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# Answering Questions About Marijuana

If you ever happen to overhear a conversation between a criminal defendant and their attorney, and they are discussing the defendant's drug use, that conversation may go something like this:



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enforcement will charge someone with this crime if they find other "tools of the trade" in the possession of the person they are arresting that are usually associated with using marijuana, such as a bong, scales, or rolling papers.

Lawyer: Are you taking any illegal drugs?

Defendant: I only smoke marijuana.

Lawyer: That is generally considered a less-serious drug and not as addictive as many other drugs, however, while smoking marijuana may not seem like a big deal to many people, it's still illegal, so stop smoking it.

And what that lawyer would be saying would be true. While smoking marijuana may not seem like a big deal to many people, and has been legalized in several states, possessing marijuana in Tennessee is still illegal.

In Tennessee, if someone is found to have marijuana they will typically be charged with a violation of Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-17-418, which is titled, "Simple possession or casual exchange." This is the statute that allows law enforcement to arrest individuals who have smaller amounts of marijuana in their possession (less than half an ounce). If someone is arrested and charged with violating this offense, they will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.

When individuals are charged with the above-statute they are almost always charged with its "sister" statute which is Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-17-425, which is titled, "Unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities." This statute is also a Class A misdemeanor and law

What if you are bringing marijuana in to the state that you legally purchased in another state? There are no Tennessee state drug trafficking laws, but there are federal drug trafficking laws. Those laws though, are primarily focused on preventing drugs coming in to the country from other countries.

To answer the question though, I think you would be charged with the crime that matches up with the quantity of marijuana that you have in your possession, with less than half an ounce being a Class A misdemeanor, and the charges becoming more serious with the larger amount of marijuana possessed.

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# Redevelopment Plan for Tennova Hospital questioned

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A resolution to allot \$15,000 to create a Redevelopment Plan for the former Tennova/St. Mary's Hospital was approved Tuesday by the city council but not before several council members voiced their concerns about the entire project.

While the ifs and whens of the purchase and renovation of the property are still up in the air, the city estimates the cost at about \$40 million including relocating the police, fire and some other offices there. Councilman George Wallace said, "We continue to appropriate things, little by little, and it seems this project is gaining a lot of momentum." Wallace went on to say that the effort is moving too fast and the city has yet to see the

Clayton Science Museum plans. Jim Clayton has proposed acquiring the current police headquarters near the Civic Auditorium and creating a huge museum on the grounds.

"A word of caution, there's still a lot of concern," Wallace said, suggesting that if Clayton backs out of the idea the city might consider building the new police and fire headquarters on the site behind the auditorium.

Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons said that if the Tennova purchase doesn't work out the creation of a Redevelopment District at the hospital site would be a plus for anyone who buys it. He said the pursuit of a new police and fire headquarters is "somewhat independent of the science museum."

Wallace pointed to the former Supreme Court building and Jackson

Avenue as redevelopment plans that have yet to see a final sale to developers.

"I'm still not convinced and don't think the city is the last great hope," he said of the possible purchase of the Tennova site.

The motion was to have the Knoxville Community Development Corporation (KCDC) create a redevelopment plan now, prior to any purchase.

Council members Lauren Rider, Gwen McKenzie and Seema Singh Perez quizzed Deputy Mayor Lyons and David Brace about the redevelopment plans. Mayor Madeline Rogero said the plan is "part of due diligence" in the effort and called for a vote. The KCDC oversight passed unanimously.

# New special education teachers may get \$7,000 bonus

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Owen suggested using a "stipend plan" for existing special education teachers rather than upping the sign-on dollars. She also said that the larger yearly bonus plan may create tension among other teachers in the system. "Teachers don't want to be competitive with each other," she said.

Told that the additional funds are currently available in the budget Owen said the county has a memorandum of understanding with the teachers that excess funds would go to all the teachers.

Norman said it would be "very hard" for other teachers to see new employees come into the system and make a higher salary than someone who has been employed there for several years.

The special education category of teachers includes professionals in various fields including development, psychological and handicapped. The

county school administration is actively recruiting at UT and Carson Newman College and is looking outside the area and state for additional instructors.

Hiring full-time special education teachers would be less expensive than paying contracted outside specialists. But after the initial three year bonus the pay would drop to the regular level. The "Pilot" program could be renewed by the board and county commission if it seems to work.

Currently some special education supervisors double up as teachers.

"If we already have a \$5,000 signing bonus why are we losing teachers?" asked Vice Chairwoman Susan Horn, who also wondered what bonuses are paid to other teachers.

Owen then questioned again if the funds are there for a \$7,000 three-year bonus why the funds are not divided among all the system's teachers. The answer was that if that were done each teacher

would only receive about \$100 per year.

The three-year pilot program passed 6-2 with Owen and McMillan voting "No."

The school board then considered the Strategic Plan for the system which the members had received only the day before their regular meeting. Owen suggested that the chair appoint a committee to look into the plan and report back during the next meeting. Horn agreed, saying that the plan "is 90 percent there." BOE member Evetty Satterfield said the board has been discussing the Strategic Plan for several meetings.

Under the Owen motion, Horn will chair the committee to complete the Strategic Plan. Members of that committee were not named during the board meeting.

BOE member Patty Bounds said she supported the committee idea but suggested the committee report back in the school board's April work session.

The idea passed unanimously.

In public forum the board was asked to consider banning metal water bottles in schools and told of a child of the Moore family who was attacked and injured with the heavy containers.

Deborah Langston, a school system employee, urged the board to adopt a program to teach cursive writing. She also asked that retired teachers returning to work as part-time or substitute teachers be qualified and capable.

Angela Bowman urged that Lonsdale Elementary School be added to the capital plan and a new school building there be considered. She said the main building was constructed in 1936 and has many structural problem, no teacher's lounge, water in the basement, and only two bathrooms for adults. She also said the school is not wheelchair accessible and some classes are often too cold for students.

# Securus \$250,000 payment to sheriff department on commission agenda

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invested resources," Rogers reported.

The "payment" may be questioned by some of the commissioners and the Face to Face Knox organization apparently plans to speak to the commission about the lack of in-person visitation.

The commission may also vote to abandon all rights to the property known as the Thorngrove Elementary School which was given by James H. and Mahala Almedia Roberts Brooks to the Board of Education in 1875. The three-acre property on Thorngrove School Road would revert to the founding family's heirs.

The rectangular shaped site is a small field and wooded area with a foundation and small storage building. The former building there was used as a community center from 1957 until 2011 when it was destroyed by fire. Last year the school board declared it as surplus property. The site is next to the Thorngrove Community Park at Atchley Lane and Thorngrove School Road in the Carter Community.

The sheriff's department is asking the commission to approve a contract with Summit Helicopter, Inc. for parts and service.

The commission may vote to accept a grant

of \$9,144 from the Knox County Library Association in support of children's programs in the libraries.

The commission may also accept the donation of a memorial bench at Concord Cove Park from Wood E. Erwin and approve electronic recording procedures for the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

The Knox County Health Department may be authorized to receive \$60,000 from the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area to assist in assessing and developing a strategy to deal with the opioid problem.

Commissioner Brad Anders is asking that

\$25,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax be given to Visit Knoxville for the 100th year anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Fair. Anders is also asking for a presentation of a study of the county's emergency services.

Developer Rick Dover may be honored for his

Historic Knox High Senior Living facility being recognized as the nation's best senior living renovation project.

Often the chairman picks agenda items to be discussed during the work session and other members may request item

discussions. All agenda items go on the commission's regular session on Monday, February 25.

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# Publisher's Position

# Even more on Recode



**By Steve Hunley,**  
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On February 7, Knoxville City Council held the first council workshop on Recode and there were many property owners expressing their concern about the 287-page document that may replace all commercial and residential zoning in the city of Knoxville. The next council workshop for Recode is Wednesday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the main auditorium at the City-County Building. If you care about your property rights and your neighborhood you should make time to attend.

Former Knoxville City Council member and longtime neighborhood advocate Carlene Malone told council the property owners had to be notified about Recode. This began a long discussion about whether city council had met the letter of the law on notification for zoning changes. While no firm decision was made it appears council is considering notifying all 50,000

plus property owners about Recode before council votes on approval. Malone also said that Recode was incoherent and needed much more work.

Local developer John Shirley told city council he had \$200 million dollars of property development in play now with \$35 million dollars of development across from West Town Mall. He explained that Recode would put this development in jeopardy and that local developers were lawyering up to sue the City of Knoxville about Recode.

Larry Silverstein of Community Forum waited three and a half hours to speak in Public Forum and also warned the council of impending lawsuits on Recode. He implored the council to slow down and get the zoning right.

After the first Recode Workshop in city council a radio listener named Michael from Holston Hills called into WETR 92.3 FM and said he was very concerned that some out-of-state developer would buy a few houses in Holston Hills and knock them down to build a five-story Mixed Use apartment building with bars and restaurants on the first floor. He asked if that could happen with Recode. This is a legitimate concern. Minneapolis is the first major city in America to open up every neighborhood to denser housing options by ending single family zoning. Seattle is

now considering doing the same thing. Is Recode the path to ending single family zoning in Knoxville? What will that mean for premier Knoxville neighborhoods like Holston Hills, Sequoyah Hills, West Hills, and Cumberland Estates?

It is my understanding that Recode is currently \$189,000 over budget and the zoning consultant Camiros of Chicago may not have done what the planning commission expected or needed. The original budget for Recode was \$300,000. In the end \$289,000 went to Camiros. The planning commission expected to spend \$11,000 of staff time on Recode but in the end spent \$200,000 in staff time for Recode. Executive Gerald Green of the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission said he expected Camiros would do more groundwork but instead they only provided a template for zoning and presentation material for Recode and the planning commission staff had to do the actual zoning groundwork.

In my opinion, Recode as it exists now with Draft 4 is a failed, flawed and incomplete product. It uses Mixed Use Urban Planning from the 1900s resulting in an unsafe design due to side and back alleys. All parking for Recode Mixed Use apartments must be in the back or on the side. Yet the town of Farragut uses a modern safe mixed use design. The difference can

be seen at the new Starbucks and shops of the Farragut Gateway shopping center at 11400 Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road. There are no side and back alleys in the Farragut design. The back of the Mixed Use building faces the street. You go down a side street and find the parking lot. The front of the building faces the parking lot. This is a much safer design that meets ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. Something that Recode may not achieve with its ancient Mixed Use designs.

When the zoning consultant Camiros of Chicago was hired by the City of Knoxville supposedly there was no Recode; Camiros was hired in the beginning only to tweak and upgrade the existing Knoxville city zoning code. The planning commission and city council later decided that Camiros should replace the entire existing zoning code with Recode and invalidate fifty years of case law that protects the property rights of the people of Knoxville. Recode is a sort of Omnibus zoning that has never been done in Tennessee. Why wasn't Recode broken into sections so it could be vetted and have sufficient public input?

