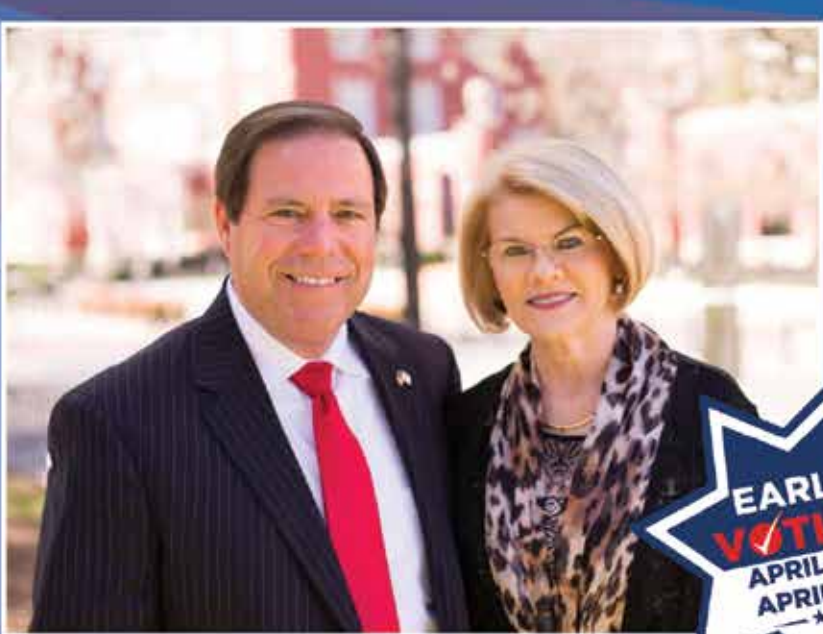


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County chicken ordinance
may be plucked from City

By Mike Steely
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"For some reason we've been getting calls about raising chickens in the county. Some are complaints and some are asking about raising them," said Sarah Fansler, county community outreach deputy director.

Fansler told The Focus that there's no current ordinance although chickens are mentioned in the Agricultural Zoned areas along with livestock. Unlike the City of Knoxville, which permits a small number of chickens to be kept in some residential areas, the county is only now beginning to look at a possible ordinance.

The subject of chickens hatched during a Knox County Commission meeting last week and was mentioned by Dwight Van de Vate, director of engineering and public works. He said the "domestic hens" question

is growing in popularity and might be addressed in a first draft of an ordinance in June or July.

"I had a lot of fun with this," Van de Vate told the group during the chairman's briefing prior to the commission's work session meeting, adding, "It's time to take this on."

In the interim, Deputy Law Director Daniel Sanders is wrestling with chickens and may be plucking from the existing Knoxville City Ordinance for guidance.

A proposed ordinance would include things like setback requirements, the prohibition of roosters, creating a permit, inspection of chicken coops, and possibly allowing up to six hens at each residence.

"We're waiting for some clarification," Fansler said.

The regulations will probably be very close to the current city regulations which include a \$25 permit, a \$50 building permit for the coup,



In Knox County you may soon be allowed to raise chickens in some residential areas but may be limited to the number of hens, no roosters, and may be forbidden to sell eggs.

a 10-foot setback from another property, and not allowing chickens to be raised by duplexes or multi-family homes. The city also forbids slaughtering outside.

Inside Knoxville the number of chickens are limited to ten hens and the sale of eggs is forbidden. It permits composting of manure or requires proper disposal of it. Until 2010 raising chickens in the city was unlawful.

Summit Hill bus stop,
Fort Dickerson and mayor
portraits

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also receive an improved parking lot in a contract with Design and Construction Services. That project is estimated at \$1.7 million.

The portraits of past mayors of the city may get restoration in an agreement with Consultant Andrew Hurst. The three-year agreement is for \$38,000. The portraits are on the 5th floor of the City-County Building overlooking the river.

The gas and electric systems of KUB may get

an in lieu tax payment agreement and a large tract of vacant land on Kermit Drive near the Clinton Highway Shopping Center may get final approval to rezone from SC-1 (Shopping Center) to C-4. Graham Corporation may build a hotel on the lot that backs onto Merchant Drive.

A lot on Hinton Avenue southwest of North Central Street may be rezoned from I-1 (Restricted Manufacturing) to O-1 (Office and medical) in a request from EM Jellinek.

Several local beer

permits are on the consent calendar including six Walmart stores, nine Food City locations, and two Sam's Clubs.

The One Year Plan presented by the Planning Commission may get final approval and Commissioner and Beer Board Chairman George Wallace might want to discuss one section of the City Code relative to beer permits.

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Will TNReady Ever Be Ready?



By Steve Hunley,
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Once again the State of Tennessee has been embarrassed by the failure of TNReady. Taxpayers spend \$30 million annually

to fund TNReady, which is supposed to help gauge the progress of students. It seems every year there is a problem with the testing platform. Amber Rountree, South Knoxville's representative on the board of education, now looks like a genius. Rountree has been sharply critical of the state's roll out of TNReady and repeatedly has pointed out what should be obvious to everyone: flawed test results tell us nothing. Candace McQueen, Governor Haslam's Commissioner of Education, just spent two hours before

a joint House committee being grilled by angry legislators. McQueen declared she was "devastated" by the most recent test failure. One legislator, a Democrat, called for McQueen to resign. State officials are claiming this year's test results were flawed by a "deliberate attack" on the cyber system. Students found themselves unable to sign into computer accounts to take the test. Legislators are, not surprisingly, growing weary of the numerous excuses by state officials where the testing has gone off the

tracks. Like Amber Rountree, several legislators are offering amendments to hold students, teachers and school district harmless. That is only fair as corrupted data should not and cannot be utilized. That same corrupted data negates the very benefit testing supposedly provides the State of Tennessee and denies school districts the opportunity to properly assess the progress of students and teachers. Once again, state officials have reached an agreement that the only way the test results will

count is if it benefits teachers and students. Even this is not an effective or legitimate means of adequately measuring the progress of those being tested. Some legislators are beginning to question whether online testing is effective. Clearly, it is time for the State of Tennessee - - the governor, the commissioner of education and legislators to consider the possibility of doing away with online testing and resorting to paper and pencil once again. Online testing to measure the progress of students and teachers in Tennessee has

become nothing less than an embarrassment in our state. Representative Ryan Williams was precisely correct when he said the legislature needed to take action to "do something to protect teachers and our students and our institutions from further erosion of the trust as it relates to these tests." Unfortunately, I think we've already passed that point. It doesn't appear we're any closer than we ever were for TNReady to be ready.

Twin Creek Road neighbors want the road open

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cleanup. Dwight Van de Vate, county director of engineering, told the commission that he will do whatever they want but added, "if you don't close it the dump will continue." He said the large illegal dump is "unique to the area" and estimated the cleanup at about \$100,000. He said the department is ready to seek bids as soon as a motion is passed. Commission Chairman Randy Smith said that he supports the cleanup but said the permanent closing of the road punishes the

innocents there. He added that the state needs to give the county "some teeth" in enforcing penalties for dumping. The current fine is only \$50 when someone is caught dumping trash along a county road. "I'm so mad," Dailey said, adding, "Most of them are coming from outside our county." Dailey then modified his motion to close the road to "no recommendation" and the matter comes back before the commissioners today. In other work session news from last week, the

commission did vote to close a portion of Raindrop Road on first reading and close an alley between Second Drive and Olive Road in the Old Concord Community. Election Director Cliff Rogers spoke to the commission asking them to authorize a \$5000 a month rental for the department at the Downtown West Shopping Center. He said the election commission has been using free space there but said the landlord isn't going to give free space beyond early voting there. He asked them to approve the funds in

today's meeting. Rogers also noted the heavy turnout there, which he described as the county's largest turnout location. He also commented on the large number of campaign signs everywhere but noted that he cannot restrict signs beyond the 100-foot limit at the polls. Also on the agenda for today's Commission Meeting is the honoring of the late Walter Lynn Redmon, Karen Pershing of the FBI, the Gibbs High School Wrestling team and the honoring of Dr. Doug Sager and Jim Harbin.

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The Primary Election in Seymour

By Mike Steely
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While Knox County voters prepare for the May 1st Primary, some Focus fans in Seymour might be preparing for a different primary.

Seymour residents living inside Sevier County will have a primary for Sevier County Commission.

Three districts are on the ballot in Seymour, two of which will decide who sits on District 9, Seats A and B. Those races only have the two Republican incumbents, David “Buster” North and Chuck Godfrey, on the ballot with neither having primary or Democratic opposition. Bryan Delius, also a

Republican incumbent, is again seeking the District 10 Seat A with no opposition in either party.

Incumbent District 6, Seat A, is Greg Haggard unopposed in his primary but will face Democrat Amy Alford in the general election.

District 6 Seat B has two Republicans seeking that office. Chris Clepper is challenging incumbent Harold Pitner.

The Knoxville Focus contacted all the candidates for statements.

Haggard, the incumbent Republican replied:

“I am a lifelong resident of Seymour. My parents are Fred and Shirley Lopusser

Haggard. I graduated from Seymour High School in 1977. I’m married to Kimberly Rogers Haggard, a retired educator, for 36 years. My family consists of our son Logan, a teacher at Northview Academy, and his wife Deborah and their three boys, Aiden, Judah and Andrew. My son, Kameron, is a CVS tech.

“I am employed by the Sevier County School System where I currently serve as Assistant Principal at Seymour High School. I am currently serving Sevier County as the incumbent County Commissioner.”

Ann Alford, Haggard’s Democratic opponent,

replied:

“Speaking with those people living in this district I know that many have common desires, regardless of politics or creed. We need improved access to the county provided community facilities and expanded safety and law enforcement support to the residents of the Seymour community.

