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Rountree kicks off board re-election campaign

New data center to be the first of its kind in Tennessee

By Pete Gawda

The East Knoxville Community meeting held Thursday evening at the Burlington Branch Library looked at the Magnolia Avenue Market Area from Burlington to Broadway from three different perspectives.

Since the intersection of Magnolia and Broadway is ground zero for the homeless, Michael Dunthorn of the city's Office on Homelessness gave his perspective on that problem. On the economic side, Eric Wolburg of Commerce Bank and Doug Lawyer of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce spoke of economic development. The program was rounded out by Commissioner Bob Thomas, who is running for Knox County Mayor. Thomas spoke of his childhood days growing up in East Knoxville and his hopes for the future of the area.

"Homelessness is not an acceptable circumstance in our community," Dunthorn said. He said the city tries to prevent homelessness, reduce the time a person is homeless, and end homelessness if possible. To achieve those goals the city council has adopted a plan to deal with homelessness and the mayor has a quarterly round table meeting with agencies dealing with homelessness. While it is good to give things to people under the bridge, Dunthorn said it is more important to get people off the street than to make it more comfortable on the streets.

In January of 2017 the city recorded a total of 812 homeless people. However, throughout the year 2017 the city found that 7600 people experienced homelessness in some way. Dunthorn said that number remains fairly constant.

He said the number of shelters for homeless families is limited and that there is not enough affordable housing. He said there is also a need for additional mental health and drug abuse prevention programs. Dunthorn stated there is a need for more permanent support housing. This is low-income housing with no end date and social services built in. He said the average time in such shelters is three years.

The city is working on a daytime center with security for the homeless and outreach to get the people into some type of housing. The city is also building a new intake system

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School board member Amber Rountree (left) hosted a re-election campaign kickoff Tuesday night at Three Bears Coffee Co. in South Knoxville.

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools Board of Education member Amber Rountree hosted her re-election kickoff party Tuesday night at a South Knoxville coffee shop.

Rountree, who represents the 9th District and serves as the school board's vice chair, played a vital role in hiring current Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas. She felt compelled to head the search for a new superintendent in 2017, despite having a very busy schedule.

"I was asked to do that," Rountree said of heading the search committee in 2017. "I did it. I was going to school and I had a newborn at the time."

She joined the school board in 2014. During her stint, she has worked with Knox

County Mayor Tim Burchett and the county commission to address sidewalk and traffic issues at South-Doyle High School. She's also worked with the Great Schools Partnership and worked to expand community schools and pushed for new athletic fields at South-Doyle Middle School.

She's a proponent for the promotion of literacy and encouraged those who attended last week's gathering to donate new or gently-used books which will be distributed throughout the schools on the south side of town.

"These books will be donated to the libraries in all of the schools in South Knox County," said Rountree, who played a key role in developing and supporting the renovation of South-Doyle High School's library.

"Growing great readers is a key to growing great schools. School 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 an advocate for public education and she has served the people of South Knoxville proudly.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of South Knoxville," she said. "If I'm re-elected, I plan to implement more literacy programs and continue the 21st Century Library Model that we have at South-Doyle High School. I will work to expand CTE programs."

Parkridge selects new board, officers

By Mike Steely
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It took about three hours to do it but the Parkridge Community Organization has a new board and new officers.

Debbie Sharp of the Office of Neighborhoods returned to guide last week's meeting and election. The attendance was so large extra chairs had to be brought into the meeting at the Cansler YMCA to accommodate the more than 70 members who attended. The circulation of flyers in the East Knoxville neighborhood apparently boosted attendance.

Parkridge has been divided for more than a year over the possibility of expanding the existing Historic Overlay to most of the homes. Renters, low-income households and other neighborhood residents were upset over what they saw as a

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More than 70 Parkridge residents turned out last week to elect a new board for their community organization. Now the new board will be working on revising the bylaws.

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It seems weird to think that wearing a bullet-proof vest can be a crime in and of itself, but it can be. Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-1323 states that if you commit certain crimes while wearing body armor you can be charged with another crime on top of the crime you were caught committing!



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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defined as bullet-resistant soft armor which contains at least seven layers of bullet-resistant material providing protection from three shots of one hundred fifty-eight grain lead ammunition fired from a .38 caliber handgun at a velocity of eight hundred feet per second.

If you are charged under this statute with committing the crime while wearing a body vest then you will be charged with a Class E Felony, generally punishable by one to two years in prison.

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knox County and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

What are those crimes that if you commit while wearing a body vest lead to another charge? If you threaten or use violence against someone, if you commit a burglary or theft of a vehicle, or commit a crime involving a controlled substance. If you do any of these while wearing a bulletproof vest, then you will be charged with another crime.

The statute even goes so far as to specifically spell out what they define as a body vest. A body vest is

By Pete Gawda

The residents of West Hills certainly believe there is strength in numbers. They packed the February 8 meeting of the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to request a delay of consideration of a new subdivision in their neighborhood. In the other three items that were discussed, one passed with no discussion and the other two each required two votes to decide.

Developer Jim Sullivan's proposed a 45-lot subdivision, The Cove in West Hills, had already generated numerous e-mails and telephone calls to the MPC. The site is on the southeast side of Broome Road, northeast of Marlboro Road. Most of the correspondence expressed concern about traffic, zoning and stormwater control.

"We are not here to stop this development," asserted Marshall Wilkins, spokesman for the neighborhood. "Our intent is to save the integrity of a 60-year old neighborhood." He requested a 90-day delay, stating the neighbors only received notice a week before the matter was considered and delayed at the January MPC meeting. "We want it done, we just want it done right," Wilkins said. He expressed concern about traffic, drainage and density.

"I definitely understand the concerns of the neighborhood," said

Scott Davis, representing Sullivan. He said he had met with residents after the first 30-day delay. He explained that rising construction costs necessitated the smaller lots, resulting in a greater density. The developer requested 4 dwelling units per acre. The residents want 2.5 dwelling units per acre.

During their discussion commissioners disagreed about the need for and the length of a delay. In the end they voted to postpone the issue for 60 days.

In another matter on the agenda developer Tim Graham requested that the zoning on 2.5 acres on the northwest side of Kermit Drive and northeast of Clinton Highway be changed from SC-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center)/ C-3 (General Commercial) to C-4 (Highway and Arterial Commercial). Staff recommended C-3 since the property is not a on a highway or major arterial.

"We are looking to bring this area up," Graham said. He stated he would like to bring in an upscale hotel and that C-4 zoning would be more appropriate. He said he would need more vertical height than C-3 allows. Graham pledged there would be no car lots on the property.

A motion to recommend the Knoxville City Council change the zoning to C-4 failed. Then the MPC followed staff's recommendation and voted to recommend the city council

change the zoning to C-3.

Turning to another matter, Vertex Development requested a change in zoning from A(Agricultural) to PR(Planned Residential) for 100.7 acres on the west side of Brakebill Road, northwest of Strawberry Plains Pike. The developer also requested a density of 9 dwelling units per acre. Staff recommended 12 units per acre.

Two area residents protested the development to no avail, citing increased traffic, road flooding and loss of a rural area.

At first the MPC voted to recommend the Knox County Commission grant the requested zoning change with staff's suggested 12 units per acre. That motion failed. Then they passed a motion recommending the county commission change the zoning to PR and allow 9 dwelling units per acre

With no opposition and no discussion the MPC voted to recommend that the county commission change the zoning from TP (Technology Park)/(Agricultural)/TO (Technological Overlay) to OB(Office, Medical and Related Services)/TO (Technological Overlay) for 2 acres on the southwest side of Hardin Valley Road and the west side of Thompson Road. This recommended action would allow Benchmark Associates to use the property for commercial development.

Open Letter to the Knox County Board of Education

Dear ladies and gentlemen of the Knox County School Board,

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming Leadership Academy vote. As someone who has been involved with Knox County schools for the last forty one years - first as a student, then an educator, and now a parent of a student - I have been deeply saddened to see the effects of Jim McIntyre's legacy and the negative impact it has had on our schools. As a constituent who cares deeply about the future of Knox County schools, I feel

that in order to move forward in a positive and productive way that is best for our students, we must make sure that our future administrators are not being trained in the Broad Academy style of leadership, which Jim McIntyre favors. Over the years of his tenure, Knox County lost large numbers of its most experienced teachers as a direct result of policies implemented by him, crumbling a solid core of professionals who were highly experienced in the practice of teaching and learning. Unfortunately, some administrators in the Knox County school system who were trained under this system continue to employ the Broad Academy-McIntyre leadership style, which is continuing to contaminate the administration of some of our schools, leading to the erosion of morale and the loss of even more experienced educators.

Beyond his leadership style and the negative impact it has had on Knox County students and teachers, I have great concern regarding the issue of trust

with Jim McIntyre and the Leadership Academy. This includes ties to "partnerships" that refuse to freely share information with Knox County Schools, and all ties to secret donors. Jim McIntyre has had a troubling and consistent record of this activity in the past, and I see no reason to believe that this will change. The most accurate predictor of future behavior is based upon past behavior, and if he has continued involvement, this does not bode well for the schools of Knox County.

I strongly urge you to listen to your constituents as we share the reasons we have concerns regarding the Leadership Academy vote. I once thought the Knox County school system was the very best system in our regional area, but sadly, I can no longer say this. Jim McIntyre's leadership style has tainted and fractured a once wonderful group of schools and the employee culture within, a culture that directly impacts the success of student learning outcomes. The current and future students of Knox County, the teachers,

parents and other constituents, deserve the very best. As long as Jim McIntyre is involved with anything that has to do with the Leadership Academy and his training style for the current and future administrators, I believe that Knox County schools will remain the system that runs under the structure of the Broad Academy style of leadership. If this happens, Knox County will continue to trudge forward with dysfunctional administration and will continue to lose its best and most experienced teachers, robbing students of the years of teaching experience they so richly deserve.

I realize I am only one voice, but I ask you to please consider the concerns I have raised in this letter. Please ask yourself if you really want what is best for Knox County schools, now and in the future. I appreciate your consideration and thank you kindly for your time.

Respectfully,
Shelly Higgins
Knox County, Tennessee

New data center to be the first of its kind in Tennessee

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County Chamber of Commerce told of a new development at 901 Summit Hill. The Fort Hill Building Project is a \$24 million project in which an existing building will be renovated to form a Tier III data center, the first such data center in Tennessee.

Lawyer said it would be a tool that the chamber could use to attract businesses to the area that need data storage. After five years the project will employ 45 people. While the average salary in Knox County is \$45,000, these employees will earn, on average, \$86,000.

Going from the future to the past Commissioner Thomas told stories of his childhood growing up in East Knoxville. He said the house he grew up in was near the library and that he would like to see the Burlington area grow.

"Education is my top thing," Thomas said, stating that he wanted to make sure teachers get more recognition.

He also said that more people are leaving building trades than are going into them. In the "Ride and Decide" program interested students are paid by a contractor and ride with this person for four weeks in the summer to decide if they would like to do this kind of work. "Let's get it in every school," he said of the program.

Looking to the future Doug Lawyer of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce told of a new development at 901 Summit Hill. The Fort Hill Building Project is a \$24 million project in which an existing building will be renovated to form a Tier III data center, the first such data center in Tennessee. Lawyer said it would be a tool that the chamber could use to attract businesses to the area that need data storage. After five years the project will employ 45 people. While the average salary in Knox County is \$45,000, these employees will earn, on average, \$86,000.

