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Superintendent's contract extended one year

By Anne Primm

In a special called meeting at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon June 13, 2018, Bob Thomas, superintendent of Knox County Schools, was awarded an additional year to his contract. The Knox County School Board determined, in a 7-2 vote, that Superintendent Thomas was

entitled to an additional year due to satisfactory performance on this year's performance evaluation. Third District Representative Tony Norman had originally proposed a motion to award the superintendent two additional years to his contract but that motion was superseded by a substitute motion by

Eighth District Representative Mike McMillan to only grant one additional year. At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening the Regular Session of the Knox County School Board was called to order by Chair Patti Bounds. Elected officials attending the meeting were Randy Smith, Dave Wright, Evelyn Gill and Stephanie

Welch. First on the agenda was recognition of the L&N STEM Academy Frisbee Team. Principal Becky Ashe introduced the players and their coaches and sponsors. The team finished the season seventh in the country. Next to be honored was Kinley Koontz, 2017-2018

Board of Education Student Representative. After serving for the past year as the student liaison on the Knox County School Board, Kinley graduated in May and moves on to college in the fall. She is the first Haslam Scholar from West High School and of that she is most proud. Kinley has also distinguished herself

in numerous ways including founding a local non-profit organization called "The Garden Project." At her young age, she has already established herself as a leader by taking the helm of many school and community groups. Kinley plans to major in Biomedical Engineering at the

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Outreach workers for homeless may be funded

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville City Council is being asked by the Community Development Department to authorize \$135,955 for Volunteer Ministry Center to hire two community outreach workers. The idea is to have these Ministry Center employees to work with "unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness" primarily around the intersection of Broadway and Magnolia Avenue.

The spot on Broadway has long been a gathering place for homeless, just across the street from the Volunteer Ministry Center, and some of the homeless who congregate there do not seek shelter there or at other homeless shelters.

Mike Dunhorn, Homeless Coordinator, told The Focus the city's contract with Volunteer Ministry calls for two trained social workers with at least a Bachelor's Degree to work with homeless people who, for one reason or another, don't seek shelter.

"There's a lot being done inside the walls of shelters but that's not what you see at Broadway and Magnolia," he said, adding, "Often a homeless person is not psychologically ready" for shelter.

Dunhorn said the city is also working on an agreement with the state Department of Transportation to create a safe place beneath the I-40 Bridge there for use during day time.

The council, which meets in regular session Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the City-County main assembly room, will also vote on several second

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Leading the way!



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Rebecca Story of the Christian Academy of Knoxville finished 24 seconds ahead of her closest challenger in winning the 2-mile run at the Volunteer Track Classic this spring. Story received the Warrior Award in her senior year at CAK and signed with Stanford University. Please see Part 3 of The Knoxville Focus' feature recognizing local high schools' Student-Athletes of the Year in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Complaint against Brad Anders dismissed by ethics committee

By Mike Steely
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It took almost two hours in what would have been a preliminary discussion at the Knox County Ethics Committee for complaints against Commissioner Brad Anders to be dismissed. Initially Chairman Jonathan Cooper said the meeting was a "preliminary review" to see if the complaint, involving Anders' taking part in three golf tournaments sponsored by Rural/Metro Ambulance would violate the \$35 allowable gift per diem amount for county employees.

But Cooper said that several items in the complaint

didn't apply and focused on the entry fee for the events. He also said that any ambiguity in the charges must be ruled in favor of Anders.

"I don't see anything that constitutes anything but hearsay," committee member Jennifer Roche told the meeting.

Cooper said that there were "no factual allegations that gifts would impact a vote" by Anders since the gifts and tournaments were years before the vote last year to extend Rural/Metro's contract.

But Cooper went on to say that a hearing should be heard where the

complainant, resident Bruce Williams, could possibly bring witnesses.

Committee member Michael Covington said that the complaint is based on a previous complaint by Bo Bennett against Commissioners Bob Thomas and Charles Busler. Both had taken part in a golf tournament and were given gifts while part of a team sponsored by Premier Ambulance. Those complaints were dismissed by the ethics committee earlier this year. Covington said the complaint against Anders, who was opposing Thomas in

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Commissioner Brad Anders speaks following the 4-3 vote to dismiss an ethics complaint against him. Asked if the complaints against him cost him the Republican nomination for Knox County Mayor, Anders told The Focus "There's no question about it."

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What Can I Do To Avoid Probate?

A legal term that many people have heard of is the term, "probate." Probate is the process whereby a will of someone who has passed is filed with the court and the court oversees



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the process of making sure that all of the instructions in someone's will are followed. The process of carrying out someone's instructions in a will is called the "administration" of the estate. What is someone's estate? An estate is simply a person's possessions.

The big problem with the probate process is that many people have no idea what they are doing in administering someone's estate. This is something that they may only do once or twice in their life, and can be a difficult process to navigate if you do not have an attorney to help you.

One thing that many people do is try to do everything they can to avoid the probate process. How can this be done? The easiest way to do this is if you start giving away your possession prior to death. If you give away your house,

your vehicles, and your money, then there is no estate that needs to be probated.

But what if you do not want to give away your possessions prior death? Well you can have your possessions jointly owned. You can put a child on a bank account with you. If you do this, that asset will go directly to the joint owner upon your passing instead of being considered an item that needs to be probated.

A final option that many people use is a trust. They will put their items in a trust. If a trust owns possessions instead of them then there will not be a probating of an estate because a trust is not a person who can die.

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the primary for mayor, "piggy backed" on the Bennett complaint and should never have been filed.

Committee member Mae Killebrew-Mosley said the committee should look at the total amount of value of the gifts. Commissioner John Schoonmaker, a non-voting member, told the meeting that the complaint against Anders "is out there."

"If it is proven that he accepted a comped entry fee that could be a violation," Cooper maintained.

The complaint against Thomas and Busler went to a full-blown hearing with attorneys for both commissioners present as was the complainant, Bo Bennett. "I don't want to see a hearing like that again," Roche said.

"This came up in the heat of political campaigns," Deputy Law Director David Buuck said, adding the law department is looking into "holes" in the ethics code that could prohibit ethics complaints to be filed within 60 days prior to an election, plus other changes.

"This is basically a hearsay complaint," Buuck stated.

"If we consider this it opens the door for complaints made from hearsay," one of the committee members commented.

"We're going to lose people who might run for office. It's going down the road that is to the detriment of the county," said Dean Rice, the non-voting member representing the county mayor's office.



Ethics Chairman Jonathan Cooper speaks about possibly holding a full hearing on the complaint against Anders but the other members voted 4-3 to dismiss charges.

"There's not any proof, it sure smells like it was filed for political gain," Chairman Cooper said, but added that a full hearing on the matter might be needed.

Committee member Billy Stevens said after hearing from the law department and the chairman a vote should be taken.

"Why proceed any further?" he asked. He then moved to dismiss the complaint against Anders but failed to get a second on the motion. Schoonmaker noted that Anders was present in the audience but the complainant was not.

Roche then moved to dismiss the complaint and Stevens seconded the idea. The vote to dismiss passed 4-3 with Cooper, Mosley-Killebrew and Barbara Chandler voting "No." Voting to dismiss were Covington, Roy Kruse, Roche and Stevens.

While the meeting had included a discussion on proposed amendments to the rules of procedure, the matter was postponed until the July meeting.

County ethics committee not done yet

Following the dismissal of a complaint against Commissioner Brad Anders the Knox County Law Department will now proceed in finalizing a report to the ethics committee on the complaint against Lee Tramel, who lost the race for sheriff against Tom Spangler.

The charges may be heard when the ethics committee meets in July and will contain a report from the investigator. The complaint charges Tramel campaigned for the office while on duty, in uniform, and appeared in advertising using county vehicles and deputies.

Law Director Bud Armstrong told The Focus the charges are different than those against three commissioners who had complaints against them for accepting invitations to golf tournaments and accepting gifts there.

Armstrong said the investigation is almost complete on the Tramel charges.

Brad Anders, following the dismissal of a complaint against him, was asked by The Focus if the ethics complaint cost him the election in the Republican Primary for County Mayor.

"Very much so, there's no question about it. Twenty-three votes and a political hit piece like that. The ethics panel was absolutely used to affect the election and that's sad," he said.

School Board Financial Issues Solved for 2018-2019

By Anne Primm

Monday's Knox County Board of Education Work Session opened with Superintendent Bob Thomas reporting on recent personnel changes: Deborah Adorante has been appointed principal of Farragut Intermediate School; Megan O'Dell has been appointed principal of Brickey-McCloud; Chris Deal has been appointed principal of Lonsdale Elementary; Dexter Murphy has been appointed principal of Maynard Elementary; and Dr. John Bartlett has been appointed supervisor of secondary education.

Superintendent Thomas also congratulated teachers who were selected to be part of the 2018-2019 Tennessee Educator Fellowship Class. Thirty-eight

educators from across the state were chosen including three Knox County Schools teachers. Mavis Clark Foster, who has been teaching fifth-grade language arts and science at Green Magnet Academy for sixteen years, was chosen for the program. Also chosen was Caitlin Nowell, who has been teaching seventh grade English Language Arts at South-Doyle Middle School for six years. Lastly, Yolanda Parker Williams was chosen. Williams is an eighteen-year fifth grade math teacher at Karns Elementary.

An increase in BEP funding was a pleasant surprise to Superintendent Thomas. With an unexpected \$538,000 Knox County Schools is able to restore two teaching

assignments at Green Elementary School and one teaching position at Sarah Moore Greene. The gifted and talented program will receive \$10,000 additional dollars to restore two positions and to pay for teachers earning endorsements in gifted and talented education.

Superintendent Thomas ended his remarks by congratulating the senior class of 2018 of which there were 4041 graduates earning in excess of \$1.58 million in scholarships.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of Board Policy B-180 involving the length of time each participant of Public Forum gets to speak at a school board meeting and how long the Public Forum will last in totality at Board Meetings.

Some board members want to see the time given each participant shortened to three minutes (currently each person may have five minutes.) Some board members want to set a time limit for Public Forum to one hour total.

In other action, Representative Lynne Fugate and Dr. Clifford Davis are responsible for reporting on the results of the feedback on the Knox County School System's strategic plan. Those results are still in draft format and will not be available until later in the month.

Representative Tony Norman inquired about the system-wide use of ACT scores. Specifically, he wanted to know if Knox County had established a system-wide composite ACT score. Ms. Cheryl Hickman, Executive Director of Secondary Education, replied that as of this year, principals had been asked to include an ACT goal for

their school as part of their performance reviews. In further discussion, Eighth District Representative Mike McMillan suggested establishing an ACT minimum score for graduation.

Representatives Norman, Fugate and Terry Hill all brought up the pay scale in Knox County Schools. The top of the pay scale for certified employees is reached at 21 years of service. At this point or before, many experienced teachers either depart to work in a higher paid school system or take jobs in industry. Loss of the highly skilled teachers is a detrimental. Representative Fugate says that we must find ways to retain our teachers. Hill suggests adding another step to the pay scale so the top is not reached until 25 years of service.

Second District Representative Jennifer Owen inquired about the difference between a Master

Teacher and a Lead Teacher. Hickman responded that a Master Teacher is given responsibilities for coaching other teachers and imparting teaching strategies on other teachers at the building level. For this, he/she is granted one additional hour of release time per day. The Lead Teacher, on the other hand, has a regular schedule of classes and is only given release time for evaluations. According to Hickman, the principal of each school keeps a log of the amount of time Master and Lead Teachers spend with students.

Science textbooks are up for renewal this year. Many of the science texts currently in use are seriously outdated—some still listing Pluto as a planet. Music students will also get new books as will numerous other subject areas.

Fugate expressed concern over item 11.D. on the Regular Agenda as it stipulates approval of \$1,010,750.00 of the FY 2019 budget on 5-year debt financing with Knox County Government. Representative Fugate stated that this is not good practice to borrow money to pay for items that are not durable goods. For instance, "the Chrome Books won't last five years."

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Publisher's Position

What's Wrong with Putting America First?



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"Ask not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy, Inaugural address, 1961.

I'll be the first to admit the United States has changed a lot in the fifty-seven years since John

F. Kennedy spoke those immortal words. Regrettably, there's hardly a Democrat in the country who would agree with those words today.

