokees used a 9-0 second-quarter surge to take a 15-10 lead at halftime.

Gibbs, which scored just 12 points after the first quarter, made just seven field goals in the contest. Four of those, including 3-point shots from Ashley Thomas and Kaleigh Caldwell, came early in the game.

The Lady Eagles (1-19) were blanked in the second stanza and held to three points in the third frame and the Lady Cherokees offense showed signs of life in the third quarter

before exploding for 22 points over the final eight minutes.

For Gibbs, Caldwell had a field goal and Angelina Brown scored a point from the free throw line as the Lady Eagles scored just three points in a 16-minute span.

South-Doyle coach David Scott said that the Lady Cherokees were extremely effective on defense at Gibbs.

"I thought we had probably our best offensive intensity that we've had all season," Scott said. "Our intensity on the defensive end was the best it was all year.

"Offensively, I told the

girls to keep shooting and the shots would eventually start going in."

As it turned out, Scott was correct. The Lady Cherokees outscored Gibbs 31-12 after halftime.

And things would've looked even more dismal for the Lady Eagles had they not been credited with a basket as time expired in the game.

South-Doyle's Maci Jones led all scorers with 13 points (all of which came after halftime). Mikayla Dunn had 12 points and made three jumpers from beyond the 3-point arc. Isabella McAnally finished with seven points and Aaryanna Billingsley added six.

Morgan Wilkerson had four. Brown scored eight points to lead the Lady Eagles.

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Like Lady Vols, South-Doyle gets better playing guys

South-Doyle's girls wrapped up the Knox County middle school regular season basketball championship last week and they could give the school's boys' team an assist for that accomplishment.



By Steve Williams

Eric Brabson, who coaches both the girls' and boys' teams, sometimes has had his girls practice against his boys this season ... somewhat like the Tennessee Lady Vols have traditionally gone up against "male practice players."

It has helped the South-Doyle girls' quickness, strength and confidence.

"We definitely have the boys play defense against the girls," said Brabson prior to a practice session last Wednesday. "Some of the girls get a little bit stronger from it. They get to the point like 'we can compete against boys,' and

then they feel kind of comfortable competing against any group of girls.

"For some of them, it helps with their quickness, especially if they have to defend boys."

Early in the season, the focus was working on basic skills.

"But since we've come back from Christmas, we've definitely done a lot more with boys versus girls," said Brabson, who has seen positive results in games.

For example, he has noticed starting point guard Jamia Simmons' ball control benefitting from it, "because the guys are more apt to snatch the ball from her in practice. Now she's a little bit stronger with her ball control in games."

Brabson said his two teams also have competitions, "like shooting games, with the boys against the girls to see who shoots better. They definitely like to compete against each other."

This past Saturday, South-Doyle turned its full attention to its female



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

South-Doyle's girls captured the Knox County Middle School regular season basketball championship last week. Back row (left to right): Saniya Andrews, Lamina Baker, Terryauna Griffin, Abby Sullivan, Grace Clemmer and Jamia Simmons. Front Row (left to right): Alexis Pacheco, Skyler Burgess and Logan Jordan. Not Pictured: Ranaisha Wilkerson and Maykayla Wilkerson.

counterparts in the annual Knox County Middle School tournament. The top-seeded Lady Cherokees were scheduled to play Powell Saturday morning to tip off a full day of quarterfinal action.

The tourney is slated to resume Tuesday with girls' and boys' semifinal games starting at 4:30 at Karns

Middle School.

The girls' and boys' consolation games (4:30 and 5:45) and championships games (7 and 8:15 p.m.) will be played Thursday at Karns.

If you're a sports fan but have never been to the annual county tournament, I would recommend checking it out, particularly one

of the final two nights.

You won't have to have a son or daughter playing in it to enjoy the action and pure sports drama you'll witness from the 13 and 14-year-old athletes.

It definitely should be on your "local" sports bucket list to check off.