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Publisher's Position School Board Should Completely End

Leadership Academy Relationship With McIntyre



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What most people in Knox County don't seem to realize is that Jim McIntyre's Leadership Academy is still very much alive. When current Superintendent Bob Thomas presented the board of education with a proposal removing \$900,000 of funding, Thomas concurrently recommended to the board that the school system continue to participate in the Leadership Academy. Only two members of the Knox County Board of Education, Mike McMillan and Tony Norman, voted to table the LA agenda item which, in effect, was a vote against continuing any future relationship with McIntyre's Leadership Academy.

Board Chair Patti Bounds proceeded to provide cover

for herself and some of her colleagues by proposing a committee to negotiate some sort of arrangement with the University of Tennessee to continue a relationship with McIntyre. Bounds, Jennifer Owen, Susan Horn, Amber Rountree, Terry Hill, Gloria Deathridge, and Lynne Fugate all voted to form a committee. Deathridge and Fugate had been strong supporters of Jim McIntyre while he was superintendent and their argument the Knox County School system could not afford to cut ties with UT was to be expected. More surprising was the stand taken by Bounds, Owen, Rountree, Horn and Hill, all of whom had been elected as opponents of McIntyre; yet all voted to form a committee to look at whether or not to negotiate a relationship with UT in regards to the Leadership Academy.

One cannot separate the Leadership Academy and Jim McIntyre. The Leadership Academy was McIntyre's creation from its very beginning. Designed as an institute to train future principals and assistant principals while he was superintendent, McIntyre's influence was supreme. He had the sole authority

to pick and choose from among the applicants and only the superintendent could appoint or promote school principals and assistant principals. It quickly became quite clear that if anyone wanted an appointment or a promotion in the Knox County School system, he or she found the best route to go was by entering McIntyre's Leadership Academy. For those fortunate few who gained admittance, they received free tuition and emerged with a degree. Certainly that had significant monetary value as those less fortunate had to go to school on their own time and dime. It was more than a perk; it was a significant reward and for eight years Jim McIntyre has supervised and taught future principals and assistant principals while Knox County has kicked in \$900,000 annually.

Yet none of the board members, especially those elected as McIntyre opponents seem to be able to explain their willingness to continue a relationship with the Leadership Academy.

Jim McIntyre IS the Leadership Academy. If McIntyre did not have the management style

or ability to be superintendent, why would any rational person want him training the future principals and assistant principals at every school in Knox County?

The committee, created by the board and selected by Superintendent Bob Thomas, is made up of two school board members and three administrators and has just completed its work after five meetings. I presume the committee will present its findings and make a recommendation to the full board at tonight's meeting. I will say that during all of the committee meetings, at this point, Jennifer Owen has been the most adamant about ending any future relationship with former Superintendent McIntyre.

A possible alternative that was discussed by the committee was the possibility of bringing all leadership training activities back within the Knox County School System. Of course, if this were to happen they could create an entirely new bureaucracy within the school system. Now, as we all know, bureaucracies never get smaller; like Topsy, they tend to grow ever larger. Now we

are to have a new director, likely to be paid six figures, to supervise Knox County's various own leadership efforts, as well as work with the Leadership Academy. The \$900,000 in purported "savings" is no longer \$900,000 in savings and will likely continue to shrink over time. Any new "in-house" program will of course have to have staff support, etc., all of which will cost money.

Another point I would like to make is that the creation of this committee was also conveniently timed so that any vote by the school board would be after the filing deadline for candidates to run for school board in this year's elections. Perhaps that was a mighty convenient coincidence, or maybe board members didn't want to have to vote on continuing a relationship with former Superintendent McIntyre before the filing deadline for candidates to run for school board this year.

There is no real need for Knox County to continue to participate in the Leadership Academy from a personnel standpoint. Knox County currently has well over 200 people certified to serve as assistant

principals or principals. Theoretically, every principal and assistant principal in the entire system could be replaced instantly.

The loudest crowd in the county in decrying Jim McIntyre and his management style were the teachers, yet some former teachers who are now board members seem to be the slowest folk in understanding the board of education did not in fact kill off the Leadership Academy; they created a way for it to continue.

Those members of the board of education who opposed Jim McIntyre claimed they disliked his philosophy and the way he ran the schools, yet some seem to have no objection to his training future principals and assistant principals and I simply cannot reconcile that in my mind. Frankly, it makes no sense.

Tonight the Knox County Board of Education will begin its discussions on the recommendations made by the committee created and formed by Patti Bounds and Superintendent Bob Thomas.

If the voters and teachers feel betrayed, it is very obvious who is to blame.

Dailey, Welch and Rountree hold South Knox meeting

By Mike Steely
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In a combined effort to get more residents of South Knoxville and South Knox County involved in the future of that area three local elected officials joined to meet the public recently.

County Commissioner Carson Dailey, City Councilmember Stephanie Welch and School Board Vice Chair Amber Rountree held a community meeting at South-Doyle Middle School. The meeting was well attended by local residents, political candidates, and other elected local and state officials.

WVLT's Alan Williams acted as host and each of the South Knox local officials spoke and answered written questions submitted by the audience.

Also speaking briefly were State Senator Becky Duncan Massey and State



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

The combined efforts of three South Knoxville local officials (Amber Rountree, Carson Dailey and Stephanie Welch) generated a large turnout recently at South-Doyle Middle School.

Representatives Rick Staples and Eddie Smith.

The audience also

heard from Debbi Sharp of the Office of Neighborhoods, who spoke of the

contributions and efforts of various neighborhood associations.

"They are doing active and exciting things," she said, listing several

organized associations and their projects and plans.

Linda Rust, President of the South Haven Association, spoke on the Baker Creek Preserve Project and urged everyone to take part in an online questionnaire about the plans for the project.

Welch told the audience about plans for the Urban Wilderness and an idea to use the terminus of James White Parkway as a place to connect with the preserve. She said future plans could include not only a bike and walking trail connection there but possibly a restroom and dog park. She said the plans for the current end of the James White Parkway are "really cool and unique."

Doug Bataille, Director of Knox County Parks and

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Today, February 12, is the 92nd birthday of Wilfred Owens, a veteran of World War II. He and his wife Mary Louise Wise Owens have been married for 67 years. Deana Green, the Customer First Leader at Kroger, says she's had the pleasure of spending time with them and they are full of exciting stories. Owens told *The Focus* that he served in Europe during the war and was training for jungle warfare after that when the war with Japan ended. The South Knoxville resident then worked in textiles and with a sign company, retiring in the 1970s. Photo/Deana Greene.

Parkridge selects new board, officers

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rush to expand restrictions on how homes could be repaired, renovated or demolished.

More than a dozen names were nominated to fill the nine slots on the paper ballot. After the nine-member board was chosen, Sharp then sought nominations for the officers who were selected by a showing of hands and a voice vote.

Prior to the vote each nominee was given 90 seconds to speak.

Lynne Randazzo was chosen as president and Matt Foster was elected as vice president. Co-secretaries chosen were Brittney Allen and Sydney Poker. The co-treasurers are Greta

Schmoyer and Morgan Wilson.

Other members of the board include Linda Blankenship, Albert Nelson and Peggy Klein.

The next step for the new board will be to update or adopt new bylaws.

"You are all very lucky. A lot of people are interested in this neighborhood. When you elect leaders and walk away you've half the battle," city Neighborhood Coordinator David Massey told the members after the ballots and before the results were announced. He was urging them to stay involved with the organization.

The members also heard from school board candidates Andre Conte and Dametraus Jagger.

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Recreation, spoke about various greenway and park plans in South Knox County and at some length talked about the proposed BMX track on the campus of South-Doyle Middle School. Bataille said the weather is hampering work on the track. He compared renovating there to "an onion," saying that each layer of the project uncovers another layer.

He said the BMX track may be completed by August.

"It's under design now," he said, explaining that work on the project could begin at the end of February. He also talked about plans for the Knox-Blount Greenway, the I.C. King Park changes to develop an entrance along Maryville Pike and eventually closing down the Alcoa Highway entry to the park.

Rountree spoke about the three community schools in South Knox County and a "21st Century Library" at South-Doyle High School. She said the library is designed like a "college campus" library and includes a TV production studio, a café, unique seating

and is part of the school's Positive Behavior Support System.

She introduced Adam Frisk of Dogwood Elementary who talked of the community school concept and noted that those schools are open later for public use for religious and community organizations meetings. Community schools in South Knox include Dogwood, New Hope and South Knox Elementary.

Commissioner Daily spoke about the growing number of businesses opening in South Knox County, the efforts of the Governor John Sevier Corridor Committee, and clean-up projects.

"We're the jewel of Knox County," he said, noting that more and more attention is going to the south section.

"When you come across the (Henley) bridge, you don't want to go back," he joked.

Welch urged everyone to get involved in "Recode Knoxville" and called on the owner of the new "Landing House" restaurant who spoke briefly.

Questions ranged from what to do about the growing number of "Payday Loan" businesses, litter, plans

for bicyclists and walkers, streetscapes, the BMX track, animal control, truck traffic, reports of gun fire, guard rails on East Redbud, diversity in housing, etc.

Welch replied to the gun-fire report and said that two additional police officers have been stationed in the South Haven neighborhood.

Dailey is urging local residents to get involved with the South Knox Cleanup on Saturday, March 17 and urging everyone to go to www.keep-knoxvillebeautiful.org and sign up. The clean-up effort begins at Sam Duff Memorial Park at 9 a.m. (Duff Park is located at 4060 Chapman Highway, which you can access via the driveway to the left of the Krystal Burger. There is also additional street parking on Hedgeapple Lane.) Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants and comfortable, closed-toed shoes. The use of litter-pickers, gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests will be available at no cost to the participants. Dailey is hoping for several hundred people to register and participate in the community event.



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Counting the votes for Parkridge leadership are, left to right, Debbie Sharp of the Office of Neighborhoods, Commissioner Evelyn Gill and City Communication Director Jesse Mayshark.

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Dr. Gaylord talks about Vine School Health Center

By Mike Steely
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When Dr. Nan Gaylord spoke before the East Knoxville Community forum last week she mentioned that the UT College of Nursing's Vine School Health Center is planning to reach out to Scott County with a nurse practitioner project.

"We hope to make a difference for those kids too," she said.

The Vine School Health Center, founded in 1995, is a full-service pediatric clinic located in the Langland Building in the back of Vine Middle School. The clinic is a joint venture of the UT College of Nursing and the Knox County Schools Health Services Department. Gaylord is the

administrator and a nurse practitioner as well.

She said the program was founded so that children who were unable to get health care could get attention. She said the clinic helps with physical, mental and educational needs.

Last year she said the clinic had thousands of visits and that 48 families obtained insurance through the program. She also said there's a growing number of uninsured immigrant students.

The center is funded by patient fees and private, state and federal grants. The center's program now reaches out to 11 other Charter One Schools on a \$650,000 budget.

"If you are an immigrant it takes

about six months to get insurance," she said.

The clinic only operated one day a week upon its inception; nowadays, the service is available five days a week from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and there's a nurse on call around the clock.

Gaylord also discussed a new program that allows nurse practitioners who visit the other schools to send exams and vital signs to the center via the internet. The Telehealth service links visiting nurses with the clinic.

Students receive services like child wellness exams including vision, hearing and developmental



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Dr. Nan Gaylord speaks to citizens following her address to the East Knoxville Community meeting recently. She noted that the Vine School Health Center may be reaching out to Scott County.