“As one of the fastest growing districts in Sevier County we also need county government support that ensures the safety of our roads, neighborhoods and schools while providing money and resources needed by law enforcement and fire services.

“We need knowledgeable and resourceful leadership that will find practical

solutions to these issues. With a Doctorate in Forest Resources I know how to bridge the concerns of a diverse range of interests including homeowners, hunters, and conservationists in order to meet common goals.

“I will bring cooperation back to Sevier County. I am dedicated, have a strong interest in issues that directly impact local governmental decisions and will be a friendly, reliable voice for all residents.”

Sixth District incumbent Republican Harold Pitner, who faces fellow Republican Chris Clepper, replied with the following. Despite several attempts to reach Clepper he did not reply.

Here’s Pitner’s reply sent

by Becky Pitner:

“Harold Pitner is running for re-election as commissioner for Seat B in the 6th District. He’s a graduate of Seymour High School and the University of Tennessee. Harold is a veteran of the United States Army and he serves on the County Education Committee, Sevier County Planning Commission and the County Steering Committee.

“He also serves on the State Regional Transportation Committee. He worked for 11 years for the Sevier County School System and 21 years as Special Agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Company. His hobbies include vegetable gardening, golf and camping when possible.”

Old Supreme Court Hotel

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Dover submitted a proposal which was approved and then amended earlier this year.

The council got its first look at concept drawings and Lyons said that the final closing of the agreement will come in December with construction starting next year and being completed in 2022.

Dover called the renovation and construction there a “very dense project” and noted that final financing has not yet been acquired.

He said that, working with the city, much of the plans for office, retail, etc. has been moved to the Henley Street side, noting that all the other buildings along that route have “their backs to the street.”

He spoke about parking being reduced and said a traffic study is underway.

“Experience of the guests is very important,” he said.

Dover said the hotel part of the project, which he’s calling the “Courthouse Hotel” will include the historic façade of the old building and contain about 170 rooms.

Carlyle, who attended

school in Knoxville and lived here for 24 years, said he’s excited about what downtown Knoxville is becoming.

He said the apartment section will have 230 one and two bedroom units and the Henley Street side on ground floor will contain an outside coffee shop, leasing office, bike shop, lounge and a pet spa for apartment dwellers.

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More than 90 juried artists will feature and sell their work at the festival. Artisans working in mixed media, clay, drawing/pastels, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, painting, photography, sculpture, and wood will be selling their

wares. “Since co-chairing with Brooke Carper over the past 6 years, this is the largest festival we have been a part of, based on the number of artists, food vendors, and Creation Station vendors”, says Dogwood Arts Festival Co-Chair Shanna Browning. The entertainment on the Bill Lyons Market Square Stage is something not to be missed this year. From local favorite Josiah & the Greater Good to Nashville-based Friday night headliners Carolina Story, the diversity in the full lineup this year will appeal to all

audiences.

In addition to the Bill Lyons Market Square Stage, the Children’s Stage, located behind the East Tennessee Historical Society, will showcase live entertainment geared toward children. Creation Station will also have entertaining family-style craft activities throughout the festival for children of all ages and their families.

The Blooming Beer Garden is back this year! Enjoy a craft beer from Yee-Haw Brewing Company out of Johnson City, Tennessee

right in the middle of Market Square!

Led by the direction of Dogwood Arts staff, the Dogwood Arts Festival is coordinated by volunteer co-chairs Shanna Browning and Brooke Carper alongside a volunteer committee. “Without our strong volunteer committee, and the volunteer army we have on-site, the Dogwood Arts Festival, which has been a staple event in Knoxville since 1961, could not continue. Thank a volunteer if you see one!”

Where: Market Square &

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When: April 27-29, 2018

Time: Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

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Historic Zoning Commission approves house alterations in Fort Sanders, Fourth and Gill

By Pete Gawda

At the April 19 meeting of the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission Alice Basler, owner of property at 1413 Highland Ave. in Fort Sanders was given permission to remove non-original front porch enclosures on both the first and second floor and restore the porches as closely as possible to their original condition. Architectural evidence indicated that there was once an open two story front porch on the house. It was noted that other houses in the area have two story front porches. The commission recommended and the owner agreed that, in order to restore the original look of the neighborhood, double hung windows should be placed on both floors at the front of the house when the porch enclosure is removed.

Stephanie Drinnen and Scott Redmon, owners of the property at 809 Eleanor St. in Fourth and Gill wanted to removed the 1980s era siding from the gable on their front porch and replace it with fiber cement board shingles. Removal of a small portion of the siding revealed the gable was originally covered with cedar shingles. Neighborhood representative Arin Streeter expressed concern about replacing the cedar shingles with shingles of man-made material. Redmon said the man made shingles are half the cost of cedar



Scott Redmon, property owner in Fourth and Gill, addresses the April 19 meeting of the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission

shingles and hold up a lot better. He said he did not want to have to repaint cedar shingles every few years. The owners were allowed to use the man made shingles provided the pattern matched the original shingles.

More extension renovations were requested by Tricia Roelofs and Luke McLauren for their 940 Eleanor St. property also in Fourth and Gill. They wanted to replace the floor and railing of the front porch, enlarge and screen the back porch and change its roof line, remove a second floor back porch and construct steps from the back porch to the back yard. It was noted in discussion that originally the house did not have a second floor back porch. That structure was added some time after 1950. The requested renovations were approved.

Several smaller renovations that were not of the magnitude to require commission approval were approved by staff. Those renovations included properties at 941 Luttrell St., 1127 Luttrell St, 1226 Luttrell St., 1022 Eleanor St, and 1019 Eleanor St., all in the Fourth and Gill historic district. Staff also approved the installation of a replica of the original 1930s Texaco sign at the Airplane Filling Station at 6829 Clinton Highway. Staff approved a sign and the painting of the company name on the entrance door glass at 29 Market Square. Also included in staff approvals were minor renovations at 1123 Harvey St. in Old North Knoxville. City fire station number 5 at 419 Arthur St. in Mechanicsville was given approval to restore two wooden garage doors.

E-911 board extends Bull’s contract, raises employee pay

By Mike Steely
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It was a busy meeting of the Knox County E-911 Board Wednesday morning with the board voting to give another one-year contract to Director Alan Bull, raise employee salaries, authorize heating and air renovations and accept the Karns Fire Department into the system.

City Fire Department Chief Stan Sharp reported that the Personnel Committee reviewed Bull’s performance and recommended another year’s contract. Bull stepped out of the meeting briefly as the board members voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch, who chairs the Finance Committee, successfully recommended a complete overhaul of the heating and air for the emergency center. The \$1,650,000 contract will be done in steps with a backup system in place to provide heat and air as the main system is being replaced.

Director Bull said that in the long run it’s cheaper to replace the entire system.

Chief Rausch also said the finance committee is recommending a three-percent raise for all employees

and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett said that amount is already in the upcoming county budget.

Rausch also reported that the Karns Fire Department is joining the local emergency system and will provide \$50,000 for membership. He also said that four dispatchers, one per shift, are being added to the E-911 call center.

The board approved a \$42.80 per-year charge for each radio that members have.

John Stuermer, Director of Hamilton County 911, addressed the board with a request that Knox County join TN911, a lobbying group he heads. Stuermer’s request fell short when Mayor Madeline Rogero and others asked him for a list of his members and Stuermer declined to identify the counties who are members.

The E-911 Board didn’t vote on the \$3,600 yearly TN911 membership after several objected to not being informed as to who the members are.

Bull informed the meeting that the state 911 board wants to meet in Knoxville on May 15th. Mayor Rogero asked that future agenda items be flagged if a vote is expected.

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What Is Subrogation?

So, the word "subrogation" is probably a word that you have heard at some point in your life, but you may not be exactly sure what it means. What does it mean, anyway?



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In the legal context, the word subrogation most often comes in to play in personal injury lawsuits. For example, say that you are in a car accident and sustain injuries. Thankfully, you have health insurance and your health insurance pays for all of your medical expenses. They pay for your emergency room visit, they pay for your doctor visits, and even your physical therapy.

Well, the car accident may be determined to be

the other driver's fault, and their car insurance is going to pay you some amount of money for the injuries you sustained. You may be thinking, "Great! Some money for my pain and suffering

and all of the trouble this accident has caused me."

In the words of Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend!" Tennessee law states that your health insurance company, whether it is Blue Cross Blue Shield, TennCare, Medicare, or some other provider, has a subrogation interest in your settlement funds and are entitled to be paid back what they paid to medical providers on your behalf.

Think about how crazy this is. You make all of these health insurance premium payments for years and years and when you actually need to use your health insurance, they want the money back that they paid to medical providers for you. Unfortunately, that's the law.

So how does this work? Say Medicare paid \$2,000.00 in medical expenses for you and you received \$5,000.00 from the other driver's insurance company. Now you are only getting \$3,000.00 instead of \$5,000.00 because you have to pay back your health insurance company for what they paid out for you. What a difference!

If you do get in a car wreck and your health insurance company pays

any of your bills, it's important to remember that you are going to have to pay them back at the end of your case. This process is not only frustrating but can also be time-consuming and complicated and you may want to consider getting an attorney involved to help you with your car wreck case and the subrogation process, in particular.

Jedidiah McKeenan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville 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.

Smoky Mountain Songwriters Festival seeking talent

Only one week left to enter your songs in the 7th SMSWF Song Competition and/or sign up to perform in the Aug. 13-22, 2018 Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival. To enter your songs in the competition, sign up for a round or own your own stage go to www.SMSWF.com and click on Songwriter Opportunities. If you want to participate in this year's Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival, you need to sign up before the April 30th Deadline.

The Grand Prize Winner of the 2018 SMSWF Song Competition takes home \$500 + some of great prizes. There is a listener's choice vote that the audience participates in at the Song Competition Finale and Awards Show where the winner takes home \$250. Each song category has a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. 1st Place takes home \$125. 2nd Place takes home \$100 and 3rd Place takes home \$75.