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS		
(Final Regular Season)		
BOYS		
Team	Wins-Losses	
Bearden	13-0	
Vine	12-1	
South-Doyle	11-2	
West Valley	9-4	
Powell	8-5	
Karns	8-5	
Farragut	7-6	
Northwest	6-7	
Gresham	5-8	
Holston	5-8	
Whittle Springs	3-10	
Cedar Bluff	2-11	
Halls	1-12	
Carter	1-12	
GIRLS		
Team	Wins-Losses	
South-Doyle	12-1	
Farragut	12-1	
West Valley	11-2	
Karns	10-3	
Carter	10-3	
Gresham	8-5	
Bearden	7-6	
Powell	6-7	
Halls	4-9	
Vine	4-9	
Holston	3-10	
Whittle Springs	2-11	
Cedar Bluff	2-11	
Northwest	0-13	

Cherokees use balanced attack, transition defense to down Gibbs 67-55

who knocked down a long-range shot at the end of the opening period, led the way with 12 points. Gus McNally came off the bench and dropped 11 points on the Eagles. He had eight in the second half, including six in the third quarter to help SDHS open a 46-34 lead by the end of the frame.

Jayden Doyle finished the contest with 10 points. Keshawn Colbert scored

nine points. Austin Shuler added eight while Mason Brang and Kendrick Holland finished with six points each for the Cherokees, who led 38-30 at halftime.

Caden Cupp led the Eagles with 15 points and Steele Albino scored 12, including 11 over the final 16 minutes. Shawn Park finished with eight while Dawson Warwick finished with six on the strength of a pair of first-half 3-pointers.



South-Doyle's Gus McNally (24) blocks a pass from Gibbs guard Quentin Jenkins. Photo by Ken Lay

Babb propels

on this night. Maciah Harrison and scored six points and played her best game of the season according to Gray.

Aaniyah Johnson scored 12 points for the Lady Gladiators. Guard Cadence Horner also scored six points for Gresham.

Buckner and Cassidy Johnson scored eight points each in the season finale for the Lady Hurricanes.

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNEY SCORES

GIRLS	BOYS
First Round	First Round
West Valley 46, Northwest 7	Powell 57, Cedar Bluff 39
Karns 49, Cedar Bluff 14	Gresham 50 Northwest 28
Gresham 45, Holston 25	West Valley 53, Halls 13
Carter 43, Whittle Springs 10	South-Doyle 74, Carter 48
Bearden 30, Vine 21	Farragut 66, Holston 34
Powell 34, Halls 27	Karns 59, Whittle Springs 40
Quarterfinals	Quarterfinals
South-Doyle 42, Powell 10	Gresham 50, Bearden 47
Karns 31, Carter 23	West Valley 47, Powell 30
Farragut 51, Bearden 14	Karns 49, South-Doyle 47
West Valley vs. Gresham	Vine vs. Farragut

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR Black History Month

By Randall Baxter

National African-American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

African Americans played an important role in the American Revolution. They fought at Fort Ticonderoga and the Battle of Bunker Hill. A slave helped row Washington across the Delaware. Altogether, some 5,000 free blacks and slaves served in the Continental army during the Revolution, many serving as replacements for their Plantation owners.

Born a slave on Benjamin Oden's plantation in Prince George County, Maryland, around 1793, Frederick Hall is better known as William Williams – a man of color who fought and died defending Fort McHenry during the 1814 Battle of Baltimore.

I found this quote, possibly by Frederick Douglass, "Once the black man gets upon his person the brass letter, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pocket, there is no power on earth that can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship."

After the Civil War, many black soldiers decided to stay in service to their country. They went out west to keep the peace and to enforce government policies. The Indians saw them as fierce warriors, and because of the curly character of their hair, that reminded the Indians of the hair of a buffalo and the story of the Buffalo Soldiers began.

Called the most integrated battle force of the 19th century, the troops of the 24th Infantry and the 9th and 10th Cavalry fought up the slope of San Juan Hill along with white regular army regiments and the

1st Volunteer Cavalry (the Rough Riders) led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Twenty-six Buffalo Soldiers died that day, and several men were officially recognized for their bravery. Quarter Master Sergeant Edward L. Baker, Jr. of the 10th Cavalry emerged from the battle wounded by shrapnel, but was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

After the Battle of San Juan Hill, Rough Rider Frank Knox said, "I never saw braver men anywhere." Lieutenant John J. Pershing wrote, "They fought their way into the hearts of the American people."