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What you may not know about Sergeant York, Part I

By Mike Steely
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Sergeant Alvin York, who won the Medal of Honor for capturing 132 German prisoners during World War I, is featured in an exhibit at the East Tennessee History Museum through July 8. "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" results from three years of archaeological and archival research in France to uncover the heroism of the Fentress County native there. With additional background about the York family featured in displays and relics, you may just find there's a lot about this Tennessee mountaineer that you probably didn't know.

York was the eldest child and when his father died the young man left school and headed the family's farm in the Pall Mall community north of Jamestown, Tennessee. A natural crack shot, he often won shooting contests and was also known to hold various jobs as well as keeping up the farm.

"We start with Pall Mall and visitors follow the exhibit to his decision (to enlist)," explains Adam Alfrey, Directory of Operations at the East Tennessee History Center.

"A mule kicked his father in the head," Alfrey explains, "and York went to work on road crews and the railroad. He was doing everything he could to provide for his family."

The young man was known to "frequent saloons" and drink heavily. After several local arrests he straightened up and joined the Church of Christ in 1915 and became a devout Christian. When called to serve in the military York wrote on his registration card, "Don't want to fight."

He wrestled with that for some time and, after speaking to his mentor Parson Rosier Pile, decided to enlist.

"One of his friends was killed in one of the melees and that led to the revival," Alfrey explained about the young man's conversion to Christianity.



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Adam Alfrey talks about the York Bible that the Tennessee hero presented to a family. York told them he carried it during WWI and the family kept the book and a family member carried it during World War II.

One of the first items in the exhibit indicates York's Christianity. Enclosed in a glass case is a small bible that York presented to a Michigan family after having carried it with him during World War I. The family kept the bible, which York had signed, and passed it to their son who carried the little book during his service in World War II.

When York returned to the nation as a hero he was greeted by his fellow Tennesseans as the greatest hero since Andrew Jackson. He shunned notoriety and at first refused to allow his life story to become a motion

picture. He became involved in his community, founded a school and foundation, married and raised a family.

Today the Sgt. Alvin York State Park welcomes more than 250,000 visitors each year and features York's home, gravesite and family mill.

But that's for yet another story about Tennessee's humble hero.

The Museum of East Tennessee History at 601 South Gay is sponsoring "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" through July 8.

Showing of 'Sergeant York' movie Sunday

The public is invited to enjoy the movie classic "Sergeant York" starring Gary Cooper about the WWI Medal of Honor recipient, from Pall Mall, Tennessee, on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 2 p.m. Commentary will be provided by Dr. Michael Birdwell, professor of History at Tennessee Tech University. Professor Birdwell has studied the life of World War I hero Sgt. Alvin C. York for more than a quarter of a century and worked directly with York's descendants for most of that time. Birdwell is the curator of the York Papers in York's hometown of Pall Mall. He has worked internationally conducting battlefield archaeology near the Sgt. York battle site in Chatel-Chehery, France, where his team discovered more than 10,000 World War I era artifacts. Birdwell has also conducted extensive research on Warner Bros. Entertainment Film history and media studies, with an emphasis on both Tennessee film and film influenced by World War I and II.

The film is presented in conjunction with the new feature exhibition "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" on display at the Museum of East Tennessee History through July 8. The program is free and will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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Cardiac Friends

It started with "The Real McCoy." My first column was about Dr. Kyle McCoy, our mother's cardiologist. The time we spent in cardiac rehab after her heart attack in 2007 gave us



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sons and "the greatest of daughters-in-law," according to Marge. Whenever we saw them, it seemed they were always traveling somewhere across the country to a

valuable insight on heart disease, but a side benefit was even greater--treasured friendships.

Rolland and Marjorie Trask, best known as "Rollie and Marge," moved here from Virginia. He spent 43 years working for the U.S. Government as a soldier and Civil Servant in Personnel. She was a housewife and teacher. The veteran celebrated his 89th birthday last month! Originally from Minnesota, they now enjoy retirement living near family on their beautiful East Tennessee farm. "God has blessed us for 66 years through thick and thin, sickness and health and most importantly with a family anyone could be envious of," Marge said. "Not to mention the dearest of relatives and friends," she added. The Trasks have four wonderful

family wedding or reunion. With 13 grandchildren, there have been lots of weddings! Now, they are enjoying their precious 19 great-grandchildren!

Besides Minnesota, Virginia, and Tennessee, the Trasks have lived in Guam, Labrador, California and Nebraska and traveled to 43 states! Through their moves and travels, they have made plenty of friends. It was not unusual for them to bring friends visiting from out of town to cardiac rehab. We know from experience that the Minnesota natives not only make us feel welcome in their home, Marge always sends us home with a generous supply of her delicious fresh-baked goodies! It was just before Christmas when we last visited the Trasks, and Marge was working on a huge



Picture of Marjorie and Rolland Trask, provided by Marjorie Trask.

stack of Christmas cards to family and all those dear friends.

What a surprise it was in rehab to learn from the Trasks that McCoy was Rollie's heart doctor, also. We are so blessed to have met such a kind-hearted couple in a most

unexpected way! The Major "3" are so happy to be included on that long list of friends the Trasks have made over the years! May this February bring Focus readers the best of heart health--and friends! Happy Valentine's Day!

Surplus properties, street projects, historic grants on council agenda

By **Mike Steely**
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The funding of several community projects is on the agenda of the Knoxville City Council when it meets Tuesday as well as authorizing the auctioning of 26 surplus properties, approving design plans for a street project, and authorizing a budget for awarding Historic Preservation Grants.

The council may also vote on the sale of property at 2013 East Glenwood Avenue from the Community Development Department to Knoxville Habitat for Humanity through the city's Homemakers Project for \$1,000.

The Historic Preservation Grant Awards may get \$544,153 on a request from the Department of Community Development. The idea is to promote property improvements to eligible properties in the city.

Kimley-Horn and Associates may be hired for \$263,400 to provide plans for the Woodland Avenue Complete Streets Project under a request from the Department of Engineering.

Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders has a resolution to establish server hosting for a City Council internet forum.

Connecting the pedestrian bridge over Western Avenue to the sidewalk on the north side there is on the agenda with an allotment of \$193,400 for the project.

Twenty-six surplus real estate properties belonging to the city may go to Powell Auction & Realty to be sold in a request from the Finance Department.

Several rezonings may also be discussed including property on Deane Hill Drive and Gerald Ford Street from office to commercial, property on Woods-Smith Drive and John May Drive from Agricultural to Residential, and property on Kendall Road south of Gleason Drive from Agricultural to Residential.

A property on North Central and Hinton Avenue may be changed from Industrial to Residential and a property on Patton Street north of East Summit Hill Drive may go from Commercial C-1 to C-3.

Dr. Gaylord talks about Vine School Health Center

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acute illness care, general first aid, nutritional assessments, and sports

physicals. Staffed by nurses and social workers from the College of Nursing and Social Work the staff also includes two pediatricians from University of Tennessee. UT students in nursing programs rotate through the clinic during their education.

Gaylord said that last year the clinic saw more than 4,000 students in Knox County.

Improvements planned at Civic Auditorium and Coliseum

Coming soon to the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum: New seats! New lights! New ice floor!

The City of Knoxville is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an architecture and engineering team to design and make recommendations for a number of improvements to existing facilities at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum (KCAC). The goal is to make investments that enable the KCAC to continue to operate effectively and efficiently for several more years until long-term decisions are made about its future.

KCAC, which includes the 6,500-capacity Coliseum and the 2,500-capacity Auditorium, opened its doors in 1961. It is owned by the City of Knoxville and managed under contract by SMG. It hosts hundreds of events each year and is home to the Knoxville Ice Bears professional hockey team. Event bookings at KCAC are up about 50 percent in the last two years.

A feasibility study in 2016 showed that the facility was outdated in many ways and recommended either complete renovation or building an entirely new Coliseum alongside an upgraded Auditorium. The cost estimates in 2016 ranged from \$26 million for renovation to more than \$140 million for a new Coliseum.

"I would love to be able to build a new Coliseum for the more than 250,000 people who attend events at KCAC every year," Mayor Madeline Rogero said. "But with other pressing priorities, including the need for a new headquarters for our Police and Fire departments, it is not realistic to fund a project of that scale in the short term. So I'm recommending that we make some crucial upgrades in the next two years to address long-standing needs. We want to provide a good experience for everyone who comes to see music and shows and the Ice Bears. This will keep KCAC viable without eliminating future possibilities

for the facility."

The Request for Qualifications seeks a multidiscipline design team that will be tasked with designing and providing recommendations to the City on a list of proposed improvements. The preliminary list includes a number of base facility systems including the ice floor, air handling units and electrical infrastructure. It also includes items that will directly enhance the visitor experience, such as improved restrooms at the Coliseum, and new lighting, seats and carpet at the Auditorium.

PROPOSED KCAC IMPROVEMENTS 2018-2020 Coliseum

- Ice Floor
- Dashers/Box Seats/Ice Pit/Ice Cover/Media Platform
- Air Handler Units/Ventilation
- LED Sports Lighting
- Scoreboard
- LED lighting for seats and halls
- Ceiling scrape, prime, paint
- Asbestos survey
- Exterior seepage
- Restroom upgrades/replace lines
- Locker Room upgrades and walk-off mats
- Electrical upgrades

Auditorium

- New Stagehouse Rigging Bridge
- Fire Panel upgrade
- Replace roof smoke vents
- Carpet for the house seating aisles
- Replace seats
- New stage floor
- LED House Lighting with improved controls
- Update catwalk
- Electric Orchestra Pit lift

Garages

- Garage Cameras
- Garage A controlled access Gate
- Garage Repairs Phase II (Walter P Moore assessment)

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Doctor In the Senate

Royal S. Copeland of New York

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Tennessee Senator Bill Frist was not the first physician to serve in the United States Senate; almost sixty years before Dr. Frist took the oath of office, a physician left the Senate through death. Royal S. Copeland was an unusual person and for that matter, an unusual sort of physician, especially for the times.

Born in Dexter, Michigan on November 7, 1868, Royal S. Copeland attended local schools and what eventually became Eastern Michigan University. He went on to get an advanced degree from the University of Michigan and did some graduate work in Europe. Returning to Michigan, Copeland practiced medicine in Bay City, which is near the Saginaw Bay. Even while preoccupied with his medical practice, Copeland found time for politics and was elected mayor of Ann Arbor as a Republican. Dr. Copeland also served as a professor of Ophthalmology, teaching at the University of Michigan Medical School from 1895 until his departure in 1905. After having served as mayor of Ann Arbor for two years, Copeland was elected to the Board of Education, although he only served for one year.

Love found Dr. Royal S. Copeland rather late in life; he was almost forty when he married Frances Spalding in 1908. The Copelands moved to New York City that same year where Dr. Copeland had been offered a post as Dean of the New York Homeopathic Hospital. Copeland remained as Dean until he was tapped to serve as the President of the New York Board of Health in 1918. That also happened to be the year America (and much of the world) was devastated by an outbreak of influenza, which claimed millions of lives. Dr. Copeland received considerable press coverage in his role as President of the New York Board of Health due to his attempts to reassure a frightened public. That same publicity was to be very helpful to Royal Copeland when he became a candidate for the United States Senate in 1922.

Copeland had switched parties and became the Democratic nominee to challenge GOP U. S. Senator William M. Calder. Calder had first been elected to the Senate in 1916 and had not made much of an impression; stocky, with a moustache, the incumbent did not possess the flair for attracting favorable publicity as did his opponent. The honorary chairman of Copeland's Senate campaign was

Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy in the Woodrow Wilson administration and the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1920. Copeland easily defeated Senator Calder, winning almost 1.3 million votes to Calder's 995,000 votes.