You can enter as many songs as you would like into the 2018 SMSWF Song Competition; but you cannot enter the same song in more than one genre category. Any song can be entered into the Lyrics Only Category, even if it was previously entered into

a genre category. Genre Categories are Bluegrass, Country, Folk, Gospel/Christian Contemporary/Inspirational, Jazz/Blues, Pop, Rock. The top three scoring songs in each genre will compete at the SMSWF Song Competition Finale & Awards Show on Sat. Aug. 18, 2018 during the 7th Annual Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival. One of these songs will become the Grand Prize Winner.

The competition is open to anyone earning 50% or less of their annual income from songwriting. Professional songwriters who write every day for a living earning 51% or more of their annual income from songwriting are not eligible to enter.

The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival is open to the Public as well as songwriters. There are over 150 free live music shows in 10 different venues throughout Gatlinburg plus there are a few ticketed concerts. When you hear the story behind a song you have heard on the radio it makes the song even more appreciated. Over 30 #1 Hit Writers will be performing in this year's festival who have written songs such as "One More Day" for Diamond Rio, "Check Yes, Check No" for George Strait, "The Dance" and "Papa Loves Mama" for Garth Brooks, "Three Wooden Crosses" for Randy Travis, "Watching You" for Rodney Atkins, to name a few. Mark your calendar to be in Gatlinburg for Aug. 13-22, 2018 Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival.



Rosie's World

Not a likely subject

I am not going to write a lot of thoughts in this article, because the subject is so hard to fathom, so uneasy to think about, and, mostly, a subject that one does not want to think about. But, there it is, facing us as we live from day to day.

In the last six months there have

been two deaths in my immediate family. One was expected, one was unexpected. Either way, it is a traumatizing, heart-breaking event that no one wants to go through, but which everyone will go through.

No matter how devastating this event is, there is a verse in God's Word that emanates encouragement, so that we are blessed with God's comfort. King David said in Psalms 139: verses 9 and ten: "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." What wonderful comforting words. No matter what happens in one's life, His right hand will hold you. Even when those we love die, He will be there to

comfort us.

It is estimated that there are 7.269 billion people in the world, and I'm sure that all of them at one time of their life or another have thought of death. "O death. Where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Not to worry, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Think of the psalmist's words. God has us in His right hand, even when death arrives. You just have to be prepared to meet Him.

Thought for the day: Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

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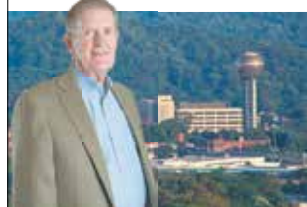
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The 1934 Senate Race In Tennessee

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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By 1934, Republicans were not much of a factor in statewide elections in Tennessee. The political landscape in the Volunteer State had changed with the resignation of Senator Cordell Hull, who had agreed to serve as Secretary of State in the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. It fell to newly elected governor Hill McAlister to appoint a successor to Hull; that successor would serve until 1934 and then run in a special election in 1934. Governor McAlister appointed former Tennessee State Supreme Court Justice Nathan Lynn Bachman to serve in the United States Senate on February 28, 1933. Bachman had run for the United States Senate in 1924, contesting with incumbent Senator John Knight Shields and businessman Lawrence D. Tyson. Tyson had won the Democratic primary with Bachman running a distant third.

It was an unwritten rule of Tennessee politics that no grand division would occupy both of Tennessee's Senate seats. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar was from Memphis and Cordell Hull had been from Middle Tennessee. McKellar's seat would be up for election again in 1934 and Congressman Gordon Browning of Huntingdon was ambitious for a political promotion. For his entire political life, Gordon Browning hungered to serve Tennessee in the United States Senate. While Browning had a long and successful career in Tennessee politics, he would never achieve his ultimate goal of serving in the U. S. Senate.

Browning, a West Tennessean, pondered challenging the formidable McKellar.

Senator McKellar had served three terms in the Senate and while others had been elected to a fourth term, no man had ever served a full fourth term from Tennessee. Browning began making inquiries and sought support in a possible bid to topple McKellar from his Senate seat. Congressman Browning quickly concluded neither he nor anyone else could beat McKellar.

Never one to adhere to convention, Gordon Browning then cast his eyes in Nathan Bachman's direction. Were he to run against Bachman, an East Tennessean, he might be infringing upon the unwritten rule that no grand division would have both of Tennessee's senators, but the congressman suspected few voters cared about the rule.

Nathan Lynn Bachman was a kindly soul, one of the best story-tellers in Congress and a favorite of Vice President John Nance

Garner, who regularly sought out Senator Bachman's company. Bachman was married to Pearl Duke, a relation to the late tobacco tycoon James Duke. The Bachmans were wealthy, well established, and the senator was extraordinarily well-liked by those who knew him.

Congressman Gordon Browning calculated not enough people knew Nathan Bachman personally to win a statewide race. While Bachman had been elected to the Tennessee Supreme Court, he had lost his only race for the U. S. Senate. On paper, at least, Nathan L. Bachman appeared to be an inviting political target.

Browning had risen to the rank of Captain in World War I and had made something of a name for himself while in Congress as an advocate for veterans. While that would have mattered little in a race against Senator McKellar, it would likely make a significant difference in a senatorial campaign against Nathan Bachman.

Even though rumors circulated throughout Tennessee and McKellar kept a wary eye on the congressman, few really expected Browning to give up his seat in Congress to run for the Senate. Gordon Browning surprised most everyone when he announced on May 5, 1934 he would run against Senator Nathan L. Bachman for the Democratic nomination.

Described as a "distinct surprise in political circles", Browning made his announcement from his home in Huntingdon.

"My political faith is that of a Jeffersonian," Browning declared. "I believe in the common man's vested rights, in his ability to govern himself, in his right to protection against monopoly, in placing human right above property rights when there is a conflict between the two."

Congressman Browning, realizing all too well the enormous popularity of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, made his own congressional record clear.

"I have supported loyally the program of recovery and will continue to do so, but no one will insist that the plan at this stage is perfect," Browning said. "Many rough spots should be ironed out."

Browning referred specifically to the National Recovery Administration. Browning mentioned continued support for the Tennessee Valley Authority, a requirement for any candidate for statewide office in Tennessee since the creation of the agency in 1933. Browning's own record on the Tennessee Valley Authority was suspect in the minds of



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

The United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1933. Senator Nathan L. Bachman is standing second on the far right.

some Tennesseans, not the least of whom was Senator K. D. McKellar. As the House Military Affairs Committee had considered the bill creating the Tennessee Valley Authority, Congressman Browning had appeared, accompanied by one W. G. Waldo, who was a lobbyist for the private power interests. Browning was also absent from the House of Representatives when the TVA Bill was considered, although House Majority Leader Joseph W. Byrns of Nashville had carefully explained his colleague was away on "official business".

McKellar privately believed Browning was no friend to the Tennessee Valley Authority and was in league with the private power interests to cripple, if not kill the agency.

The forty-five year old Browning was a colorful and entertaining speaker and would have the full support of Tennessee's veterans as he entered the senatorial race. McKellar, having anticipated a Browning bid against him, stood ready to help his junior colleague win reelection.

Few politicians knew Tennessee as did K. D. McKellar. McKellar had been in the United States Senate since 1917 and had demonstrated remarkable political skills in defeating two better known opponents in the Democratic primary. McKellar was the only candidate to have to run two primary campaigns in order to win the Democratic nomination. Incumbent Senator Luke Lea was highly unpopular with many Tennessee Democrats and a special primary election was called in 1915, a full year before the general election.

McKellar faced Senator Lea and former governor Malcolm Patterson. Like Luke Lea, "Ham" Patterson was a polarizing figure with many Democrats, but McKellar was given little hope of winning the senatorial contest. McKellar came out on top in the first primary, with Senator Lea running third. McKellar then defeated Patterson in the run-off election a month later.

Congressman McKellar faced a serious GOP opponent in the person

of Ben W. Hooper, a former two-term governor. McKellar defeated Hooper decisively.

McKellar knew literally thousands of people across Tennessee personally. The McKellar office was acknowledged to be one of the most efficient on Capitol Hill. McKellar religiously answered his mail the same day it arrived and went to extraordinary lengths to help Tennessee and Tennesseans. The senator was highly respected in Tennessee and his firm control of federal patronage in Tennessee made thousands more beholden to him.

Senator McKellar's support of Nathan Bachman would make a decisive difference in the senatorial contest and it was not long before Gordon Browning was complaining that Bachman's campaign was being run out of McKellar's Senate office.

One of the more able campaigners in Tennessee's history, Gordon Browning, while speaking in McKenzie, Tennessee, excoriated Senator Bachman's record when he open his campaign on June 9.

Browning told his audience it was just a few miles away from where "as a youth I once followed a plow and dreamed of the day when I might stand among my people and ask for the highest legislative office they have the power to bestow."

Congressman Browning tried hard to contrast his own energetic service in the House of Representative against Bachman's own record in the Senate. Browning attempted to paint Bachman as a do nothing senator, who was content to merely follow McKellar's lead.

During his fifteen months of service in the United States Senate, Bachman had "been on his feet" only six times, according to Congressman Browning. Browning sarcastically noted those six occasions when Nathan Bachman rose in the U. S. Senate were for procedural matters; once to suggest the absence of a quorum and five times to request unanimous consent.

"The indications are that he will have nothing to do with anything

controversial," Browning snorted.

It would become the theme of Browning's drive for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate. According to Browning, Nathan L. Bachman was a do-nothing senator, merely another vote for McKellar.

Traveling to East Tennessee where Bachman was thought to be strong, Gordon Browning was careful to praise the highly popular President Roosevelt, while lambasting Senator Bachman.