In the following weeks of February, I will tell you stories of black soldiers I have gotten to know in my seven years of interviews on the radio and in my writings.

Black sailors before World War II were treated and served mostly as cabin boys to white naval officers. General Patton wanted his black soldiers to load and unload the ships and many became part of the famed RED BALL EXPRESS.

Each had issues to deal with as a black soldier in an American Military. One was expected to climb into a 20mm or 40mm gun to fight German Dive bombers, and eventually Japanese Kamikazis. White American Soldiers still refused to ride in the same train car when they returned from the war. In Vietnam, soldiers had to decide if the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King would cause a problem in the jungles. Some would come home with a mission to correct many of the inequalities they faced. Some would become servants to all veterans. These and more. I am proud to have gotten to know these fine men. I salute them all.

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Antithesis

By the time you read this, it will be February. This year Groundhog Day will be on Friday February 2nd. Legend holds that if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, we'll have six more weeks of winter. Hopefully, it'll be cloudy over Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and spring will be just around the corner.

As I pen this essay it is a cold and bright day in Knoxville, with a cloudless azure sky. The deep blue reminds me of blue skies as seen from high elevation in the Rocky Mountains. We see blue sky because dust particles in the upper atmosphere scatter the shorter wavelengths of light preferentially, so blue is reflected back to our eyes. The forest outside my window is grey and brown. In winter there isn't much green reflected toward my observing eyes.

Humans see only a limited range of the electromagnetic spectrum which extends from the

infrared to the ultraviolet and beyond. I learned the color mnemonic, ROY G BIV, in junior high school. Red, orange, yellow green blue indigo and violet are the colors humans see. Bees "see" in the ultraviolet range. And with their compound eyes, the world must look very different.

This February, influenza rages everywhere we look. Some are even referring to this season's outbreak as the "Australian flu" because it was first noticed Down Under that flu shots may not be as effective this year. Scientists study the constantly mutating influenza virus and formulate a vaccine each year to protect us from the influenza scourge in our neighborhood. Flu vaccines work by stimulating the immune system to make white blood cells which then quickly recognizes the influenza virus and mobilizes the body to resist disease.

Most influenza is designated as either A or B. Asian flu was type A, and the Hong Kong flu was a type B infection. The B variety of flu does not mutate as often as the type A. Both are identified by their surface receptor proteins called hemagglutinin and neuraminidase. These proteins enable the virus to attach and penetrate human cells and then spread to other cells.

Vaccines exist as either an inactivated virus or as a weakened live virus. Vaccines usually protect against two strains of influenza A and one B strain (trivalent). This year, a quadrivalent vaccine is available which protects against two strains of A and two strains of B influenza. The other day I read that experts are working on a universal influenza vaccine which would cover all of the varieties of influenza infection. Unfortunately, I suspect the virus will discover a way to work around our science in the same way that bacteria develop resistance to indiscriminate use of antibiotics. Wouldn't it be nice if we could inoculate Americans against the miasma of the Washington swamp?

The bilge that emanates from the media and the swamp of Washington fouls the television airways and saddens my heart. I actually think this miasma is physically and emotionally

unhealthy. Others have voiced the same opinion. This hatred goes far beyond disagreement with a person or perspective. It is a visceral and destructive emotion, where logic and reason are suspended. The Trump hatred syndrome was evident on the faces of the Democrats during the President's State of the Union message.

My dislike of Obama's policies are well known, but I do not hate Obama or wish him ill. The visceral reaction to Trump by the so-called left is unhinged and pathological. Even Jimmy Carter has commented on the unprecedented assault on Trump by the media, Hollywood, the ruling class in the Swamp, the "deep state," academia and the cesspools of social media. I also find it unhealthy that Obama has not left the White House and gone "quietly into that good night," but has returned to his roots as a community organizer and leads the so-called "resistance" with his non-profit OFA, Organizing for America.