Virtually every president of the United States since George Washington has promoted and protected America before any other interest facing our nation. Still, despite what some would have you believe, no nation on earth has been as generous as America has been. Tens of thousands of children would literally have starved to death following the First World War had it not been for the war relief efforts of Herbert Hoover. Harry Truman's Marshall Plan likewise fed millions of hungry Europeans following World War II, which also limited the spread of Communism. There is hardly a spot on the globe where America has not sent material goods and money to help the peoples of other countries. The spirit of giving and sharing has been a hallmark of the American way since this country was founded. We

have given of our blood and bounty time after time. Yet there are those in this country who deeply believe in the globalism exemplified by Barack Obama. Donald Trump's unabashed agenda of protecting American interests and right first has caused the globalists in this country to become unhinged.

While speaking in Europe following the end of his presidency, Obama said, "In the eyes of God, a child on the other side of the border is no less worthy of love and compassion than my own child. You can't distinguish between them in terms of their worth or inherent dignity." A warm and noble sentiment and it is certainly true. Every child should enter this world being wanted and loved. The fact is many are not wanted and aren't allowed into this world. Obama's notion seems to be we are obliged to care for everybody on the planet. It would be nice if we could do it, but we are having trouble taking care of our own. Opening

our borders to anyone who wishes to enter them without following the law isn't hospitality, but madness. I've never witnessed any of the people advocating such policies leaving their own front doors open and allowing whoever entered the house to stay there and live as long as they like.

Globalists seem not to have any pride in their own native country; worse still, they seem to take pleasure in demeaning their own country. Pride in one's country and putting the interest of that country above those of other nations is hardly isolationism. The question of tariffs is one much talked about currently and most of the debate swirling around the attacks on President Trump ignore the fact if all nations were signatories to reciprocal trade agreements, there would be no need for tariffs of any kind. President Trump just recently acknowledged that fact by stating there shouldn't be any need for tariffs at all. The tariffs on American

products are higher in both Canada and Europe.

For instance, the tariff on American automobiles in Europe is 10%, while the tariff in the United States on cars imported from Europe is 7.5%. The trade imbalance between the United States and Japan was \$70 billion last year. For every automobile America sends to Japan, the Japanese send 100 to the U.S. America had a trade imbalance of \$64 billion with Germany last year. The Germans impose a 10% tariff on American-made cars imported into their country, while the U.S. imposes only a 2.5% tariff on automobiles imported from countries inside the European Union, which includes Germany. The flood of Canadian lumber dumped into the American marketplace imperils American jobs in Oregon, Washington, state, and Alaska. Canadian tariffs harm American wheat and barley farmers.

Tariffs are designed to protect particular industries. Is it fair to American

farmers they have to endure an almost 300% tariff on US dairy products in Canada? Of course not. Canada is attempting to protect its own dairy farmers, yet squalls when President Trump moves to protect the interests of his own people and industries. Under the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, we have continually shipped American jobs and money overseas by participating in foreign agreements that did not adequately protect American interests.

American generosity has not always brought gratitude from its recipients; all too often it has brought scorn. Some recipients have come to expect American largesse as their rightful due.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with our putting our own people first. It doesn't mean we don't care about other folks; it means we just love our own family more. John F. Kennedy's words spoken at his inaugural should make us all think.

Outreach workers for homeless may be funded

Cont. from page 1 and final ordinances. Those include prohibiting amplified sound on public right-of-ways and public property, permitting temporary goat grazing to control invasive plants on private property, and revising parts of the zoning regulations to permit the two shopping malls to offer non-traditional uses and permit EBCO Distributors to use the former Toys "R" Us store at Knoxville Center aka East Towne Mall. Also on the agenda is a resolution to grant \$325,000 to the Community Schools Initiative of Greater Schools Partnership, a contract with Southern Constructors, Inc., for the Colonial Circle Sidewalk Replacement on North Broadway, and a property purchase to permit the Mineral Springs Avenue Bridge Project.

The council may also consider hiring for \$40,000 a company to maintain

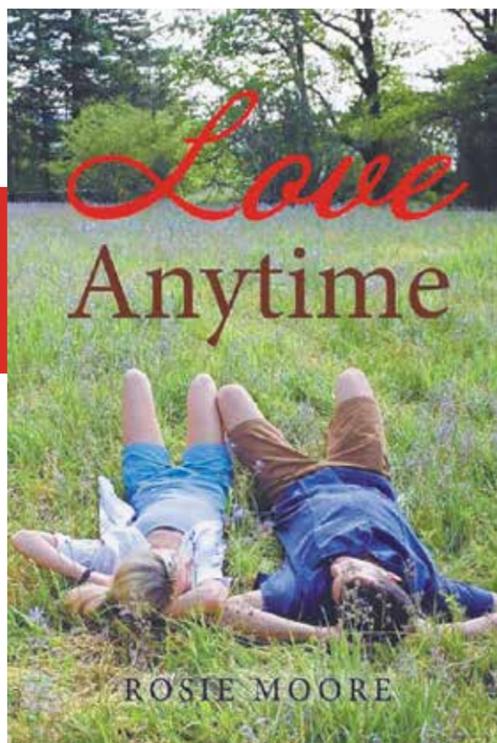
services at the city's street lighting system, and issue about \$82 million in bonds for the Water, Wastewater, Gas and Electric Systems.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation may be asked for \$3.3 million for the Knoxville Area Transit System for the 2019 fiscal year.

The mayor may also be authorized to apply for a Homeland Security grant of \$174,000 with a 25% city match to purchase a police boat and dock for use by the City Police and Fire Departments.

An annexation is actually on the agenda with the owners of 7720 Pocanno Road asking to join the city.

An extension of 90 days is being asked to forbid demolition in the Parkridge Neighborhood. The no-demolition extension comes on the heels of the Historic Designation of the neighborhood being in limbo currently.



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Rosie Moore enjoys reading, people, and spending time with her 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She started writing at a young age.

In the last decade people suggested she try to get her writing published, and she has since published two: "Daisy Mae" and "The Girls," both inspired by the women in her life.



Rosie circa 2003 Focus archives

Rosie grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the first forty-six years of her life, before she moved to Knoxville, where she currently resides surrounded by her loving family.

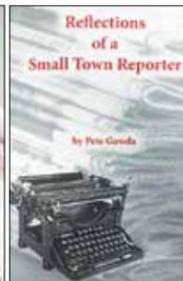
Rosie is the longest serving columnist at The Focus, contributing "Focus on Seniors" in the paper's early days and nowadays submitting her thoughts and musings for "Rosie's World."



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District 3 candidates answer Focus questions

Compiled by Mike Steely

The Knoxville Focus has been asking the Knox County Commission candidates several questions prior to the August 2nd General Election. Early voting starts July 13th. This week we feature the replies of Democrat Cody Biggs and Republican Randy Smith. All answers are given in alphabetical order based on the candidate's last name.

How do you feel about face-to-face visits at the county jail?

Biggs: We live in a country that prides itself in recognizing that individuals are presumed innocent until found guilty. It is unfortunate that people who have not been convicted of a crime (arrested – sometimes held without formal charges) are being kept from in person contact with their families and loved ones because of the current visitation procedures in place. Private enterprise should not capitalize off of the crimes individuals may or may not have committed. It is unfortunate that the separation of families has become an accepted means of discipline even if the individual incarcerated has not been convicted. Businesses should not be profiting off an exploitation of our current system.

Smith: I think this issue is

worth discussing with the new Sheriff when the video visitation system contract comes up for renewal. In a perfect world, we could figure out a way to provide inmates video and face to face visits with their families. But, there's a reason we can't, one being a matter of safety. If that's something we can fix, then I think the issue is worth revisiting.

How do you feel about the need to raise property taxes?

Biggs: To be frank, no one likes the idea of raising property taxes. Additionally, no one likes to talk about taxes; but at the same time, the need for infrastructural, educational, and correctional support cannot happen without taxes. I believe we need to work with what we have, but it is also irresponsible to assert a definitive answer about property taxes without recognizing the deficits and improvements necessary to keep our county moving forward. I believe Knox County has a responsibility to its citizens. We've seen how the elimination of the Hall Tax has affected our community; and it is unfortunate that "the least of these" have been targeted as a result.

Smith: At this point in time, the County's natural growth is enough to sustain

our current needs. Before we even consider asking taxpayers for more money, officials must squeeze every cent out of the revenues we receive now.

What committees are you interested in serving on?

Biggs: Because of my background in hospitality and business, I would love to be a part of the Visit Knoxville Board, the Finance Committee, and also the Ethics Committee.

I'd be honored to serve constituents in any manner, but these are where my specialties lie.

Smith: I've served on many committees during the past four years and will serve on whichever ones my colleagues believe I can provide the best help.

Should the commission have a larger say in how the schools operate?

Biggs: County Commission has viable input when it comes to the Knox County School Board. This is more of an administrative position.

Our School Board needs to be trusted to do what needs to be done regarding our students; however, it is paramount that constituents be heard – even if that means the input

comes from members of the Commission.

Smith: I believe the two governing bodies- County Commission and BOE- must maintain a close relationship and always keep the dialogue open, but the boards' roles are separate and defined.

The Commission funds the school system and the BOE and the KCS administration decide how to spend the money.

The BOE members are elected and are accountable to the voters.

Should the commission meeting time be moved to 6 p.m. so more citizens can attend?

Biggs: Without a doubt yes. We exist because of our County and it's respective citizens and constituents. Transparency and accountability in government are paramount to a free and prosperous society.

Smith: Yes, in fact it would encourage or create more accessibility

Why are you running?

Biggs: In short, I am running because I recognize that insanity is the doing the same thing over and over again while expecting different results. Knox



Cody Biggs



Randy Smith

County has an opportunity to elect a different type of leader. I see the needs of different and often ostracized communities, and it hurts my heart. I've learned through my years as a Knox County resident that no one is unaffected by the opioid crisis. I prefer to look at our neighbors as people instead of problems. We are all given gifts and abilities, and I wish to use mine to further the betterment of our community.

Smith: I am running because I love Knox County and its people, and I enjoy serving both. I want to use what I've learned these past four years to continue moving Knox County forward. We have it great here now, but we can always improve. Further, I wish to continue providing the responsive services that the people of the 3rd District deserve. They want their concerns and problems addressed and resolved quickly, and I have

done and will continue to do so.

Do you have a favorite in who becomes commission chair?

Biggs: One foot in front of the other. My opponent is the other chair. When I become Commissioner, I will listen to all of my fellow Commissioners, and constituent input would be the most important factor.

As of now, no. I do not have a favorite.

Smith: That's not a question I will consider until after the August general election and we know exactly who is on the new Commission board. It's far too early to start looking at new leadership roles when there is still a lot of work to finish before the board makes that selection.

Rules Committee may change policies

Commissioner Carson Dailey chairs the Knox County Rules Committee and that group meets Monday at 2 p.m. in the small assembly room to consider several rule changes.

Dailey, along with fellow commissioners Brad Anders, Charles Busler, Michele Carringer and Evelyn Gill, are looking at six items including a discussion on changing the time and date for the September Reorganization meeting.

They will also be talking about creating a Legislative Committee to stay in touch with local state representatives, possibly changing or adding rules for zoning meetings and appeals, and possibly voting to run resolutions through the law department before adding items to the county commission agenda.

The committee may also discuss changing the terms of the county commission chair and vice chair.

Street naming can be complicated

By Mike Steely
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Pastor James H. Davis, leader of the Eternal Life Harvest Center in Mechanicville, passed away in December of last year. The much honored community leader who mediated gang disputes and led by example may be honored with a street name change as suggested by Evan Kariuki, a youth minister at Davis' church.

The matter was on the city council agenda recently but was postponed for six weeks because the renaming of Brandau Street came up as an MPC recommendation. The renaming should have gone through the Public Property Naming Committee.

Brandau Street runs from near the Knoxville College Campus through west Mechanicville to Monroe Center near Eternal Life Harvest Center.

Council member Lauren Rider, chair of the naming committee, had the request postponed until the committee's upcoming meeting. The naming of streets and places can be a bit complicated.

"It is confusing and I'm just now

understanding it," Rider told The Focus. She said there are three categories of naming for places in the city: Honorary Naming, Street Naming and Public Property Naming.

