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Con Hunley helps Blake Shelton open Ole Red in Gatlinburg



Con Hunley and Blake Shelton take time for a photo after performing at the grand opening of Ole Red Gatlinburg last week. "Gatlinburg has always been a place where I've had a good time, and it's just awesome for me to get to be a part of this community through Ole Red," said Blake Shelton before the event. "I can't wait to get my band down there to play - it's going to be an amazing night."

By Lisa DeMarsico

Knoxville native and country icon Con Hunley and his family performed at the Grand Opening of the Blake Shelton-inspired Ole Red Gatlinburg bar, restaurant and music venue Wednesday night.

Blake said, "Con is one of my all-time favorite artists and he happens to be from this area." Hunley and family went on to perform three songs during the middle of Blake's set.

During the press conference, earlier in the day, Shelton said he had visited Gatlinburg during New Year's and stayed three days. He and his girlfriend, Gwen Stefani, fell in love with the area. Shelton also told the crowd that Ole Red Gatlinburg was his favorite of the three venues he has opened.



Pictured left to right are Con Hunley, his brother-in-law Burt Akers, Blake Shelton, sister Ruthie Akers, and brother Kenny Hunley. Shelton called Hunley one of his "all time favorite artists" and recalled growing up listening to his music.

Neighbors object to further development at The Gables

By Bill Howard

As usual, rezoning, development, and land use were the topics of debate at the monthly meeting of the Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning Commission on March 14, at the City-County Building. The meeting began with the customary vote

to postpone certain items, and to approve various others without debate.

The first item of contention concerned The Gables at Westmoreland on the east end of Old Kent Drive in Council District 2. Further development of the area has

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Lonsdale Elementary gas leaks trigger debate at BOE meeting

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

The presence of Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill and three Knoxville Boy Scout Troop 258 members endeavoring to fulfill their citizenship badge requirements were recognized to commence the mid-March regular session Board of Education meeting. Next, an announcement declared that several board members will be attending the National School Board Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia from March 30 to April 1, 2019, in hope of meeting with other school board members on a national level regarding educational matters.

Special to the meeting was highlighting three teachers who received the outstanding

recognition of Teachers of the Year. As they approached Knox County Superintendent Bob Thomas to receive their awards in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, those in attendance applauded loudly. The recipients were: Brickley-McCloud Elementary School teacher Crystal Dougan; Karns Middle School teacher Janet Smith; and Powell High School teacher Alice Carson.

One week prior to the regular session meeting on March 13, board members congregated to review board policies at a work session. A motion carried for every voted board policy with no discussion. They voted to approve the second

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\$15M added to city budget includes Safe Place at Broadway bridge

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville Finance Director Jim York told the City Council Tuesday that \$15,155,694 is needed in new and shifted money for several projects. His request was approved on first reading after he explained the money will go to three categories in the city budget: housekeeping items, quasi-housekeeping changes and other items.

He said that just over \$5 million would be funds transferred from one project to another leaving the new money needed at \$10,057,624.

Among the approved funding is \$95,000 for security services at the Broadway-Magnolia Avenue Safe Place for the homeless and social workers and \$245,000 in city funds to renovate the former Salvation Army Thrift Store

beneath the bridge and next to the "Safe Place."

York explained the former thrift store will serve as an "emergency shelter for the homeless" and funding goes to the Volunteer Ministry Center to renovate and operate the facility. He said the shelter will be a "low barrier," admitting anyone who needs overnight shelter and intended for those homeless that normally don't seek shelter at the mission or who have been banned from there.

Existing Volunteer Ministry activities will "dovetail with the proposed shelter" to connect occupants with resources geared to moving them to permanent housing. The concept is for 48 beds, restrooms, showers and a laundry room and the shelter would also be available during the day as a safe place.

Among the 17 projects receiving additional or transferred funds are Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, the Knoxville Convention Center, Governor Ned McWherter Park, the Volunteer Navy Docks, Suttree Landing Park, South Waterfront, North Central Streetscapes, the renovation of the 4th and 5th floors in the City-County Building, the Ed Cothren Pool, Augusta Quarry Entrance, Fire Station #4, and Recode Knoxville.

In other action the city voted to rezone property on Westland Drive northeast of Highway 140 from Agricultural to C-4 Commercial.

A lease amendment was approved with Legacy Parks Foundation for the Gateway Pavilion Building for six months as the city and the foundation work out an agreement.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

The former Salvation Army location at the Broadway Bridge may become a Safe Place for the homeless with 48 beds in a program funded by the city.

Just over \$595,000 was approved in Historic Preservation Grant Funds to support property improvements to historic properties inside the city. The funding is

administered by Knox Heritage and among those considered are the Standard Knitting Mill, the Hull Dobbs building and the Taggart Building.