Senator Copeland considered himself a regular Democrat and was affiliated with the powerful Tammany Hall organization in New York, which included Governor Alfred E. Smith. Unlike Smith, Copeland was not an especially liberal Democrat; in fact, he was considered quite conservative by many. Copeland would be joined by Robert F. Wagner in the Senate in 1927 and Wagner would prove to be a champion of fellow New Yorker Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal administration. Wagner would sponsor some of the most notable legislation during the New Deal era, but Senator Copeland was not all that supportive of FDR or the New Deal. Al Smith himself, bitter over his defeat for the presidency in 1928, would later oppose much of the New Deal and ally himself with reactionaries fiercely opposed to Roosevelt.

Considering Copeland's profession, it was likely expected he would complain about anything he believed to be unhealthy about the Senate's working environment. Copeland became renowned for his declamations about the quality of the air in the United States Senate, which he charged was largely responsible for hastening the deaths of some thirty-four senators during a twelve year period. Senator Copeland sponsored a resolution for the improvement of "living conditions in the Senate Chamber." Copeland's resolution was adopted by the full Senate in June of 1924 and the heat and humidity of Washington, D. C. likely helped the New Yorker's resolution to pass. The Senate Chamber was due to undergo a significant renovation, but Senator Copeland himself stopped the project as he became interested in a proposal by a different firm to ventilate the Senate. That particular proposal had already been approved by some health experts, which doubtless appealed to Senator Copeland. The Carrier Corporation had prospered with his invention of what was then referred to as "manufactured weather", the modern forerunner of heating and air conditioning. By 1929, the United States Senate had its first air conditioning system due to Royal



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Royal S. Copeland (right) and Senator Robert F. Wagner, both of New York in 1926

Copeland's insistence about improving working conditions for senators.

Senator Copeland faced the voters of New York once again in 1928 and expected to win handily. Governor Alfred E. Smith was the Democratic nominee for president and was expected to carry his home state easily over Republican Herbert Hoover who had never run for any office before. Copeland's ticket mate was Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had personally been recruited to run for governor by Al Smith. To the dismay of New York Democrats, Herbert Hoover won in a landslide, even carrying New York state. Copeland defeated GOP candidate Alanson B. Houghton, scion of an extremely wealthy manufacturing family and a former Congressman and Ambassador to Great Britain, but his margin of victory was razor thin. Copeland won by just over fifty thousand votes out of more than four million cast. Yet Copeland's personal popularity with New Yorkers was demonstrated by the fact his margin of victory was almost twice that of Franklin Roosevelt who won by just over twenty-five thousand votes.

Even though Senator Copeland was hostile to much of the New Deal, he was the beneficiary of being a Democrat in New York State when he sought reelection in 1934 at age sixty-six. Copeland faced Republican businessman E. Harold Cluett of Troy in the general election and won easily. Senator Copeland won reelection

by almost seven hundred thousand votes.

In 1937, almost seventy years old, Copeland was urged by Tammany Hall to stand for election as Mayor of New York City. The incumbent was the legendary Fiorello LaGuardia and Tammany Hall was outraged by the fact the mayor was, of all things, a Republican. Of course Fiorello LaGuardia was a very different kind of Republican, but a Republican nonetheless. Copeland wasn't even Tammany's first choice; the leader of Tammany Hall had tried to get Copeland's Senate colleague, Robert F. Wagner, to run. Wagner, highly popular and a big vote-getter, refused to run. Copeland, with closer ties to Tammany Hall, required no special urging to become a candidate.

Despite an intensive and well-funded campaign, Copeland lost the Democratic nomination to Jeremiah T. Mahoney, losing by an almost two-to-one margin. It was an embarrassing defeat, although Copeland was a candidate in the Republican primary as well and won a third of the vote against Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. Suspicious of the New Deal, far more conservative than Senator Wagner, Royal Copeland apparently had some appeal to Republicans.

Despite Copeland being a loyal member of Tammany Hall, he was the sponsor of anti-kickback legislation that was approved by the Senate in 1934. As the chair of a special committee on crime, Copeland

discovered that perhaps as much as twenty-five percent of all federal money involved in contracts was being kicked back from employees to employers. Copeland's bill made it an illegal act, subject to fine and imprisonment.

Senator Copeland was also involved in one of the most often told tales about Tennessee Senator Kenneth McKellar. Muckraking columnist Drew Pearson, who delighted in torturing McKellar in print, repeated the story in one of his columns. Copeland managed to enrage the volatile McKellar on the floor of the Senate and although both were well into their sixties at the time, McKellar became so angry that he charged the New Yorker. Some claimed McKellar actually pulled a knife and proceeded to attack Copeland. McKellar wore a pen knife on the end of his watch chain, which could not have inflicted any damage and McKellar always stoutly denied pulling a knife on Copeland. There is little doubt Senator Copeland did cause McKellar to lose his temper and the Tennessean likely did charge the New Yorker, although there is no evidence McKellar tried to stab his fellow senator.

Copeland was deeply committed to homeopathic medicine and made certain homeopathic medicines were included when he sponsored the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in 1938. It was one of his last successes as a member of the United

States Senate.

Just four days after the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act was passed, Royal Copeland was dead.

Senator Copeland had been described as "thin and weak" in some press reports and he died in his apartment in New York at 7:45 p.m. following what some newspapers referred to as a "sudden general circulatory collapse," which was complicated by a "kidney ailment."

The irony of Copeland having long lectured senators on the need to avoid overwork and stress was his failure to heed his own advice. Senator Copeland had apparently pushed himself hard during the recent session of Congress, thereby compromising his own health. When Senate Majority Leader Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas had died suddenly during the debate on Roosevelt's attempt to expand the United States Supreme Court, Copeland had risen on the Senate floor to warn his colleagues of the possible consequences of overwork and stress.

Although James A. Farley, a native New Yorker and Postmaster General of the Roosevelt administration had endorsed Judge Mahoney during Senator Copeland's campaign for mayor of New York City, FDR himself wired Copeland's widow to express his condolences and "shock."

Largely forgotten today, Royal S. Copeland was a compelling figure during his time and a colorful character.

New option for city litter pick up?

By Mike Steely
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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday there may be a discussion of a new idea to pay homeless people to pick up trash. Two council members have told The Focus they have an interest in the idea which is now being used by some other cities.

Jesse Mayshark, Knoxville's Communication Director, said last week that the administration has discussed the idea now and then over the years. He noted that there are several questions about how it would be set up and administered, and how homeless volunteers could be compensated.

He also said that if a program was adopted it could also have

the volunteers not only pick up trash around the Broadway Bridge but also in neighborhoods and greenways. He said that for several years the county and the city had a homeless program but the county pulled out of that effort.

Michael Dunthorn, Director of the Office of Homelessness, agreed that setting up such a program would be complicated.

Another idea could be to establish a trash pick-up program and contract with an outside non-profit organization to run it.

"I'm all for it. Obviously there would need to be some oversight, a paid person or volunteer to manage the people and their work, but I think it would be very helpful in the mission

district area," said Councilman Mark Campen.

"Depending on legalities, liabilities, etc. I'd say the concept could be replicated across the city and county roadsides, shorelines and more. The amount of trash out there would keep a cleanup crew busy and paid for months and years," he said.

Campen said he wants to talk to the city to get more information before bringing up the idea.

"I have been reading about this concept and its success in a few different areas. It seems like an idea well worth investigating," said Councilmember Seema Singh-Perez.

"Everybody needs to feel of use in this world," she added.

The idea of paying homeless

to pick up trash was first noted by County Commissioner Evelyn Gill who posted an article on Facebook recently.

"This is a win-win situation that gives a homeless person a chance to work and the opportunity to learn employment skills," Commissioner Gill told The Focus.

"On the City side it is an opportunity for workforce collaboration with existing partners and new stakeholders seeking solutions to our trash problems," she said.

Memphis has a homeless program where the homeless picks up trash. The volunteers are paid \$9 per hour in a partnership with Hospitality Hub. The program operates two days a week. The volunteers average

60 to 70 bags of litter and even pick up tires.

Paying the homeless to pick up litter is also currently a project in Fort Worth, Texas, where 40 homeless people were put to work. The city is spending \$48,000 per year on the program which is called "Clean Slate" and is run by the Presbyterian Night Shelter there.

The city of Los Angeles is considering a similar program as well.

San Jose, California has a pickup program called "Groundwerx" which is operated by the nonprofit Downtown Street Team. The idea is to reduce homelessness and panhandling.

Lunch Envy

One of the things that adhering to a diet brings on for some is a more concentrated attention to food. Instead of being satisfied with the food that is allowed, a few dieters, instead, dream of the items that aren't allowed. I am one

of those individuals, and of late, my mind has wandered back to the lunches that kids brought to school.

Parts of Ball Camp Elementary School burned to the ground in 1963. Two sixth grade classes and one fifth grade class moved across the street from the school and took



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up residence in an empty building. I believe that it once housed a hardware store.

This new classroom setting had only a couple of bathrooms (one for girls and one for boys), and since the cafeteria had been incinerated, students brought their lunches and ate them in the classrooms. We circled our desks and chowed down.

I always remember a couple of lunches that students ate. One was brought by Steve Buffalo. Steve would open his brown bag and pull out a thick sandwich wrapped in wax paper.

The aroma of that sandwich is always easy to recall. Steve had two pieces of white bread. Come to think of it, I'm not sure if any other kind was offered in grocery stores. Lying between those slices of bread was a bed of mayonnaise, and atop that were two pieces of sausage. He told me that his mom put the leftover breakfast food in his lunch. Steve let me sample one of his sandwiches, and the taste was wonderful.

Johnny Dickens taught me a new way to make an old sandwich. Johnny brought bologna sandwiches for lunch. Also in the bag was a small bag of Lay's potato chips. He removed the top piece of bread. Next, he popped the bag of chips,

laid those chips on the desk, and pummeled them into small pieces with the heel of his hand. The next step was pouring a thick layer of the clobbered chips on the bologna and replacing the bread. Johnny still had a few chips in the bag, and he would lift it to his mouth and pour the crumbs in. The sandwich looked so good that it left me drooling with envy.

Some classmates brought a thermos filled with hot soup. On cold days in the concrete block building, a hot food was a prize. I sometimes wished I could pour some hot tomato soup from my thermos and could crumble saltine crackers into it. However, a couple of years before, I'd clunked it

against something, and the glass inside shattered.

I always appreciated my mother's making lunches for us boys. However, the truth is that she could spread potted meat or egg salad so thin that the only way we knew something was on the bread was to see a swash of pink or yellow on it. I was like most kids of the time; the thing others had always looked more tasty than what was in my lunch bag. Of course, I must have had plenty to eat back then because I'm dieting now. As a result of having more than enough to eat or choosing the wrong things for meals has landed me here where a regulated food intake always leaves me thinking about good food from

long ago. I'm betting that in heaven folks don't have to worry about what they eat. Maybe someday I'll have that privilege, but for now, I'll just try to eat healthier most of the time.