"An Honorary Naming is adding an additional name to an existing street or otherwise. This does not affect anyone's address because the original street name carries on. It's an Honorary Naming layered on the official, legal street name," she explained.

"An actual street re-naming affects anyone with a mailing address on that street. Thus, they would have to re-order/re-print anything with their address if the Street re-naming is approved. Any property owner/resident/business impacted must be contacted and sign yes or no on a petition. This is the type of re-naming that must start with MPC. Once it's past MPC, it's routed to Public Property Naming Committee," she said.

"Unfortunately, with this example, it was routed to the city's legal department for city council approval instead of committee.

So we postponed at council to correctly and formally hear it. Then it will be voted on by council," Rider said.

"The 3rd type of request is to name Public Property/Facilities of non-streets. I've talked with Charles Swanson about anything we can review to improve clarity and possibly reduce the number of forms for the process," Rider continued.

"This process was initiated by Councilman Joe Bailey during Victor Ashe's tenure as mayor. It may be time to see if anything can be stream-lined or updated," she concluded.

The naming committee meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

The Brandau Street renaming will be discussed as well as an Honorary naming request for the First Creek Greenway Bridge off Grainger at Luttrell. "That was a request from Old North Knoxville, Inc. to honor former neighbor Chester 'Chet' Kilgore," Rider said.

Superintendent's contract extended one year

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University of Tennessee.

The next agenda item that was discussed related to board policy. The board discussed Knox County Board of Education Policy B-180 "Public Forum," as amended. Tony Norman made a motion to limit Public Forum to one hour total and limit each speaker to three minutes each. Norman stated that "Public Forum has been abused. After four to five people have spoken, the topic is covered and the rest is venting."

Fourth District Representative Lynne Fugate emphatically disagreed with Norman and said she could not support his motion. Amber Rountree, Ninth District Representative, proposed a substitute motion, seconded by Fugate, that would revise some of the wording in lines 27, and lines 32-35 but leaving the time limits unchanged. This substitute motion carried without contention.

After approving the 2019-2020 school calendar and the 2018-2019 board of education calendar, the meeting was adjourned.



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MPC puts in a long afternoon



PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA.

Developer Scott Davis addressed the June 14 MPC meeting to speak in favor of a proposed subdivision to be built on the northwest side of East Turpin Road and northeast of Couch Mill Road.

By Pete Gawda

It was a long afternoon for the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) at their June meeting on the 14th as residents of several neighborhoods came out in numbers to protest proposed developments.

Consideration of the concept plan and the development plan for Fountainhead Village, a proposed 22 lot subdivision to be constructed on the northwest side of Tazewell Pike at the northwest end of Fountainhead Lane, was postponed for 30 days after considerable discussion about sinkholes, drainage and flooding in the area. Knox County Commissioner Michele Carringer, who represents that area, admitted that there is a flooding and traffic problem in that area. Before

the vote to postpone, a motion failed to pass that would require the developer to either tie in to a regional stormwater control system or create his own stormwater system failed.

The MPC approved the concept plan for the proposed 15 lot Grassy Creek commercial subdivision to be located on the south side of Oak Ridge Highway, east and west of Schaad Road.

For some time Jerry Bridge's plumbing company has operated as a nonconforming business in a residential area at 4323 Morelia Ave. The MPC denied his application to rezone the location to GC (General Commercial). Gerald Green, executive director of the MPC, offered the opinion that a semi-industrial use is not

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The Woman Behind Women's Right to Vote

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"Dear Son ... Hurray and vote for Suffrage and don't keep them in doubt. I noticed Chandlers' speech, it was very bitter. I've been waiting to see how you stood but have not seen anything yet ... Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt with her 'Rats.' Is she the one that put rat in ratification, Ha! No more from mama this time. With lots of love, Mama."

That was the brief note that a mother passed to her son and her words played a vital part in the ratification of the right to vote for women. The note changed her son's mind on the issue and his vote not only passed voting rights in Tennessee but also the one vote meant the state was the final and needed vote to ratify the U. S. Constitution.

Phoebe King Ensminger Burn was the lady who wrote the note to her son, Harry Burn, who was a young state representative for his home in Niota, Tennessee. Burn had voiced opposition to the 19th Amendment but, above all, was loyal to his mother.

Phoebe, or Febb, was not



The new suffrage statue at the East Tennessee Historical Museum in Knoxville has Febb Burns placing her hand on the shoulder of her son, Harry, who cast the deciding vote that ratified the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. (Photo courtesy of Ronnie Collins)

a passive woman. She held a degree from U. S. Grant University, now Tennessee Wesleyan University, unusual for women of her day. She was born in 1873 and, upon graduation, married James Lafayette

Burn. Together they had four children and her husband was stationmaster at Mouse Creek (Niota) for the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railway. He was founder of Crescent Hosiery Mill and associated

with the Bank of Niota.

After her husband passed Febb ran the family farm, which she renamed to "Hathburn" for her sons Harry and Thomas and their surname Burn. She was an important influence in all her children's lives and passed away in 1945.

Febb served as a local school teacher, attended Niota Methodist Church, and was an avid reader. She read three newspapers each day, enjoyed magazines, novels and classic books and was a supporter of suffrage for many years, following those she called "the militants" and other leaders of the women's movement.

She said she wrote the famous letter to her son while sitting on the porch of her Niota home. The farm and other matters probably were operated from her desk, which last year was donated to the McMinn Living Heritage Museum in Athens. The museum contains more than 10,000 artifacts and is open Tuesday through Saturday starting at 10 a.m. and is located at 522 West Madison Avenue. You can visit the museum online at

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Congressional candidate forum planned

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Candidates from both parties have been reserving their seats in what is being announced as the first major forum for the 2nd District congressional race. Michael Covington, founder of East Knoxville Community, said the forum will be held Monday, July 2, at the Burlington Branch Library on Asheville Highway.

Covington said that eight of the ten primary candidates have accepted invitations and he is waiting to hear from the two major Republican candidates, Tim Burchett and Jimmy Matlock. Early voting in both primaries begins July 13 and runs through July 28 with the primary election scheduled for August 2.

Hubert Smith will moderate the forum and questions can be submitted by email for subscribers to the East Knoxville Community newsletter at <https://contact/2xKUagi>. Questions will also be collected during the 1 p.m. meeting.

Republican congressional candidates, aside from Burchett and Matlock, include: Jason Frederick Emert, Hank Hamblin, Sarah Ashley Nickloes, Vito Sagliano and C. David Stansberry.

Democratic candidates include Renee Hoyos, Joseph W. Schenkenfelder and Joshua Williams.

Questions already submitted concern Medicaid expansion, the Affordable Care Act, and the Veterans Administration.

Each candidate will be given 90 seconds to introduce themselves and 60 to 75 seconds to answer questions. The moderator picks the questions and can assign additional time to answer or ask follow-up questions.

Covington said additional information about the forum may be announced prior to the event. He said the event will be recorded on video and broadcast on CTV later this summer.

"Our goal with this first major 2nd US District candidate forum is to give the candidates an opportunity to get out of the shadow of the frontrunners who have not yet accepted our invitation," Covington said.

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Febb Burn was a strong, educated woman who followed the suffrage movement for many years and was instrumental in persuading her son Harry to vote to ratify the 19th Amendment.

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www.livingheritagemuseum.com.

The museum is currently hosting an antique quilt show through the month of June.

The Burn farm remained in the family and various members of that famous family, including Febb and Harry, are buried in

the Niota Cemetery along Highway 11. The Niota railroad depot is said to be the oldest such structure in the state.

Febb Burns was more than just a woman of her times, but a strong influence not only on her children's lives but the state and the nation as well.



Picture provided by the Harrell family (L-R): Doug, Nina, Dallas, Joretta, Linda, Denny.

Rev. Dallas Harrell, a Man of God (Part 2)

This month, the minister and his wife reach a milestone. Dallas and Joretta Harrell celebrate 65 years of marriage! They have four children; five grandchildren, including one grandson that has passed away; and two great-grandchildren.



By Ralphine Major
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In 1992, Rev. Dallas Harrell retired from the freight business and for several years worked part-time for Claiborne Funeral Home (now Claiborne-Overholt Funeral Home) in New Tazewell, Tennessee. This was a perfect place for him to use his years of experience in ministering to families who had lost a loved one. The minister continues to share God's message today. Now retired from public work,

Rev. Harrell pastors at Ford's Chapel American Christian Church in New Tazewell. I am reminded of a time many years ago when I was in high school and stayed overnight at the Harrell home. We went to church Sunday morning in New Tazewell. After service, we went home with some church members for lunch.

Prayer has always been an important part of Rev. Harrell's daily life, his family shared. "He always steals away to a private area of his home and humbly prays aloud early each morning and before going to bed each night as well as other times and places throughout the day. It's not unusual to walk into his house and find him in the living room reading and studying the Bible with his wife sitting nearby." The respect and admiration the two sons and two daughters have for their father is evident as they share more: "He has always been a man of his word, and he has lived his life before others that speaks volumes about

his character, integrity, and work ethic. Time has changed him physically, but he has remained faithful as he continues to share God's word." His family agrees that "the legacy he will leave is his love for God." Powerful words, but not surprising, for the minister who surrendered to preach at the age of 22.

I asked Rev. Harrell his favorite Bible verse. He answered with what is probably the most important verse in a Christian's life and bears repeating often. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV).

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Bill Brock of Tennessee

Part Three

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator Gore admitted if the Republicans fielded a strong candidate his reelection campaign would be "a tough race." Gore also opined Bill Brock would likely be the strongest candidate the Republicans could run against him, but the senator said he did not believe the congressman would run, as Brock was from Chattanooga, which was the home of Estes Kefauver.

Throughout much of 1963 there was considerable speculation freshman Congressman Bill Brock would run against Senator Albert Gore. Brock had traveled more than 10,000 miles across Tennessee to help build the state Republican Party. At the end of May Brock was in Greenville, Tennessee along with Congressman Jimmy Quillen speaking to local Republicans at a Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter. Congressman Bill Brock joined Quillen and Congressman Howard Baker, Sr. in appearing before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to oppose a bill, which would have imposed entrance fees to government owned parks. None of the Republican congressmen liked the idea of charging fees for visiting the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Howard Baker pointed out the bill would violate the terms under which the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was created. Both the State of Tennessee and the Rockefeller Foundation had donated land for the creation of the park and had forbidden tolls or fees; the specific language stated no fees "shall ever be imposed by the United States or any of its agencies" Baker told the committee. "An entrance fee would be highly detrimental to the park and to the economy of all Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina," Congressman Baker said. Bill Brock's own statement was simple: recreational areas like the Great Smoky Mountain Park should be available to all American citizens to visit and enjoy free of charge.

Bill Brock and Jimmy Quillen, both freshmen congressmen at the time, helped to defeat the Area Redevelopment Act, which failed by a margin of 209 - 204. Only three of Tennessee's congressmen opposed the bill; Brock and Quillen were joined by Democrat Tom Murray of Jackson in voting no. The Tennessean complained Murray's voting record was more Republican than that of House GOP leader Charles Halleck of Indiana. Congressman Howard Baker had voted for the bill and the Tennessean was appalled

by the "do it yourself" philosophy of Bill Brock and noted Baker at least had "been in Congress too long not to have learned you don't bite the hand that pulls the voting machine lever."

The three Republicans in Tennessee's Congressional delegation - - - Howard Baker, Sr., Bill Brock and Jimmy Quillen - - - all signed a petition to allow the House to consider a constitutional amendment allowing prayers and Bible reading in schools and other public places. The amendment was a response to a recent Supreme Court decision that had opined it was unconstitutional for state officials to have an official school prayer in public schools. Congressman Howard Baker said, "People are more interested in this than in anything since I have been in Congress. The Supreme Court's decision in the prayer cases is deeply resented in my district." Bill Brock said his own decision to sign the petition was an expression of "deep concern over the apparent trend in the country away from its moral and spiritual heritage and toward a purely materialistic approach to life." Brock added, "I sincerely feel that the people in Tennessee know we must protect the rights of millions of Americans to express their faith."