I was a science guy in my formal education. After passing internal medicine and then geriatric boards, I no longer have to study and pass tests. I'm now free to explore my interests and extend my horizons in, for instance, the humanities. With a smartphone and the

internet I am free to pursue my fancies including Hegelian dialectics.

Hegel was a German philosopher and notable for this method of discourse or dialogue. It begins with a thesis (perspective). Then, its opposite or antithesis is added to the discussion. In the setting of reason and mutual respect, the interplay of ideas can proceed and eventually lead to a synthesis or merging of ideas. This conclusion then becomes a new thesis (perspective).

Unfortunately, in today's America the critical element of reason and mutual respect no longer exist, so the euphemistic term "conversation" is used which is actually a disingenuous facade. Examples are the so-called "conversations" on TV segments between opposing talking heads which frequently degenerate into shouting matches. No one is converted in these staged gladiatorial contests. I just change channels. I read recently that a relationship with the messenger is more influential than his argument. How true this is.

Trump and his policies are the antithesis of Obama. I have seen these two presidents act respectfully with each other, while disagreeing on policy. I don't perceive hatred in them, but perhaps these two generals just leave the

bloody trench warfare of politics to their surrogates. I have friends who don't ascribe to my conservative perspectives. Nonetheless, we remain friends and can have a dialectical discussion because there is mutual respect and we can consider the merits of the other's argument offered with logic instead of emotional invective.

The word justice connotes fairness. But, what is the standard by which the comparison is made? Our country is a republic, a form of government predicated on the rule of law. The rules are codified in the Constitution. However fair or noble these rules or laws are, they are not supreme, just inventions of man. I don't speed because it's dangerous and I may get a ticket for breaking man's law. However, I don't steal or lie because it's wrong and violates the Moral Law written on my heart and mind and soul by God.

Shining a light into the basement causes rats to scurry away. I pray that the light of spring is shining into the swamp of Washington and the rats will be exposed to justice and then, we can forgive them. That is the noble thesis of the Master.

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

Responsible Pet Ownership

February is responsible pet owner month and what better way to celebrate than with a pat on our backs for a job well done. Maybe you

are considering your first pet or maybe it has been a long time since you have had a pet. What is responsible pet ownership, and are you ready to make a commitment till death do you part. Hobo the Wonder Dog and I enjoy a great relationship and with that commitment comes responsibilities and rewards.



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

This responsible pet ownership month if you do not have a pet, Hobo and I want to encourage you to consider the joys of having a pet.

Pet ownership comes with many responsibilities, financial obligations, and recognizing pets have emotional needs that require a commitment of time. I believe having time to nurture a pet emotionally is just as important as having finances to care for an animal. Frequently I am asked is about nutrition and which dog food I feed Hobo. Food and health are probably the most financially demanding for the average pet owner. Nutrition is probably the most confusing and least understood subject of owning a dog. Advertisers offer beautiful bags and displays

that reel through your mind like a picture show of the ideal food for your pooch. Reality? I advocate researching brands and types of pet food in a budget that is within a comfortable price range for you and is nutritionally balanced for your pet. No matter the nutritional food—the emotional diet you give your pet is probably more important.

Today pet parents have many of the same options to care for their pets as parents have to help care for their children. It would seem the world has gone to the dogs—and what's wrong with that? I believe the emotional health of an animal is just as important if not more important than the brand of food in their bowls. Nothing is more heartbreaking than to see a dog

chained in a yard; what is the point of having a pet if they are not part of the family. The commitment of owning a pet should be till death do you part.

Maybe you have not had a pet before or maybe it's been a long time since your last pet. This month might be the month you search your heart and find room for something special in your life—a pet. Yes, you do have to provide them shelter, food and water, healthcare and emotional love. These seem small when you realize the emotional support and love a pet offers you in return. If you are considering opening your heart to a pet and you are ready for the commitment—please consider adoption from a shelter or rescue group first. Nothing is better or

stronger than the love of a rescued pet.