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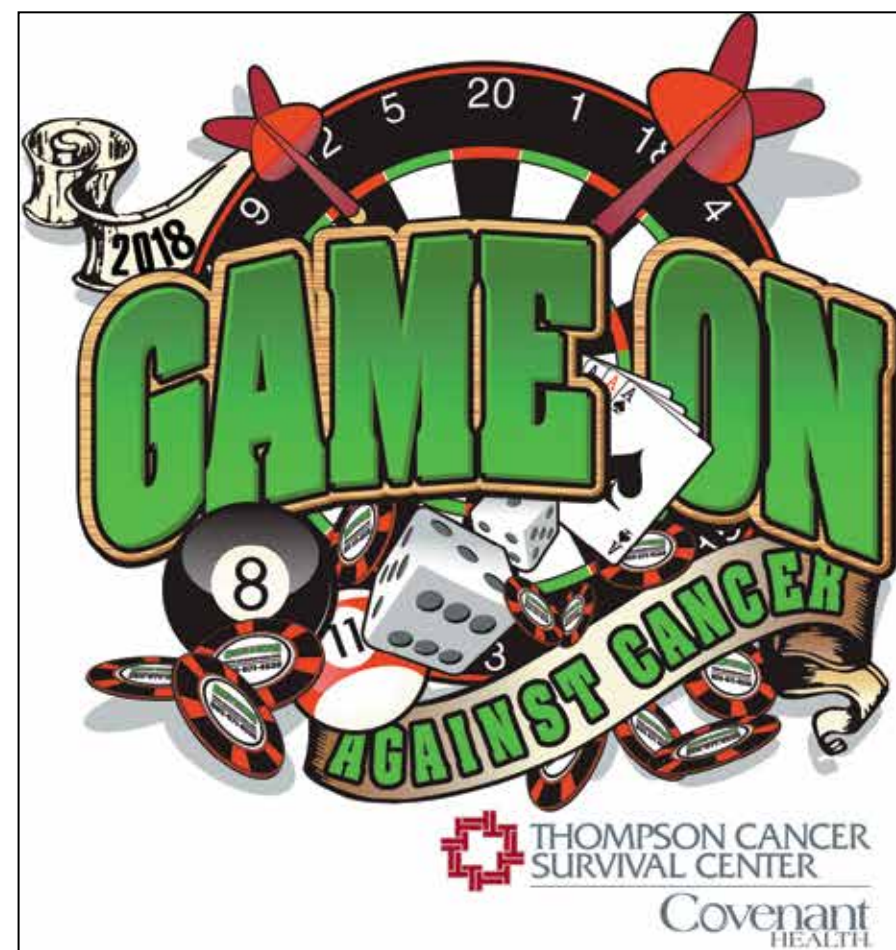
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University of the Cumberlands signs five from Fulton

By Steve Williams

It's only a little more than an hour away up I-75 North. Fulton High football fans probably will be making that trip from time to time the next few seasons.

Five former Falcons signed with The University of the Cumberlands' NAIA program on National Signing Day, Feb. 7.

Matt Rhymer, the Patriots' head coach and defensive coordinator, is getting some good talent from a Knoxville high school program that is one of the state's best.

Located in Williamsburg, Ky., the UC Patriots were 6-4 overall and 3-3 in conference play in 2017.

Beginning next fall wide receiver Coryean Davis, safety James Davis, cornerback Joey Smith, outside linebacker Jaquez Booker and wide receiver Robquez Thomas will be wearing Red, White and Blue instead of Fulton maroon.

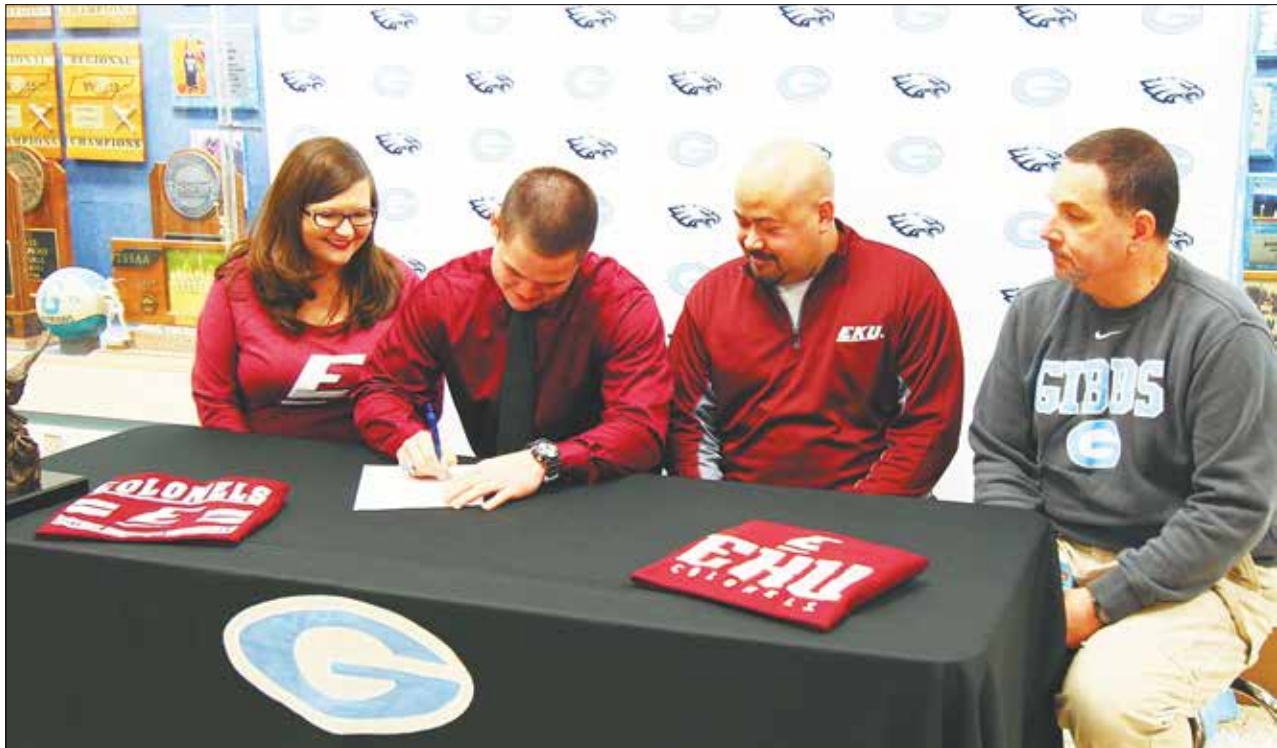


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Gibbs High senior Trey Mullins signs to play football for Eastern Kentucky Wednesday. Pictured with Josh are his mother, Allison, his father Josh, and former Eagles coach Brad Conley.

Coryean tied the FHS single season reception record last fall with 60 catches, noted Fulton head coach Rob Black.

"James was the

quarterback of our defense," added Coach Black. "He's a very smart player."

"Joey played cornerback and wide receiver for us

this past year. He caught 44 passes and more impressive than that, he played cornerback every game and gave up zero touchdown passes.

"Jaquez was a very versatile player for us and started on both sides of the ball. He played tight end on offense and some H-Back as well. He was also

a starter at defensive end and is expected to play outside linebacker and defensive end in college.

"Robquez played wide receiver and was on every special team in 2017. He is a very hard worker and loves the game. He will be an asset to UC football."

Among other local signees on National Signing Day last week, Austin-East's Chris Hunter signed with Army and is expected to be a linebacker at West Point.

Gibbs standout Trey Mullins signed with Eastern Kentucky and is looking forward to playing for head coach Mark Elder, a former UT assistant.

"The coaching staff there are all good people," said Mullins, a running back for the Eagles. "They're good Christian men. The school has a good football tradition."

"I loved the campus. I went up there for a game

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Eagles bring dual title home to Corryton

By Ken Lay

FRANKLIN --- For the first time in school history, Gibbs High School's wrestling team has won a State Dual Championship.

The Eagles, who have been recent regulars at the Class AAA State Duals in recent years, were reclassified before the 2017-18 season. And they claimed this season's Class A/AA Championship with a 40-33 victory over Signal Mountain in a battle of Eagles on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Williams County Ag Expo Center.

"This is really humbling and exciting," said Eagles coach Tim Pittman, who arrived at Gibbs in the early 2000's and began building the school's program from scratch. "These are all Gibbs kids and

I've watched them come through our youth program. I'm just so happy.

"I've watched them all grow up and come through our youth program. These kids and our coaches have all worked hard. The kids have trained hard. Wrestling is unlike any other sport. You put in a lot of time. It's a mental and emotional drain. So, it's nice to get the chance to let loose."

In the championship dual, the Eagles darted out to an 18-0 lead as Elijah Lawson (195 pounds), Tyson Hefner (220) and Joel Griffin (285 pounds) all picked up victories via the fall.

Lawson pinned Will Davis in 55 seconds. Hefner stuck Mason Hike in 42 seconds. It took Griffin just

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Gibbs High students and fans brave a hard rain to greet the Gibbs High School wrestling team. The Eagles received a police escort to school Wednesday after winning the Class A/AA State Duals Championship on Saturday, Feb. 3.

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Tennessee's Class of 2018...

Not Bad Considering the Circumstances

By Alex Norman

First things first... the sky is not falling.

Did Tennessee get a top 10 recruiting class? No. When all is said and done, this class likely falls in that 18th to 22nd range nationally, and around 8th in the conference.

Were there disappointments on National Signing Day? There sure were!

Four-star linebacker Quay Walker not only picked Georgia over Tennessee, but he turned it into a spectacle. Walker wore a Tennessee cap for a moment, then tossed it aside and revealed his Georgia gear.

Four-star wide receiver Jacob Copeland picked Florida over Tennessee. That prompted his mother, who was wearing a Tennessee toboggan and an Alabama sweatshirt (?) to walk away from her son (she later returned and hugged him).

4-star running back Anthony Grant and 4-star wide receiver Jordan Young flipped to Florida State.

There are glaring needs on this Tennessee roster, and those were all players that could have helped in that regard.

New head coach Jeremy Pruitt spoke about the challenges of recruiting this class.

"For one, when you look at the guys on our staff, we kind of came from all over," Pruitt said. "So we had built relationships with guys to recruit them to other schools. A lot of the guys, even though they just announced today (February 7), had already decided on where they wanted to go so we were probably way behind to begin with."

Pruitt of course was not available full-time to the Tennessee Volunteers until the second week in January, once his duties as Alabama's defensive coordinator were complete. This hurt the Vols in this class, especially when you remember the debut of the early signing period (December 20-22).

There just wasn't enough time to build those relationships. That won't be the case for the Class of 2019. And Pruitt is already off to a good start. The day after NSD, the Vols got a verbal commitment from Jackson Lampley, a 4-star offensive

lineman from Montgomery Bell Academy.

"It's going to be a lot easier than it was this time because we're going to start as soon as possible, and we've already started hosting underclassmen on campus, said Pruitt. "The way to keep moving up the process in recruiting, it starts earlier and earlier, and that's something we're going to have to do. And we'll do it all spring, so I hope this time next year the guys we're talking about have been to campus more than one time."

Much like Butch Jones got a big boost from his first full class in 2014, Pruitt is eyeing big things for 2019.

Not to say that there aren't contributors to be found in the Class of 2018. 4-star defensive lineman Emmitt Gooden, a JUCO transfer, should fit in well with Pruitt's 3-4 defensive alignment. 4-star linebacker J.J. Peterson likely gets early playing time as a true freshman. The Vols held off a late challenge from Alabama for Peterson.

Pruitt thinks he got a steal in 3-star safety Trevon Flowers, who picked the Vols over Clemson. "Very unique individual," Pruitt said. "Has a very good skill set as a defensive back and could probably play all six positions back there. I think this guy's going to be a very good player for us one day."

Flowers only played high school football during his senior season, and hopes to also play baseball at Tennessee.

Among the early signees from December, running back Jeremy Banks should see the field as a true freshman. He's a bruising 6'2", 215 pound runner that will get to campus this June.