Many property owners are asking why Recode is needed at all. The answer is simple. The city wants more tax revenue. Since the city can no longer annex people in the county into

the city to get more tax dollars because of the State Urban Growth Plan, the growth has to be inside the city and has to be done by increasing population density. So to get new people into Knoxville and tax them the planning commission and city council told Camiros to use Recode to increase the population of the city. Is this why Recode morphed from just tweaking and updating Knoxville zoning into a complete replacement of zoning?

What solutions did Camiros come up with for Recode to increase population density? Apartments everywhere. Literally everywhere. On Broadway, Kingston Pike, Cumberland Avenue, Central Street, Chapman Highway, Alcoa Highway, Northshore and every other main street in Knoxville. The new zoning ideas in Recode are called Mixed Use apartments and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Both of these can be done now by asking the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission and city council for a zoning variance. Mixed Use is like what you see in New York City where a five or six-story building has apartments on the second floor and above and the first floor is shops, offices, bars, and restaurants and so on. A new example of Mixed Use is on the new apartment building on Cumberland Avenue and it is hideous. It is out of scale to the other buildings, right next to the

street, and has almost no parking. Current Knoxville zoning requires adequate parking requirements for all apartments built in Knoxville. Recode tremendously reduces those needed parking requirements which means new Mixed Use apartments will compete for parking with existing neighborhoods.

Recode also plans to have apartments in your neighbor's backyard to increase population density. These are called Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), also known as Granny Flats, Carriage Houses, garage apartments and so on. Would you have bought your current home if you knew your neighbor could build an apartment in their backyard? Zoning is a contract. Recode is a unilateral way to void that contract. It appears that lawsuits against the city are inevitable. This is not planning. This is over reach.

In a desire to increase the population of Knoxville will its city council try to end single family zoning exposing every neighborhood to apartments they do not want? Did anyone ask for more population density by injecting apartments where they are not wanted? Call your city council representative today and let them know how you feel about Recode. You can find their contact information here: [http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\\_council/city\\_council\\_members](http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_council/city_council_members).

## Governor Bill Lee

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the 20-minute talk were: the lack of future workers to fill the shoes of retiring employees in the manufacturing and vocational industries; closing the gap between classrooms and the workplace by creating partnerships between companies and schools; decreasing the stigma and creating pride in students who choose pursuing a vocational trade instead of a college degree; the difficulty of attracting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), CTE, and computer science teachers into the classroom from the work force; and introducing professions in the trades through career counseling for middle school students.

Chamber Representative Rhonda Rice explained one Chamber program called "Educators in the Workplace." It is designed to take educators from the classrooms and immerse them into private-sector businesses to identify what types of jobs and skill sets make those businesses successful. The educators then compile that information to write lesson plans incorporating certain work-related skill sets for their students to be more prepared for vocations in turn closing the gap between classrooms and industry. "Manufacturing is still the largest sector in the economy," said Rice.

"One of the things I think is most important—is government is not the answer, even just the education system is not the answer to really moving and developing a workforce and changing our education system to be aligned with the future," Lee told the roundtable. "The private sector has to be engaged in a meaningful

way. "We have to have companies and non-profits that are willing to engage with us and willing to invest their time, and their resources, and their equipment, and their contributions to curriculum because if private industry is going to be the beneficiary of work force development, they ought to be a part of it."

"A lot of what we look at in terms of alignment comes back into some of the work we do with certifications ... industry certifications are becoming an important part of programming," pointed out Dr. Wilson. He went on to speak on expanding dual-enrollment classes, and aligning school courses in relation to the coursework needed for the certification and licensure of the electrical, construction, building, and plumbing trades.

"We need to be sure we have companies, industries, and community leaders at the table as we talk about how we are going to build these programs going forward. We together can create an environment where more kids in Tennessee succeed. Education is more than a test score – it is about preparing a child for success in life," concluded Gov. Lee.

This visit came just two days after Lee announced the Future Workforce Initiative which aims to place Tennessee in the top 25 states for job creation in technology by 2022. One area of this proposal will create 100 new STEM middle school programs, and triple the amount of STEM-designated public schools. For more details about this and Lee's GIVE initiative, visit [www.tn.gov/governor/news](http://www.tn.gov/governor/news).

# Nashville Watch

**By Focus Staff**

With the deadline for bills to be sponsored having passed in both the Tennessee House of Representatives and the State Senate, legislators are getting down to the business of passing laws.

Freshman state legislator Bruce Griffey of Paris, Tennessee has already garnered some attention by being asked to appear on the Laura Ingraham Show on Fox News. Griffey defeated Tim Wirgau in last year's Republican primary after a heated race focusing on Wirgau's support of former Governor Bill Haslam's gas tax. Griffey won about 58% of the vote against Wirgau, who was a powerful committee chairman. Griffey's sponsorship of House Bill 562 caught the news host's attention and Ingraham asked the state representative to come on her show. Laura Ingraham praised Griffey's bill, saying, "Tennessee Representative Bruce Griffey filed legislation earlier this week that would establish a fee imposed on customers for transmitting money through certain entities." Ingraham explained, "Basically, what this does is require a levy on transfers from Tennessee to Mexico and then set aside those fees collected for the border wall." Griffey's bill would indeed collect a new tax on money being sent back to Mexico from the State of Tennessee, which would then be set aside until turned over to the federal government to help pay for the border wall. The popular news host noted the West Virginia, Arizona, and Montana legislatures are considering similar bills.

During her exchange with Representative Griffey on her show, Laura Ingraham pointed out, "Honduran immigrants in the United States sent back \$4.33 billion just in the year 2016 to 2017, \$4.33 billion. So, you tax it at 2 percent over 10 years, there's your wall. Bingo \$20 billion!" Ingraham noted Congressman Mike Rogers

of Alabama had filed a bill in the U. S. House of Representatives doing the same thing as Bruce Griffey's bill in Tennessee, but it went nowhere. Ingraham said, "I think it's a no brainer. It's a complete no brainer."

For animal lovers, Bruce Griffey is also the sponsor of the Tennessee P.A.W.S. Act (Protect Animal Welfare and Safety). Evidently Griffey believes people convicted of cruelty to animals should face harsher penalties under the law. Griffey, in decrying an act of cruelty to an animal on social media, posted, "This is nothing short of horrific! This underscores why I am filing this week the TN PAWS Act – Protect Animal Welfare & Safety Act – to ensure that people who are responsible for this type of aggravated cruelty are punished at a higher level – a C Felony – and required to serve a mandatory minimum sentence and pay a mandatory fine along with a mandatory minimum restitution judgment to the shelter for cost of care."

For those in Tennessee who are liberals and push urban governments to be more liberal, the conservative legislature is still ready and willing to roll back what it considers excesses by metropolitan governments. Two bills have already passed the Tennessee State Senate amending the existing Anti-Sanctuary Cities Bill approved by the General Assembly previously. The legislature also is currently pondering rolling back some authority given Nashville's Police Board.

There's some good fiscal news coming from Nashville: state revenues collected in January have exceeded budgeted estimates.

Governor Bill Lee was in Knoxville last Friday at South-Doyle High School. Knoxville schools, like most area schools, have been afflicted with declining attendance by students and teachers due to the heavy outbreak of the flu and

flu-related illnesses. The governor is apparently highly popular in Knox County and among those visiting with Lee was Knox County Board of Education member Mike McMillan. It was McMillan who led the charge to keep the Career Magnet Academy open after Superintendent of Schools Bob Thomas raised the issue of closing the CMA. That brought a fierce outcry of dismay and outrage from McMillan, who pointed to the priorities of Governor Bill Lee. Lee openly campaigned on a theme of doing more for vocational education in Tennessee. McMillan charged school administration officials with never having "properly supported and nurtured" the Career Magnet Academy.

As McMillan predicted, Governor Bill Lee announced the beginnings of his improvements for vocational education in Tennessee, which just coincidentally focused on the "dual" component that is the basis of the Career Magnet Academy.

Obviously McMillan had been listening to the governor over the last several months and was way out in front in forecasting that the board should wait and see what the governor intended to do.

The Career Magnet Academy is the only school in East Tennessee utilizing the dual component hailed by Governor Lee. McMillan's argument before the Knoxville County Board of Education won the approval of the overwhelming majority of his colleagues, keeping the CMA open by a vote of 8 – 1, with only Board Chair Terry Hill dissenting.

McMillan, accompanied by Charlie Susano, the newly elected Clerk of the Circuit, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Courts, looked hale and hearty as he greeted the governor.



The Focus Family is sad to see its managing editor, Rose King, leave after eight years of hard work, laughter and memories in which she has undeniably made a difference in all of our lives. We will miss her wit, her light, her graciousness and her smile every day. We would all like to wish Rose the brightest of futures and luck in all of her new adventures. We know she will do just fine.

~ Marianne Dedmon, Editor

# Thank You, Rose



Rose King

For years, Rose King has been the Managing Editor and so much more at The Knoxville Focus. Whenever The Focus was sponsoring an event, it was Rose who bore the brunt of the burden. It was Rose who spoke to the innumerable people calling in to praise columnists, or fulminate about a particular point of view. Daily, Rose King performed tasks too many to number that kept this newspaper running, made the lives of others better, and made people happy.

Rose is moving on as she and her husband, Scott, embark upon a new chapter of their lives together. While I understand things change, I hate to see Rose go, but most of all I wanted to thank you, Rose. I know every person affiliated with The Knoxville Focus thanks you as well and sends you his or her best wishes.

Steve Hunley, Publisher

✂

We've worked together almost 8 years and we have had a few differences. But you seemed to always know the best way to handle those differences. I will miss you terribly, and hope you keep in touch.

Love you,  
Bill

✂

How can any of us Focus without a Rose?

Holding the hands of your columnists will be missed and never forgotten.

Jim

✂

Rose,

I hope the path of your next journey is a smooth one. Thanks for all you've done for all of us at The Focus. I appreciate your dealing with my sometimes late pieces that needed a second look before going to the paper. Your kindness has always been a blessing. Good luck and much joy to you.

Joe Rector

✂

Rose,

Good luck and best wishes for the next phase of your career.

Ken

✂

Dear Rose,

I know we have only known each other for a short time but it feels like we've been friends forever. I have enjoyed working and learning from you. I hope you know how much you mean to everyone at The Focus and how much everyone is going to miss you.

Good luck, we love you and will miss you!

Lisa

✂

Rose King has been the heartbeat of The

Knoxville Focus. She is a warm and caring person who has managed the newspaper with strong and heartfelt leadership. She is seldom too busy to chat or listen to our concerns. Overseeing most of the operation, from editing duties, making assignments, commenting on stories or seeing the Monday paper is distributed on time.

Despite illness in her family she has comforted us when illness touches us and often offered a wanted opinion or counsel. She's been a great officer for our publisher and a loyal supervisor and friend to The Knoxville Focus staff, writers, advertisers, and everyone connected to the best local Knox County newspaper.

Rose has been a "rock" at The Focus office and we will all miss her. She's leaving the position in good hands and stayed longer than she originally planned. We wish she would stay for many more years but realized, regrettably, that she is leaving.