Realizing his vulnerability on the TVA issue, Browning hailed the agency as "one of the greatest achievements ever brought to East Tennessee."

"It is my hope that within a short time every home in the distributing area will be provided with the cheaper rate," he added.

Another theme of the Browning senatorial campaign was the candidate's strong support for Tennessee farmers. Having represented a largely rural and agricultural district in Congress, Browning was a strong supporter of farmers. Congressman Browning said it was the farmers who had suffered the most throughout the Great Depression and only through the success of farmers could the entire country reach a real recovery.

Senator Bachman was in East Tennessee at the same time Browning was flaying him from the courthouse steps in Blountville. Much of the McKellar organization had dutifully lined up behind Senator Bachman's candidacy and when he spoke in Kingsport, he was introduced to the audience by Judge Guy Chase, a faithful McKellar retainer.

Bachman stressed his own steadfast support for President Roosevelt and the New Deal program. The senator described FDR as "incomparable", an opinion shared by the great majority of Tennesseans.

Senator Bachman noted he had voted for the legislation creating the Tennessee Valley Authority while Browning was away "trying to impeach a California governor."

In contrast to Browning's

charges that Bachman was a do-nothing senator, Bachman pointed out during the last forty-eight days Congress was in session, he was hard at work in the Senate while Browning was back home in Tennessee plotting his campaign.

Browning had attempted to infer Bachman was close to the Duke private power interests, an accusation the senator dismissed as not only groundless, but absolutely untrue.

In the sweltering heat of early July, Senator Bachman was touring Browning's home base of West Tennessee. The senator kept a full schedule, visiting Dickson, Waverly, Camden and Paris while Browning was campaigning in Lynchburg and Tullahoma in a single day.

Senator Bachman moved through cities and towns at an astonishing pace and even the energetic pace set by Congressman Browning paled in comparison. As Nathan Bachman visited Brownsville, Alamo, Bells, Humboldt and Trenton in Gordon Browning's Seventh Congressional district, Browning was campaigning in Kingston and Harriman.

Bachman devoted an entire day to campaigning in Browning's native Carroll County and Jackson. The congressman spent the same day in Middle Tennessee, campaigning in Carthage, Cookeville and Lebanon.

Ten years older than Gordon Browning, Nathan Bachman kept a tireless schedule for a supposedly lazy man.

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Picture of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Peters on their wedding day in July 2010, provided by Nick Peters.

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co-authored "Defining Inerrancy" with J. P. Holding, "Groundless," "Christian Answers To This Generation's Questions," and with an atheist co-wrote "God and Natural Disasters." Peters refers

to himself as an apologist (one who defends) of Christianity. Nick and his wife, Allie Licon Peters, both have been diagnosed with Aspergers, a form of autism which can often result in awkwardness in social situations. It is amazing how God is using this couple in such a remarkable way.

If you would like to contact Nick for more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, his e-mail address is: apologetics@gmail.com. Mailing address is: P.O. Box 1271, Cumming, GA 30028. Visit his website at: deeperwatersapologetics.com. I leave you with Nick's own words, a great motto to live by. "Every day. Life is an adventure. It's good to be alive."

Boruff Peters and Kent Peters, grew up in Corryton. When Nick was a teenager, I saw him and his family at a restaurant. His tall, lean frame and dark hair strongly resembled a young Kent Peters who played trombone in our high school band so many years ago!

Nick has a Bachelor's in preaching and Bible from Johnson University and is working on a Master's in New Testament. He has a special interest in the historical Jesus and the resurrection. Nick has a ministry called Deeper Waters. The name reflects his belief that Christians are not exploring the deepness of the Christian tradition. He does a weekly podcast, speaking engagements, and has several E-books on Amazon. Nick authored "A Creed for the Ages" and

Knox County Museum of Education to Host Annual Sock Hop on May 18th

The Knox County Museum of Education is hosting Sock Hop 4 on Friday, May 18 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Sarah Simpson Professional Building, 801 Tipton Avenue. Free Spirit II and DJ "Smokin" Bill Rutherford of Pro-Audio Group will be providing the music.

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Museum of Education depends on donations for its operation and the Sock Hop is a major fundraising event.

The admission ticket to the Sock Hop is \$25. Tickets are available at the Knox County Museum of Education, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, Knox County Teachers Credit Union Locations or online at <http://bit.ly/1RUAA4J> and at the door.

Entitlements

I listened as Speaker Paul Ryan talked about his tenure as a U.S. representative. He regretted that he'd not been able to tackle the problems with "entitlements." The more politicians talk about entitlements, the more my hackles react. Yes, that means I am growing angrier about the rhetoric that the folks in Washington spew.

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, entitlement is defined as "a right to benefits specified especially by law or contract." Most often, they are identified as Medicare and Social Security. The fact is that all of us have been paying FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution Act) taxes from each and every paycheck we've received over the years. These two things are considered entitlements, but they shouldn't be viewed in negative ways.



By Joe Rector
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A bit of research provides some interesting data. The average employee pays 7.65% of his or her paycheck into FICA. Employers pay another 7.65%. So, that equals a hefty 15.3% is going to Social Security and Medicare. If we calculate the average salary for an individual is \$35,000 over his work life and that he works from ages 18-65 (total of 47 years), then the total contribution to the system is \$5250 a year and \$246,750 over that 47-year period. The average employee in this country has contributed one quarter of a million dollars toward retirement and Medicare.

If the money were invested in typical financial planning products with a return rate of 10.3% (the average since 1970), the total contribution per individual would equal \$4,516,150. That is what the

government would have for the average person when he or she reaches the age of 65. I'm confident that most of us could survive on that amount over the golden years of our lives. Now, many of us don't count on entitlements for our sole income. We've scrimped and saved to put away and invest just a little each month. If over our work life we have managed to average \$100 a month, then we've amassed another \$1,031,083 at 10.3% return. (<http://www.bankrate.com>)

No senior citizen wants to feel the sting of congressional comments that "entitlements are killing our country and will lead to its ruin." Better management of collected funds could have and still can lead to better returns on investments of FICA taxes. Don't say payments to citizens are entitlements in a negative way. As I understand it, the money that the government pays out is what we paid in. It is not citizens' faults that our government has been such a

poor steward of the money we entrusted to it. Yes, life expectancy has increased, and perhaps a rise in the FICA taxes are necessary to cover the shortfall that is occurring because the government hasn't handled the money in our best interests.

A word of advice to those younger folks who don't believe they will ever see a dime from Social Security payments. Take some amount of your income right this minute and invest it. Each time you receive a raise, put a percentage of it with the monthly investment. Make sure you are getting the best rate of return on your money and DON'T touch that money unless a catastrophe befalls you.

Elected leaders, stop whining, complaining, and belittling and start making better decisions for everyone and the country. The funds we send for FICA should be more wisely used so that Social Security and Medicare can remain solvent for future generations.

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Farragut closes in on regular season softball title

By Steve Williams

She wears No. 44 and fans were calling her “fours” as they cheered her on at the plate. So it was rather fitting Kelsie Tuggle drove in four runs to lead Farragut High to one of its biggest softball wins of the season last Wednesday at wind-swept Hardin Valley Academy.

The senior third baseman belted a three-run homer to break the game open in the top of the fifth inning and doubled in an insurance run in the seventh as the Lady Admirals posted a 6-3 victory to avenge their lone District 4-AAA loss.

Both of Kelsie's big hits came with two outs. And it was hitting like hers – coming with runners in scoring position – the Lady Hawks were missing on this day. They twice left the bases loaded and stranded nine in all.

The win lifted Farragut to 17-4 overall and 12-1 in district action as it closed in on the regular season championship. HVA, which won the first meeting 5-3 on March 26, slipped to 13-7 and 9-4.

“It was a very big win,” said Tuggle. “We were just ready to get after it.”



Farragut senior third baseman Kelsie Tuggle finished strong at the plate as the Lady Admirals defeated Hardin Valley 6-3 to avenge their only district loss.

David Moore, Farragut's head coach since 1991, liked how his team responded to avenge its lone district loss.

“But that was two good teams,” he said. “We’ve got a really tough district. And after a big win over Maryville (Tuesday), we come back and get another big win today. I’m so proud of them.”

A constant breeze kept Old Glory flapping behind the center field fence throughout the game, but it wasn't a factor in either of the two softballs that sailed out of the park, except to

wave good-bye.

Tuggle, who bats third in the order, said her contact felt “solid” as soon as the ball left her bat.

“I just had to get out of my head and play to have fun and not worry about too much at one time,” said the LMU signee who grounded out and took a called third strike in her first two at-bats. “Just do what I had to do.”

Her blast came off losing pitcher Emalee McCord, who gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out six.

Winning pitcher Lakyn Moore allowed only one hit through the first five innings. Like her counterpart, she too fanned six and walked one.

Farragut jumped out front on clean-up hitter Cameron Young's two-run triple in the first inning that brought in Andrea Sarhatt and Devin Weller.

Hardin Valley sliced the deficit to 2-1 in the fourth. Sydney Davis singled and eventually scored after a couple of Farragut errors and a bases-load walk. Moore escaped serious trouble by squeezing a lazy pop up back to the circle.

Tuggle's homer gave the Lady Admirals their 5-1 lead in the fifth.

Hardin Valley got to Moore for four consecutive singles in the sixth after left fielder Anna Lynn made an ESPN worthy diving catch to open the inning. On the third hit, HVA's lead runner stopped at third. It was a good decision too as right fielder Joely Groom threw a strike to the plate.

Madi Lane's single just over the Farragut short-stop's reach plated Mikaela Chavis with Hardin Valley's lone run of the inning. Moore escaped serious trouble by inducing a pop out to first and fly out to center.

Moore helped herself with a leadoff double in the seventh and scored on Tuggle's double.

Hardin Valley managed a leadoff home run by Sarhatt in the bottom of the seventh.