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I salute all responsible pet owners.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 20, 2015, executed by Ronald J. Sturgill and Megan J. Felton, husband and wife, to Aspen Title and Escrow, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for PEOPLES HOME EQUITY, INC, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on July 22, 2015, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201507220004937.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, 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**, local time, at the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

Situated in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 32nd Ward of the City of Knoxville and being all of Lot 14 in Gillenwater Subdivision, Unit 3, as shown by map of recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 90-C (formerly Map Book 14, page 160, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said lot is fronting 65 feet on the southeast side of Gillenwater Road, and being more particularly bounded and described as shown on survey of G.T. Trotter, Jr., Surveyor, dated February 24, 1978.

The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no new boundary survey having been provided at time of conveyance.

This conveyance is made subject to restrictions as recorded in Book 699, page 113 and in Book 902, page 383, said Register's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Carlos Eric Gardona and Kaitlyn Ariana Gardona, by Special Warranty Deed dated June 3, 2011 and recorded June 8, 2011, in Instrument No. 201106080070832, Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Ronald J. Sturgill and Megan Felton from Carlos Eric Gardona and Kaitlyn Ariana Gardona by virtue of Warranty Deed dated 07/17/15 of record in Instrument # 201507220004936 in the Register's Office for Knox, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 070GE017
Commonly known as **3312 Gillenwater Dr., Knoxville, TN 37917**

However, by providing this address no additional coverage is shown

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

Current Owner(s) of Property: Ronald J. Sturgill and Megan Felton

Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

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. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Ronald J. Sturgill, Megan J. Felton, Megan Felton and Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clear Recon LLC
Substitute Trustee
5751 Uptain Road
Suite 514
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411
Phone: (877) 319-8840
File No: 1292-4364

Newspaper: The Knoxville News
Publication Dates: 1/22/2018, 1/29/2018 and 2/5/2018

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated February 26, 2007, and recorded as Instrument No. 200703010070146 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Albert O. Baah, single, ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to Thomas R. Underwood, as Trustee for Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, a certain tract of land located in Knox County, Tennessee, and the owner of the debt secured, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union,

having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is give notice that the undersigned will, on **March 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**, at the City-County Building, outside the large assembly room, Knox County, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

Situated in District 7 of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 31st Ward of the City of Knoxville, and being lot 8, Lakeview Addition, as shown by the map recorded in Map Book 18, page 134, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is made for a more complete and particular description;

Together with adjoining property described as follows: Beginning at an existing iron pin in the East line of Cliffside Lane, 1800 feet more or less southerly from the intersection with Holston Hills Road; thence South 19 degrees 12 minutes West 137 feet to an iron pin set, corner to Lot 8; thence with the line of Lot 8 South 79 degrees 45 minutes East 222 feet to an iron pin set in the Holston River; thence with said line South 16 degrees 45 minutes West 15 feet to an iron pin; South 26 degrees 14 minutes West 100 feet to an iron pin; and South 27 degrees 17 minutes West 115 feet to an iron pin; thence with the line of property now or formerly owned by Howard G. Atsinger III and Stewart W. Epperson (Deed Book 1903, page 1049) North 70 degrees 35 minutes West 193.60 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 19 degrees 49 minutes East 115 feet to an existing iron pin and North 19 degrees 49 minutes East 77.82 feet returning to the existing iron pin, corner to Lot 8; with all the area between the East line of the above and the low water line of the Holston River, and

BEING the same property conveyed to Albert O. Baah on July 30, 1999, by the deed recorded as Instrument Number 1999 08003 0010007 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

No merger of title is intended so as to extinguish the joint permanent easement recorded as Instrument Number 1999 0803 0010009 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER WITH the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, releasing all claims to homestead and any other rights therein. To have and to hold the said premises to the Second Party, and his successors forever, in trust for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

AND THE FIRST PARTIES, for themselves and for their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, do hereby covenant with the said Second Party, and his successors, that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the premises above conveyed and have full power, authority, and right to convey the same, that said premises are free from all encumbrances, and that they will forever warrant and defend the said premises and the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trusts.