Mike

✂

My dear friend. What a blessing you have been to the Focus Family. I wish you nothing but the best as you begin your new journey. May God bless you and your family always! Love you!

Pam

✂

Best wishes, it was a pleasure working for you.

Pete Gawda

✂

Getting to Rose King has been a real blessing. Rose brings a very real professionalism to all she does and has been an invaluable member of The FOCUS family. Rose has been unfailingly helpful and kind and I am very grateful. I am proud to know Rose.

Ray

✂

Many, many good wishes to a wonderful editor. I hope you enjoy your new journey in life.

Love,  
Rosie Moore

✂

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you! Thank you for all your help and all of your kindness! Wishing you all the best in your new adventure!

Ruthie

✂

I went by The Focus office to drop off a head shot photo for my first column, "The Real McCoy." I had just met the staff that day only to learn that the lady at the front desk was leaving. Someone named "Rose" was taking her place. That was in February 2011. A range of emotions have surfaced after learning that Rose is now leaving The Focus. I will truly miss her!

Rose has been a source of encouragement and support for this writer who is not so computer savvy. When answering my questions, she was a

calm force and voice of reason. Whenever I had a real problem, Rose was a l w a y s

willing to take the time to talk out a solution. She is an outstanding writer in her own right and has written many articles for The Focus. Rose is also a detailed event planner, leaving no stone unturned. Last summer, she was instrumental in coordinating a book signing hosted by The Knoxville Focus for some of The Focus writers who have also authored books. While working full-time at The Focus, Rose has also been a wife and a mother. I have met her husband and their three adult children who were in high school when we first met. Rose has managed to balance work as well as time with her wonderful family.

Little did I know what a dear friend Rose would become that day I met her in February 2011. I will miss our occasional talks when I stop by The Focus office---talks about her family vacations back "home," her church work, or whatever else may be happening. I wish Rose and her family all of God's best that life has to offer as she continues with the next chapter in her life. She has certainly been a blessing in my life!

Ralphine

✂

Rose,

I was shocked and saddened when I first heard you were leaving The Focus, but I quickly got over it when it came to me that you live in Powell and are not that far away. I really hope you won't be a stranger.

I am glad I have this opportunity to compliment your eight years of service at The Focus. You started out as an office assistant with a desk next to the front entrance at our former location in Fountain City and worked your way up to Managing Editor. Even though you had limited newspaper experience, you were perfect for that post because you have many talents and can wear many hats, and you're a people person with a heart that understands what goes best in a community newspaper.

You told me you didn't want to leave The Focus but needed to for family reasons. I understand. I have a feeling The Focus is No. 3 in your life behind God and family.

Please come by or call when you can. You know where to find many of us on Monday mornings. You don't have to bring a biscuit or doughnut. Just your pretty smile and laughter will be enough.

In the meantime, best wishes to you and yours. And wherever your new journey in life takes you, I'm sure you will do well. So long!

Steve Williams



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# The Battle of Fort Sanders still rages

By Mike Steely  
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The Knoxville City Council voted to approve Covenant Health's request for a Mixed Use Special District, affecting 53 properties in the Fort Sanders neighborhood. The split vote, 6-3, came on a request from the planning commission to create a hospital district.

The problem is that two historic houses would be taken and possibly demolished in order to build a multistory tower with underground parking. Although Knox Heritage has approved the idea the Fort Sanders Historic Preservation Association opposes it. Three historic homes were taken by the last expansion of the hospital, two of them moved to another location in the neighborhood and one demolished.

Councilwoman Stephanie Welch described the area as "a very complicated neighborhood." She said the neighborhood association is "a small group of very dedicated people" and said there is lots of emotion around the project.

Adrian Webber of the Historic Fort Sanders Association said their concern is "losing these two properties."

"We have two vacant hospitals now and Covenant is trying to survive and provide high quality health care and support in preserving the neighborhood," Welch said. Fort Sanders is within a protected historic zone and some opponents see the agreement as a violation of that

zoning.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider called the resolution an "attempt to remove the NC-1 zone" and said she wants "more wins in a neighborhood that has been eaten up."

Patrick Birmingham of Covenant responded by saying that Fort Sanders Hospital has been there a hundred years and referred to the closing of the Tennova-St. Mary's Hospital having "put a burden on it."

Councilman Marshall Stair said he has "some heartburn" about the matter and pointed out, "There's not really a rush here." He suggested a four-week postponement for the hospital and neighborhood to work something out. He asked Welch, who made the approval motion, if she would accept his motion.

"I feel there has been sufficient dialog of the parties involved," she said.

Councilman Mark Campen asked Birmingham if Covenant owns the property they would be using in the expansion and Birmingham replied they had acquired one of the sites recently.

The motion to postpone failed, with only Rider, Stair and Campen voting "Yes."

The main motion than came up and the vote was 6-3 with the same three commissioners voting "No."

While Knox Heritage supports the Covenant project the group's former president, Kim Trent, wrote a blistering letter to the city council and, after the vote, took to the internet to vent her



*The widow and family of the late Curtis Bentley "Ben" Atchley, Jr., were present at the Knoxville City Council meeting to hear the state senator honored. His wife, Sue, described her late husband as "a work horse, not a show horse" and a man liked by both sides. Married 68 years she said, "Ben would be so proud" of the honors. Photo by Mike Steely.*

disappointment. She applauded the three council members who voted against the resolution.

"Covenant Health is once again presenting you with a false choice," she wrote, adding, "They have also created a false sense of urgency."

The council also approved support of a state house bill to permit Zoo Knoxville to sell beer at seated food venues there with Councilwoman Seema Singh-Perez the only vote against the idea.

The lease of two surplus pickup trucks to transport jail inmates drew surprising opposition from two citizens and was postponed for two weeks.

Julie Gautreau, a public

defender, said the inmates used as city laborers were unpaid and most were re-trial prisoners. She charged using a leased truck to haul them was "slave labor." Charles Barbour said that conditions at the county jail are "terrible" and the prisoners used as "human servitude."

Deputy Mayor David Brace responded that the prisoners volunteer for the work and the city supplies them with lunch. He said he doesn't mind reaching out to the sheriff on some of the issues. One comment was each volunteer is give a day off their sentence for each day they volunteer.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie said most jail inmates "arrive with

nothing and leave with nothing" and said she wouldn't vote for the motion. Mayor Rogero suggested a postponement and the idea passed.

In other action the city council authorized design and construction services for the Baker Creek Preserve Bike Park with a \$649,472 contract with Charles Blalock & Sons, LLC and awarded \$3,000 in neighborhood grants to Edgewood Park to support community building activities.

The council also approved the oversight of the Codes Enforcement and Neighborhood Development from Public Service to Plans Review and Building Inspections.

# 'Preacher in a bar' an example for Ethics Committee

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"One day a preacher from a very fundamentalist church is in a bar with me and there are beer bottles all over the table. He is talking with me and you walk by and see the preacher in the bar drinking beer. That goes all over the church.

"It could have been that my wife sent him in the bar and he's come there to get me out of there, trying to help me. So everything is not the way it appears to be. It's up to you to ascertain what really happened that day in the beer joint."

This story was used as an example of how appearances may be at odds with

what actually happened and was used by county law director Bud Armstrong to make a point as he spoke to the Knox County Ethics Committee recently.

The ethics committee has no complaints in front of it presently and Armstrong took two hours recently to detail what they can and cannot do.

Ethics committee members are appointed and the current chairperson is Jennifer Roche. Michael Covington sits as vice chairman and other committee members include Mae Killebrew Mosley, Barbara Chandler, Roy Kruse, Billy Stephens, Daryl W. Arnold and Kim Frazier.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

**Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong and Ethics Chairwoman Roche chat prior to Armstrong detailing what the committee can and cannot do when it hears an ethical complaint.**

Armstrong told them the two guiding rules: "Charges can ruin the good name of officials and employees" and "Unless the rules say [you can], you can you cannot."

He explained that elected, appointed officials or county employees should divulge any personal or financial conflicts of interest they have in matters that comes before them.

That could include anything that has an appearance of value. He gave examples of what is and is not a violation.

"If you get a gift bag with a million dollars to spend on \$5 worth of stuff and everybody's getting it that's not a violation," he said.

"You have to weigh these things because things are not always as they appear," he said.

Armstrong also gave examples of nepotism, explaining if his son was working in the law department when he was elected the son can continue to work there. If the son leaves for another position and wants to come back he

cannot.

"Apply the facts to the circumstances," he said. Armstrong answered a question from Commissioner John Schoonmaker about the two Harr brothers who work under the county mayor, explaining that they work in different departments and one is not the boss of the other.

The Knox County Law Director Office, with Attorney David Buuck often as the ethics committee lawyer, reviews all complaints and screens complaints to see if they are valid. Passing a verified

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# Early and often

Those of us who are old enough know the effects of age on our lives. From our endurance during yard-work or hiking to walking into a room and trying to remember what our purpose for doing so is, we find that the adding years deplete our energy and memory. Aging also changes sleep requirements.

When I was a child, I hated to go to bed. Something on television always seemed to be calling me. On weekends, our parents sometimes allowed us to stay up passed our bed times, but we still had to crawl out of the sack to get ready for church the next morning. Only after a long, hard day of playing or during an illness did I give into sleep at an early hour.

During my high school and college years, I could survive with little sleep. Late nights were normal, and the thought of going to bed before 11:00 p.m. was embarrassing. Curfew was midnight during high school, but that didn't mean I went to bed. Instead, I watched television until the channels went off the air, or I'd



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listen to music. If a friend spent the night, we'd stay up until the wee hours of the morning to talk and laugh about all sorts of topics.

In college, I put in plenty of late nights. Studying was always easier

after most of the residents in the dorm had turned in for the night. I had to put in the work to make up for the lack of effort I gave during high school. During final exams, I pulled "all-nighters." I could trick my body into believing that I'd slept enough by lying down for half an hour and setting the alarm to ring every ten minutes.

Back in that time, I could stay up all night, but I made up for it the next day. On more than one occasion, I'd crawl out of the bed around noon. The rest of the day was little more than a fog as my internal clock went haywire.

I even could adjust my sleeping when the children were little. Crying babies and sick toddlers destroyed sleep-filled nights. I arrived home late from attending high school football, basketball, and baseball games in support of some of my students,

but still managed to rise the next mornings on the way to school or for other activities.

These days, sleep is on my mind. I look forward to going to bed but have no good feelings about getting up. Staying up late is replaced with shamefully early ends of the days. My internal clock still rings between 6:00-6:30 each morning. For some reason, I fatigue early in the evening and find myself ignoring favorite programs in favor of lying in the bed. The television plays on even though I have fallen asleep hours earlier. Of course, sleeping through the night doesn't happen... ever. Aches and pains in joints and trips to the bathroom take turns awakening me at least half a dozen times in an eight-hour period.

Someone once told me that I would require less sleep as I grew older. I'm still waiting for that to begin. Even if I don't make it to bed early, I fall asleep in my recliner. The only good thing about that is my wife Amy and the dog consistently fall into a state of unconsciousness long before I do. Maybe when we both no longer work, we'll be able to stay up like we used to. For now, I'll just snooze early and often.