Bill Brock was the only Tennessee congressman to join Governor Frank Clement in traveling to Fort Stewart, Georgia to review the troops in the Tennessee National Guard during the summer of 1963. Congressman Brock, himself a veteran of the U. S. Navy, joined Governor Clement on the reviewing stand as the troops passed by in parade.

That same summer, Bill Brock traveled to San Francisco to attend the convention of Young Republicans, but the young congressman was back in Tennessee when Republicans installed George Ed Wilson as Chairman of the state Republican Party. Brock, along with his colleagues Howard Baker, Sr. and Jimmy Quillen, spoke to the gathering, which was focused upon the 1964 elections.

The Nashville Tennessean gleefully published a report that Congressman Howard Baker, Sr. felt some resentment towards his young colleague. Since the death of long-time Congressman B. Carroll Reece, Baker had dominated the Tennessee Republican Party. Bill Brock's rise to Congress had encouraged a younger generation of Republicans to become active and naturally they wanted a voice



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Congressman Bill Brock speaking (fourth from the left)

in party affairs, something Baker seemed to dislike. Baker watched skeptically as several Republicans spoke on the House floor to praise the Chattanoogaan after Brock had been named "Young Republican of the Year." "At first I thought they were going to nominate Brock for vice president," Baker told a colleague. "Then I realized he wouldn't accept it." With the arrival of Bill Brock in Washington, Howard Baker, Sr. no longer had the limelight all to himself and the older man likely did resent the publicity the younger man received from the press. Yet the old order of Tennessee Republicans was to be swept away soon and Baker's own son would help to usher in a new era along with Bill Brock.

Brock was learning how to use the rules of the House to make himself effective. Brock's effectiveness was evident when Congressman Ross Bass howled when the Chattanoogaan attempted to place an amendment to a vocational education bill. Brock voted to recommit the bill because he wished to add a civil rights amendment to the bill, a move Bass claimed was intended to kill the legislation. "The Republicans hoped that by getting a civil rights amendment tacked onto the bill they could defeat it in the same way they have tried to defeat other progressive legislation in the past," Bass huffed. The motion to recommit the bill to the House Education Committee failed on a vote of 217 - 181, but Bill Brock was making himself heard as a freshman congressman.

Tennessee politics and the 1964 elections were roiled by the unexpected death of Senator Estes Kefauver on August 10, 1963. Kefauver's death meant Governor Frank Clement had to appoint a senator and both of Tennessee's seats in the United States Senate would be on the ballot in 1964. Speculation had been rife Brock would challenge Albert Gore for reelection in 1964, but some believed the Chattanooga congressman had been thinking of waiting until 1966 to run against Kefauver. Kefauver had been in the Senate since 1949

and his sudden death left both Democrats and Republicans unprepared for another statewide race in 1964. There was no lack of possible candidates as both Governor Frank Clement and Congressman Ross Bass were eager to go to the Senate and some wondered if former governor Buford Ellington might be interested. Ellington, more conservative than Albert Gore, had been touted as a candidate for Gore's Senate seat. Some Republicans speculated Congressman Howard Baker, Sr. might be a strong candidate for the United States Senate, if he would run. Baker had run for governor in 1938 and the United States Senate in 1940, but it was unlikely he would give up a safe seat in Congress to make a statewide race. Baker would not be a factor in the 1964 campaigns as death would take him suddenly just after the first of the New Year. It would be left to his son and namesake to make his mark in Tennessee politics.

Eventually Governor Frank Clement appointed Herbert "Hub" Walters to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Senate caused by the death of Estes Kefauver. Walters was "Mr. Democrat" to many Democrats in Tennessee and had long been active in party councils. Walters had also been a strong supporter of Clement since Clement's first gubernatorial campaign in 1952. At seventy-one years of age, Walters was not expected to be a candidate to succeed himself in 1964, paving the way for Frank Clement to run himself. Other prospective candidates were also busy. Pulaski Congressman Ross Bass quickly announced he was returning to Tennessee to talk to folks about a possible Senate campaign. Bill Brock was working at the Capitol, but an aide in Brock's Chattanooga office confirmed, "He's considering it."

Evidently Brock thought about it, but before the month was out, the Chattanooga congressman announced he would not run for either seat in the U. S. Senate in 1964, preferring instead to run for reelection. "There has been a great deal of speculation regarding the

possibility of my entering a campaign next year for the United States Senate," Brock said. "Though deeply interested in having both Senate seat occupied by constitutional conservatives, I personally am not a candidate for the Senate." Brock concluded his statement saying, "There is much to be done in our Third Congressional District, and I will continue to concentrate on working for the people who elected me to represent them in Congress." Privately, Bill Brock admitted he had been subjected to intense pressure by Tennessee Republicans to run for the United States Senate. Brock told close friends and allies he would not run as "I was not ready, nor was the party."

That Brock was perhaps the strongest Republican candidate for a seat in the United States Senate from Tennessee was acknowledged by veteran political reporter Joe Hatcher of the Nashville Tennessean. Hatcher believed Brock's announcement that he would not run for the Senate left Tennessee Republican scrambling to nominate viable candidates for both Senate seats, yet the columnist felt the odds were against Brock winning reelection in his Congressional district.

Bill Brock and his Republican colleagues from Tennessee refused to sign a statement circulated amongst House Republicans in opposition to the test ban treaty, an issue leveraged by Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, who was seeking the GOP presidential nomination. Supporters frankly admitted the statement was intended to aid Goldwater's presidential bid. Despite his refusal to sign the test ban treaty manifesto, Bill Brock, along with Congressman Jimmy Quillen, received "perfect" scores from the Americans for Constitutional Action organization. A conservative group, the ACA said Brock and Quillen had supported "sound money" as well as vote "for a private, competitive market, for national sovereignty, and for local self-government." Fellow Republican Howard Baker, Sr. received a 73% rating from the ACA while Democrats Ross Bass, Joe L. Evins and Richard Fulton received zero

ratings.

Democrats had certainly not given up on the notion of defeating Brock in his campaign for reelection to Congress. Keith Hampton, Governor Frank Clement's personnel commissioner, was being urged to run against Bill Brock in 1964. Seen as "the best grass-roots politician in the Clement administration", Hampton was thought to be a serious challenger to the young Congressman. Many Democrats believed Brock's initial election to Congress was little more than a fluke. Only narrowly having defeated Wilkes Thrasher, Jr. in 1962, Democrats opined supporters of Congressman James B. Frazier, Jr., a conservative, had helped to elect Bill Brock. The candidacy of Keith Hampton was thought to neutralize those Clement Democrats who had refused to back Wilkes Thrasher in 1962. Unquestionably that was true, yet it ignored the fact the Third District had shown an increasing tendency to vote for Republicans. Richard Nixon had handily won the district in 1960 against John Kennedy and there was reason to believe Kennedy's personal popularity inside the Third District had not appreciably grown.

Bill Brock faced either running for the United States Senate in 1964 or reelection in a district that had long been Democratic. Democrats believed they had a good chance to defeat Brock for reelection should he run for Congress again. Once again, Bill Brock would demonstrate considerable political skill in thwarting his opponents.

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Bredesen listens to opioid concerns

By Mike Steely
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Former Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen is a candidate for U. S. Senate but you may be surprised to learn that when he sat down with Knox County medical professionals and law enforcement officials Tuesday there was no mention of his campaign.

The visit to the Helen Ross McNabb Center on Springdale Avenue was given little fanfare. It wasn't a campaign stop but a listening session in which Bredesen did most of the listening. He occasionally asked a question but, for the most part, sat and listened.

Present were representatives of the health department, UTMC's medical director, and Helen Ross

McNabb officials including Director Jerry Vagnier. Randy Nichols of the sheriff's department and Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch attended as well.

"Before I talk about it I'd like to learn about it," Bredesen told the meeting of the opioid problem, adding, "I'm looking for ideas to turn into action." He said he had met with the pharmacy school at ETSU the day before on the same issue.

Bredesen heard how the local coalition is working with local news media and physician training on limiting opioid prescriptions.

Dr. Jerry Epps, chief medical director at UTMC, told the meeting that a short-term prescription could turn into a patient still taking opioids a year later.

Bredesen asked the two law enforcement officers what is the easiest way to find physicians who abuse prescriptions. Chief Rausch said that the health department often notifies him.

The discussion quickly turned to pain management clinics and Bredesen said that legislation issued under Governor Haslam closed a lot of the pill mills. Vagnier said that Knox County once had 42 such pill outlets and now only has five that remain open.

Rausch said that the city sends in undercover people to check on the pain centers and to see if the centers accept cash, which is against the law. The police chief also noted that although Medicare tracks doctor's prescriptions, the information isn't shared

with local law enforcement.

"It's really greed, not motivation to help these people," Vagnier said.

Dr. Epps noted that a new prescription law is going into effect which will limit the number of days opioids can be prescribed and added, "It's going to be interesting over the next six weeks" to see how the change affects the crisis.

He noted that opioid addiction is now among a younger population and often people who would never abuse illegal drugs get addicted and, legally, lumped together with all addicts.

Bredesen asked if a blood test could indicate opioid use and was told it would not but a brain scan could.

Nichols noted that our nation has 90% of the world's opioid users and



Former Governor Phil Bredesen listens intently to Knox County medical officials during an opioid crisis roundtable. He is flanked by Police Chief David Rausch and Helen Ross McNabb Director Jerry Vagnier.

said that 100% of the property crimes in Knox County are drug related. One comment was that the federal government has made little or no effort to combat the opioid problem in our region.

Bredesen said he is looking for two or three practical things to combat the

epidemic. He included going after abusing physicians and pill mills and educating of the public as a possibilities.

"This is really helpful," Bredesen said of the input during the meeting and, at the end, he promised, "I'm not done yet."

Another year in the books

Another birthday has come and gone, and another year is in the books. I'm lucky enough to have a wonderful family that chooses to gather on a weekend around that date to celebrate that day.



By Joe Rector
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We sit around the pool, cook hamburgers and hotdogs, and laugh and talk until we're exhausted.

Growing old isn't that difficult for us. If we are lucky enough, time slides along and takes us with it. Birthdays when I was young left memories and warm sun, honeysuckle, and Mother's sixth grade

class picnic at our house. The smell of leather always reminds me of that birthday when Jim and I received new ball gloves as presents. Neither of us were skilled at using them, but that never

kept us from throwing ball in the front yard or trying to play on the team Mr. Wright coached. Melt-in-your-mouth always set center stage on the birthday table.

Teenaged birthdays were different. Sure, presents were nice, but more important was having a few friends at the house for a while. After celebrating

there for a while, everyone left for destinations such as the Copper Kettle or another hangout. Yes, we bought alcohol with fake drivers' licenses and sipped on the stuff. Cigarettes weren't taboo then, and many of us started the habit during those high school years. When a couple of birthdays rolled around, I even had a girlfriend with whom celebrate the day. Mother was always home on birthdays and made sure they were special.

Adulthood changed those birthdays. Amy did more than she should have to spoil me. We always managed to meet up with Jim and his clan at Mothers. On that 40th celebration, she

and my sister-in-law Brenda planned a party at the Karns community center. A crowd of friends attended and listened to tales on the two of us. My older brother sent a cassette tape that recalled all the horrible events that we caused over the years. The get together was highlighted by the appearance of a large, friendly dancer.

Lately, birthdays are more about just spending time with the folks I love. Lacey and Nick bring Madden with them from Nashville, and Dallas travels home from Chattanooga. They insist on giving presents, some of which are rather strange. I'd as soon they saved their

money and just came home for a couple of days. Years earlier, the family stayed up late to watch movies or television shows or just to talk. My bed time comes much earlier now, and my eyes slam shut too soon to suit me.

For the last few years, Madden has stayed the week after my birthday. We find things to do to keep a young boy busy. This year was to be partially spent swimming in the river in the mountains, but days filled with rain caused us to change plans. Just having him stay here willingly is nice, and I try to keep him from being too bored.

This year, I greeted the anniversary of day of my arrival with more aches and pains. Knees and fingers ache, and a limp caused by inflammation of my Achilles tendon puts a crimp in the activities I want to enjoy. It sounds as if a case of the "gripes" is also present, but the truth is that I am thankful to be here each and every day. I love my wife, children, and grandson. Jim and I still hang out and find projects to keep us busy. I'll take as many more birthdays as the good lord gives me because I want to share the days of each year with the people I love, even if I have to do so a bit slower.