Other parties interested as defined by Tennessee statutes and to whom the agent for the Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: Knox County, Tennessee, City of Knoxville, Rans Boateng, Edward Bandoh and Elow Awooner, Patrick C. Polis, State of Tennessee.

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; and 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 and/or agent for the Trustee. Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the agent for the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

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 agent for Trustee, and subject to the approval of the Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose.

Notice provided for the foreclosure sale of **1536 Cliffside Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914** by:

Jedidiah C. McKeethan
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Agent for Trustee
1111 Northshore Dr, Ste N-2900
Knoxville, TN 37919
865 588-1096

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 March 23, 2007, executed by SHIRLEY G PUGLISE, WILLARD J PUGLISE, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 27, 2007, at Instrument Number 200703270078170;

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

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 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:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, DISTRICT 9, 26TH WARD, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 227A, PAGE 567, ID# 109EE-005, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5 SYLVANIA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, MAP OF RECORD CABINET D SLIDE 251A, (MAP BOOK 44-S, PAGE 4), AS SHOWN ON SURVEY OF MICHAEL E. LUETHKE, SURVEY OR RLS NO. 842, DATED 06/16/1995,

DRAWING NO. 95231.
Parcel ID: 109EE005
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2324 SYLVANIA, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
CURRENT OWNER(S): SHIRLEY G PUGLISE, WILLARD J PUGLISE

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

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2005, executed by PAUL RIVARD AND ALICE RIVARD, conveying certain real property therein described to K WINSTON, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 16, 2005, at Instrument Number 200509160024980;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 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:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN DISTRICT NUMBER SIX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2212 PAGE 1013 ID# 133CJD028, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 28, WESTMORELAND SLIDE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN MAP CABINET K SLIDE 219-D, ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF BRUCE MCCLELLAN, R.L.S., DATED APRIL 23, 1996, AND BEARING DRAWING NUMBER 33457.

Parcel ID: 133CJD028
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **805 HANSMORE PL, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919**. 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): PAUL RIVARD AND ALICE RIVARD

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Internal Revenue Service (TN) 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. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201209210019038. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 2010600400597. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201707100001862. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS ANN LONG
DOCKET NUMBER 79865-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS ANN LONG who died Nov 27, 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 25 day of JANUARY, 2018.

TERESA ANN SCHUBERT; EXECUTOR 7305 PARLIAMENT DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BUD WALLACE DOTSON
DOCKET NUMBER 79862-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BUD WALLACE DOTSON who died Dec 5, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(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 25 day of JANUARY, 2018.

DAVID HOUK; ADMINISTRATOR
2097 HIGHTPOINT LANE
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY LYNN ROBERTS
MONROE DOCKET NUMBER 79860-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY LYNN ROBERTS MONROE who died Oct 31, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

This the 24 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ROBERT STEPHEN COX; EXECUTOR
6938 PEMMBROOKE SHIRE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

MICHAEL H MEARES ATTORNEY AT LAW
307 COLLEGE STREET
MARYVILLE, TN. 37804-5912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS R HOWELL
AKA THOMAS ROWE HOWELL
DOCKET NUMBER 79859-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS R HOWELL AKA THOMAS ROWE HOWELL who died Dec 5, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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 24 day of JANUARY, 2018.

LISA HOWELL DAVIS; CO-EXECUTOR
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JACKSON G KRAMER; CO-EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0629

JACKSON G KRAMER ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 629
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MELLIE E SEXTON BRUCE
DOCKET NUMBER 79857-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MELLIE E SEXTON BRUCE who died Nov 15, 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 the 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 date of the 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 the 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 24 day of JANUARY, 2018

MARY DARLENE KEIM; EXECUTRIX
4712 CIRCLE ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

A NICOLE TROUTT ATTORNEY AT LAW
101 DALTON PLACE WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PARK STALLWORTH
DOCKET NUMBER 79811-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PARK STALLWORTH who died Nov 20, 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 25 day of JANUARY, 2018.