Rosie's World

## That certain day

*Valentine's Day has come and gone once again. I hope everyone had a nice one! Here are some reflections I had on the holiday last week.*

Don't ever, ever buy that Singer sewing machine that your wife was hinting for the last couple of months. Keep that for Christmas. It doesn't belong on

Valentine's Day. That day belongs to fine jewelry, a lovely dinner in a restaurant, a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and huge box of candy. Not necessarily all at once, however.

In the fifth of sixth grade I would give everyone in my homeroom a Valentine, so that no one would feel left out. Also, I decorated the shoe box with various Valentine hearts that I carried them to school in.

But, if there was a certain guy I really wanted to impress I would send him my card in code, such as, 18-15-19-9-5. After he figured it out, he would give me a big smile---usually.

Many people are

acquainted with the tale of St. Valentine who, in Roman times, was a temple priest. He was beheaded by Emperor Claudius, who led a pagan Roman empire, for helping Christian couples to wed.

While in prison he wrote many letters to loved ones, signing it "from your Valentine."

As time went by, many people copied that signature which has lasted to present times.

There are many different ways to show Valentine love throughout the year; giving your favorite teacher an apple; helping an elderly person cross the street, giving food and clothing to the poor, but the greatest gift of love we humans have is located in God's word--God is love.

Thought for the day: There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved. George Sand, Author

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# The Last Years of Lawrence D. Tyson

Part One

## Pages from the Past



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Lawrence D. Tyson was a soldier, business titan, lawyer, owner of the Knoxville Sentinel, and United States senator from Tennessee. Tyson's only previous political experience had been one term in the Tennessee House of Representatives where he had been promptly elected Speaker. Tyson's business interests included textile mills and coal concerns. L. D. Tyson had married well; his wife, Bettie, was the daughter of Charles McGhee, the president of a railroad. Still, success and wealth affords one no protection from the vicissitudes of life. The Tyson's only son, Charles McGhee, had been a Navy aviator and was lost over the North Sea during World War I. It took General Tyson quite some time to locate his son's body and he accompanied it home to Tennessee for burial.

Tyson's beginning in life had been relatively modest, despite the fact he had been born on his father's plantation in Greenville, North Carolina. Still, the Tyson family managed better than many of their contemporaries. The future senator was clerking in a store when he sought an appointment to West Point. Tyson knew the value of a dollar; his family was left poor after the Civil War and following his appointment to the military academy, he had to live off his army allowance. L. D. Tyson was so industrious he managed to have enough left over to buy all his required uniforms, swords, and side arms with \$200 to spare. That was a handsome sum at the time, which he took with him to his post in Arizona where he fought the Apaches. Tyson took part in the military campaign against the most famous Apache leader, Geronimo.

Tyson married Bettie McGhee on February 10, 1886 and settled in Knoxville where he taught military science at the University of Tennessee. While teaching at UT, Lawrence D. Tyson enrolled in the college of law and earned a law degree in 1894. Two years later, Tyson resigned his professorship to practice law full-time. Tyson immediately plunged into the business world, becoming the president of the Nashville Street Railway Company. Eventually, Tyson concentrated more and more on business than the law. During his single term in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Lawrence D. Tyson helped to secure the first state funding for the University of Tennessee.

When the United States entered the First

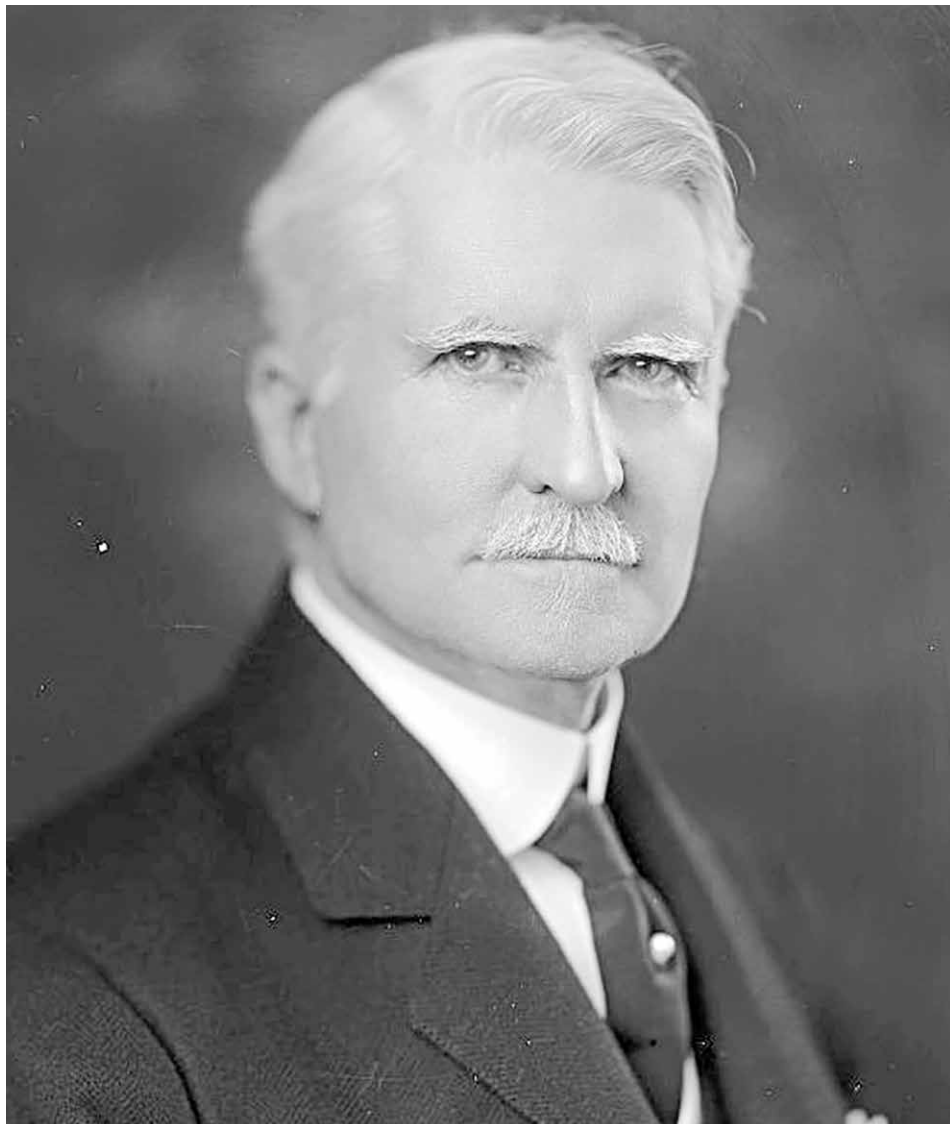
World War, L. D. Tyson was quartermaster of the Tennessee National Guard. Tyson immediately volunteered and Governor Tom C. Rye gave the Knoxville businessman command of all state guardsmen. Tyson was commissioned a brigadier general in the U. S. Army, taking charge of the Fifty-Ninth Brigade of the Thirtieth Division, which was known as the "Old Hickory" division. Tyson and his troops trained in South Carolina before departing for France in May of 1918. By July General Tyson and his men were fighting alongside British troops in Belgium. The Tennesseans saw hard fighting, participating in the bloody Somme offensive; the brigade, which had been comprised of 8,000 men saw 3,000 casualties. In late September, General Tyson's brigade broke through the Hindenberg Line at not only a strategic point, but perhaps also the strongest point in the German defensive line.

Lawrence D. Tyson had much to be proud of, as his troops fought valiantly, earning twelve Congressional Medals of Honor, which was more than any other American division during the World War. Nine of the twelve decorations went to men serving directly under General Tyson. The General was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Still, there was reason for sorrow with the loss of General Tyson's only son during the World War. It was a loss from which neither General nor Mrs. Tyson ever recovered. After bringing his son's body back home, Lawrence D. Tyson resumed his business pursuits and turned his eye once again toward politics. Tyson had been a serious aspirant for the United States Senate in 1913 when the legislature still elected senators. Tyson bought the Knoxville Sentinel in anticipation of challenging John Knight Shields for the Senate in 1924.

Perhaps Tyson's greatest legislative achievement was the Tyson - Fitzgerald Bill. It was only natural a former general would be interested in veterans and the Tennessean sponsored a bill, which granted pension benefits to those emergency army officers with a 30% or greater disability. Under the Tyson - Fitzgerald Bill, those officers received the same retirement privileges as regular army officers. It was also his last legislative accomplishment.

Lawrence D. Tyson had reached the pinnacle of



Senator Lawrence D. Tyson of Tennessee, circa 1924.

success with his election to the United States Senate in 1924, defeating incumbent John Knight Shields and Judge Nathan L. Bachman for the Democratic nomination. Tyson swept past the GOP nominee, Judge Hugh B. Lindsay, easily in the general election.

At the time of Tyson's election, senators were not sworn into office until March 3 following the November election. As a newly elected senator, Tyson, accompanied by his senior colleague Kenneth McKellar, visited the White House to "pay his respects" to President Calvin Coolidge. The dour president had just won a handsome election over Democratic nominee John W. Davis. The Nashville Tennessean reported during the course of conversation, the President brought up an appointment to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Coolidge said under the law he was obliged to appoint a Democrat to the vacancy and Senator McKellar immediately proposed the name of General Harvey Hannah, a member of Tennessee's Public Utilities Commission, an endorsement immediately echoed by Tyson. While Tyson believed they had made a strong case for Hannah's appointment, Coolidge was unmoved, as he did not make the appointment.

The first issue faced by Tennessee's new United States senator was a challenge against seating him. A petition signed by various Tennesseans had been presented to the U.S. Senate charging L.D. Tyson had knowledge of lavish spending on his 1924 campaign, which was a violation of existing law. The petition stated Tyson had personal knowledge of expenditures ranging from \$250,000 - \$500,000 on behalf of his election to the Senate. The petition also alleged there was "evidence of corruption" to be found "in practically every county

in the state." The authors of the petition claimed the huge sums used to elect Lawrence D. Tyson to the Senate closed the door to people of ordinary means. The petition asked the United States Senate to immediately open an investigation into the spending to elect L. D. Tyson.

Senator McKellar pondered taking to the floor of the Senate to defend his junior colleague, but quickly concluded the accusations contained in the petition were "unspecific and so devoid of responsibility" that he thought it unnecessary to make any defense of Tyson. Spending on Tyson's campaign had likely exceeded the limit under federal law, but proving it was entirely a different matter. The Senate ignored the charges.

Tyson, as a freshman senator, did not have quite as high a profile as McKellar, either in Washington or Tennessee. The General did preside over the dedication of the War Memorial Building in the fall of 1925. Senator Tyson stopped in Johnson City to make an Armistice Day speech on the way back to Washington. Tyson had the pleasure of making an appointment to the Naval Academy due to the failure of an appointee of his predecessor, Senator John K. Shields. Tyson selected J. D. Whitfield, a student at Vanderbilt; Whitfield's appointment was subject to passing the required examinations.