MPC puts in a long afternoon

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appropriate for a residential neighborhood. He said denial would not mean the plumbing business would have to move out of the neighborhood. The business could continue to legally operate on a non-conforming basis.

A large number of area residents came out to protest a proposed subdivision to be built on the east side of East Turpin Lane, northeast of Couch Mill Road. Applicant Ashley Healy had requested a northwest county sector plan amendment from RR (Rural Residential) to LDR (Low Density Residential) and a rezoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential). The owner proposed a residential development of 5 dwelling units per acre.

Jeff Broyles, spokesman for the opposition, said he and his neighbors were not against growth, they just wanted smart growth. They feared the proposed zoning change would set a precedent for future rezoning in the area. They thought ingress and egress to the area would be a problem and that the proposed development would have environmental complications. He stated that present zoning allows for one acre residential lots which is consistent with current development in the area.

Even though developer Scott Davis pledged to widen the entrance road, the commission voted to deny both requests.

In spite of a resident's complaints of increased traffic the MPC

recommended the county commission change the zoning from A (Agriculture) and I (Industrial) to PR (Planned Residential) for property on the northwest side of Ball Road, southwest of Smith Lane. If approved by the county commission, the zoning change would allow Worley Builders to proceed with their plans to develop the 27 acre tract into a residential subdivision. Along with the zoning change the applicant requested a density of 5 dwelling units per acre. However, the MPC recommended 3 units per acre.

Smithbilt LLC was successful with two requests for zoning changes. The MPC voted to recommend that the county commission change the zoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential) for property on the east side of Willow Fork Lane, and the north side of E. Emory Road. The second request was for property on the southwest side of Stormer Road, northwest of Maple Place Blvd. Both recommendations for zoning changes included a density of five residential units per acre.

The MPC voted, at the request of B & B Builders, to recommend that the county commission change the zoning from A (Agricultural) to RD (Low Density) with up to 4.5 residential units per acre for property on the northeast side of Dry Gap Road, southeast of Autumn Path Lane.

In connection with plans for expansion of the parking garage at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center

the MPC recommended that the city council change the zoning from R-2 (General Residential) /NC-1 (Neighborhood Conservation Overlay) to O-2 (Civic and Institutional) /NC-1 (Neighborhood Conservation Overlay) for property on the southeast side of Highland Ave., and the southwest side of Eighteenth St. There are three houses that will have to be either moved or demolished on this property.

The MPC gave approval for a self-storage facility to be built in an area of residences and vacant land on the south side of Oak Ridge Highway, east and west of Schaad Road.

Residents in the area of the Blue Water Industries quarry on the south side of Thorn Grove Pike and the west side of Fawver Lane turned out in force to protest the quarry's expansion plans. Arthur Seymour, Jr., representing the applicant told the MPC that a quarry is regulated by several agencies and that all applicable laws and regulations were followed by his client. Residents expressed concern that their property values would decrease and their homes would be damaged by blasting. In the end, the MPC approved the first phase of the expansion plans.

The MPC approved Manuel Sakhleh's request for a reduction of peripheral setback from 35 feet to 15 feet for a new house to be built at the northeast terminus of Deer Ridge Land, and the south side of Bruce Smith Road.

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Stephens named girls soccer coach at Hardin Valley Academy

By Ken Lay

For the third time in four years the Hardin Valley Academy girls soccer team will have a new coach in 2018.

The new face at the helm for the Lady Hawks is no stranger to high school soccer in West Knox County. Jessie Stephens takes over the program from Nick Bradford, who recently resigned after two years of coaching the boys and girls program at Hardin Valley.

Stephens was most recently an assistant coach under Ray Dover with the Farragut High School boys team. She's worked with Dover at her alma mater for the last two spring sports seasons.

She served as Dover's junior varsity coach this past season. She was the freshman team's coach in 2017.

She was also an assistant to Dennis Lindsay for seven seasons. She left Farragut's girls program when Lindsay retired after the 2016 season. Stephens, a first grade teacher at Northshore Elementary School, also serves as an assistant coach for the Village Green Swim Club.

She's eager to give back to soccer, a game that has meant so much to her.

"I'm just really excited and I'm looking forward to the chance to give back to the game," Stephens said. "The game has given a lot to me. I love the game and I just want to give something back. They had those years when they went to the state and I want to build a program that does that consistently. My seniors have had three coaches in four years. I want to help young players. I love working with them."

Stephens, a 2006 Farragut High School graduate, has played and coached in District 4-AAA. She knows that she'll face a tall order as a head coach in one of the state's toughest leagues.

"I look forward to that challenge," she said. "This is a great opportunity for me to step in and help Hardin Valley get the program back up."

The Lady Hawks made back-to-back Class AAA State Tournament appearances in 2014 (under coach Mike McLean, who is now at Central Gwinnett High School in Georgia) and 2015 (under Mark Patterson who left the school after one academic year).

The Lady Hawks were competitive under Bradford, but failed to reach the region tournament.

"Hardin Valley has had great teams but they've never really been able to get over the hump," Stephens said. "They have all of the pieces in place. They've always had a core group of talent."

"I want our girls to make their own tradition and their own legacy. We have great community support."

Stephens is also looking forward to working closely with HVA principal Sallee Reynolds and athletic director George Ashe, who previously coached boys soccer at West High School.

"They have a great administration. I'm going to love working with Sallee and George," Stephens said. "That was evident when I had my interview. They told me their expectations. I told them what my expectations."

"It was all laid out."

PRIDE OF THE PREPS IN 2017-18 Story 'most decorated' female athlete in CAK history

(Part 3 of The Knoxville Focus' annual feature recognizing local high schools' female and male Student-Athletes of the Year)

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story is the most decorated female athlete over the first 40 years of Christian Academy of Knoxville, says Athletic Director Ried Estus.

She finished her prep career with a total of 15 TSSAA championships - 13 in track and two in cross-country.

"Rather than a Student-Athlete of the Year

Award, CAK has Warrior Award recipients," pointed out Estus. "We honor two seniors who best exemplify the hallmarks of being a CAK athlete (spiritual gifts, academic success, athletic ability, community service and leadership traits).

Story is this year's female recipient of the Warrior Award and Chase Bristow is the male honoree.

Story became one of the nation's top distance runners in cross country and track during her prep career and signed with Stanford University.

"The state championships and awards received are staggering," said Estus. "She is recognized with

the Warrior Award for the **Continued on page 3**



Rebecca Story, 15-time TSSAA state champion, will continue her running career at Stanford University.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

South-Doyle sophomore Elijah Young competes in the 100-meter prelims at this spring's Volunteer Track Classic. The football and track standout was named his school's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Young, major college prospect, is South-Doyle's male honoree

By Steve Williams

Speed and quickness make Elijah Young stand out on the football field and track. But he has other worthy qualities, too.

"Elijah is a very talented young man that has a bright future," said South-Doyle

High School Athletic Director Clark Duncan, who also is the Cherokees' head football coach. "He has tremendous work ethic and leads by example."

In addition to his athletic ability, Young completed his sophomore year with a 3.0 grade point average

and was named South-Doyle's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

The 6-foot, 175-pounder played a versatile role in the Cherokees advancing to the Class 5A state quarterfinals last fall, contributing as a running back, wide receiver and defensive

back.

Despite missing three games due to injury, he totaled 1,098 yards and scored eight touchdowns. He also used his super quickness to block three kicks and intercept two passes.

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Waugh takes the helm for Powell Middle girls hoops team

By Ken Lay

Steve Waugh can now add girls basketball coach to his list of duties at Powell Middle School. He is no stranger to basketball at the school, having previously served as an assistant to boys coach Darin Courtney.

He now inherits a girls program that's accustomed to making deep runs in the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Basketball Tournament every February.

Waugh, a 1989 Powell High School graduate, played soccer and ran track for the Panthers in high school. He's also the track coach at the middle school, where he is a Special Education Teacher.

"I'm excited," said Waugh, who replaces Guy Ballinger, who recently completed a second stint as Powell's head coach. "We have a good tradition and I'm looking forward to adding to that tradition. We have some good eighth graders.

"We also have some good seventh graders coming up and a good class of sixth graders coming in. We had some good spring workouts."

Waugh has been teaching at Powell for six years and he has 20-plus years of coaching experience. He followed the middle school team when he was a student. Ballinger, who also served as an assistant to Sara Greene between head coaching stints, was the Lady Panthers coach.

"When I was here, coach Ballinger was the coach," I'm looking forward to coming in. Our program has made deep tournament runs. I want to go further. I have 20-plus years of experience in coaching.

A lot of the credit for my success goes to coach Courtney."

Waugh is looking forward to taking the Lady Panthers to new heights. But he's also anticipating the task of preparing his players for the challenges that await them on the hardwood at the high school level.

He's already forged a relationship with Powell High School girls coach John Fisher. "I look forward to working closely with coach Fisher," Waugh said. "He's already been a big help to me."

Waugh, who worked his Fellowship of Christian Athletes girls camp last week, assisted Courtney with his Panther Pride/Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp earlier this month.

The opportunity to work FCA camps is important to Waugh.

"I have an FCA camp and for me, that's big and important to me," he said. "I was saved at an FCA camp so I know how important they can be."

Waugh is the patriarch of a blended family. Together, he and his wife, Melissa, have seven children. The children range in age between 12 and 30. One is a student at Powell Middle. Others own stores in the GNC franchise.

"My wife and I have seven kids and I'm proud of every one of them," Waugh said. "We've been married for seven years and we're a blended family."

Away from the court and the track, Waugh spends time with his family. He is also a Miami Dolphins fan. Otherwise, his sports loyalties reside in Boston as he cheers for the Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

New Powell Middle School girls basketball coach Steve Waugh discusses activities with Christin Webb and Jill Gorman at the Panther Pride/Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls Basketball Camp last week. Webb (left) is a former head coach and player at Powell High School. Gorman is a former middle school and high school player for the Lady Panthers.

New head coach hosts youth players at summer girls hoops camp

By Ken Lay

Steve Waugh couldn't hide his enthusiasm Thursday morning at the Panther Pride/Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls Basketball Camp at Powell Middle School.

Waugh, who was recently named to replace Guy Ballinger as the Lady Panthers coach, was hosting his first summer camp. The camp has run continuously since 2003.

But this was Waugh's first as head coach and he was thrilled to run the four-day event, which opened on Monday, June 11 at the Powell Middle School Gym.

"I'm pleased," he said. "We had 26 campers this summer. I'm pleased with the turnout."

Last week, the coach got a potential look at the long-term future of his middle school program. He certainly got a glance at Powell's more immediate future.

"We want to compete for championships," he said. "But more than anything, we want to get these girls ready to play for coach [John] Fisher at the high school."

Waugh didn't run the Powell Middle School camp on his own. He received help from former Powell Middle assistant and Powell High head coach Christin Webb, who was one of the top high school post players during her playing career for the Lady Panthers in the early 2000's during the team's heyday under coach Clay

Young. Jill Gorman, another former player, was on hand last week to lend her services and basketball expertise.

Waugh noted that the duo definitely provided some much-needed help throughout the week.

"We're excited and truly blessed to have them here," said Waugh, a 1989 Powell High School graduate who teaches special education at the middle school and doubles as track and field coach. "They were both great players here and we all have one thing in common.

"We're all faith-based people. Camp has been great and we're truly blessed and fortunate to have them both here."

Rakes to take the reins for Catholic softball team

By Ken Lay

Last month Lindsay Rakes was on top of the Tennessee high school softball world. She was celebrating a Class AAA State Championship with her boss, head coach Jeff Inman, and the rest of the Powell Lady Panthers.

But she didn't celebrate long.

Shortly after returning

from Murfreesboro, Rakes was named head coach at Catholic High School.

"I'm excited and I just can't wait to get started," said Rakes, who served as Inman's pitching coach after a stint at her alma mater, Halls High School, where she worked for Bryan Gordon and Kevin Julian. "Jeff always knew that I wanted to be a head coach.

"Now, I'll not only get the opportunity to call pitches, but I'll get to work on the fundamentals of the game and do some of the other things that I want to do." Shortly after returning home from the Midstate, Rakes got the call from Catholic athletic director Jason Surlas.