"It's kind of why they have weight classes," said Pruitt. "The heavyweights don't fight the lightweights. I know from a defensive standpoint, those bigger guys on the other side of the ball, when it gets to the third and fourth quarter, those guys can pound the defense a little bit, so we needed a guy like that."

The rebuild from the worst season in Tennessee football history has begun. We'll find out in the years to come if Jeremy Pruitt can get the Vols back to SEC prominence.

South-Doyle girls will be going for another sweep

By Steve Williams

Six years ago South-Doyle's girls swept the Knox County Middle School Basketball League's regular season and tournament championships.

The Lady Cherokees are two wins from doing it again as the annual post-season tourney resumes tonight at Karns Middle School after twice being postponed last week because of Knox County schools being closed for "sick days."

The head coach of that highly successful 2011-12 South-Doyle team was Abby (Evans) Williams, who is now assistant principal and athletic director at the school.

The Lady Cherokees, who received a first-round bye, rolled past Powell 42-10 in quarterfinal action on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The title path for South-Doyle starts getting tougher in today's 4:30 semifinal matchup against No. 4 seed and host Karns, which eliminated Carter 31-23 in the quarters.

The other semifinal contest will pit No. 2 seed Farragut, the 2017 champion, against No. 3 seed West Valley at 7 o'clock.

Farragut eliminated Bearden 51-14 and West Valley ousted Gresham 45-18 in the quarterfinals.

The girls' consolation and title games are scheduled for Thursday at 4:30 and 7.

Defense has been the strength of South-Doyle's team and led the way to its regular season championship. The Cherokees defeated Whittle Springs 55-17 Monday, Jan. 29, on their home court to wrap up the title.

South-Doyle and Farragut each finished with a 12-1 league record, but S-D won at Farragut by one point during the season to earn the tie-breaker and No. 1 seed.

Guard Terryauna Griffin and point guard Jamia Simmons paced South-Doyle with 19 and 17 points, respectively, in its regular season finale against Whittle Springs. Post Ranaisha Gates added 10 points.

Also starting for South-Doyle were forward Abby Sullivan and guard Makayla Wilkerson. All five starters are eighth graders.

Simmons scored 13 of her points in the first period as the Lady Cherokees built a 24-2 command.

"Our biggest thing is we try to focus on defense and use our quickness to get some easier baskets," said South-Doyle Coach Eric Brabson. "We really pride ourselves on the defensive end."

And bringing with him from his time as coach at Austin-East High, where "they're known as Roadrunners," Brabson added, "We're definitely going to run as well."

While there were no upsets on the girls' side through first round and quarterfinal games, that certainly wasn't the case in the boys' bracket.

UPSET DAY: Most likely for the first time in the history of the long-running tournament, the top 3 seeds were upset in the quarterfinals.

Top seed Bearden, which was 13-0 in league play, was the first to fall as No. 9 seed Gresham hit a 3-pointer at the end to stun the Bruins 50-47.

West Valley stopped Powell 47-30, but then Old Man Upset returned and host Karns, the No. 6 seed, tripped up No. 3 seed South-Doyle 49-47.

Farragut, the No. 7 seed, finished off the underdogs'

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Gresham 50, Bearden 47 West Valley 47, Powell 30 Karns 49, South-Doyle 47 Farragut 49, Vine 43

party with a 49-43 victory over No. 2 seed Vine, which was the 2017 champion.

UT Arboretum Society offers monthly hike February 17

February Theme is Father-Daughter Hike; Everyone Welcome

The UT Arboretum Society's monthly hike for February will be held February 17th at the UT Arboretum, 9:00 a.m. In 2018, the UT Arboretum Society is offering a monthly hike on the third Saturday of each month. For the ninth year, the Arboretum is showcasing the February hike as the Father-Daughter Hike, but everyone, regardless of age, is welcome on this hike. We encourage grandfathers to bring their granddaughters, uncles to bring their nieces, older brothers to bring their young sisters, etc.

This is a great winter occasion to spend some quality time outdoors and to learn about the UT Arboretum's trails. We're all tired of the cold weather, so why not come out and enjoy some exercise? This is a short trail hike (1 to 1.5 hours).

Next month's hike is on Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

This hike will be held outdoors and will be led by Jeff Holt, a local forester. Come to the UT Arboretum, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments before the hike. Wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking.

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

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

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Tennessee Tech 'felt like home' for Karns High's Garrett

By Ken Lay

Karns High School senior football player Bryson Garrett will continue his career at Tennessee Tech University.

He made it official by signing a National Letter of Intent Wednesday while friends, family, teammates and coaches were in attendance at the Karns High School Auditorium.

Garrett, an offensive lineman and multiple-year starter for the Beavers, was a team captain and the two-time Region 3-5A Offensive Lineman of the Year, said that signing with the Golden Eagles last week, brought an end to a long process.

"This has been a big dream of mine," said Garrett, who has played

football in the Karns Community since he was seven years old. "It was a long process and it was a crazy process."

Garrett, who earned an Honorable Mention on the Knoxville Focus/Coaches' All-Knox County High School Football Team, said that Tennessee Tech was a natural fit for him.

"It just felt like home," he said. "The coaching staff made me feel at home."

Garrett also noted that his sister attended school at Tennessee Tech.

"My sister went to school there. So I was familiar with the school."

Garrett, who said that he plans to study Sports Management and Business in Cookeville, said that Tennessee Tech was close to home. But he also noted



Karns senior offensive lineman Bryson Garrett signs a National Letter of Intent to play football at Tennessee Tech. He is pictured with members of his family, who will get the chance to see him play for the Golden Eagles in Cookeville.

PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

that he not only has family in East Tennessee that will follow his career with the

Golden Eagles. "It was important for me to stay close to home so my

family can see me play," he said. "I have family here. "But I also have family

about 45 minutes away in Hendersonville."

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21 seconds to top Riley Daniels. In the 120-pound weight class, Gibbs High's Yair recorded a victory when he pinned Kale Albritton 40 seconds into the second period.

Landon Adzima (132 pounds) notched a major decision victory over Signal Mountain's Sam Wickizer. Adzima won the bout 13-2.

Mathew Maxwell, Gibbs High's veteran 145-pounder, pinned Eli Buttrum in 1 minute, 2 seconds and Noel Leyva, a 160-pound veteran, scored a pin over Signal Mountain's Oliver Goodgame in 51 seconds.

Gibbs was welcomed back to Corryton by fans during a police escort Wednesday morning. And the fans who answered an early wake-up braved the pouring rain. Pittman said that he was happy.

"The community really supports us and the community is a big reason why we have so much success,"

Pittman said. "It's really great to have this kind of success at this level. This was always our goal."

"It was great to see those people Wednesday morning."

The Eagles opened the State Duals with a 40-27 victory over Hixon. Gibbs edged Greenbrier 31-29 in the semifinals.

The Eagles will soon receive championship rings. The season, however, is not over. The Region Individual Championships were contested Saturday. Results were unavailable at press time.

Many of the Eagles will have the chance to make a return trip to Franklin on Feb. 15 for the individual State Meet.

"The biggest thing that I had to do was get our team re-focused," Pittman said. "Because we can still win a traditional state championship; these kids can show what they can do."

University of the Cumberland signs five from Fulton

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and it was a great environment. "Personally, it was important for me to stay close to home. I wanted my family and friends to be able to come and see me play."

Mullins will pursue a degree and career in criminal justice.

Hardin Valley Academy's Aaron Dykes, another one of the state's top running backs, signed with

Richmond.

Joe Fluker, who helped lead Knoxville Catholic to the Class 5A state championship, will continue his football career at the University of Pikeville (Ky.) as an inside linebacker.

"Joe has worked extremely hard, and I think he will have a tremendous career at the next level," said Catholic head coach Steve Matthews.

I would hope you would support who Vols are...

There is a scene in the popular movie Hoosiers that came to mind when I heard some fans' reaction to Jeremy Pruitt's first National Signing Day recruiting class as UT's new head football coach.



By Steve Williams

"We want Jimmy," chanted students as Hickory High's basketball team ran out onto the shiny hardwood as it was introduced during an in-school pep rally. "We want Jimmy."

In the movie, Jimmy Chitwood had been the Huskers' star player the previous season and the school's principal said he was the best he had ever seen in Indiana high school basketball, but he wasn't playing this particular season, having withdrawn from almost everything since the death of his father.

As the chanting continued, "We want Jimmy," Coach Dale walked back out on the court and got on the microphone.

"I would hope that you would support who we are, not who we are not," said Coach Dale in a stern voice.

The morning after National Signing Day, some UT fans were like those Hickory students. Instead of applauding the new Vols that Pruitt and his staff had landed in an abbreviated amount of time, they were complaining about not getting big-time prospects that turned down offers from Tennessee and

went elsewhere.

National Signing Day bummers included linebacker Quay Walker choosing Georgia over Tennessee, wide receiver Jacob Copeland picking the Gators instead

of the Vols and running back Anthony Grant and wide receiver Jordan Young flipping over to Florida State. All were 4-star prospects.

Sure, Pruitt came up short in some recruiting battles this time. But he swung for the fences, going after some of the top recruits in the nation.

After the worst season in UT football history (0-8 SEC, 4-8 overall), the fact Pruitt got many of these highly rated prospects just on campus says a lot about his reputation.

Pruitt and his staff had some victories and landed some talent that will help right away.

Prizes last Wednesday included linebacker J.J. Peterson, the country's No. 3 rated outside linebacker, out of Georgia and 4-star defensive lineman Emmit Gooden from Independence Community College. Versatile defensive back Trevon Flowers could also turn out to be special. The former Kentucky baseball signee was wanted by Clemson.

Pruitt also signed some prospects that are expected to be redshirt freshmen and key contributors someday. Two of those were local

prep standouts.

"Ollie Lane from right here in Knoxville (Gibbs High)," said Pruitt as he commented on each of his 20 signees. "Ollie is 6-3, 302 pounds, an offensive lineman. He played in an option offense in high school. He's a really good run blocker, he's mid-year, he's here and he's working hard. You can tell he's getting stronger in the weight room."

"Jacob Warren from here in Knoxville (Farragut High)," continued Pruitt. "6-6, 212 pounds at tight end. Jacob in high school probably played more wide receiver and he knows that he has to put on some pounds to play tight end, but he's working hard to do it."

For those who have never seen Hoosiers, Jimmy eventually decided it was about time he started playing for the Huskers. His announcement at a town meeting received cheers and came just as the town folk had voted to remove Coach Dale from his job.

"I play, Coach stays," said Jimmy. "He goes, I go."

A revote was quickly called for and the decision was reversed.

Jimmy had been impressed by Coach Dale's hard work, straightforwardness and desire to win.

Come to think of it, those qualities are a lot like Coach Pruitt's.



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Banned Roadrunners have just one game left to play

Armstead said spectators caused incident to escalate

By Steve Williams

In an exclusive interview with The Knoxville Focus last week, Austin-East Athletic Director Alvin Armstead said spectators coming out of the stands were what caused an incident in a high school boys' basketball game between A-E and Brainerd to escalate Saturday, Jan. 27, in Chattanooga.

"It got out of hand real fast, but initially we had it broken up when they (teams) kind of came together," said Armstead. "Coaches, officials, myself, we were all right there in the middle. And then people started coming out of the stands and that's what escalated it to what we are dealing with now."

Armstead made his comments last Wednesday, Feb. 7, in an office room at the East Knoxville high school. It was the afternoon before the TSSAA Board of Control was to hear an appeal by the two schools.

The results of that hearing Thursday did not change the sanctions made earlier by the TSSAA, which included a two-year restrictive probation that bans the two teams from playing in the post-season tournament.