As 1925 came to a close, Senator and Mrs. Tyson spent the Christmas holidays in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Gilpin. The Tysons departed Virginia for their home in Knoxville where the General had pressing business matters to tend to, before returning to Washington, D. C. and the opening of Congress. In an interview with the Nashville Tennessean's Washington correspondent, John D.

Erwin, Senator Tyson said he believed support for the World Court was growing in the Senate.

The World Court was the topic Senator Tyson chose as the subject of his "maiden" speech to the United States Senate in February of 1926. Naturally, Senator Tyson favored not only the World Court, but also American participation. The Bristol Herald-Courier proudly noted both senators McKellar and Tyson not only supported the World Court, but also the League of Nations. The Herald-Courier said, "The overwhelming majority of the Democrats of Tennessee are or were 'Wilson Democrats'." The Herald-Courier was certain Tennesseans "believed in Woodrow Wilson and the Wilson Administration."

Senator Tyson sponsored a bill honoring the three presidents furnished to the nation by Tennessee: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Under Tyson's bill, the federal government would supply \$300,000 to erect statues "or other memorials" of the late presidents in a presidential plaza in Nashville. The remaining \$100,000 would be subscribed by Tennesseans. The Nashville Tennessean immediately endorsed Tyson's bill, lamenting Tennessee was well behind many of her sister states in honoring its own presidents despite the fact the Volunteer State "has more to memorialize" than most states.

Considering Tyson's military background, it is hardly surprising the General took special interest in veteran's affairs. As the U. S. Senate considered providing pensions for the veterans of the First World War, Tyson came out in support of the veterans, who he thought had been "mistreated" as the government had "failed to accord them the same rights in pensions that has been accorded other

meritorious and deserving men." Senator Tyson promised to do all he could to bring the bill up quickly for a vote.

Both senators McKellar and Tyson voted against the proposed debt settlement with Italy; the debt was owed the United States from loans made to Italy during the World War. Few countries paid the debts owed to the United States from the First World War.

Senator L. D. Tyson became something of a fixture in speaking to veteran's associations, as well as dedicating monuments and other tributes to fallen soldiers. When Tennessee's state librarian, John Trotwood Moore, proposed a "Hindenburg Line World War Exhibit", Senator Tyson was one of six speakers sought out for the dedication ceremonies. Senator Tyson, along with Senator McKellar, took an active part in an effort to prevent the execution of Bennett J. Doty by the French government. Doty, a veteran of the World War, was facing death by firing squad after having served in the French Foreign Legion under the name of "Gilbert Clare." Doty, under his pseudonym, had been cited for bravery during the fighting against the Druz tribesmen in Syria. Doty was the son of a Memphis attorney and was accused of having led a mutiny and firing upon French soldiers. Tried and convicted, the mutineers were sentenced to death. Senator Tyson personally visited the French Embassy in Washington on Doty's behalf while Senator McKellar worked feverishly with the State Department to help the former soldier. McKellar convinced Secretary of State Frank Kellogg to dispatch a telegram to the French government on Doty's behalf. Kellogg promptly contacted the American Ambassador in Paris, former Ohio governor Myron Herrick, instructing him to intercede with the French government on Doty's behalf.

The summer of 1929 saw Tyson, along with his colleague K. D. McKellar, receive Tennessee's public utilities commissioners, Porter Dunlap, Harvey Hannah, and L. D. Hill. The utilities commissioners, popularly elected in Tennessee, journeyed to Washington, accompanied by legal counsel Roy Beeler, to discuss the proposal for developing power and fertilizer at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The group met in the office of Senator McKellar. The commissioners had not studied the bill drafted by Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, but worried about protecting Tennessee's interests. "We are just seeing members of the delegation and getting a comprehensive view of the situation here so as to know what should be done," Commissioner Porter Dunlap explained.

1929 would be the last year of General Lawrence D. Tyson's life.



# Getting to know JOHN FUGATE

For several months The Knoxville Focus has been interviewing public officials, community leaders and other people we feel contribute to our county's history, progress or have interesting lives. This week we sat and chatted with John Fugate, a Fountain City leader who is currently the vice chair of the Fountain City Business and Professional Association, vice president of Commercial Bank, and a person who sits on various boards as his way of contributing to Knoxville and Knox County.

Fugate sits on the E-911 Board and has served on the Knox County Board of Education.

**What has your many positions in public life taught you and what have you learned?**

I'm a public servant at

heart. My father taught me that anything you do you should leave it in better shape than when you got it. I've learned that some people don't get a chance and I can help improve the quality of lives.

**How has your community service served your family, business or private life?**

It has given me pride to be a leader in the community, in that my family, my kids and grandkids look to me. I came to Commercial Bank in 2006 and there have been lots of changes here. I'm proud I could be a part of it.

**Tell us a bit about your family.**

My wife (Sandra) and I have three children, two sons John and Chris, and one daughter, Rachel. We have five grandchildren

and three adopted grandchildren. My wife was the state's curriculum director for English as a Second Language at UT and now runs The Center for English at West Lonsdale Baptist Church.

My family is from Tazewell in Claiborne County. We had a big farm and both my parents had college degrees. I went to East Tennessee State University in 1968 and have a master's degree; Sandra attended UT and LMU.

I spent six years in the Tennessee National Guard and was sent to Memphis in the days following Martin Luther King's death.

**What are your hopes for Knoxville and Knox County?**

A metro government might be very beneficial; there are so many duplications of services. Knox

County and Knoxville have a bright future. We're centrally located and have some good leadership. We need to be pro-active in the future. We have some issues like traffic, infrastructure and public education. It's a very loving community with compassion and faith-based values.

We have good state government leaders. We do need to update our school buildings and roads. I don't see the need to raise taxes because lots of people are moving in and home values are increasing. We need to be smart on how we spend our money.

**What are your main hobbies or interests?**

I'm an avid golfer. I hope I'm competitive. I enjoy serving the community on lots of boards and, at my age, feel I am a meaningful member. We like to travel

and I collect stamps, coins, and baseball and football cards.

**What do you see as your main accomplishments in life?**

I've been able to educate my kids and provide a good living. I'm proud I've taught my kids and grandkids Christian values. I hope I've set a good example and have lived the life that I professed.

**When people meet you for the first time how do they see you?**

That I'm friendly, genuine and compassionate. I try to make people feel comfortable whether they are millionaires or don't have two sticks to rub together. My father had a great quote, "Old too soon and wise too late."

**If you had one thing in your life to do over, what would that**

be?

To equip myself better to do and accomplish any job I set out to do.

**What is your favorite meal and place to eat?**

A good steak or seafood. I like The Chop House, Litton's and Sam and Andy's. I like to go where I can see other people. There are a lot of good Fountain City places and we should support them.

**How would you like to be remembered?**

As a Christian, a kind and honest fellow helping our community to be a better place and for my family to be proud of my legacy. I'm proud of Fountain City as a community with fine people, churches and schools. There's so much compassion here for the less fortunate and it's a great place to live, work and raise kids.



John Fugate and Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely chat during an interview. Fugate holds many positions in Fountain City and Knox County and shared his story with Focus readers.

## 'Preacher in a bar' an example for Ethics Committee

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complaint to the ethics committee isn't supporting the complaint but simply indicates it should be considered.

Armstrong explained that any complaint against an official or employee needs to be written, notarized and from the original source that witnessed a possible violation. He said reading about a

violation in the newspaper isn't firsthand knowledge. He also said that some complaints may be sent to the appropriate department and not to the ethics committee.

"You all have a really important position to fill. You have a code and procedures," he said, adding, "as long as you stay between the ditches."

"Don't be on a witch

hunt because there's a difference between hearsay and the original source."

Asked what an Ethics Committee member should do if a citizen speaks with them with a complaint Armstrong said they should advise the citizen to call the fraud hotline at 1-866-858-4443 (toll-free) or contact the law department, (865) 215-2327.

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# Area Players earn all-district honors

By Ken Lay

Now that the 2018-19 regular season is now in the rear view mirror, many of the area's high school basketball coaches have named their all-district teams.

In District 3-AA: Carter High's Ty Hurst and Gibbs High's Caden Cupp recently received first-team honors on the boys team. Gabe Harper, of the Hornets was named to the second team.

Carter's Evie DePetro represented the Lady Hornets on the first team. Her teammates, Emily Irwin and Jordan Heifner were named to the second team.

Area selections for the all-District 4-AA girls squad included: Austin-East's Larriana Bullard (who was named the league's Most Valuable Player); Kyeisha Dalton (Fulton); Tialia Tinsley (Fulton) and Ahya Moreno (Austin-East).

Fulton Raniasha Gates was named Newcomer of the Year.

**District 4-AA Boys:** Fulton's Jody Wright was named Coach of the Year and Edward Lacey, of the Falcons was named the league's MVP.

Other all-district selections included: Deshawn Page (Fulton); Trey Davis (Fulton); Dereke Upton (Austin-East); Wesley Allen (Austin-East) and Kajuan Bullard (Austin-East).

**District 3-AAA Boys:** Central High School's Andy Hill shared Coach of the Year Honors with Oak Ridge's Aaron Green. The Bobcats finished second to the Wildcats in the district this

season.

Area all-league standouts included: Tevon Summers (Central); Sean Oglesby (Central); Demetrien Johnson (Central); Desmond Billingsley (Powell); Riley Bryant (Powell); Tee Hodge-Harper (Karns); Mark Vance (Karns) and Riley Lloyd (Halls).

**District 3-AAA Girls:** Three area players received all-district honors including Powell's Bailey Trumm, Central's Ashton Blair and Macy Kirby (Halls).

**District 4-AAA Girls:** West High's Caitlin Hollifield was named Coach of the Year and Bearden's Jakhyia Davis received Player of the Year Honors.

Area all-district players included: Morgan Carbaugh (Farragut); Claire Wyatt (Farragut); Madison Hodge (Farragut); Malaka Grice (Hardin Valley Academy); Mary Iverson (Catholic); Madi McCoy (West); Kyra Buntyn (West); Annaka Hall (Bearden); Shekinah McLaughlin (Bearden) and Tytiara Spikes (Bearden).

**All-District 4-AAA Boys:** Bearden's Jeremy Parrott was named Coach of the Year while Bearden's Ques Glover and Maryville's Joe Anderson shared Player of the Year Honors.

Area all-league standouts included: Bryce Jenkins (Hardin Valley); Jawaun Moore (West); Xavier Davis (West); Akeem Odusipe (Catholic); B.J. Edwards (Catholic); Dillon Atwell (Farragut); Will Brown (Farragut); Trent Stephney (Bearden); Roman Robinson (Bearden) and Shamarcus Brown (Bearden).



PHOTOS BY KEN LAY

Jalynn Clemons, Coach Bryson Rosser, Xavier Washington and Demetrien Johnson hoist Central High School's championship trophy before a signing ceremony last week at the school. Johnson and Washington signed with Tennessee Tech. Clemons signed with the University of the Cumberlands.