"I met with Jason Surlas and I didn't know much about the school," said Rakes, who graduated from Halls in 2008. "But I know, from what people have told me, that you have great support and the community really gets behind the school."

Rakes replaces Sarah Bailey, who coached as the Lady Irish and served as an assistant athletic

director during her seven-year tenure at Catholic. Bailey, an all-state player at Maryville and all-American standout at the University of Tennessee, left the Lady Irish to take the head coaching job at Alcoa.

Rakes, who teaches health at Halls Middle School, said that leaving Powell wasn't an easy decision.

"I'll miss Jeff and the people in Powell," she said. "Now, I have all the tools that I need to be a head coach.

"Jeff texted me and told me that he would miss me. But he also told me that he was excited for me. Bryan gave me a chance to coach at Halls and you also have Kevin Julian there. They're both great guys."

Rakes said that winning the state title was special and noted that it was extra special since the Lady Panthers host in the championship game in 2017.

Away from softball, Rakes enjoys reading, relaxing by the pool or anything quiet. She and her husband, Taylor, are avid Atlanta Braves fans.

Moore steps down as Farragut softball coach

By Ken Lay

When the new school year begins, David Moore will find himself in unfamiliar territory. Since he arrived at Farragut High School in 1985, Moore has been a coach.

But he'll coach no more.

"I just thought it was time to go," said Moore, who retired as Farragut's softball coach. "I'm still competitive and I know I can still coach but I just knew it was time."

Moore will continue to teach at the school. He's taught driver's education and physical education.

"I still have two to three good years of teaching left," he said. "This will be the first year that I haven't coached."

His tenure with the softball team began when he was an assistant coach for the Lady Admirals in 1990. He was promoted to head coach the following year and things didn't go well. Farragut was 5-21.

"I told people that we were the best 20-loss team in town," Moore said.

But he and the Lady Admirals wasted little time getting off the map. In his last game as Farragut's coach, the team dropped a heartbreaker in the Region 2-AAA Tournament to eventual Class AAA State Champion Powell.

Moore coached in over 1,000 high school games (all at Farragut) and he won 665 of those games. The Lady Admirals won the District 4-AAA regular-season championship in 2018, while compiling a 25-8 record. He spent 29 years in the softball program. Many of his players have moved on to play in college. He guided the Lady Admirals to four Class AAA State Tournament appearances. Their best postseason showing was a third-place finish at Spring Fling in 2008.

"I've had some great kids," he said. "We had success not only on the field. I think I've had an impact on young lives.

"It's all about building relationships and it's going to be different this spring."

Moore leaves a huge softball legacy. But his impact can be felt throughout the school's athletic program. He coached volleyball for 23 years. He also served as the junior varsity boys basketball coach. His first coaching gig at the school was as an assistant to then-baseball coaches John Heatherly and Herky Payne.

"Farragut is a good place and I've been extremely blessed and extremely fortunate," Moore said. "I started as an assistant baseball coach with coach Heatherly and coach Payne.

"Things are going to be really different this spring. That's for sure."

Moore's departure from coaching will give him some extra time to spend with his family. He'll also travel to the Atlanta Braves or take in some college softball where he can see some former Lady Admirals.

"When you coach, you miss some family outings and you miss some church outings," Moore said. "My dad's getting older and he lives in Chattanooga. I may go see [2018 Farragut graduate] Bailey Young play. She's down the road at Lee University.

"I may go see the Braves on Opening Day," he said.

Moore said that he intends to continue his work with the Farragut High School Sports Hall of Fame's selection committee. He noted that he would help with the coaching transition and would continue to help the District 4-AAA coaches with questions that may arise periodically.

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Sloan, undefeated girl wrestler, is HVA honoree

By Steve Williams

Four-time TSSAA state wrestling champion Kenya Sloan is Hardin Valley Academy's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Sloan was named Best Wrestler in this year's state tournament after taking first place in the 160-pound weight class.

She was undefeated throughout her prep career and posted a 32-0 record as a senior, with 31 of those wins ending in pins.

Sloan, who also played the string bass in the school orchestra, plans to wrestle on the collegiate level.



Kenya-Lee Sloan of Hardin Valley Academy was a state champion in TSSAA girls wrestling all four years of her prep career.



Aaron Dykes was a workhorse running back for HVA and will continue his football career with the University of Richmond Spiders.



Will Babb was a starting offensive tackle for West High and the team's Top Scholar Athlete his senior season.

AARON DYKES: The highly productive running back is Hardin Valley's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Dykes, who signed with Richmond, rushed for 1,310 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in 2017.

"He's been a vital part of our success," said HVA Coach Wes Jones.

The 5-11, 178-pounder was selected the Region 1-6A Offensive Player of the Year and was named to The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County team.

The versatile Dykes also competed in track during his prep career and was one of the top scorers on the Hawks' basketball team this past season.

Farragut selects diamond dandies

Parker Noland, the TSSAA's Class AAA Mr. Baseball in 2018, has been named Farragut's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Noland, a junior corner infielder who played third base and first base, has been a three-year starter for the Admirals.

The Farragut slugger batted .520 this season with 12 homers and 18 doubles. He also had 43 RBI, 50 runs scored and a .959 slugging percentage.

ANDREASARHATT is Farragut's female honoree. The softball standout played

centerfield and as the Lady Admirals' leadoff batter, she reached base in every game this season.

The four-year starter helped lead Farragut to the District 4-AAA regular season championship.

Babb an all-around leader at West High

Will Babb, a graduating senior in the International

Baccalaureate Diploma program at West High School, played four years on the Rebels' football team.

During his senior season, Babb was a starting offensive tackle and part of the football leadership team. He also was named the team's Top Scholar Athlete.

In the spring, Will played lacrosse for four years for the West Knox Warriors. Babb served as the

president of West High's chapters of Model United Nations and Youth in Government.

As part of his senior CAS project, he took a lead role in designing and creating a memorial for his deceased classmate and planning the dedication.

Babb is the recipient of a UA Scholars scholarship at the University of Alabama and will be in the Honors College.



Trevor Adams is the epitome of a "team first" baseball player, said Karns Coach Matt Hurley.

Adams was veteran player, Valedictorian at Karns High

By Steve Williams

Trevor Adams was a four-year varsity starter in baseball and Valedictorian in the Class of 2018 at Karns High School.

He played in one of the most successful eras in school history as the Beavers captured three straight District 3-AAA championships and were 14-0 in district play and 30-9 overall this spring.

"Trevor is an extremely hard working young man both on and off the field," said Coach Matt Hurley. "He does an outstanding job of getting the most out of his teammates and himself. He's tough, strong willed and has a desire to succeed in everything he does."

Hurley went on to say Adams, selected Karns' male Student-Athlete of the Year, is the epitome of a "team first" baseball player.

"Along with being an exceptional teammate, Trevor is one of the top players in the area," added Hurley. "He looks to continue his success at the University of Tennessee."

Adams pitched and played first base and in the outfield.

OLIVIA BAKER, Karns' female honoree, was a two-sport standout as a senior in basketball and softball.

"Olivia was our MVP award winner and the captain of our team," said basketball coach John Marsh. "She averaged seven points and seven rebounds per game. She played the shooting guard position, but shared time at point guard and was also our best rebounder."

"Olivia was a very good leader for an extremely young team," added Marsh. "She leads by the example of her positive actions both on and off the court. Olivia is a high achieving student as well."

Baker was an All-District 3-AAA player in softball as a middle infielder and shortstop and batted leadoff for the Lady Beavers.

Olivia was presented the Ultimate Teammate Award for basketball and softball by the United States Army.

She graduated with honors and has college offers in softball, but remains undecided.

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commitment and leadership offered to her teams, the uncompromising discipline to her training, her daily pursuit of academic excellence and the visible ways she lived her faith."

Story won her second cross-country state title last fall and in her last state outdoor meet at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro last month, she won four events for the third year in a row - the 1600, 800 and 3200-meter runs plus anchored the winning 4x400 relay team.

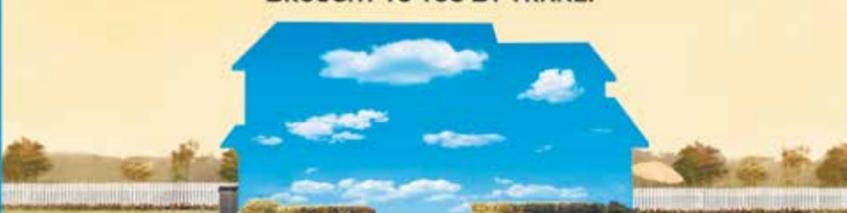
Bristow played basketball and tennis for four years at CAK, which included multiple state championships, noted Estus.

"Chase is recognized as a spiritual giant among his fellow athletes, consistently investing in and mentoring his teammates," added the CAK athletic director. "As one of our finest students, Chase will attend the University of Tennessee in the fall and has been accepted into the Leadership Program in the Academic Honors College."



Chase Bristow was this year's male recipient of CAK's Warrior Award.

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Behind the scenes, Miller-Davis stays busy in KCS athletics

With the 2018 high school football season just around the corner, a lot of teams are finishing off-season workouts before the TSSAA's dead period.

A lot of work and preparation is going on behind the scenes, too.

Meet Tracy Miller-Davis, Knox County Schools Administrative Assistant in Athletics, Humanities, K-12 PE, Health & Wellness.

Most of my dealings with Tracy have had to do with her duties in Athletics. In a phone call and brief chat with her last week, I found out she and her family already has been on vacation.

"We usually take a vacation right when school ends," pointed out Tracy. "It gets crazy this time of the year."

"There are a lot of things going on. New coaching



Tracy Miller-Davis tries to help Knox County Schools' coaches and athletic directors stay up to date on important issues.

hires. Getting information out on the KOC Kick-Off Classic. In July, we'll have meetings with middle schools and the high schools' athletic directors."

Miller-Davis works closely with Marion Quinn, part-time Athletics Specialist for KCS. Their offices are located on the 12th Floor of the Andrew Johnson Building.

"Athletics takes a lot of time," said Tracy. "It's a big part of my job."

Miller-Davis has worked 12 years for Knox County Schools and eight years in her current position.

"As for me being an assistant in the office, I like to think I can at least be helpful in providing any necessary information coaches or athletic directors may need.

"I think people underestimate the time and responsibilities our athletic directors and coaches put in and have."

Miller-Davis assists with player eligibility questions, insurance information, CPR training, concussions and AED.

"I try to keep them up to date in these areas," she said.

Miller-Davis sees her position as a "connection" that ADs and coaches can contact and "we can get back to them as soon as possible."

Organizing the KOC Kick-Off Classic is No. 1 on her list right now. That event is returning to Neyland Stadium for the first time since 2013. It will be held on

Friday night, Aug. 10, starting at 6 with the first of eight quarters of play.

A luncheon for high school football coaches and ADs will be held in the Ray Mears Room at UT July 20 and that too is on Miller-Davis' current list.

Now, more on that well-deserved vacation.

Tracy and the gang went to Wild Dunes Resort on Isle of Palms, S.C., which is near historic Charleston.

"We always stay at Wild Dunes location," said Tracy. "We just love it."

Joining Tracy and husband Greg were their two sons, Dustin and Tyler, daughters-in-law Haley and Ashton, and 3-year-old grandson Creed. The party also included Tracy's sister and family and an aunt and uncle.

"Creed calls me MiMi," added Tracy. "And he has brought so much happiness to my life for sure (especially after losing my mom (Dianna) suddenly last January).

Tracy's father, Ace Miller, headed up the Golden



Creed, 3, on vacation at Wild Dunes with "MiMi" and the Tracy Miller-Davis family.

Gloves' boxing program in Knoxville for years prior to his death in March of 2012.

Miller-Davis took over as general manager of Ace Miller Golden Gloves and also is a Golden Gloves'

national board member and the franchise holder for Knoxville.

With her family's history, it's really no surprise she stays busy in athletics.