Principal Nathan Langlois and Armstead represented Austin-East at the hearing.

"The Board voted to keep the original Disciplinary Action in place for Austin-East High School with the understanding that Austin-East has put in place 12 sportsmanship initiatives that they are and will be working on as a community. The Board would entertain another appeal by the Austin-East administration

once significant progress has been made with these 12 initiatives," stated the report sent to The Focus by Matthew Gillespie, Assistant Executive Director of the TSSAA.

The Board also voted to keep the original Disciplinary Action in place for Brainerd.

Therefore, the Austin-East Roadrunners, who were ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA at the time of the incident, have only one regular season game left to play. That will be against Bearden, one of the state's top Class AAA teams, Tuesday night at A-E.

"Most of our students were actually trying to pull our students out of it," said Armstead as he described the incident that caused a stoppage of the game in the second quarter.

"We even had cheerleaders trying to pull students out, also had parents trying to separate kids and pulling them away from the melee."

Armstead said the people who came out of the stands and caused the situation to quickly worsen weren't parents.

"I know they weren't parents," he said. "They were spectators from both sides - from Austin-East and Brainerd. But it escalated really quickly when they came out."

"I felt like we had it under control. We separated everybody. None of the kids from Austin-East or Brainerd were throwing any punches or anything. Initially, it was just kind of jockeying for position, things like that. But when people came from out of the stands that's what got it to what we're dealing with now."

"We were just trying to break it up. I mean we fell to the ground trying to separate things. We did see,



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Austin-East boys' basketball coach Marcus Stanton speaks to his players Wednesday, Feb. 7, to update them on where they stand with the TSSAA ruling and their season. "The players and their parents are taking it pretty hard," said A-E Athletic Director Alvin Armstead earlier that day. The Roadrunners, banned from tournament play by the TSSAA, have only one game left in their season -- Tuesday night against Bearden at A-E.



but I could not identify ... It was so quick and fast how things had just kind of gotten to that point."

In handing out fines and sanctions, the TSSAA did allow for the two schools to finish playing their regular season games.

Austin-East had two district games remaining with Alcoa and one at Scott High, but those two schools made decisions to not play the Roadrunners.

"I was hoping to play last night (Feb. 6)," said A-E Coach Marcus Stanton in an e-mail to The Focus last week. "However, Alcoa called and said that we wouldn't be playing because they did not feel safe. That's strange because we've played them for years and have never had any issues."

"Surely enough as that news got out Scott called and told us that they did not want to play us either."

Bearden Coach Jeremy Parrott, however, is bringing his talented Bulldogs to Austin-East to play. It will be Bearden's final game before the District 4-AAA tournament begins later this week.

"Yes, we are honoring the game," e-mailed Coach Parrott Thursday to confirm. "There will be a JV boys and Varsity boys' game. No girls' game."

When offered to make a comment about why Alcoa had made the decision to not play Austin-East, Alcoa Athletic Director Joshua Stephens replied: "Our #1 priority is to complete all of our district games that will affect us in the post

season. For more information contact our director of Schools Dr. Brian Bell."

Dr. Bell replied Friday: "Josh is correct in that our priority is our students. We were concerned playing a team that had been banned from the post season and at the same time we were still playing to get to the post season. Our decision was based on what we believe is the best for our students."

Jody Wright of Fulton High, one of 12 members of the TSSAA Board of Control, e-mailed Friday:

"Austin East administration did an outstanding job in their appeal before the Board of Control ... The Board upheld the state office's decision but gave Austin East the opportunity

to reappear and appeal ... Due to the fact that Austin East is in our district, I recused myself from the vote."

Wright also is an assistant principal, athletic director and boys' head basketball coach at Fulton.

Three of Austin-East's 12 sportsmanship initiatives include:

-- Sending two officers to away games who will sit on the bench with players at all times. Two members of the Austin-East staff will also attend all away games.

-- Any fan who goes onto the floor will receive an automatic one-year ban from home or away games.

-- Anyone found guilty of fighting will be kicked off the team.



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Dr. Jim Ferguson

Rhetoric

Do you believe or trust what you hear these days? Admittedly, I have become a skeptic about climate issues and politics. And I no longer trust the media who, like Chicken Little, preach everyday that the sky is falling - at least since Trump became president. I don't believe it's healthy to listen to this diatribe of negativity and hatred spewing from the likes of CNN and the NYT. I just don't see the apocalypse they preach around every corner.

Rhetoric is the persuasive use of words and speech. In antiquity, rhetoric, along with grammar and logic, was a key component of a classical education and known as the trivium. And along with the quadrivium of math, geometry, music and astronomy comprised the seven components of a liberal arts education. Together, these afforded a student the foundations for thinking

skills and paved the way for advanced studies in philosophy and theology.

My formal pre-med education was in the liberal arts, though weighted heavily toward the sciences. Even so, some of my favorite courses were electives in music and art appreciation. My math aptitude precluded a career in engineering or astrophysics. It broke my engineer father's heart that calculus was not my forte. I didn't have time to study philosophy, theology or rhetoric in college, but as a thirty something my liberal arts education resumed.

Education today is very different than in antiquity or in my era of the sixties and seventies. I'm a bibliophile, so I was surprised to learn from a high school patient that all his course work was done all online and without any books.

You can teach an old dog new tricks. I have learned

to use new technology to conduct seminars in medicine for Lincoln Memorial University through the equivalent of Skype. However, though I'm an experienced and competent internist, my effectiveness as a doctor and teacher depends on rhetoric and the ability to communicate effectively and persuasively.

In this modern era there is no shortage of verbiage, even though there is a dearth of rhetoric. Obama's lofty prose delivered from the podium with a teleprompter shaped the opinions of millions. Unfortunately, his policies led to the decline of America's position in the world and our economy, as well as doubling our national debt. The fawning media never challenged him, and to this day work to sustain his troubled legacy.

Trump is a striking contrast to Obama. The brash man from Queens does not have Obama's chiseled good looks or his academic credentials and his hair is a distraction. However, Trump speaks from his heart and projects a love of country. He's a businessman and a charismatic leader. He wants to Make America Great Again, and after Obama's worldwide "apology tours" this is a welcome redirection of our country.

A considerable influence

on my non-traditional education comes from historian, Professor Rufus Fears (University of Oklahoma). The Founders of our country studied history and believed history was a guide to solutions of current day problems. It seems that history is deemed less important in modernity and our current educational system. Perhaps we should all reflect on the observations of George Santayana who said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

In his lectures, Dr. Fears repeatedly returned to the attributes of an effective leader. Men like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and FDR projected "bedrock principles and a moral compass." They were able to "articulate a clear vision and build a consensus" to attain their goals. I measure our leaders by these laudable standards.

Like CNN and the New York Times, I wonder how Donald Trump can still be standing. The media, Democrats, the Deep State, the Ruling Class, Hollywood and academic elites have thrown everything including the kitchen sink at Trump and he marches right along with his bedrock love of America and his vision to Make America Great Again.

Most Americans want our country to be great and prosperous again. We tried

the other direction and it didn't work. And excluding despots like Rocket Man and Putin, everyone knows that when America is greater the world is safer.

The scowls on the faces of Democrats during the State of the Union address were telling. Pelosi said that she wasn't frowning, but was "having denture problems." This does not explain why she and Schumer and all the rest of the Democrats were unable to stand and applaud even for the military or the good economy. Apparently, the Democrats clear vision is to hate Trump, "resist" America and champion DACA over the "deplorables."

Haters of our duly elected president maintain that he is not worthy because of previous male locker room bravado and the claims of women in this era of the #MeToo movement. These same moralists claim there is right and wrong behavior for some, but no criteria for Mr. and Mrs. Clinton. I can comprehend (though not understand) the passion of Democrats, since their Russian collusion imbroglio has fallen apart, major tax reform has passed and Trump has been effective building a supportive base and a consensus in the Congress to advance his vision.

So which do you prefer: the surrogates of a smooth talking academic with no

experience making a payroll and whose policies have been demonstrated failures; or a brash businessman with bad hair who pushes back against the establishment with Tweets and whose policies are working? During the Clinton presidency the mantra was, "It's the economy stupid," emphasizing the economic successes of the nineties. So I ask Democrats, why not now?

As I write this essay our Congressional "leaders" are trying to pass a budget that raises military spending, but as usual there is no decrease in social budgets despite historic low unemployment and four million fewer on food stamps. I have no idea what will happen as a result of corruption in the FBI, the CIA and the DOJ. Now the State Department has been added to the scandal. And don't forget the perpetual mess at the IRS and the Veterans Administration.

Aesop told the fable of the little boy who called wolf too many times, and everyone quit listening. I have quit listening to the major news media. But maybe that's what the Beltway Boys intended all along. When the cat's away, the [rats] will play. And that's not a rhetorical statement.

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A Friend of Sinners

It is important to look at the types of friends Jesus had because it tells much about him and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. When looking at who he spent time with, you will notice quickly that he did not discriminate based on ethnic background or social standing. Jesus ate with both the poor and the rich. From a religious standpoint, he ate with both the "righteous" and the "sinners." These two groups of people had two different reactions after spending time with Jesus. Often, the "righteous"



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

were offended by Jesus, while the "sinners" were drawn to him. Jesus gave a quote of what was said about him by the religious leaders: "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners'" (Matthew 11:19).

Soon after Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John from their fishing boats to follow him, Jesus calls another unlikely disciple. As Jesus made his way into the town of Capernaum, he meets a man named Levi or Matthew who is collecting levies on goods such as fish and olives that are being transported for sale (Luke 5:27-32). Matthew worked for the Romans who occupied the Jewish homeland.

Tax collectors were considered traitors because they worked for the enemy. They would pay Rome what was due them, and would pocket the extra money they collected. They were hated and not welcome to worship in the synagogues. "Righteous" Jews would not associate with them.

Instead of avoiding or ignoring Matthew, Jesus walks up and invites him to be his disciple. Typical rabbis only chose twelve disciples, so you would think Jesus would be a bit picky. Matthew accepts the invitation. This is a big decision for both Matthew and Jesus. For Matthew, he is giving up a lucrative business. For Jesus, he is opening up the opportunity for character assassination and turning

some people away. But Jesus didn't care what others thought. He only cared what God thought. Jesus didn't see Matthew as a "sinner." He saw something in Matthew that no one else was able to see.

That night Matthew throws a large banquet at his home and invites Jesus to come. Matthew also invited a number of guests, including other tax collectors (sinners). In the Middle East, both back then and today, to invite someone in your home for a meal was a big deal. It is a public declaration that you are choosing to spend time with someone. The religious people never would have eaten with Matthew. He would have been considered unclean. Even eating the food prepared would have

been unclean. But Jesus ate with Matthew and his friends. Those present must have been shocked. Here was a Jewish rabbi eating dinner with them. The "religious" pious crowd was also shocked. After the meal they asked Jesus, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:30-32).

Jesus offers a beautiful picture of what God is like. He cares about the lost and has compassion on sinners because he wants them to follow him. Just like Jesus went to outsiders and befriended them in order to draw them to God, let us do the same.