“We'd like to have a couple of plays back defensively and a couple of pitches back,” said HVA Coach Whitney Cruze. “They had some timely hitting. We left too many runners on base.”

After a 13-2 win at Catholic Thursday, Farragut wraps



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Lakyn Moore hurls Farragut past Hardin Valley Academy 6-3 and a big step closer to the District 4-AAA regular season championship Wednesday at HVA.

up district play this week at Heritage Tuesday and at home Wednesday against Bearden.

“They have that It Factor,” Moore said of his team.

“They just compete. They're solid on defense and solid on the mound. There's timely hitting. I'm just proud of where we're at.”

Beavers rout Halls to stay perfect in league play



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Karns pitcher Jared Culp picked up a win Wednesday as the Beavers routed Halls 10-4 to stay perfect in District 3-AAA play.

By Ken Lay

Another District 3-AAA baseball game equaled another league victory for Karns High School's baseball team. The Beavers didn't play a perfect game but they did enough to keep their perfect district record intact.

Karns pounded out 12 hits on its way to a 10-4 victory over Halls Wednesday night at Bob Polston Field. The win helped Karns complete the season sweep of the Red Devils, who left the ballpark Wednesday night in the midst of a prolonged losing streak as Karns handed them their fourth consecutive loss. The Beavers opened the series with a 14-4 win Tuesday night at Karns.

The Beavers (17-5 overall 11-0 in District 3-AAA) got off to a fast start when they took a 1-0 lead with a run in the top of the first

inning.

Jonathan Nelson singled to lead off the game and scored when Tyler Hartless singled one out later. Nelson finished the game with three hits and three runs. He went 3-for-4 and reached base a fourth time when he was hit by a pitch in the top of the top of the seventh.

Beavers coach Matt Hurley lauded his junior catcher for his effort against the Red Devils (13-10, 9-3).

“We expect a lot from Jonathan. He's our leadoff man and we have him catch a lot,” Hurley said. “He's only a junior and he has speed that you don't usually see as a catcher.”

“He's just a great player and he brings his effort every day.”

The Beavers, who have beaten Farragut this season, in addition


to their league wins and that may loom large if both Karns and the Admirals advance from their respective upcoming district tournaments.

Farragut has ended the Beavers' season in each of the last four seasons in the Region 2-AAA Semifinals.

Against the Red Devils Wednesday night left-hander Jared Culp started and had his share of struggles, surrendering four runs and five hits over six innings. He walked four and struck out four. He escaped trouble, emerging unscathed in the first and the fifth, after the Red Devils had runners on base.

“Jared threw for us today and he didn't have his best stuff,” Hurley said. “But he battled and he competed and that's what

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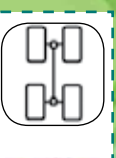

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Fulmer Gets Contract Extension

By Alex Norman

From the moment Phillip Fulmer was hired as Tennessee's athletics director on December 1st, much-needed stability returned to the UT campus.

So it wasn't a surprise to learn that on April 19th, Fulmer received a contract extension that will keep him as the AD until 2021. "Phillip has been a great partner over the last four months and I commend him for the work he has done with our student-athletes, coaches and staff," said UT Chancellor Dr. Beverly Davenport. "Phillip has been connected to the University of Tennessee and its athletics

program for more than 40 years and he understands the expectations we have for our athletics department. He is surrounded by a very knowledgeable staff that is deeply committed to the success of our student-athletes. I look forward to our continued partnership."

"We are all so much better when we are aligned and pushing ahead together," Fulmer said. "A perfect example of turning challenges into opportunities is our men's basketball team this past season. When you care for each other, work really hard and no one cares who gets the credit, lots can be accomplished."

247Sports reported that Fulmer will get \$900,000 a year. He was earning \$575,000 when he took over for the dispatched John Currie. In the short time that Fulmer has been on the job, he has hired Jeremy Pruitt to be the Vols football coach, Eve Rackham as Tennessee's volleyball coach, and inked soccer coach Brian Pensky to an extension. Fulmer is a popular presence with fans, boosters, alumni, coaches and players. He is also a connection to the glory days of the football program.

So why did it take so long for Fulmer to be installed as AD in the first place? Why did Davenport

choose Currie in the first place? Well, Currie has the experience she coveted in running a Power 5 conference school (Kansas State). He also had a willingness to communicate with Tennessee fans, something that his predecessor (Dave Hart) never did. Currie's "Hey John!" portal was a direct line between fans and the AD to discuss anything related to Tennessee athletics. Currie also proved that he wasn't afraid to make coaching changes when he fired the men's tennis and baseball coaches.

In September 2017, Currie showed that he was willing to right a wrong

when he brought the Lady Vols nickname back for all women's sports after Hart eliminated the name and logo for all sports except women's basketball a few years prior.

Then came the coaching search fiasco of 2017, and it was obvious that Davenport did not make the right decision in hiring Currie. The attempt to hire Greg Schiano as the Vols football coach will go down as one of the biggest blunders in the history of the University of Tennessee.

Currie didn't realize, or didn't care, that Tennessee fans were going to revolt, and eventually that led to his firing. Fulmer never would have

tried to hire Schiano. He would have understood all the reasons why that was such a bad idea.

While Currie was a Tennessee grad and spent more than a decade on campus, Fulmer's Tennessee connections were much stronger.

Sometimes the best decision is the obvious one, and smart people find a way to "not" make the easy call. Give credit to Davenport. Whether it was a desperation move or not, Fulmer is finally in the place he should be.

Home.

Lowe said it hurt to see his alma mater struggle

By Steve Williams

The rebuilding struggles Powell High's football program had been going through in recent seasons were partly a factor why Matt Lowe informed The King's Academy April 9 he would be leaving to return to Powell and coach the Panthers.

"Yes and no," answered Lowe when asked if Powell's struggles had affected his decision. "Obviously, that's my alma mater and we certainly had done a lot of good things the last time I was there. You love to see success at a place you personally had invested in."

Lowe, a 1995 PHS grad, previously coached six years at Powell and guided the Panthers to the Class 5A state championship game in 2011.

After Lowe resigned following that season, Powell had five coaches in five years, counting Rodney Ellison's arrival in 2015. Ellison had a three-year record of 8-23 before stepping down April 2.

"It was tough at times watching and knowing some of the frustrations some of the coaches, players and people in the community had," said Lowe. "But at the same time you knew it was a great place and you knew it could come back to where it had been."

"Powell has always had a long standing tradition of success in football and just about every sport, but especially in football. In the back of your mind, you're always thinking you would love to be back there and experience what you got to experience the first time through."

Lowe himself had an outstanding prep career. As a senior in 1994, he was the Knoxville Football League Offensive Player of the Year and earned All-State honors as a defensive back. He went to MTSU as a DB but ended up as a wide receiver and was a captain his senior season.

Lowe said it hurt to see Powell struggle after he was gone.

"You never want to see that," he said. "I had such a positive experience when I played there long ago for Clark Duncan and I think that's what led me into coaching."

"You hope that every young person as they come through high school, regardless of what sport they play, has a positive experience and gets to enjoy the fun parts that come with winning as well. You hope that everybody has that type of experience and you certainly hope that for your alma mater and for the kids in that community."

How long will it take to turn Powell around?

"I have no idea," replied Lowe with a chuckle.

"I know there are a lot of talented young people on that campus and on that roster."

"We're going to do everything we can to win as many games as we can. But at the same time, we've got to go back to some fundamental things and get back to finding ways to win. There's no magic cure for that. It's going to come from a lot of hard work and sweat."

"I know there will certainly be some expectations."

Three years after heart attack, Pyatt referees in state finals

Longtime basketball official Steve Pyatt suffered a heart attack Jan. 10, 2015. That put him on the sidelines for the remainder of the season, but he wasn't done.



By Steve Williams

Pyatt still had more miles in his legs, more whistles to blow, more boos to ignore and more fun to have.

Officiating is a labor of love for Pyatt, like it is for most longtime officials. Why else would you stay in it for so long?

Pyatt joined the TSSAA in the fall of 1975 and became a member of the Knox-Ridge Basketball Officials Association that year. By 1986 he had worked his way up to be selected to officiate in his first state tournament.

He also worked in the 1988 state tourney and toiled as a major college referee for 31 years, working mostly in Conference USA but also in the Ohio Valley, Southern and Sunbelt conferences.

Two nights before his heart attack he was working at The Citadel in a crew that included Ted Valentine, a well-known official in the college ranks.

Based on what Pyatt told me, working on the major college level can be a grind. "Starting in November, officials work three to four times per week and every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday," he said.

The travel takes a toll. "Everybody gets tired,"

he added. "That's why most get out of it. You're up at 2:45 in the morning to catch a flight at 5:30 or 6. Then you get a rental car and there's a two-hour drive to Lawrence or Omaha."

"They earn their money. Many do not have a regular job."

The first season after his heart attack, Pyatt, who owns an insurance agency in Clinton, got an opportunity to stay in the game using his eyes and years of knowledge and experience. He worked as a "Secret Shopper type" evaluator for the TSSAA.

"Not many people know this, but we have a program in our state where we use qualified people to go to games and evaluate officials we are considering to work in the state tournament without those prospects knowing it," said Gene Menees, an Assistant Executive Director of the TSSAA whose areas of responsibility include basketball officials.

"When I asked Steve if he would like to do this he said, 'I would love to do that because I love high school basketball and officiating.'"

Pyatt returned to the court in 2016-17, working high school, junior college and NAIA level games. He also worked in some district and region tournaments.

"The number one thing I would like to say about Steve is he's an outstanding



After suffering a heart attack in 2015, Steve Pyatt continues to officiate basketball and says he "had more fun this season than in 30 years."

individual," said Menees. "He came up through the high school ranks and had an outstanding college career."

"After coming back from his health issue, he worked some middle school and JV games. It speaks very highly of someone who has come back to where they started after advancing to the highest level in their field."