PRIDE OF THE PREPS IN 2017-18

Young, major college prospect, is South-Doyle's male honoree

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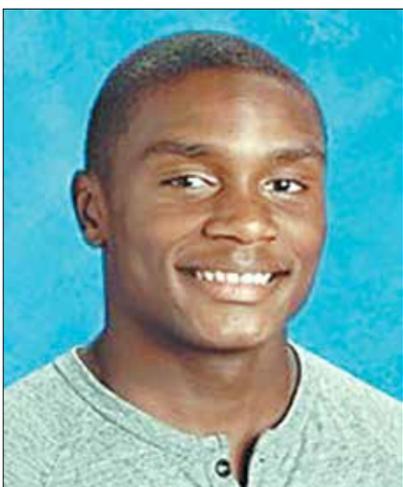
Young was named to The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County football team as an athlete.

After football season, Eli joined the school's bowling team and then he turned his attention to the sprints on the outdoor track team.

Unbeaten through the regular season, Young claimed the KIL 100-meter dash title and then went on to place fourth in the 100 (10.70 seconds) and third in the 200 (21.61) in the Class Large division of the TSSAA state track meet in May. Both times are school records.

Young also ran on the 4x100 relay team, which posted a school record time of 42.90 at the Section 1 meet in Johnson City.

Having football scholarship offers from eight colleges already, including four SEC schools, Young will be back for his junior campaign this fall and could be one of the most electrifying players in the state.



Sophomore Elijah Young named South-Doyle's male Student-Athlete of the Year.

KRISTA PERRY: South-Doyle's female Student-Athlete of the Year compiled a 4.4 GPA and broke the school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:00.50. Perry also ran on three school record-setting relay teams as the Lady Cherokeses posted a time of 50.10 in the 4x100, 1:46.45 in the 4x200 and 4:10.19 in the 4x400 at the Section 1 meet. "Coach Bobby Graham calls our sprint group lions and Krista is a prime example of this as a fierce competitor



Krista Perry, South-Doyle female honoree, has a 4.4 GPA and four school records in track.

and true leader," said S-D girls coach Don Madgett. Added Duncan: "Krista is a great young lady. Not only is she a great athlete, but she is just as good in the classroom."

TKA honorees include Valedictorian

Jacob Hoffman, Valedictorian in The King Academy's Class of 2018, was named male Student-Athlete of the Year. A four-year starter in both baseball and football, Hoffman received a Baseball / Academic Scholarship to Carson-Newman University. Taylor Blythe, TKA's female honoree, was a multiple-year starter for the Lady Lions in volleyball and earned a Volleyball / Academic Scholarship to Tusculum College, reported outgoing Athletic Director Matt Lowe.

Seymour High's Newport a three-sport standout

Kallyn Newport, Seymour's female Student-Athlete of the Year, earned All-District honors in volleyball, basketball and softball. She will be going to Walters State Community College to play softball, said SHS Athletic Director Gary Householder. Senior classmate Ryan Stinnett is Seymour's male honoree. He was a two-year starter in football and on the Eagles' Class AAA state tournament baseball team and received All-Conference recognition in football, noted Householder.



Webb School's Nicklin Hames, a five-time All-State player, to join Nebraska's powerful volleyball program.



Carter Coughlin of Webb, a three-time TSSAA state champion and prep All-American in cross-country, signed with Wake Forest University.

Webb honors All-Americans Hames and Coughlin

By Steve Williams

Webb School's Student-Athletes of the Year have prestigious resumes.

Nicklin Hames was a five-time All-Stater and named to the 2017 Under Armour Girls High School All-American first team in volleyball.

Hames also was a member of the 2017 United States Girls Youth National team and is the 2017-18 Gatorade Tennessee Volleyball Player of the Year.

She led the Lady Spartans to five straight TSSAA Division II-A state championships and signed with the University of Nebraska, a perennial NCAA power in women's volleyball.

Carter Coughlin was an All-American in cross-country and ranked in the Top 20 on the national leaderboard. He also was the 2017-2018 Gatorade Tennessee Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year.

Coughlin, who signed to run cross-country at Wake Forest University,

was a three-time Division II-A state individual champion, leading the Spartans to three straight state team titles.

Coughlin also has been successful in outdoor track and captured TSSAA state titles in 2017 in the 3200 and 1600-meter runs.

L&N's Hall excels in different sport

Armani Hall helped lead L&N STEM Academy's girls tennis team to a runner-up finish in the TSSAA's state championships at the recent Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

But that was only the tip of the iceberg as far as the senior's selection as L&N's female Student-Athlete of the Year.

"Armani came to STEM as a basketball player, but she realized we didn't have that sport, so she used her athletic ability to evolve over the past four years into a very competitive tennis player," said Athletic

Director Josh Orrick. "It was fun to watch!"

Hucklebee is Gibbs' female Student-Athlete of the Year

Softball standout Sierra Hucklebee is Gibbs High's female Student-Athlete of the Year, said Jeff Thomas, the school's athletic director.

The senior shortstop had a .531 batting average as she helped lead the Lady Eagles to third place in the TSSAA Class AA state tournament this season.

The versatile Hucklebee, an LMU signee, also played second base and filled in at pitcher.

She was a three-sport athlete at Gibbs too, playing volleyball and basketball.

Hucklebee received the Johnny Mauer Award, which is presented annually by the Optimist Club of Knoxville.



The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Treasures

As a kid I remember reading about the boy, Aladdin, from the book "One Thousand and One Nights." Often, I would dream of finding a magic lamp with a genie who might grant me three wishes if summoned. I'm a man now, a scientist and have trouble with the childhood notion of magic. Interestingly, a fellow scientist and science fiction writer, Arthur C. Clarke, once said, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

I credit my Dad for coming up with the best three wishes for any genie I might encounter. He said I should wish for "health, wealth and happiness." I still treasure those wise words. Arguably, it is harder to be happy if your physical health is bad or if you are destitute. Money is more a tool than a treasure. And

while money may make you more comfortable, it can't buy happiness. And I believe that spiritual health is even more important than either physical or financial issues.

All of us hope for a long and good life. However, if I had to choose between the two, I'd select the latter over the former. I like old movies, so I recently watched the Godfather trilogy again. The famous melody written for the movie is disturbingly poignant and aptly captures the saga of the Corleones and the destruction of the protagonist, Michael. After reluctantly becoming the Don of the crime family, Michael who had a family, money and power, ultimately lost all that he cherished, including his life and his soul. Jesus said, we should "store up treasures in heaven...where

rust does not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal" because "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:20-21).

George Bush, Hillary Clinton and I share at least something: we identify as Methodists. I've been a Presbyterian, lost then found, a Baptist and I married a Methodist who came from a Presbyterian background. I've been around so I try and accede to the Master's admonition, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" (Matthew 7:1). However, for me, judging implies condemnation. This is different than discernment, where I use my experience and observation to form opinions of people and situations. I view hatred as a form of condemnation.

It's hard for me to fathom that God treasures Bill Maher who hopes for the economy to fail so Trump can be impeached. Likewise, I imagine the Creator is troubled when Robert De Niro drops the F-bomb, Samantha Bee denigrates Ivanka Trump and women with the C-word or Nancy Pelosi calls a bigger paycheck, "Crumbs" because she's so out of touch and blinded by her hatred of Trump. And now our own Senator Corker brands

anyone who voted for or supports the President as part of a "cult." I assure you that I don't hate these confused people, but I deplore their comments; but then I am a "deplorable."

Fortunately, for some inexplicable reason God treasures each of us. His love for us began before we were conceived (Jeremiah 1:5). Each soul was formed by God and implanted into each human being (ensoulment, Genesis 2:7) as we were "knitted together in the womb" (Psalms 139:12). And God treasures each of us throughout our lives, and for all eternity as Christians believe.

I'm not proposing that the Singapore Summit was a spiritual exercise, but talking heads were critical that Trump met with "Rocket Man" and was courteous. However, would they rather have the President slap the rotund tyrant and provoke a military action? These same wizards of smart crowd support for previous feckless Presidential efforts to deal with North Korea. The hatred of the media has blinded them to reality and relegated journalism to an obsolete status. As President Reagan once advised, we will "trust, but

verify."

As I watched the events in Singapore, I saw an avuncular Trump, powerful and statuesque next to the boyish communist dictator. Folks, for the moment I feel safer after the Singapore summit. Don't listen to the clueless and hate driven media or experts who "tell you" what you are seeing. Trust your own observations and discernment. Sift the verbiage for the truth.

I am completing this essay on Flag Day which I treasure along with my country and freedom, so I won't be "taking a knee." I treasure the fact that I'm alive, I have awareness of the Way and I now understand a bit of what's really important and how things work. I used to be more conflicted, but now, much less so. This doesn't mean I don't listen and analyze diverse perspectives and contemplate my conclusions and responses. I called Senator Corker's office and courteously asked them to relay the message that I am not a member of a cult.

Like many of you, I have many other treasures. I treasure my wife and my family, who, with one exception, all live in Knoxville. And I live so close to one daughter that I get to

see my Knoxville grandkids almost every day. And lastly, I treasure friends and relationships.

I don't do endorsements, but as of today I have new friends and a new treasured relationship. Last year we built a retirement home within a mature forest area on our small farm. We had to sacrifice a magnificent red oak and a large white oak during the building process. We milled the wood, had it kiln dried and used the lumber for our fireplace mantel and cabinetry. We abhor waste and still use pine boards harvested in our barn raising for pasture fencing.

Two huge hickory trees and another large white oak were saved as we built our new home, but unfortunately, the trees we took such efforts to save became infested with powder beetles, who literally ate the trees alive, killing them. And for the second time in a year we had to call on First Choice Tree Service, an easy name to remember. Folks these are good people and if you need expert tree work you'll treasure them as I do.

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

The Pruden legacy in upper East Tennessee

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

What in the world does the Kroger store on North Broadway in Fountain City have to do with an old coal town on the Tennessee-Kentucky state line?

The connection goes back to what was on the lot where Kroger now stands. Originally there was a mansion there built by Col. J.C. Woodward. The grand old home was eventually bought by Thomas Pruden,

who lived there from 1909 to 1917. The estate was owned by the J. C. Williams family until 1980 when it was demolished to hold a Target store. The Kroger store now stands on the lot.

But what does it have to do with a now almost empty coal mining town?

Thomas Pruden was superintendent of the Fork Ridge Coal and Coke Company. In 1904 he founded Pruden Coal and Coke Company in Claiborne County near the Kentucky border. A member of the First Methodist Church of Fountain City and a 3rd Degree Mason, Pruden became successful.

Pruden, Tennessee became a thriving coal town with not only the coal mines but houses for workers, a store, theatre, church and even a baseball team.

Sadly the Pruden coal town, like the man's mansion in Knoxville, is mostly gone now.

Pruden was one of dozens of booming coal company-owned communities that developed around the mines. The companies controlled almost every aspect of a coal miner family life. Pruden built a school, church and homes for the miner families. Each Christmas he gave them one-month's salary as a bonus. His coal town never suffered a miner's strike.

The drive to Pruden will take you through many other once-thriving coal towns. If you take Highway 25W at the Caryville exit off I-75 you enter coal country and pass through the coal commerce driven places like Jacksboro and LaFollette. Before you reach

Jellico, the hub of the coal industry back then, turn right on Highway 90 and pass by Morley, White Oak, Tackett Creek, Anthras, Eagan, Clairfield, Valley Creek and final to Pruden. The former coal town straddles the Tennessee-Kentucky border and there are pieces of the previous community left to see.

As a small child I spent several weeks with my uncle and aunt in Morley. That was in the early 1950s when the mine there was still operating. They lived in a hillside miner's cabin rented from the coal company there. I remember him coming home in the mornings covered with coal dust and washing off outside at the water pump. Living was hard then and my aunt raised four children on miners pay - scrip they



The Pruden Mansion was located where the North Broadway Kroger store now stands. Tom Prudent was one of the owners and also established and owned Prudent Coal and Coke Company, complete with a company town that has, for the most part, disappeared. (Photo courtesy of the McClung Museum)

had to spend at the company store. Between the rent, food and necessary items they seldom had any money to spare.

The same was true for most of the other coal camps, or towns with the possible exception of Pruden.