NORENE JUNG STALLWORTH;
CO-EXECUTOR
7105 CRESTHILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

MARK JUNG STALLWORTH; CO-EXECUTOR
869 RIDGE GATE DRIVE
LEWISVILLE, NC 27023

ROBERT S MARQUIS ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 900
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JONATHAN ERIC THOMPSON
DOCKET NUMBER 79367-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of JANUARY 2018, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of JONATHAN ERIC THOMPSON who died Jul 13, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the 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 the 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 23 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF JONATHAN ERIC THOMPSON
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTIE RUTH STANSBERRY
DOCKET NUMBER 79868-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of
JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect
of the Estate of
BETTIE RUTH STANSBERRY
who died Nov 1, 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 26 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF BETTIE RUTH STANSBERRY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JANIE S LANHAM; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
208 MARINE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

RICHARD E STANSBERRY;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
908 EAGLE DEN DRIVE
SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

EDWARD L SUMMERS ATTORNEY AT LAW
5401 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 130
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT;
IN RE: AMANDA TENELLE 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 a The Knoxville Focus
Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 9th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DESCENDANTS OF MACY
LETSINGER FRANKLIN
IN RE: KELLY LYNN CHESHIRE v.
JEANETTE PARKER CARPENTER
NO. 194951-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the
Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the
defendant DESCENDANTS OF MACY
LETSINGER FRANKLIN, 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 DESCENDANTS
OF MACY LETSINGER FRANKLIN, it is ordered
that said defendant, DESCENDANTS OF MACY
LETSINGER FRANKLIN, file an answer with
the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at
Knoxville, Tennessee and with David B. Hamilton,
an Attorney whose address is, 1810 Merchant
Drive Knoxville, TN 37912 within thirty (30) days
of the last date of the publication or a judgment
by default will be taken against you and the
cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you
before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox
County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W.
Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This
notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus
Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 29th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RICARDO OLGUIN
IN RE: LILY MARIE PHILLIPS
-NO. 193976-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the
Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the
defendant RICARDO OLGUIN, 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 RICARDO OLGUIN, it is
ordered that said defendant, RICARDO OLGUIN,
file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the
Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and
with Alexander W. Gothard, an Attorney whose
address is, 8900 Executive Park Drive Knoxville,
TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date
of the publication or a judgment by default will
be taken against you and the cause will be set
for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor
John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery
Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street,
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be
published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for
four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 31st day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JONNI RIVAS
IN RE: MITZI JACQUELINE LOPEZ
NO. 194795-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint
filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant
JONNI RIVAS, 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 JONNI RIVAS, it is ordered that said
defendant, JONNI RIVAS, file an answer with
the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at
Knoxville, Tennessee and with Maria Dajcar, an
Attorney whose address is, 3701 N. Broadway,
Suite C, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30)
days of the last date of The publication or a
judgment by default will be taken against you
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to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the
Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400
W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
This notice will be published in a The Knoxville
Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 30th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DONNIE M. THARPE
IN RE: BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF
EAST TENNESSEE v. DONNIE M. THARPE
-NO. 195140-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint
filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant
DONNIE M. THARPE, 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 DONNIE M. THARPE, it is ordered
that said defendant, DONNIE M. THARPE, file
an answer with the Clerk and Master of the
Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with
Stewart M. Crane, an Attorney whose address is,
577 Pickle Rd. Loudon, TN 37774, within thirty
(30) days of the last date of the publication or
a judgment by default will be taken against you
and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as
to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the
Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400
W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.
This notice will be published in a The Knoxville
Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MEGAN S. MITCHELL;
IN RE: KEVIN KIRCHEM v.
MEGAN S. MITCHELL
NO. 194679-2
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX
COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint
filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant
MEGAN S. MITCHELL 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 MEGAN S. MITCHELL it is ordered that said
defendant MEGAN S. MITCHELL file an answer
with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery
Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with John M.
Boucher, Jr., an Attorneys whose address is,
625 Market Street, 14th Floor, Knoxville, TN
37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of
publication or a judgment by default will be taken
against you and the cause will be set for hearing
Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence
E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery
Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville,
Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published
in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4)
consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

MISC. NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The required annual meeting of Fort Sumter
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at 7 o'clock P.M. at the cemetery office located
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