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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on March 15, 2018 on or about 10:00AM local time, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL DOANE AND JENNIFER DOANE, to DDC MOR TITLE, Trustee, on October 3, 2011, as Instrument No. 201110200021450 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

ALSO MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE ALONG THE BOLING LINE, SOUTH 39 DEG 13 MIN WEST 215.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT NO. THREE (3); THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN TRACTS NO. TWO (2), THREE (3), AND FOUR (4), NORTH 52 DEG 17 MIN WEST 304.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE COMMON CORNERS OF TRACTS TWO (2) AND EIGHT (8); THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LING BETWEEN TRACTS TWO (2) AND EIGHT (8) NORTH 39 DEG 13 MIN EAST 193.03 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF TRACT 1; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN TRACTS 1 & 2, SOUTH 56 DEG 25 MIN EAST 306 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 567-1-1433. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated APRIL 9, 1999, executed by REGINA M. DRISKELL, to GUARANTY TITLE COMPANY, A TENNESSEE CORPORATION FIRST AMERICAN CENTER NASHVILLE, TN 37237, Trustee, of record in TRUST BOOK 3571, PAGE 1011, for the benefit of FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FIRST AMERICAN CENTER NA-4701, NASHVILLE, TN 37237, in the Register's Office for KNOX COUNTY, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for KNOX County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/ JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 AT 11:00 A.M. (LOCAL TIME), AT THE NORTHERN MOST ENTRANCE FROM MAIN AVENUE NEAR THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM ON LEVEL "M" OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING AT 400 MAIN AVENUE IN KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in KNOX County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, TENNESSEE: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 29-R, MIDDLEBROOK HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET Q, SLIDE 360-C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO REGINA M. DRISKELL, UNMARRIED (AKA REGINA M. DRISKILL) BY WARRANTY DEED DATED APRIL 9, 1999 OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2322, PAGE 481, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THIS IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3123 JOYCE AVE., KNOXVILLE, TN 37921. PARCEL ID: 094IA03401

THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND IS FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY TENANT(S) OR OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY. ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BY A THIRD PARTY IS NOT THE REPRESENTATION/RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEE(S)/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE(S) OR THEIR OFFICE.

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID TAXES, IF ANY, ANY PRIOR LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES LEASES, EASEMENTS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS WHICH TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE DEED OF TRUST UNDER WHICH THIS FORECLOSURE SALE IS CONDUCTED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PRIORITY OF ANY FIXTURE FILING. IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY/INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, OR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT ARE LISTED AS INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE ADVERTISEMENT, THEN THE NOTICE OF THIS FORECLOSURE IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM, AND THE SALE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY, ALL AS REQUIRED BY 26 U.S.C. 7425, T.C.A. 67-1-1433, AND 28 U.S.C. 2410 (C). THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 35-5-101 ET SEQ. HAVE BEEN MET.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE IF YOU PURCHASE A PROPERTY AT THE FORECLOSURE SALE, THE ENTIRE PURCHASE PRICE IS DUE AND PAYABLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFIED/BANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO OR ENDORSED TO LAW OFFICE OF J. PHILLIP JONES. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. TO THIS END, YOU MUST BRING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OUTBID THE LENDER AND ANY OTHER BIDDERS. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE WINNING BID WILL BE REFUNDED TO THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER AT THE TIME THE FORECLOSURE DEED IS DELIVERED.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CITY OF KNOXVILLE; SUNTRUST BANK THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THIS IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3123 JOYCE AVE., KNOXVILLE, TN 37921.

J. PHILLIP JONES/ JESSICA D. BINKLEY, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE 1800 HAYES STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37203 (615) 254-4430 www.phillipjoneslaw.com F18-0018

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 26, 2017, executed by CAROLE E. FRIAR, GEORGE A. FRIAR, III, conveying certain real property therein described to MARK ROSSER, as Trustee, as same

appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 30, 2016, at Instrument Number 21609300020996; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Aurala Financial Group, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

LOT 3, BLOCK X, UNIT 10 OF VILLAGE GREEN SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 63-S, PAGE 7, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. PARCEL ID: 142ZG003

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 605 HEARTHSIDE RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934. 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): CAROLE E. FRIAR, GEORGE A. FRIAR, III OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Home Loan Investment Bank, FSB The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #131500 02/05/2018, 02/12/2018, 02/19/2018

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 25, 2005, executed by REBECCA GAMBRELL, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M. WILSON, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 7, 2005, at Instrument Number 2005044070079423; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3 who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 6 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TN AND BEING ALL OF LOT 16, BLOCK G, KINGS GATE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, REVISED AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 55-S, PAGE 1 IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE, SAID LOT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD AFORESAID TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 152KB-010 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 11924 BERWICK LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934. 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): REBECCA GAMBRELL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #130602 01/29/2018, 02/05/2018, 02/12/2018

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. Atsigner 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 therefor 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 Bando and Elow Awonoor, 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. McKeenan Tarry, Cox, Fleishman & Leveille, PLLC Agent for Trustee 1111 Northshore Dr, Ste N-290 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, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on 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 2274, 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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #1130349 01/29/2018, 02/05/2018, 02/12/2018

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 200508160024980;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on 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# 133CJ028, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 28, WESTMORELAND COURT 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: 133CJ028 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 201041060040597. 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).

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #1130486 01/29/2018, 02/05/2018, 02/12/2018

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 22, 2007, executed by DAVID P. MOSIER, JANE M. MOSIER, 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 October 23, 2007, at Instrument Number 200710230033543;

as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 17-17185 FC01

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2012, recorded in Instrument No. 201210020021608 of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, David L. Matney and Vickie S. Matney, husband and wife, conveyed to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantors herein by Warranty Deed dated July 27, 2012 as recorded in Instrument Number 201207030000502 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Common address of property: **8118 Dodson Road, Knoxville, TN 37920.**

Tax ID: 126 01602.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Substitute Trustee as appointed in the aforesaid Deed of Trust by a substitution, said appointment being in the manner authorized by the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, Credit Human Federal Credit Union (f.k.a. CU Factory Built Lending, a Division of San Antonio Federal Credit Union), has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **MARCH 6, 2018**, the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about **10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: David L. Matney, Vickie S. Matney and Mariner Finance, LLC.

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

Christopher M. Caldwell, Substitute Trustee
705 Gate Lane, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-769-6969

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Christopher R. Bowers and Christy S. Bowers, husband and wife executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated February 26, 2004 and recorded on February 27, 2004 in Instrument No. 200402270080855, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 15, 2018**, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

**705 Melrese Rd
Knoxville, TN 37918-9310**
Tax ID# 047NH-031

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 31, ASHFORD GLEN SUBDIVISION, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet L, Slide 188-C.

BEING the same property conveyed to Christopher R. Bowers and Christy S. Bowers, husband and wife from Brandon L. Pennington and wife, Laura R. Pennington by Warranty Deed dated July 22, 2016, recorded as 201607250005277 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT TO all Restrictions, Covenants, Reservations, and Minimum Building Setback Lines and Ingress and Egress Easements and installation and maintenance of Utility and Drainage facilities as stated on recorded plat of record, if applicable, and all amendments thereto recorded, and further to any matter and/or condition which would be disclosed by a current and accurate survey or inspection of the property herein described.

SUBJECT TO all Notes, Matters, Restrictions, Agreements, Covenants, Easements, Setback Lines, Right-of-Ways and all other Conditions of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 047NH-031
Address/Description: **705 Melrese Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Christopher R. Bowers and wife Christy S. Bowers.

Other Interested Party(ies): Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

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

applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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File No.: 17-20193 FC01

COURT NOTICES

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 this 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 HIGHPOINT 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 PEMBROOKE SHIRE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

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

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
7734 SAYNE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

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
CORYTON, 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.l.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
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BECKY WALL; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
4324 FAIRLAWN DRIVE
KINGSFORD, TN. 37663

R LEE MCEVEY, II ATTORNEY AT LAW
108 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 208
KINGSFORD, TN. 37660

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MADALON LOUISE SEXTON
DOCKET NUMBER 79834-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of FEBRUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MADALON LOUISE SEXTON who died Dec 28, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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.

FRANK M SEXTON; EXECUTOR
30 SERENDIPITY WAY
SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30350

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF GRACE M BUNCH
DOCKET NUMBER 79896-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of FEBRUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GRACE M BUNCH who died Jan 12, 2018, 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 FEBRUARY, 2018.

CATHY VESSER; EXECUTRIX
1929 PLUMB BRANCH ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY DARCY LAURIE
DOCKET NUMBER 79905-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY DARCY LAURIE who died Jan 9, 2018, 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 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY DARCY LAURIE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
GEORGE M LAURIE; EXECUTOR
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CHATTANOOGA, TN. 37415

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: JAMES LOCKHART GREENE;
IN RE: BRUCE GREENE, JR. v.
JAMES LOCKHART GREENE
NO. 194826-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In This Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JAMES LOCKHART GREENE 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 JAMES LOCKHART GREENE it is ordered that said defendant JAMES LOCKHART GREENE file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with R. SETH OAKES, an Attorneys whose address is, 1111 N. Northshore Dr., Suite N-290, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridmore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This cause is set for hearing on March 19, 2018 at 9:00am.

This 8th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: DESCENDANTS OF MACY LETSINGER FRANKLIN
IN RE: KELLY**

Valentine's Hobo Style

For many Valentine's Day is a time to be kissy kissy, romantically, jewelry, dinner, and wine. The history of Valentine's Day is actually dark and for dog lovers—ugly. We have Shakespeare to thank for romanticized Valentine celebrations. Handmade cards were a suitor's token of love to his lady on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Hallmark Cards in 1913 the start of mass-produced valentines was born. Does Valentine's Hobo Style have the right idea or are you more of the Hallmark Card generation of a multibillion dollar industry celebrating by breaking the bank? Valentine's Hobo Style



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

is more hands-on by celebrating your love and giving of yourself. Hobo the Wonder Dog has the better idea and a bigger heart without breaking the bank and here is why. Hobo does not give a command performance on a given day; he treats every day with the same tail wagging enthusiasm as he did the day before. A game of fetch is just as exciting as it was the first day we played and a pat on the head and belly rub are always met with the same eagerness. What if your valentine met you at the door when you came home with the same excitement as a dog does—I bet there



Hobo the Wonder Dog preparing his favorite Valentine Treats.

would be less divorce in the world and a much larger population. If you are single and are dreading all the Valentine's Day celebrations—stop feeling sorry for yourself and celebrate Valentine's Day Hobo Style. You see—romance is mysterious, exciting, and differs from ordinary life. There is nothing wrong with doing

something special and treating yourself. Volunteering at a local shelter to walk a dog, play a game of fetch, or simply pet and groom a homeless animal, might prove rewarding beyond your wildest imagination. I assure you, you will feel loved in one of the simplest ways.

If you are in a relationship or hoping to be and

have your eye on someone, then Valentine's Day Hobo Style might be right for you. A handmade card from the heart is far better than an expensive mass-produced greeting. The effort of cooking at home and giving of yourself will go much farther than dinner out on the town and a box of chocolates. Relax, enjoy, while being yourself will always be worth more to the one right for you than the one you bid to impress.

In all the Valentine's Day celebrating let us not forget Fido. Build some excitement for your pooch maybe

a spa day to get them all cleaned up for a walk on the town or a game of fetch at the park or in the yard. Cook a batch of Hobo's Smacker Snacks for something special will surely please your Valentine pooch. Remember—every day is Valentine's when you have a dog. Whether it's kissy kissy or fetchy fetchy make your Valentine's Day special and fun. Hobo's Valentine advice to you—greet your Valentine every day the way your dog greets you and your Valentine will be yours till the end of time. Happy Valentine's Day!

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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. Pridmore, 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

LEGAL SECTION 94.

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

Bid 2645, Buttermilk Road Realignment Project, due 3/14/18;

Bid 2652, Intersection Improvements-Emory Road at Cate Road, due 3/15/18

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

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