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WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **June 28, 2018, at 11:00 AM**, local time, at the North Side of the City County Building, located in Knoxville Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

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

SITUATE in the Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, outside the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee and more particularly described as follows: That certain strip, piece or parcel of land approximately 1700 feet in length and approximately 217 feet in width situate in said Civil District and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the south line of Roaring Springs Pike and in the west line of the Esco Bridges property; thence with the line of the said Esco Bridges property in a southwesterly direction the following calls: South 33 deg. 30 min. West, 330 feet more or less; thence South 41 deg. 00 min. West 160 feet; thence South 44 deg. 00 min. West 268 feet; thence South 45 deg. 00 min. West 158 feet; thence South 53 deg. 00 min. East 100 feet; thence South 47 deg. 30 min. West 265 feet; thence South 62 deg. 30 min. West 55 feet; thence South 56 deg. 00 min. West 385 feet to a stone by a large black oak stump, the northwesterly corner of the said land of the said Esco Bridges; thence leaving the said Esco Bridges line, North 41 deg. 15 min. West 216 feet; thence North 56 deg. 00 min. East 385 feet; thence North 62 deg. 30 min. East 55 feet; thence North 47 deg. 30 min. East 265 feet; thence North 53 deg. 00 min. East 100 feet; thence North 45 deg. 00 min. East 158 feet; thence North 44 deg. 00 min. East 268 feet; thence North 41 deg. 00 min. East 160 feet; thence North 33 deg. 30 min. East 210 feet, more or less, to a point in the south line of Roaring Springs Pike and to the south line of Roaring Springs Pike as the same curves in an easterly direction to the point of BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION is the same as the previous deed of record no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

BEING the same property conveyed to George E. Pressley and wife Mary N. Pressley by Warranty Deed dated July 25, 1978 from William Paul Fielden, James R. Fielden, Evelyn Fielden Carden, Deulah Fielden Loy Milam and Georgia Humphrey Hall, devisees Under the Will of Billy Paris Fielden and of record in Warranty Deed Book 1654, page 437 in the Register of Deed Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT to all applicable easements and restrictions and building set back lines of record in the Register of Deeds Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This being the same property conveyed to Harrison Ford and wife Doris Ford by George E. Pressley and wife Mary N. Pressley dated 8-11-95 and recorded in Book 2185, page 938, Instrument Number 199508140036702, in the Register of Deeds Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 002 007
Commonly known as **9933 Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37918**

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

Current Owner(s) of Property: Harrison Ford and Doris Ford
Other Interested Parties: April Dawn Ford, Marshall Lee Ford

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

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Harrison Ford and Doris Ford; April Dawn Ford; Marshall Lee Ford.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 May 12, 2016, executed by BRITTANY A. BACOSA, DANNY M. BACOSA, conveying certain real property therein described to ADMIRAL TITLE, INC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 18, 2016, at Instrument Number 201605180066678;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-County Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, 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 NUMBER SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 90, OF THE FOXWORTH SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET P, SLIDE 218C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DANNY M. BACOSA AND BRITTANY A. BACOSA HUSBAND AND WIFE BY WARRANTY DEED FROM PATTY A. SMITH, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 201605180066677, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, AND ALL CONDITIONS OF RECORD.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **8154 FOXWORTH TRL, POWELL, TN 37849**. 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): BRITTANY A. BACOSA, DANNY M. BACOSA

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

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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 April 7, 2005, executed by HARLAN P. MATTESSON, MARY E. MATTESSON, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M WILSON JR, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 15, 2005, at Instrument Number 20050415002086;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 124, BLOCK 6, ON THE MAP OF WEST LONSDALE, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN CABINET A, SLIDE 121-D (MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 106), REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF CHURCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1984. SAID PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH DWELLING DESIGNATED 2804 CHILlicothe STREET.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2804 CHILlicothe ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921-0000**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): HARLAN P. MATTESSON, MARY E. MATTESSON

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Discover Bank, STATE FARM 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.

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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 February 18, 2009, executed by CHRISTY A. SMITH, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 12, 2009, at Instrument Number 200903120057072;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

LOCATED AND BEING SITUATED IN THE EIGHT (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: LOT 92, UNIT 2, EAST TOWNE VILLAS SUBDIVISION, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET N, SLIDE 373-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF, AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF SIZEMORE-LYNCH SURVEYORS, DATED DECEMBER 2, 1997. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CHRISTY A. SMITH, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 29, 1997 OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2272, PAGE 935, IN THE KNOX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Parcel ID: 060AA071
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2709 BEARTOOTH WAY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37924**. 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): CHRISTY A. SMITH
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL/PROVIDIAN BANK, ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER

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

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by that certain Deed of Trust executed on June 28, 2006, by Daniel Benedict to Ridge Title Insurance Co., Trustee, as same appears of record in Instrument No. 200607050000923 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, ("Deed of Trust"); and

WHEREAS, MPT, LLC, the current owner and holder of said Deed of Trust (the "Owner and Holder"), appointed the undersigned Michael D. Shope, Substitute Trustee, by instrument filed for record in Instrument No. 201805290070437, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Owner and Holder, and that the undersigned, Michael D. Shope, Substitute Trustee, or his duly appointed attorneys or agents, by virtue of the power and authority vested in him, will on **June 25, 2018, commencing at 10:00 A.M.** Eastern Time, at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse, City-County Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property:

SITUATED in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of any municipality and being more

particularly described as follows:
BEING designated as Lot 5, HORACE IRWIN SUBDIVISION, as shown on the plat of same of record in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 159-B, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot.

BEING the same property conveyed to Bert Benedict and Kathleen Benedict, and Daniel Benedict, aka Dan Benedict, by deed from Dan Benedict, dated December 19, 2008, recorded January 21, 2009, in Instrument No. 200901210044574, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. See also Warranty Deed from The Community Bank of East Tennessee to Dan Benedict in Instrument No. 200607050000922.

SUBJECT TO all taxes and other assessments, easements, rights-of-way, encumbrances, covenants, conditions, restrictions, obligations, and liabilities as may appear of record.

MAILING ADDRESS: 324 Irwin Drive, Powell, Tennessee 37849

PROPERTY ADDRESS: **324 Irwin Drive, Powell, Tennessee 37849**

CURRENT OWNER: Daniel Benedict, Bert Benedict, and Kathleen Benedict

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Internal Revenue Service, Knox County Trustee, Calvin D. Towry and Doris Jean Towry, Citi Financial Auto, First Century Bank, James N. Sikes, Jr. and Charlotte P. Sikes

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 any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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

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INSERTION DATES: June 4, June 11, June 18, 2018.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated February 14, 2007, recorded in Instrument: 200702210067623 of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, Jack J. McMillan by and through his duly appointed Attorney in Fact, Phyllis A. Bredren, and Phyllis A. Bredren and Michael S. McMillan, conveyed to Anthony R. Steele, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District Number Eight (old 15th) of Knox County, Tennessee. Being the same property conveyed by Quit Claim Deed from Patsy J. Ott, Charles J. McMillan, Jr., Phyllis A. Bredren, Kathy A. McMillan, Michael S. McMillan, Tima M. Bredren, and Richard D. McMillan, being all class A Heirs of Bea Cunningham McMillan, deceased (except part of second part), to Jack J. McMillan, dated May 1992, of record in Deeds Book 2077, Page 592, as corrected in Deed Book 2291, Page 1055, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Common address of property: **318 Corum Rd, Knoxville, TN 37924**.
Tax ID # 073-165.

Property includes: 2007 Clayton Cumberland MH, Serial #: CLR0246611TNA.

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

WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on July 3, 2018, the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, TN 37902.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following party may claim an interest in the above referenced property: Jack J. McMillan, Estate of Jack J. McMillan, Michael S. McMillan, Estate of Michael S. McMillan, Phyllis A. Bredren and Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.

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

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

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2004, executed by CONSTANCE A CAMPBELL, LASCO CAMPBELL, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E TONKIN, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 19, 2004, at Instrument Number 200410190032966;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest

and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 43RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, BLOCK R, UNIT 4, WEST HAVEN VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 23, PAGE 134, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP IS MADE REFERENCE TO FOR A MORE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 080N J019
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3504 HAZELWOOD RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. 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): CONSTANCE A CAMPBELL, LASCO CAMPBELL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided for in that certain Construction Mortgage Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated the 19th of May, 2008 ("Deed of Trust") of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, as Instrument No. 200805190086820 from Michael C. Rhodes, LLC, ("Borrower") to Walter N. Winchester, Trustee, securing the indebtedness therein described, which indebtedness is now due and unpaid and has been declared in default by the lawful owner and holder thereof; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Deborah Buchholz, Successor Trustee, having been appointed Successor Trustee on June 5, 2018 of record in the Registers' Office for Knox County, Tennessee, as Instrument No. 20180600072540 to serve in the place of Walter N. Winchester, Trustee;

When is Enough, Enough?

I remember hearing the story about a preaching conference and the topic was money. The man conducting the seminar asked the preachers how they knew if a house was too big for someone to live in. One guy who was brutally honest raised his hand and said, "When somebody has a home bigger than your own."

We don't think we are rich. One person said, "Rich people live in three-story homes. We only live in a two story home." No matter how much we may have, we can always find someone who has more than we do. So when we come to those difficult passages about money in the Bible, we can jump over them because they don't relate to us. Or do they? We actually know better. If we indeed are not rich, we would like to be. Have you ever been offered a raise and turned it down? I think most of us are like Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof." When told that riches are a curse, he honestly replied, "May God curse me and may I never recover!" The attraction of money is nothing new. The writer of Ecclesiastes gave some pointed words about money (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17).

I think most people would like to have more money. Even if you are rich, you want to be richer. With more money we could pay off some bills, save more for retirement, and give more to good causes. And don't think preachers don't get caught up in this. I'm reminded of the story of the billionaire who got stranded on a deserted island with a couple of buddies. His friends were all stressing out and wondering if they would ever be found. The billionaire had no concern

at all. He was just relaxing on the beach while the others fretted and feared for their lives. Finally, they came up to the guy and asked why he was not worried. The billionaire replied, "I go to church regularly and tithe so my preacher won't rest until we are found."

No matter what age you are, you are likely making more money now than at any point in your life. Are you happier? Are you more satisfied? How much money do you want? The answer is usually the same: we want more. If you don't have enough money, the teacher in Ecclesiastes calls you a lover of money. "Whoever loves money never has money enough" (Ecclesiastes 5:10). If you are not satisfied with your income, you are doomed to meaninglessness because you will never be satisfied. It is difficult to be content and satisfied because everything around us is telling us we need more, or we need this or that product to make us happier. But it is a lie. If you are not content now, you never will be. Shockingly, about 70 percent of people who win a lottery or get a big windfall actually end up broke in a few years, according to the National Endowment for Financial Education.

The interesting thing is that we not only worry when we don't have enough money, but also when we have lots of money. "The abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep" (Ecc. 5:12). We worry that we will lose what we have because sudden wealth can disappear as quickly as we get it. As one person said, "Funeral hearses don't have trailer hitchers." The writer of Ecclesiastes put it a different way, "Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs" (Ecc. 5:15). You will die someday, as much as you might want to ignore this reality. What do you want to invest in that will really last?

'Grow Up Grandad' coming to Powell Playhouse

A British multi-generational play written by Gordon Steel, "Grow Up Grandad," is the story of Poppy, age 11 (with an attitude), and her cantankerous grandfather, a man she neither likes nor loves. When she comes to live with grandad, all heck breaks loose. He has no television, no computer and no patience. While their relationship is volatile, it is also funny with moments of tenderness.

The performers include Dave Arter (Grandad) has recently performed in local productions of "Miracle on 34th Street," "Singin' in the Rain" and "Proof;" Sophie Susano (Young Poppy) has been featured in high school productions of "Bye, Bye Birdie," "The Curious Savage" and "Arsenic and Old Lace;" Marlee Simmons (Adult Poppy) has been in regional productions of "Harvey," "Miss Firecracker Contest" and "The Sugar Bean Sisters;" Lynette Brown (Margaret) has credits both on and off stage at the Powell Playhouse including "The

Curious Savage," "123 Flush" and "The Savage Dilemma." Elizabeth McCready (Molly), participates in chorus and theatre at high school. This is her first play at Powell Playhouse. Joyce Brumbaugh (Genevieve) also makes her debut at the Playhouse.

Performances at the Powell Playhouse, located at 6700 Jubilee Center Way, Powell (off Callahan Road), are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 28, 29 and 30, at 7:00 p.m. There is also a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

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