Pyatt's comeback was rewarded this past season as the TSSAA selected him to work in the boys' state tournament. On top of that, he was chosen to be the lead referee in the Class AAA championship game between Memphis East and Memphis Whitehaven.

"Steve is a very good play caller," said Menees. "He uses good signals and

mechanics. And he knows how to handle people quickly and professionally when situations come up in a game."

This year's state tournament benefitted from Pyatt's presence.

The Steve Pyatt I know though would tell you he was the one most blessed by being there. His entire season, he said, was a joy.

"I had more fun this year than in 30 years," said Pyatt. "I really don't know why. But it was more satisfying and I looked forward to the games. It's more recreation than a job now from my standpoint than in the past."

Pyatt had been there, done that and had a T-shirt, but he hadn't stopped loving it.

Beavers rout Halls to stay perfect in league play

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competitors do."

Culp picked up the

win. He left the mound in the seventh. Nick Miles pitched the seventh and kept the Red Devils off the scoreboard after they loaded the bases.

The Beavers extended their edge to 3-0 in the top of the third when a two-run single by Trevor Adams plated Nelson, who singled and Ryder Green, who reached on an error.

Halls pulled to within 3-2 in the bottom of the frame as Graham Elkins drove in a pair of runs with a single.

Hartless had a two-run double in the fourth for the Beavers to make the score 5-2. Miles added a scoring single in the fifth to make

the score 6-2.

Aaron Tye chipped in with a two-run double in the sixth to make it 8-2.

The Red Devils pulled to within 8-4 as Enic Brock delivered a pinch-hit RBI double and Jeff Griffin knocked in a run when he grounded out.

Karns scored two more runs in the seventh thanks to another RBI single from Hartless. Green also drove in a run when he rapped into a fielder's choice.

Hurley said that the win at Halls didn't come easily.

"Whenever you come into this park and leave with a win, you take it," he said. "Halls is a great team and

they're well-coached. They play tough and they don't quit. Coach [Doug] Polston does a great job."

For his part, Polston wasn't too impressed with his squad's effort after the Red Devils committed six errors.

"Karns is good and I don't want to take anything away from them, but is losing has everything to do with us," Polston said. "We didn't make the routine plays. You can't give them extra outs."

"I'm not sure we would've won if we would've made those plays. But we would've had a shot. The way I see it, we gave Karns six extra outs."

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Bearden's Sobota will be among top attractions in KIL meet

By Steve Williams

The better the weather, the better Josh Sobota performs in the discus and shot put events.

That was the case recently as the Bearden High senior set personal records in both events.

He threw the discus 194 feet, 7 inches – his personal record – at a Bearden home meet April 12 and followed up that weekend with an outdoor personal record of 67-3¼ at the Bojangles Track and Field Classic April 13-14 in Columbia, S.C.

Both of those marks are No. 1 in the state for high school athletes this season as of Friday, April 20, according to the Tennessee Runner MileSplit Outdoor Rankings.

Sobota, the defending TSSAA state champion in both field events, will be one of the top attractions in the annual Knoxville Interscholastic League meet April 30 (field events) and May 1 (track events) at Hardin Valley Academy.

Action will start at 6 each night, with athletes from all high schools in Knox County competing.

“Weather was a challenge with the start of our season,” said Bearden Coach Patty Tracy-Thewes last week. “We had three of four meets cancelled before completion of the meet. It was definitely not ideal throwing weather.

“Once the weather broke, Josh seemed to get back in his groove again. We are looking forward to seeing him continue to excel this season.”

Sobota, who was



Bearden High's Josh Sobota, who signed with the University of Kentucky in November, is the state leader in the discus and shot put events and will be competing in the KIL meet at Hardin Valley Academy on April 30.

scheduled to compete in the annual Volunteer Track Classic at UT this past weekend, set a state record in the TSSAA meet last year with a throw of 190-3 in the discus. He heaved the shot 63-8¼ at the 2017 Spring Fling.

Willington Wright, who announced last week he would be continuing his track and field career after high school at Middle Tennessee State University, also will be in the spotlight at the KIL meet.

The Hardin Valley senior has the state's top ranking in three events – 200-meter dash (21.8), 400 (47.9) and triple jump (46-9½).

Rebecca Story of Christian Academy of Knoxville, a Stanford signee, also will be competing in the KIL meet for the final time.

In her first meet of the outdoor season, the Ben Martin Invitational in Oak

Ridge on April 6, Story posted a 5:02.9 in the 1600 run – the state's top girls' time of the season.

Hardin Valley swept the KIL team titles again last year. The HVA girls will be going after their seventh straight championship this season. The HVA boys will be trying to make it two in a row. The Hawks had their three-year reign snapped by Bearden in 2016.

HARDIN VALLEY had a great indoor season, said Coach Bryan Brown, taking nine athletes to the nationals in New York City, and finishing first and second in the girls' and boys' state indoor meet, respectively.

With Wright running a leg on the 4x400 relay, the Hawks placed sixth in the national indoors.

JACOB SOBOTA, Josh Sobota's brother, is competing as a multi-event

athlete at Duke and has been successful in his first year on the collegiate level. He placed second in the heptathlon at the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championships held at Clemson in March.

This outdoor season he's competing in the decathlon. Last week he was at the Bryan Clay Invitational in California, competing against top decathletes in the nation (college and professional). The ACC Outdoor meet will be held in Miami in May.

The former Bearden Bulldog also was named to the All-ACC Academic team last week.

Sobota placed second in the TSSAA state decathlon as a junior in 2016. He was ranked No. 1 in the decathlon and pole vault as a senior, but couldn't compete in the state meet due to an injury.

TSWA honors area's top wrestlers

By Ken Lay

The 2017-18 wrestling season was a banner campaign for several area athletes and several of those local grapplers were recently named to the Tennessee Sports Writers All-State Teams.

The honorees were announced early last week.

In Class A/AA: the Gibbs High School boys swept both the Dual Championship and the traditional title. The Eagles claimed both crowns for the first time in school history.

Gibbs had six wrestlers earn all-state honors from the TSWA. Senior Landon Adzima (132 pounds) was named to the all-state squad after winning a state title in his weight division. Matthew Maxwell (145), Noel Leyva (160) also claimed a title before being named to the team. Isaiah Brooks claimed another title for Gibbs and won all-state honors.

George Gillman (138) and Elijah Lawson (195) were selected to the all-state squad after both finished third in Franklin.

Also in Class A/AA: Fulton's Elijah Davis, a junior, won the 152-pound state title. He earned all-state honors after becoming the first-ever Falcons wrestler to claim a championship.

In Class AAA: Halls had two athletes named to the squad including; senior Chase Brown (a 132-pounder) and Brent Buckman (a 195-pound senior). Both posted second-place finishes at the Midstate in February.

Bearden's Max Grayson (170 pounds) made the squad after he closed out

his prep career with a runner-up finish on the Volunteer State's grand stage.

Hardin Valley sophomore Josh Pieterila was selected to the all-state team after becoming the youngest male wrestler to medal in Franklin. He finished second in the 152-pound weight class.

In Division II: Grace Christian Academy had three wrestlers selected. Tanner Thornton (126), Garrett Lay (145) and Eric Beecham all made the squad after earning medals at state. Thornton and Lay both finished third in their respective weight divisions while Beecham came in fourth.

Three area girls also earned TSWA all-state honors.

Hardin Valley senior 160-pounder Kenya Sloan leaves the Lady Hawks program as the most successful female high school wrestler in Tennessee.

Sloan won four state titles and went 89-0 in her four years at HVA. She's the first four-time female state champion. She finished her senior year with 32 wins as she pinned 31 of her opponents. She also won a match by technical fall.

She recently signed to continue her wrestling career at Campbellsville University in Kentucky. The school boasts the top-ranked women's team in the nation.

Halls High's Meagann Kiser was named to the team. The 119-pounder finished third in Franklin.

Kim Garcia, of Gibbs was selected to the squad after finishing fourth in the 150-pound weight class.

Costello shines as Catholic routs Bearden 8-0

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School softball coach Sarah Bailey has seen her team struggle since it has returned to District 4-AAA.

But the Lady Irish saw their troubles disappear Tuesday night, at least for a little while.

Catholic scored three early runs and cruised to an 8-0 victory over Bearden at Kim Hazelwood Field.

The Lady Irish scored three runs in the top of the first as Bearden starter Christina Kosier battled some control problems early. In the opening frame, Kosier surrendered two hits and four walks after retiring Katie Peery, who led off the game.

Catholic's Breanna Costello and Ellie Easterly started the rally with back-to-back singles. Costello came home with the game's first run when the Lady Bulldogs committed an error.

Emma Schaad then drew a walk, putting runners on first and second. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch before Kailin Gast reached on a free pass to load the bases. Cady Kupfner and Anne Carter each walked with the bases loaded to make the score 3-0 by the end of the frame.

Costello then entered the pitcher's circle for the Lady Irish. She gave up consecutive infield singles to Joy Marshall and Shakara Goodloe. Costello escaped any damage when Rachel Colwell grounded out and Kosier struck out swinging.

Kosier bounced back in the second. She surrendered a

two-out single to Easterly in the frame. She fell victim to an error in the third and retired the side in order in the fourth and benefitted from a double play in the fifth.

“She really settled down after that first inning,” Lady Bulldogs coach Angelica McClerkin said of Kosier. “I thought our defense really played well. But we've just got to continue to piece things together and we have to hit.”

Costello kept Bearden hitters at bay throughout the game. She finished the contest with 12 strikeouts. She surrendered a walk and three hits.

“She's a talent,” Bailey said of Costello.

The Lady Irish put things out of reach with five runs in the sixth. Schaad and Peery both had two-run singles in the frame while Costello knocked in another run with a double.