## Four Central athletes ink Letters of Intent at signing ceremony

By Ken Lay

Four Central High School student-athletes recently finalized their respective plans to continue their athletic careers in college.

Football players Demetrien Johnson, Xavier Washington and Jalynn Clemons signed their National Letters of Intent to play football while Trafton Garner signed to continue his track career at the next level on Monday, Feb. 11 at the school's library.

Johnson and Washington will both move on to Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Clemons will play at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Garner a four-year sprinter for the Bobcats track team, inked his Letter of

Intent to compete at Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens.

Johnson, Washington and Clemons are part of Central's winningest senior class in the school's storied football history. They helped Central go 13-2, win 13 consecutive games and claim the Class 5A State Championship, the first title in school history.

Garner arrived at Central as a freshman and immediately became a leader in the school's track and field program. He runs in the 100, 200, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay.

Johnson and Washington are the best of friends and they will room together in Cookeville.

"It's great to be going down there with Xavier and we're going to room together there," said Johnson, a two-sport athlete in Fountain City, who recently received all-District 3-AAA Basketball Honors. "I liked the campus and the people treated me great. It's a city of love."

He also noted that Tennessee Tech provided him the opportunity to leave home but not go too far away.



Central High's Trafton Garner signed to continue his track career at Tennessee Wesleyan last week. Pictured with Garner are members of his family and Bobcats' coach Nick Craney.

He said he plans on majoring in sports management.

Washington was also impressed with the atmosphere at Tennessee Tech and the city of Cookeville.

"When we went down on our official visit, it was just like home," said Washington, who will major in sports medicine. "They treated us well."

Clemons, who will major in either sports management or sports medicine in the Bluegrass State, said he had similar feelings about Williamsburg, a small town just over the Tennessee-Kentucky state line.

"The campus there was really nice and it just felt like home and that's the place where I want to spend the next four years." Garner said that he will major in kinesiology at Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens. He said that the small-town feel of Athens and the small school appealed to him. He said the proximity to Knoxville wasn't really an issue for him.

"Honestly, it didn't really matter to me," he said of the school's location. "But the school is in a very tight-knit community and it's a very tight-knit campus."

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three-point play with 1:33

to go.

Bearden coach Justin

Underwood said he knew the game would be a tough one for his squad despite the fact that the Lady Bulldogs pounded the Lady Admirals 72-36 at home earlier this season.

"They go nine deep," Underwood said of Farragut, which led 33-32 midway through the third quarter. "You just had two good teams out there and we usually do this three or four times a year."

Bearden, as it does most nights, boasted a balanced scoring attack.

Zneyah McLaughlin led the way with 16 points. Spikes had 12. Davis had nine and Annaka Hall had all eight of her points after halftime.

Morgan Carbaugh, who scored a game-high 18 points for the Lady Admirals, said the loss was disappointing for Farragut.

"It doesn't feel good," she said. "But it's a game of runs and they had the last big run."

"At the end of the day, they were just tougher than we were."

Senior Sydney Chapman scored 11 points for Farragut.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

# Hunter leaves West Point, hopes to play Power 5 football

By Steve Williams

Chris Hunter has left West Point and is changing his career plans. The Austin-East High School graduate, who signed with the Army Black Knights football team and was inducted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on July 16, 2018, spoke about his decision after the Fulton basketball game Feb. 12. "I'm leaving West Point and going to a juco (junior college) in Kansas called Independence," he said. "One reason, I feel like I'm bigger than Army (football). I feel like I can go Power 5, so I'm going to give myself a chance, going juco to be able to start over my recruiting process."

"And the commitment after – I really didn't want to be in the Army for five years after my graduation." Hunter said he made the decision a week ago. "I decided to open my recruitment process back up and I've been hearing from a lot of schools, but I'm leaning toward Independence in Kansas."

Hunter was signed by Army as a linebacker, which he had played as a junior at Austin-East when the Black Knights started recruiting him. The 6-2, 230-pounder played quarterback for A-E his senior season.

Hunter, Austin-East's male Student-Athlete of the Year in 2017-18, also was a basketball standout for the

Roadrunners. He excelled in the classroom too, compiling a grade point average in the 3.3 range and scoring 28 on the ACT.

Hunter played on Army's prep school football team last fall and also on the prep school basketball team.

"A lot of people probably won't be happy with my decision, but I got to do what's best for me, and I feel like I can go Power 5 for where I'm going, and if not, I can always go to a FCS school that offered."

"Yes, it was a tough decision, definitely a grown man decision, but I've got to do what's best for me at the end of the day, so I'm living with it and I'll be alright."

**FULTON STANDOUT:** Elijah Davis has been a pioneer in the sport of wrestling at Fulton High and was recognized at FHS Senior Night Feb. 12

Davis became the Falcons' first state champion in the sport last year as he captured the TSSAA's Class A-AA 152-pound weight class and posted a 55-0 season record.

Elijah went into the 2019 State Individual Championships this past weekend with a 37-1 record and seeking a title in the 160-pound division.

Davis plans to wrestle in college and study electrical engineering.

**FEBRUARY FRENZY:**

District basketball tournaments involving local teams will be played this week, with the top four teams advancing to regional play.

The District 4-AAA tourney, which includes Bearden's top-seeded boys and girls teams, will have its girls championship game tonight and boys finals Tuesday night at William Blount, starting at 7:30. Third-place games start at 6.

Karns will host the District 3-AAA girls' finals Tuesday night at 7:30 and the boys' finals Wednesday night at 7:30. Action begins with consolation games at 6.

The District 4-AA finals will be Monday for girls and Tuesday for boys at Alcoa.

District 3-AA at Gatlinburg-Pittman will have its girls' and boys' championship games Tuesday night.

**TIMELY WHISTLE:** One of TSSAA basketball referee Bill Cox's best whistles of the night came when a young girl raced across the court just a second before the opening tip went up prior to the Oak Ridge versus Fulton boys' game last week.

Had Cox not been alert, it's very possible the girl could have been run into by one of the players and injured.

Cox is a member of the Knox-South Basketball Officials Association and also a football referee with the



PHOTO BY NICOLE COONEY / FULCON

*Fulton High senior Deshawn Page receives The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' Knox County Player of the Year award for football at halftime of the girls' basketball game at Fulton last week. Page, who also starts on the Falcons' basketball team, will continue his football career at Marshall University. Presenting the award is Focus sports writer Steve Williams.*

Knoxville Football Officials Association.

**MAKING A SPLASH:** Hardin Valley Academy's girls team took third place in the TISCA State High School Swimming and Diving Championships in Nashville February 8-9. The Lady Hawks scored 151 points, while Baylor won with 320.

Berean Christian came in sixth place and West

seventh in the boys' team scoring. McCallie placed first and Maryville second.

In the combined team scoring, Baylor (543.5 points) took top honors, while Maryville (364) was second, HVA (215) fourth, Webb seventh and West ninth.

**FORMER HALLS** wrestling standout and coach Chris Vandergriff shared the

sad news that one of his UT wrestling teammates, Johnny Bradford, passed away Feb. 1.

Bradford was a two-time TSSAA state champion (167 and 185-pound weight classes) at Chattanooga Central. He and Vandergriff shared the heavy-weight duties at Tennessee from 1978-82, said Chris.

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praised Fulton's defensive effort.

"They defended us really well and we didn't respond," he said. "But I think you have to give them a lot of credit. They had a lot to do with it. They made us play bad."

Junior guard Edward Lacy fired in four 3-pointers and totaled 16 points to lead the Fulton attack. Senior guard Trey Davis added 10 and enjoyed his first win ever over the Ridgers.

No one managed to score more than seven points for OR.

The first period saw each team commit four turnovers. Two subs – Keithon Foster feeding Trey West inside – gave Fulton a 9-7 lead on the final possession of the period.

Lacy made his first trey from the right of the circle a couple of minutes into the second period to pull the Falcons into a 14-14 tie. His steal and layup and Davis' pretty scoop shot down the lane gave Fulton a 23-19 halftime lead.

The Falcons opened the second half with an 8-0 run and Green quickly called timeout. Oak Ridge trimmed the deficit to eight but could get no closer. A jumper by West put Fulton up 43-29 after three stops.

JaShaun Fenderson hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to



PHOTO BY NICOLE COONEY/FULCON

*Trey Davis, Fulton senior, drives past Oak Ridge's Javonte Thomas for a layup in the closing seconds of the first half to give Falcons a four-point lead at intermission. Fulton went on to post a 50-36 victory, finishing regular season play 20-4.*

start the fourth. A layup by Davis gave the Falcons their biggest advantage (50-32).

**CATS OR DOGS?** Originally, Fulton was scheduled to host Oak Ridge on Saturday, Feb. 9, but that date was included in

the "sick days" with no activity allowed at Knox County schools. Wright made the decision to reschedule the Oak Ridge game

on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and drop the Falcons' home game against the highly regarded Bearden Bulldogs.

"There was no way we could get both games in," Wright explained. "We had to make a decision. We've played Oak Ridge for 15 years in a row and I didn't want to lose a game that had been such a big game in East Tennessee."

"Bearden is a great team. Last year was the first time I had played Bearden in six or seven years. Fulton and Oak Ridge have finished the season playing each other for a long time and I wanted to keep that."

**OR GIRLS ROLL:** Fulton hung close for eight minutes before Oak Ridge, one of the state's top Class AAA teams, pulled away for a 63-31 win.

Lady Falcons' senior Kyeisha Dalton scored five points in the opening period as Fulton trailed by only two (13-11). But Oak Ridge quickly increased its lead to 26-11 midway through the second period. It was 33-15 at halftime.

Sophomore Khamari Mitchell-Stein led the Lady Wildcats with 22 points. Dalton (15) and senior teammate Tilia Tinsley (10) were top point-getters for Fulton.

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## The Doctor is in

a weekly column by  
Dr. Jim Ferguson

### The Cruellest Season

Poet T. S. Eliot once penned “APRIL is the cruellest month...Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in forgetful snow...” Eliot’s metaphor in his poem “Waste-land” alludes to the complacency of modern man aiding the destruction of Western culture. However, I disagree with him regarding winter’s coziness. I see winter as the cruellest season, where nature selects the infirm or aged and I have observed that many don’t survive the rigors of winter.

I lost two patients last week. One was in her eighties and the other in her nineties. I was their doctor for more than three decades, and they were my friends. After long and full lives, they both were in declining health, and winter declared it was their time to go.

There is a downside to having a personal relationship with your patients. It’s safer to slumber in Eliot’s

metaphoric winter torpor. However, I’m of the old school and “knowing” my patients is a privilege and, when necessary, an asset because a friend is allowed to discuss sensitive issues with them or their families - for instance care at the end of life.

In modern Western culture, people are often removed from the realities of death. Though rationally, we all know that physical life ends; however, death becomes more real with serious illness such as cancer or a heart attack.

Many are separated from life’s natural end points. Most do not hunt or personally slaughter animals for food. Instead, we buy chicken at Kroger or Chick-fil-A. And too often people end their lives in a hospital bed or a nursing home rather than their own home.