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What is the landlord actually responsible for fixing?

If you are renting a house, and something breaks, or is not working, who is responsible for fixing it? You may think that the landlord is responsible for fixing it, and the landlord may say you are responsible for it, but what



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by the deliberate or negligent act or omission of the tenant, a member of the tenant's family, or other person on the premises with the tenant's consent."

As you can see, there is a whole lot that is not covered by the definition and a whole lot that is open to interpretation. What if there is a hole in the drywall? In my opinion, even if the tenant can show that they did not cause the hole, it is highly questionable whether a hole in the drywall rises to the level of an essential services that would require the landlord to fix it.

What about a stopped up toilet? I would argue that is probably an essential service and the landlord must fix this to keep the property in fit and habitable condition, however, the tenant would have to show that the tenant did not cause the stopped up toilet by their own deliberate or negligent acts.

What are the tenant's remedies if the landlord refuses to provide essential services? The law addresses that as well.

If the landlord deliberately or negligently fails to supply essential services, the tenant shall give written notice to the landlord specifying the breach and may do one of the following:

1. Procure essential services during the period of the landlord's noncompliance and deduct their actual and reasonable costs from the rent;
2. Recover damages based upon the diminution in the fair rental value of the dwelling unit, provided tenant continues to occupy premises; or
3. Procure reasonable substitute housing during the period of the landlord's noncompliance, in which case the tenant is excused from paying rent for the period of the landlord's noncompliance.

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Attorney Arthur G. Seymour, Jr. passes away

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Our region has lost one of its leaders with the passing of Arthur Seymour, Jr., well-known attorney and community leader.

Seymour passed away after a battle with cancer at age 74 on March 11. Services will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, April 5 at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. The funeral home will release a complete obituary closer to the final services.

The dapper attorney, a partner in Frantz, McDonnell & Seymour LLP, was known as a premier real estate and zoning expert, often appearing before the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission, Knox County Commission, Knoxville City Council and other regulatory groups. His knowledge of zoning often exceeded that of the various local legislative bodies.

Seymour was a friend of The Knoxville Focus and often commented to us about stories and features. We always reserved a copy of the newspaper for him when we attended a meeting that he would be speaking at or attending.

He was a Knoxville native, a graduate of the University of the South and had his law degree from the University of Tennessee, where he graduated in 1969. He served his nation in the U. S. Army.

His expertise was sought after and he maintained a diverse and expansive law practice. He was

knowledgeable of zoning and land use, administrative law, municipal and government relations, general civil litigations, contracts and real estate law. Anytime he appeared before a city or county department everyone knew he would be presenting a viable and understandable summary of the subject.

He was often named "Best Lawyer" since first being so recognized in 1993. He served as president, board member and attorney for the East Tennessee Historical Society. He also served on the boards of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, the Metropolitan Airport Authority, the Episcopal School of Knoxville, the Knoxville/Knox County Public Library System, the University of the South and many other organizations.

Seymour was noted as one of the top attorneys in the United State and as one of the 150 best attorneys in Tennessee. He was a member of the Tennessee and Knoxville Bar Association, the International Association of Defense Council, and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Many friends, associates, civil leaders and elected officials have posted online remembrances of Arthur Seymour. A moment of silence was held in his honor at last week's City Council meeting when Mayor Madeline Rogero paused the meeting in honor of the gentleman, noting his regular attendance there and his expertise in many matters.



Everyone will miss you, Arthur

By Mike Steely

I talked with Arthur Seymour, Jr. a couple of weeks ago as we both walked back from a meeting. He was as friendly and approachable that day as I have always experienced him to be. Arthur was a very professional attorney with a wit that was quick and sometimes very appropriate.

He could stand before a meeting on a planning or zoning issue and guide the meeting with his knowledge of procedure and rules. I've seen him when he was an opponent and proponent of an issue, each time having all the facts before him and leading the discussion.

Arthur would often visit with The Knoxville Focus before meetings, picking up a copy of the newspaper to read or commenting about a story in the paper or an upcoming item before the city or county. He represented all his clients with a forthright presentation and some occasional humor.

I wrote a feature about Arthur several years ago and interviewing him was a delight and very interesting. I hadn't thought of him being a military veteran or knew of his family history, which we discussed. He was easy to talk with and responsive to questions.

I've long thought of Arthur Seymour, Jr. as "Mr. Zoning" because he represented so many developers or neighborhoods. His appearance was commanding, immaculate, and professional. He was the type of attorney that many lawyers strive to be.

Good bye, Arthur. Everyone will miss your presence, style and wit.

A wall of faces coming to Market Square Garage wall

By Mike Steely
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"Public art helps to generate tourism," Liza Zenni, of the Public Arts Committee, told the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening. Zenni was successful in asking that a nationally-known artist be hired to paint a mural on the east wall of the Market Square Parking Garage.