Bailey was pleased with her team's effort on this night as Catholic took advantage of some mistakes by the Lady Bulldogs.

“It really builds your confidence when you get some bounces to go your way,” said Bailey, who played in District 4-AAA at Maryville during her high school days. “This is a big win for us. Any win in this district is big.

“You don't have any off days. This district is ridiculously hard. I would put our district up against anybody. Anybody can beat you on any given day. Some of these teams could probably beat some college teams. William Blount has five Division I players.”

Baumgardner to play junior hockey in Canada

By Ken Lay

Ben Baumgardner has always dreamed of playing professional ice hockey. He may now get the chance to lace up his skates and play in NHL arenas.

He came one step closer to realizing his lifelong dream recently when he signed a contract to play for the Essa Stallions of the Canadian Premier Junior Hockey League.

Baumgardner, an 18-year old senior at Karns High School, became exposed to the game at an early age and has been enamored with the game ever since.

“I always wanted to play professional hockey,” said Baumgardner, who was captain of the Bearden/Karns Ice Dawgs of the Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association's High School League. “My brother was born in Houston, Texas and they had a team there and my dad took me to some game and I was hooked.”

Baumgardner, who helped lead the Ice Dawgs to the Tennessee State Blue Division Tournament where they posted a runner-up finish, developed a love affair with the game while attending Houston Aeros games in the Lone Star State. The Aeros played in the World Hockey Association from 1994-2013. He was a toddler then.

The Knoxville native, who is a member of the National Honor Society, first laced up the hockey skates when his family returned to East Tennessee. He was four years old. Hockey has been a part of his life for nearly 15 years.

“I love hockey and I've played since I was four years old. I'm 18 now,” said Baumgardner, who

served as an assistant captain for Knoxville's Junior Ice Bears, who recently competed in the National Championships in Green Bay, Wisconsin. “I love the game and I'm looking forward to going to Canada to play the game.

“I'm excited to be going to play up there.”

He is the first player from Knoxville to get the opportunity to play Canadian junior hockey. He signed his contract last month and the defenseman, who was the leading scorer for the Ice Dawgs, will begin his stint with the Essa Stallions during the 2018-19 season.

Being a Knoxville native, Baumgardner is a fan of the Southern Professional Hockey League's Knoxville Ice Bears. He has won the Paul Lynch Scholarship two years in a row.

Lynch, a Knoxville player, passed away in 2010. His family started a scholarship fund in his memory. Baumgardner's family and Lynch's family are friends. Lynch's parents are from Massachusetts. But they've made the trip to see Baumgardner play.

“It means a lot to me that they've come all the way down from Massachusetts to see me play,” Baumgardner said.

Early in his hockey days, Ben wore Number 11. But he changed his number to 44 to honor Lynch, who wore that number for the Ice Bears.

“I always wore Number 11,” Baumgardner said. “But one year, somebody else had it.

“So I switched to 44 to honor Paul.”

Hockey has given Ben some unique opportunities on and off the ice.



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Knoxville native and Jr. Ice Bears hockey standout Ben Baumgardner recently signed a contract to play for the Essa Stallions of the Canadian Premier Junior Hockey League. Baumgardner is a senior at Karns High School and played for the Bearden/Karns Ice Dawgs in the KAHA High School League.

“Playing travel hockey gives you the chance to meet different people and it the team becomes like another family,” he said.

Baumgardner, a self-proclaimed hockey junkie, spends his time off the ice watching more hockey and playing video games. He also works with the area's youth hockey players.

“I watch more hockey [off the ice] and I play video games like other teenagers,” he said. “I teach younger players how to skate and handle the stick.”

He said that he might like to coach the game one day. But he's looking forward to continuing his playing career now.

Baumgardner is a Detroit Red Wings fan. Nicklas Lidstrom, a retired Detroit defenseman, was once his favorite player.

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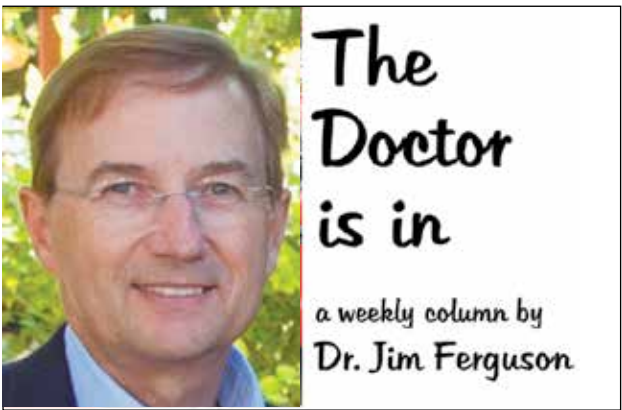
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Viticulture

You never know who you'll meet at a wine tasting bar. Last week, I met a Roller-Derby gal in what you might think an unlikely place. Becky and I were sightseeing in the Columbia River Gorge and decided to stop at the "best winery in Oregon," at least as rated in 2007. We've found you meet all sorts of interesting people sipping small samples of wine.

The renowned theoretical physicist, Richard Feynman, once said, "The whole universe is in a glass of wine." Was he was alluding to the physics of swirling atoms held by melted silicates (glass), representing atoms throughout the cosmos? Or was he waxing poetically?

Relax, this essay will not be some slant on physics, though I read a book on the essentials of physics while traveling. One has more downtime sitting in airports and traveling.

There seems to be more distractions at home, and there's always something that needs doing on our farm. Traveling lends time to more worthy endeavors like sightseeing, reading and sipping.

Becky and I are just back from a trip to Portland, Oregon, to visit my daughter, son-in-law and especially my granddaughter. Cleo is the latest addition to the assemblage of grandchildren, aka the "cute ones." I love my life, I love my wife and I love my two daughters. However, I worship my grandchildren.

Portland lies along the Willamette River, a tributary of the mighty Columbia River. The area has far better conditions for growing grapes than Knoxville and produces some of the finest Pinot Noir in the world. I read a book called "A History in Six Beverages." Excluding water, which is necessary for life, the

author traces civilization through drink. Twelve thousand years ago, at the end of the last ice age, numerous wild grains flourished in Mesopotamia. Analysis showed that a family of four working ten hours a day could gather enough grain to sustain themselves instead of following herds and hunting. "Fortunately," storage was imperfect and grains inevitably got wet and exposed to wild yeast. And, Voila! Beer was discovered. The Sumerians were beer makers and invented writing around 3000 BC.

Grapes contain higher sugar concentrations than grains, and fermenting the fruit of the vine led to the drink of kings. You may be surprised to learn that Arab cultures discovered distillation of fermented beverages, producing spirits long before Muhammad banned alcohol in the 7th century AD. And finally, according to the author, tea, then coffee and lastly Coca-Cola were associated with civilization's advancement.

The Master often delivered his messages in association with shared meals, recognizing the civilizing effects of this ritual. Wine was important in antiquity and Jesus made wine a part of The Lord's Supper, the most important ritual in Christianity.

Anything can be

misused, including guns, knives, drugs and, of course, alcohol. Some years ago the label of Mondavi Wines stated that wine was the drink of kings, poets and philosophers. And, if used in moderation, is part of the good life and our culture. I am not a king or a poet, but otherwise I agree with Mondavi.

On our recent travels, we met an old friend around my daughter's dinner table. And after breaking bread we shared deep thoughts, perhaps liberated by a good bottle of wine. My thoughts are not as wise as the Master's, but in a setting of mutual respect, you discover more in common than differences.

Just like my oakleaf hydrangea, my grape vines on Thistle Farm are bursting forth with new growth. Recently, I came upon a poem by Robert Frost in another of my "travel books." Like me, Frost noticed the unique and transient color of spring's first offering:

"Nature's first green is gold,
The hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only for an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay."
I'm not sure I agree with Frost that newness dissipates. My old friend thanked me for a lovely evening, opining "much to ponder - all worthwhile." Is it possible that Johnny Appleseed-like thoughts are sowing new growth in my friend's heart, mind and soul?

"Poets say science takes away from the beauty of the stars, mere globs of gas atoms," (Richard Feynman). Again, I disagree. The 18th century was the culmination of the Enlightenment which emphasized reason and observation. Isaac Newton wrote equations describing the movement of planets and Adam Smith described a calculus of economic theory. But science and observation may miss the mark. The 19th century Romantic era pushed back at the notion of a predictable, clockwork universe, asking what good does it do to describe the physics of light, yet fail to recognize the beauty of a sunset? I believe Dr. Feynman saw the beauty, as well as the physics, in the creation.

Many times in these essays I have also asked why must it be one perspective or the other instead of both? I am both a scientist and a Christian. I comprehend the physics of light and fluids yet

understand that "wine is poetry in a bottle" (Robert Louis Stevenson). And understanding a bit of the physics and the elegance of creation brings me closer to the Creator.

As I consider the wonder and majesty around me, I ask if there is such a thing as an ordinary life or an ordinary human being? There are now 7.5 billion people on the third rock from the sun. Humans are not rare. Does this make us complacent when we hear of the latest murder or calamity? John Donne answered, "No!" In his Meditation XVII he wrote, "No man is an island" and "Never send for whom the bells toll..."

Wisdom writings hold that we humans are "fearfully and wonderfully made," and created in God's image. I understand this to mean we are imbued with reason and a curiosity which drives us to seek our origin and our purpose. However, science is a tool, not a god, and institutionalized religion is not sacrosanct. Whether it be science or religion, dogma and mandated orthodoxy are wrong.

We are told to seek and we will find. I believe this is especially true if we search with an open heart and mind, aided by good friends and a nice claret.

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There is Nothing New

Have you noticed how quickly the newness of something wears off? You get a new pair of shoes, wallet, purse, car, or landscaping and your heart skips a beat. We love new things. In fact, our country was born out of a new idea – out of kings and parliaments. We pride ourselves in having the latest technology. We look forward to new music and new TV shows. But even with hundreds of channels, we flip all the way through them and mutter, "There is nothing on."