Science has driven our culture since the Enlightenment, and sometimes

people have unrealistic expectations about disease treatment or cure. Philosophically, spiritually and scientifically, I am opposed to late term abortion because I believe all human life is precious and sacred. However, as a doctor, I am often called to explain to patients and their families the difference between what treatment is medically possible, and the futility of some interventions. Sometimes more chemotherapy, more surgery or feeding tubes will not help and will actually prolong suffering. As a Christian I do not fear death, only the dying process and the inevitable separation from loved ones.

In the high middle ages of Europe, lodging for travelers, pilgrims or the underprivileged was often provided by Roman Catholic orders in places of hospitality known as hospices. Later, hospices also became places for the sick, wounded or those dying.

The modern hospice movement began in 1967 when nurse, physician and social worker, Cicely Saunders created in England the first hospice care option for patients. The focus of hospice care is on palliation, rather than curing patients who are terminally ill. Interestingly, terminal illness is somewhat arbitrarily

defined as someone not expected to live more than six months. Though more controversial, some have even advocated palliative hospice care for patients with chronic illnesses like multiple sclerosis. Hospice care is usually provided in the patient’s home rather than a hospital, and importantly, hospice care also addresses the emotional and spiritual needs of the patient as well as the needs of their family.

In my forty plus years of medicine, I can’t remember an instance of a family who was dissatisfied with hospice care for their terminal loved one. Though none of us wishes to die, it is inevitable that we all will “cross the bar” as Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote in his poetic elegy about death.

In my observations of illness and death, I remain mystified why the life force beats so strongly in some and less so in others. I’ve had patients go to sleep, terminally, in their Lazy Boy chair after their favorite dinner, while others cling to life in pain or disconnected from reality. We all desire a long and good life, but if there comes a time when I am longer any good for myself or anyone else, it will be time for me to heed the Bard’s words and “shuffle off this mortal coil.”

I do not believe in euthanasia. The word means

good death, derived from the Greek words eu (good) and thanos (death). Suicide is the term used when someone takes their own life. It is against the law since we consider someone attempting suicide as irrational or out of their mind. But is that necessarily true? Likewise, it is against the law to commit murder or kill another person. Some get around this by declaring the unborn as “not a person.” Laws allowing physicians to participate in euthanasia have been passed in the Netherlands and Belgium. In other countries and states like Oregon, Vermont and Washington euthanasia is legalized under the wording “assisted suicide.”

Though I have never been a part of euthanasia, I have pushed safety limits when medicating terminally ill patients in pain. I remember promising a patient with advanced prostate cancer that I wouldn’t allow him to suffer. I admitted him to the hospital one night when his home pain protocol failed. I found him in his hospital bed surrounded by his family, writhing in pain. As I slowly injected morphine intravenously, his agony subsided, his breathing calmed and fifteen minutes later he died. His agony was holding him captive and when

alleviated, he let go and met his maker.

People sometimes misunderstand therapies such as ventilators or even feeding tubes. Medically and ethically, there is no difference between starting or stopping such therapeutic modalities, and patients are free to make decisions to start or stop such treatments. I once cared for a older woman with end stage COPD who ended up on a ventilator. Our team of doctors and specialists were unable to wean her from the machine and after two months she wanted to be removed from the ventilator, knowing that she would die without it. The psychiatrist found her sane and I found her request, to end a lingering and painful existence, rational. After saying goodbye to everyone, I turned off the ventilator and this courageous woman died. So, theoretically, I participated in assisted suicide, years before such a definition and laws were enacted.

At his trial for treason, Socrates said they could put him to death, but two outcomes were possible. He would blink into oblivion or he would awaken in paradise and meet his hero, Homer. Someday, I hope to thank Socrates for such wise counsel.

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# Dealing with Discouragement

We all have to overcome the discouragements of life. We think life will be one



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

around the life of Joseph. Life had not turned out the way Joseph thought it was going to. At age ten, his mother Rachel died while giving birth to his brother Benjamin. From that point on he grew up without the encouragement of a mom. All his half-brothers were jealous of him and tried to

tear him down. At age seventeen, Joseph was sold into slavery and he ended up being sold to an official in Egypt. His dad, Jacob, thought Joseph was dead having received the ornamented robe of Joseph that had been dipped in blood and Jacob the deceiver was deceived by his own children in believing Joseph had been torn apart by some wild animal. But God was with Joseph.

Joseph was put in charge of Potiphar’s household. Potiphar’s wife took notice of Joseph and she made sexual advances to him. Joseph had to deal with sexual temptation. We learned that Joseph loved God more than he loved the temporary pleasure of his flesh. He did not want to sin against God or his master

by sleeping with his wife. Joseph did his best to not even be in the same room with her, but one day she grabbed him and he fled. She literally tore his cloak off of him. She accused Joseph of making sport with her and as a slave, he had no rights or defense. It was his word against hers. He had worked hard to get to this place in life and now it is all taken away. He ends up being thrown into prison. This is a prison unlike the ones we have today. There is no electricity, no appeal process, or release date. He is left there to die. If you put your hope in your situation, Joseph had every reason to be discouraged.

While in prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two of Pharaoh’s officers, the baker and the cup

bearer. The interpretations Joseph gave of the dreams come true. Joseph asked the cup bearer to remember him (Genesis 40:1-15), but the cup bearer did not remember Joseph and he was still left in prison. Talk about discouragement. You have to wonder if Joseph was starting to say to himself: “It could not get much worse. I am forgotten by everybody. Has God even forgotten me?” But what we find in the text is the same phrase being repeated four different times: “The Lord was with Joseph.” It is as if the writer knew that as we read the text we would wonder if God was still with him. Yes, he was. Joseph was never alone.

When you feel alone and discouraged, a good thing to say is: “The Lord is with

me.” Claim that truth each day. God is in us and that hope won’t disappoint us. Remind yourself of this again and again and again. Some people are so discouraged, they can’t see anything good and basically give up on life, but Joseph does not give up. He takes advantage of opportunities around him, even in prison. He looks at the needs of others around him. He steps up as a leader and is given more and more responsibility. We see God at work in his life.

Something we notice about God is that he is more concerned about what is happening in us than what is happening to us. God is doing something in Joseph before something can happen to Joseph. God is working it out in his time.

The Knox County Republican Party will conduct its Biennial Convention on February 23, 2019 at Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike Knoxville, TN 37922.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.; delegates must be checked in and seated by 9:45.

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well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201411100026306. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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

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## COURT NOTICES

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS

TRACY ANN HOFFMAN -Vs-  
BENJAMIN LEE HOFFMAN, II,  
Docket # 145145

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant BENJAMIN LEE HOFFMAN, II, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BENJAMIN LEE HOFFMAN, II .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by TRACY ANN HOFFMAN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with TROY S. WESTON, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 400 WEST CHURCH AVE, SUITE 101 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 15TH day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: AMANDA RENEE MARSHALL;

IN RE: ABIMBOLA AKERELE v.  
AMANDA RENEE MARSHALL

NO. 197390-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant AMANDA RENEE MARSHALL, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMANDA RENEE MARSHALL, it is ordered that said defendant, AMANDA RENEE MARSHALL, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Danny C. Garland, II, an Attorney whose address is, 103 Suburban Road, Suite 201-B, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 12th day of February, 2019.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ALLISON LEE ORR -Vs- CHARLES  
DAVID ORR, JR.,  
Docket # 144261

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CHARLES DAVID ORR, JR. is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon CHARLES DAVID ORR, JR. .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ALLISON LEE ORR, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with W. MICHAEL KILGORE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P. O. BOX 31167 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 24TH day of JANUARY, 2019.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ZACHARY DARREN BORDEN, BRITTANY  
N. POWERS AND SAMANTHA POWERS

IN RE: OCWEN LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
v. ZACHARY DARREN BORDEN

NO. 193727-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants ZACHARY DARREN BORDEN, BRITTANY N. POWERS AND SAMANTHA POWERS, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ZACHARY DARREN BORDEN, BRITTANY N. POWERS AND SAMANTHA POWERS, it is ordered that said defendants, ZACHARY DARREN BORDEN, BRITTANY N. POWERS AND SAMANTHA POWERS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Robert T. Lieber, Jr., an Attorney whose address is, 5217 Maryland Way, Suite 404, Brentwood, TN 37027, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 18th day of January, 2019.

Clerk and Master

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

CASE NO. 3631  
ANGIE RENEE HARVEY, Wife,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JOSHUA JOSEPH HARVEY, Husband.  
Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Joshua Joseph Harvey, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, Joshua Joseph Harvey, file an answer with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Defendant and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Honorable John McAffee at the Circuit Court, 900 Main Street, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. 01/28/2019, 02/4/2019, 02/11/2019, 02/18/2019

This 24th day of January, 2019

Entered 24th day of January, 2019

Barbara Williams  
Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

KALEE LYN NELMS -Vs- KYLE EUGENE NELMS  
Docket # 144710

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant KYLE EUGENE NELMS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KYLE EUGENE NELMS .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by KALEE LYN NELMS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with KEVIN W. SHEPHERD, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 200 E. BROADWAY AVE. SUITE 410, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 18TH day of JANUARY, 2019.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JAMES E. COKER;  
IN RE: FREDDIE DILLS, JR. v. JAMES E. COKER

NO. 197205-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed which is sworn to, that the defendant JAMES E. COKER a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JAMES E. COKER, it is ordered that said defendant JAMES E. COKER file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Sharon H. Kim, an Attorney whose address is, 1810 Ailor Avenue Knoxville, TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of January, 2019.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CHERYL RENEE EYNON, the  
mother of KAYLEE RENEE McFALL

IN RE: DOCKET # 3-351-18 IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE, DIVISION III, AT KNOXVILLE

In this cause, it appearing from the Adoption Petition filed, which is sworn to, that CHERYL RENEE EYNON, is either a non-resident of Tennessee or whose present whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon her. It is ORDERED by the Court that the respondent, CHERYL RENEE EYNON, file an Answer with the Clerk, CHARLES D. SUSANO, III, P. O. Box 379, Knoxville, TN 37901 and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 2564, Knoxville TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to you before DEBORAH C. STEVENS, Circuit Judge, Knox County Circuit Court. City County Building, Main

Avenue Knoxville TN. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks: January 28, February 4, February 11, and February 18, 2019. The Default Hearing date: APRIL 23, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.

This the 19th day of January, 2019

/s/ CHARLES D. SUSANO,  
III, Circuit Court Clerk

Published: (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25)

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO  
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE  
SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

IN RE: ONELIFE CHURCH v. BIBLE  
WAY BAPTIST CHURCH

NO. 197165-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, it is ordered that said defendants, ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with E. Richards Brabham, III, an Attorney whose address is, 550 Main Street, 4th floor of Bank of America center, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of January, 2019.

Clerk and Master

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/19

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS

JESSICA ELIZABETH PRICE  
-Vs- KENNETH ALAN PRICE

Docket # 145210

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant KENNETH ALAN PRICE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon KENNETH ALAN PRICE .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JESSICA ELIZABETH PRICE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with L. CLAY WHITE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 20701 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37940, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:  
ISIS IONESCU-DAVENPORT,  
DOB: 06/25/09  
A FEMALE CHILD;

By:

Docket No.

EMMA YANCEY  
SHIRLEY ANN DAVENPORT  
Petitioners,  
v.  
CHRISTINA IONESCU,  
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the sworn allegations of the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and the Affidavit of Diligent Search in this cause that the whereabouts of the Respondent are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is, therefore, ORDERED that Respondent be served by publication of the following notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation published in Knox County, Tennessee.

It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing the same with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOTICE

Emma Yancey and Shirley Ann Davenport have filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Isis Ionescu-Davenport. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Heidi Wegryn, Attorney for Emma Yancey, 5731 Lyons View Pike, Suite 211, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be February 22, 2019, and/or appear for trial on April 16, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

ENTER this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2019.

Honorable Timothy Irwin, Judge

PREPARED BY:  
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Attorney for Petitioner, Emma Yancey  
5731 Lyons View Pike Suite 211  
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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RYANN SHANTAY HANTHORN,  
IN RE: BRIAN D. HANTHORN v.  
RYANN SHANTAY HANTHORN  
NO. 197374-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, RYANN SHANTAY HANTHORN, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon RYANN SHANTAY HANTHORN.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with JAMES E. FOGLESONG, an Attorney whose address is, 8717 Grospoint Drive Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part III, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 7th day of February, 2019.

Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

MISTY ANN VIDALES -Vs- JULIAN  
CALDERON VIDALES

Docket # 144755

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX  
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JULIAN CALDERON VIDALES is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JULIAN CALDERON VIDALES .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by MISTY ANN VIDALES, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with L. CLAY WHITE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 20701 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37940, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 1ST day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

Mike Hammond  
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR  
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:  
ISIS IONESCU-DAVENPORT,  
DOB: 06/25/09  
A FEMALE CHILD;

By:

Docket No.

EMMA YANCEY  
SHIRLEY ANN DAVENPORT  
Petitioners,  
v.  
CHRISTINA IONESCU,  
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the sworn allegations of the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and the Affidavit of Diligent Search in this cause that the whereabouts of the Respondent are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her, it is, therefore, ORDERED that Respondent be served by publication of the following notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper of general circulation published in Knox County, Tennessee.

It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent by filing the same with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOTICE

Emma Yancey and Shirley Ann Davenport have filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Isis Ionescu-Davenport. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Heidi Wegryn, Attorney for Emma Yancey, 5731 Lyons View Pike, Suite 211, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be February 22, 2019, and/or appear for trial on April 16, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

ENTER this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2019.

Honorable Timothy Irwin, Judge

PREPARED BY:  
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Plehn Wegryn, PLLC  
Attorney for Petitioner, Emma Yancey  
5731 Lyons View Pike Suite 211  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
865-622-8121

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

ESTATE OF VERA D BAGWELL  
DOCKET NUMBER 81322-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VERA D BAGWELL who died Oct 29, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2019

ESTATE OF VERA D BAGWELL  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN W BAGWELL; EXECUTOR  
329 N DOGWOOD ROAD  
POWELL, TN. 37849

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

AMANDA M BUSBY ATTORNEY  
AT LAW P.O. BOX 2588  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901

FEBRUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of VERA D BAGWELL who died Oct 29, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2019

ESTATE OF VERA D BAGWELL  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN W BAGWELL; EXECUTOR  
329 N DOGWOOD ROAD  
POWELL, TN. 37849

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN T CUTCHER  
DOCKET NUMBER 81318-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN T CUTCHER who died Dec 11, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF HELEN T CUTCHER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN CUTCHER; EXECUTOR  
1513 MEETING HOUSE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931  
02/11 & 02/18/19

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERESE "TERI"  
RACHELLE HULLANDER  
DOCKET NUMBER 81290-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of JANUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of TERESE "TERI" RACHELLE HULLANDER who died Jan 15, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 31 day of JANUARY, 2019

ESTATE OF TERESE "TERI" RACHELLE  
HULLANDER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DR ROBERT HULLANDER; EXECUTOR  
1049 TUNNEL ROAD  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93105

KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT C PLETZ  
DOCKET NUMBER 81315-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT C PLETZ who died Jan 3, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF ROBERT C PLETZ  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JOHN S PLETZ; EXECUTOR  
619 F HOBBS COURT  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109



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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELLEN CATHERINE RYAN  
DOCKET NUMBER 81268-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of FEBRUARY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ELLEN CATHERINE RYAN who died May 10, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if, the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.  
This the 8 day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF ELLEN CATHERINE RYAN  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JUSTIN M RYAN; ADMINISTRATOR  
105 HAYWOOD ROAD  
WILMINGTON, DE 19807

KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GAINS HARRELL LEWIS,  
SR. DOCKET NUMBER 81352-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GAINS HARRELL LEWIS, SR. who died Dec 14, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or  
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or  
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death  
This the 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

ESTATE OF GAINS HARRELL LEWIS,  
SR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PATRICIA ANN JARVIS; EXECUTRIX  
1676 EMERALD POINTE LANE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

SUZANNE N PRICE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
800 S GAY STREET, SUITE 2001  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:  
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Bid 2792, CAC Summer Milk Deliveries, 2019, due 3/19/19  
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: [www.knoxcounty.org/procurement](http://www.knoxcounty.org/procurement). To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Requesting Expression of Interest/  
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construction of two buildings containing  
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achieve ENERGY STAR v3, EPA Indoor  
Air-Plus v1 Rev.04 certification and  
Certificates of Occupancy from  
Knox County, Knoxville TN**

Knox Housing Partnership, Inc., (KHP) a private non-profit provider of local sustainable and affordable high performance housing (dba HomeSource east tennessee), is contracting the new construction of twenty (20) residential dwelling units within two buildings in the Karns Community Knox County, KnoxvilleTN. This residential development shall be constructed conforming to ENERGY STAR v3 Rev 09 qualified criteria and EPA Indoor Air Plus v1 Rev.04 certification. Qualified firms interested should submit via EMAIL ONLY their sealed "Expression of Interest/Qualifications," with "Willow Place Phase 2-A&E Consulting Services", in subject line, to Ken Block, [kblock@khp.org](mailto:kblock@khp.org) by 2/21/2019. All response submittals will be reviewed and select firms will be invited to submit Proposals. Selection criteria will include, among other items, an evaluation of: 1) Previous experience in same/similar projects,

2) Past performance in same/similar projects, 3) Overall capabilities to handle projects competently and on schedule, 4) Integrity. The "Expression of Interest/Qualifications" response should include a succinct narrative describing: A) Delivery of High Performance Housing (Quality Control, Energy & Water Efficiency, Durability, Affordability, Healthful, Environmental soundness), B) Relevant Company Experience (LEED for Homes, EPA Indoor Air Plus, ENERGY STAR Qualified, Enterprise Green Communities, EARTHCRAFT, NAHB, and non-programmed above code sustainable multi-family residential experience), C) Relevant References. And, any other equivalent examples of recent Sustainable building projects produced locally. This project is highly time sensitive, e.g., A&E RFI close 03/04/19, A&E RFP response due 3/25/19, A&E Final Design and Bid Documents due 7/19/19, GC Contract executed 09/24/19, Certificates of Occupancy 07/01/2020. KHP shall seek full and open qualified competition in all procurement transactions. Firms having WBE, MBE, DBE or 8a Business Certification are encouraged. "Expression of Interest/Qualifications" is due 2:00pm local time, 21 February 2019.

Knox Housing Partnership, Inc. (dba HomeSource east tennessee) 109 N. Winona St., Knoxville, TN. 37917

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# International travelers encouraged to take precautions against vaccine preventable, mosquito-borne disease

With many community members making plans for spring and summer vacations and mission trips abroad, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is encouraging travelers to take precautions against vaccine preventable and mosquito-borne disease.

"When traveling, everyone should be aware of the infectious diseases in the regions they are visiting and take appropriate precautions, including getting recommended vaccinations and protecting yourself from mosquito bites," said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. "Unfortunately, we do not have a vaccine for chikungunya, dengue or Zika, which is why awareness and preparation prior to travel are so important."

International travelers are encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel web page at [cdc.gov/travel](http://cdc.gov/travel) well in advance of a trip to familiarize themselves with any infectious diseases prevalent in or warnings for the areas they plan to visit. Immunization against diseases common in foreign countries but not in the U.S., such as typhoid fever, are recommended, and in the case of yellow fever, immunization is required. International travel vaccinations are

available in KCHD's Travel and Immunization Clinic, located at 140 Dameron Ave. Appointments, made by calling 865-215-5070, should be scheduled four to six weeks prior to departure.

Mosquito-borne diseases, including chikungunya, dengue and Zika, are transmitted year-round in some areas because their climates are continuously conducive to mosquito habitats. Mosquitoes can contract these viruses when they feed on an infected person and then spread the disease to others through bites. More information about mosquito-borne diseases, including symptoms, is available at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

## What to know before you go

- Infectious diseases in countries/regions can change. Stay up to date on all the CDC's travel recommendations by visiting [cdc.gov/travel](http://cdc.gov/travel).
- To allow for full immunization, schedule appointments for any needed vaccinations at least four to six weeks prior to departure.
- Since there is no vaccine to prevent chikungunya, dengue or Zika, avoiding mosquito bites is the best protection.
- The mosquitoes that

spread disease can bite during the day or at night.

- Pack an Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent with one of the following ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol or 2-undecanone.

- Pregnant women should avoid traveling to areas with Zika. A map of these areas can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>.
- If you or your partner are trying to get pregnant, consider avoiding nonessential travel to areas with Zika. And, talk to your health care provider about your travel plans.

## What to do while you are there

- Follow any country-specific precautions issued by the CDC, such as food or water warnings.
- Use mosquito repellants.
- Wear permethrin-treated clothing. Some permethrin products may also be used on shoes, bed nets and camping gear. Permethrin is not to be used directly on skin.
- Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants if possible.
- Empty standing water from outdoor containers.
- Use air conditioning

and keep windows and doors closed or covered with screens. Use a bed net if air conditioned or screened rooms are not available or if sleeping outdoors.

## What to be aware of when you get back

- If you feel sick after your return from your trip, seek medical care and tell your health care provider about your recent travel.
- To avoid spreading disease once you come home, protect yourself from mosquito bites for three weeks.
- Protect yourself and your partner during sex, especially if your partner traveled to an area with Zika or if you are pregnant or considering getting pregnant. For specific guidelines, visit: [www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/protect-yourself-during-sex.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/protect-yourself-during-sex.html)

KCHD investigates disease outbreaks, identifies community health threats, conducts extensive outreach and education, provides and connects the public with medical care, prepares for public health emergencies, enforces food safety and air quality laws, and more. For more information, visit [www.knoxcounty.org/health](http://www.knoxcounty.org/health).

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