We want things new. In grade



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

school, if the hit off the bat was lousy we could shout "do-over." If in golf we sliced the shot, we could shout "Mulligan." If only life were that easy. There are many job situations, relationships, and parenting issues that we would shout "mulligan" if we could.

But life is not that easy. We realize that nothing is really new. The writer of Ecclesiastes has the money and time to try everything there was and in the end he wrote, "There is nothing new under the sun" (2:11). At one level we laugh at that statement. Of course there are new things today compared to three thousand years ago. But what about the nature of people? If we were able to hop into a time machine and head back to ancient

Greece or Rome and visit their homes, would it really be that different? Like us, they would be concerned with taking care of their families. They had concerns about making a living and wondered what they would do if they lost their job. They would be mindful of how quickly time passes. They would contemplate growing older and wonder about the purpose of life. They questioned about life and death like we do.

Truth be known, universal human concerns do not change with time. As sophisticated as we are and as much history has elapsed since the creation of the world and the recording of that history, we still murder each other and commit violent crimes. We still lie, hate, and steal. The

disease of sin is still with us and will be until the end of time.

Ecclesiastes challenges our desire for new and improved. The human condition shows us that we have not changed for the better. There is nothing new under the sun. While this sounds pessimistic, it is actually realistic. For all the human progress and invention, nothing earthly speaking is going to help us get out of the mess we find ourselves in.

So is there not any hope? If our hope is in something we can do, no, there is no hope. We cannot find ultimate happiness in what we try to do. But, there is good news. The new solution comes from God, not from us. God has promised something new: forgiveness of

sin, knowledge of the Lord, a law written on our hearts, a personal relationship with a real God (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Our human actions will not accomplish this. According to Isaiah, God will do "new things, hidden things that you have not known" (Isaiah 66:22). God will give us a new name (Isaiah 62:2). Things will be radically changed.

We want the right kind of change, the change God does. This world is God's, not ours. God is the one recreating the world to make all things new. The greatest change that occurred was when Jesus entered this world as a human. He came in the flesh and changed everything. And now we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1).



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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V who is now the owner of said debt;

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

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

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING A PART OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN MAP BOOK 54-L, PAGE 20A, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF BLACK DRIVE, WHICH IRON PIN IS 2229 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF BLACK DRIVE AND THE CENTER LINE OF SNYDER SCHOOL ROAD, IF EXTENDED TO INTERSECT, AND ALSO BEING COMMON CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY HOWERTON; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF HOWERTON, SOUTH 29 DEG. 11 MIN. EAST 444.23 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN BOUNDARY OF HOWERTON AND PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY SEXTON, NORTH 61 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 367.69 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF SAID PROPERTY, SOUTH 29 DEG. 25 MIN. EAST 363.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY LEE; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF LEE, SOUTH 64 DEG. 21 MIN. WEST, 190.88 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY PUCKETT; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF PUCKETT, NORTH 24 DEG. 35 MIN. WEST, 329.38 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 61 DEG. 25 MIN. WEST, 100.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MYERS; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF MYERS, NORTH 29 DEG. 22 MIN. WEST, 420.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO PROPERTY OF FIRST UTILITY; THENCE NORTH 27 DEG. 34 MIN. WEST, 47.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF BLACK DRIVE; THENCE WITH SAID LINE, NORTH 57 DEG. 01 MIN. EAST, 25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF MICHAEL E. LUETHKE, SURVEYOR, RLS# 842, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE DATED MAY 9, 1994 BEARING DRAWING NUMBER 94200. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO BOOK 2047, PAGE 57, AND ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, INCLUDING A PERMANENT EASEMENT IN BOOK 2047, PAGE 57 SETBACK LINES, CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY. SAID PROPERTY ADDRESS IS 11738 BLACK RD. KNOXVILLE, TN 37932 CLT# 130-041.

Parcel ID: 130 041
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **11738 BLACK ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37932**. 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): AMANDA C. BURGESS and JASON P. BURGESS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CACH, LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CITIBANK NA SHELL, State of Tennessee-Department of Revenue and SUNSTRUST BANK 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 State of Tennessee-Department of Revenue, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-1-1433C(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201510020021182.

Notice of the sale has been given to the State of Tennessee in accordance with T.C.A. 67-1-1433B(1).

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 #134777 04/09/2018, 04/16/2018, 04/23/2018

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Sale at public auction will be on **May 1, 2018 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by RICHARD G. CHANDLER AND THE CHANDLER FAMILY TRUST EXECUTED MAY 10, 2013, to FNC Title Services, LLC, Trustee, on June 3, 2015, as Instrument No. 201506260071418 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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Hobo in Benham, Kentucky

When Hobo the Wonder Dog and I headed out on a day trip to Benham, Kentucky. Being unsure of how a man and his dog would be received deep in a holler of Appalachia

we headed out on our adventure. What we found was a place from the past colliding with the present and future. When I take a trip into coal country I think of dusty roads and racing coal trucks. I was surprised at how clean and beautiful Benham is. We found a community with open arms welcoming us to explore a town that coal had built. No matter your views on coal—Hobo and I urge you to treat yourself and your pooch to a place like no



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

other—Benham, Kentucky. Our first stop on our adventure was the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum. Although the museum is not pet friendly Hobo made the best of a pet spa

being pampered at Fiona's Grooming just across the street (reservations required 606-589-0092). The museum is in the old company story and resembles the finest of department stores of its time. The collection of coal mining memorabilia is touted as the most comprehensive collection of mining memorabilia in the nation. You could spend hours or a day going through the museum and the staff were friendly and helpful. After Hobo's

pampering and bath, we enjoyed a short hike on the Benham Rail Trail along the Coal Miners Memorial Park located behind the museum.

Just up the road we stumbled upon the Lamp House Coffee Shop a rival to any coffee shop anywhere. The atmosphere was awesome, and the food did not disappoint us either. Frappuccino's were picture perfect and delicious. Hobo was welcome for outside dining with great views of the mountains. Our only disappointment—"Foot-Long Fridays" featuring a loaded footlong hotdog for \$2.99, and we visited on Tuesday.

Portal 31 Mine just across the street from the Lamp House offers a unique experience of touring an underground coal mine by rail car. Hobo the Wonder Dog was welcome to tour the mine as any



Hobo the Wonder Dog at Kingdom Come State Park

well-behaved dog is welcome. Portal 31 is not just a rail car ride into a coal mine. You will experience a ride through coal mine history and life inside a coal mine. The experience of Portal 31 is complete with traditional coal miner protective gear as you listen to conversations and laughter as

the miners prepare to go underground. Portal 31 is well worth the trip offering a perspective and appreciation to the role coal has played in national security and freedom around the world. For more information contact Portal 31 606-848-3131 or www.portal31.com

We ended our day trip at Kingdom Come State Park—what a way to end an awesome day. We met Sherry Cornett the Park Manager and can only describe her as energetic and completely vested in the success of the park. Hobo and I enjoyed a short

well-maintained hike to Log Rock and enjoyed awesome views of Black Mountain. Something unique about the park I found was no matter your physical abilities you can enjoy some of the most spectacular views and rock formation from overlooks accessible by car. Kingdom Come State Park is in the heart of the Black Bear capital of Kentucky, and home of Kentucky's third-largest colony of the endangered Indiana bat. All well-behaved and leashed dogs are welcome in the park—remember to always practice good dog owner etiquette. www.parks.ky.gov or 606-589-2479.

In our own backyard we have a jewel rich in history and making their mark for the future—Harlan County Kentucky; and if you have not visited in a while I assure you it's worth the trip to see a place coal has built. Hobo the Wonder Dog gives Benham, Cumberland, and Lynch Kentucky four paws up on dog friendliness and ease to enjoy a day with your pooch.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 2668, Fire Protection Services, due 5/22/18;
RFP 2683, WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth

classifieds

FOR SALE BY OWNER

USED TIRES. TAKE OFFS 14, 15, 16, 17. SETS AND PAIRS. 4/33/12/50/15 ON CHEVY SIX BOLT RIMS. LIKE NEW. CALL 989-710-6041 FOR PRICING.

2005 HARLEY DAVIDSON FLHTCUI ULTRA CLASSIC EXTRA GLIDE, 9,752 MILES, BLACK CHERRY PEARL, MANY EXTRAS \$15,500 OBO 276-546-3956

DESKTOP WITH FLATSCREEN MONITOR, KEYBOARD, MOUSE & WINDOWS 7. \$100 BUY 2 OR MORE \$65/EACH. 865-237-6993

DELL LAPTOPS \$100.00 WINDOWS 7 AND MS OFFICE 7. 865-237-6993

MACBOOK LAPTOP \$100. BUY 2 OR MORE GET FOR \$65/EACH. 865-237-6993

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE
FURNISHED Lobby & Office
Convenient 640 North Building
\$500 per month
Ample FREE parking!
Sublease May 2018 - May 2019
Landlord must approve sub-tenant.
Contact D. Bowie
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SOUTH KNOXVILLE / UT / DOWNTOWN
2 BR, 700 SQ FT APARTMENTS
\$530/ MONTH
865-573-1000

BEAUTIFUL CORRYTON CHURCH FOR RENT.
MORE INFO 865-933-7067.

Services, due 5/23/18;
Bid 2685, Kodak Road Bridge Replacement, due 5/30/18;
RFP 2687, Health, Physical Activity and Access to Parks and Recreation Study, due 5/24/18;
RFP 2690, Employee Dental Benefit Services, due 5/24/18;
Bid 2692, Trailer Mounted Hot Tack Sprayer, due 5/23/18;
RFP 2694, Employee Vision Benefit Services, due 5/24/18;
RFP 2695, Flexible Benefit Account and Health Reimbursement Administration Services, due 5/22/18;
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