She described the proposed mural as "the length of four football fields" and said that more than 200 photos have been taken of non-public local residents. About 15 or 20 faces will be chosen to be depicted on the mural.

Chosen and approved by the council is artist Carl Addison Kelm, whom Zinni described as a national award-winning artist. He was



This is one of the murals painted by Carl Addison Kelm, selected and approved by the City Council to create a mural along the wall of the Market Street Parking Garage. The mural will depict various faces of Knoxvilleians.

selected over 40 artists who responded to an announcement for creation of a mural. She said that four of those responders were Knoxville artists. Thirteen of the artists were asked to make a presentation and Kelm was chosen ultimately.

"The faces selected will

not be public officials, we're looking for diversity," Zenni said.

"This place cries out for public art," she said of the parking garage's east wall. She also said that Kelm will hire local artists to help paint the creation.

Councilman George

Wallace said it will take about six months to complete the mural. Councilwoman Seema Singh-Perez said that adding murals and artwork downtown "should be spread around" to other areas of town.

"We want that," Zenni responded.

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An Open Letter to Knoxville-Knox County Planning

March 5, 2019

Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
400 Main Street, Suite 403
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE ReCode Knoxville Comment in Opposition

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the Norwood Homeowner's Association President, part of City District 3 and 5, and at the request of the membership we assert our opposition. By vote, without an adverse vote, we assert No!

I attended the ReCode Meeting of February 20, 2019, at the City County Building. Key issues of the purpose and scope were ignored as I listened to hours of discussion of duplex homes, garage apartments, and then home businesses with members openly wondering if they were in violation of the existing ordinance because they might have typed a letter for a commercial purpose. The discussion even turned to a banter over interstellar communication management.

Absolutely the worse was the flippant attitude of Council Person Seema Singh-Perez when she was informed by Council Person Andrew Roberto that he would not participate in a violation of the Sunshine Law. She then expressed an intention to circumvent Sunshine through the use of staff. This exchange calls into question the true open

access, by the public, to this very important discussion. As an attorney I must question the adherence to Tennessee law by this member of the City Council and the entire process.

The changes proposed appear to not be just a simple update, but an intentional removal of neighborhood ability to object to projects which do not mesh with the existing residential or commercial structure. Knoxvilleans still seek to actually effect decisions, vice the semblance of input from the community and Code presumptions over-ride objections. We seek retention of our individual independence, this is not Chicago, San Francisco or New York City.

The neighborhoods in and around the city should not be forced to comply with these changes. We live in neighborhoods to be able to have large fenced in yards for our children, driveways for our vehicles, and raised garden beds, etc. We have enforceable covenants which will still exist post ReCode, and ReCode can not remove the rights of the homeowners. Our ownership rights can not be erased given the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. ReCode is being sold as a bold adverse taking without compensation. I have no certainty that this is the real effort, but ReCode has been represented in public as having this outcome.

Buried inside ReCode Knoxville are numerous modifications to control residences in a manner

that fails to take into account the reality that not everyone will be able to comply with the new rules. New or increased restrictions to limit boat and RV parking, among many issues, appear to exceed local norms.

The new bike trails and landscaping are improvements but they generally have little relevance to most residents. Indeed, the construction of sidewalks which are not connected to anything highlight the cost, implicit but not disclosed, for the redevelopment of all of Knoxville envisioned by the ReCode. While improvement of main roads leading in and out of the city benefits all, ignoring the feeder and lesser roads while simultaneously allowing and encouraging additional development within the under utilized area (because the infrastructure is deficient) creates unnecessary dangers foreseeable and avoidable. Indeed, our Association objected to new developments where infrastructure is deficient and the current MPC allowed the development. ReCode Knoxville will only encourage over development of under prepared areas. The stated purpose "to increase taxable improvements" fails to acknowledge that much of the easy to build areas are now largely developed. Significant hundred acer woods (flat land and not in wet zone) simply do not exist within the City as compared to the County.

We do not want developers to be able to build structures

and certain businesses in and around our neighborhoods. Recode Knoxville limits effective objection. Example: doctor, dentist offices, etc., (businesses that have 9 to 5 hours) generally are allowed as residential friendly at neighborhood edges verses hotels, movie theaters, nightclubs, etc. that will create heavier traffic within the residential communities and encourage nonconforming activity. Recode Knoxville actively encourages increased development inside areas generally residential, while ignoring the adverse outcomes of the past, ultimately adverse to the tax base. Issues of on-street parking, the stated opposition to automobiles at the Council suggests why we are even talking about the obvious outcome, fails to take into account the 40% rise in driver's license applications by millennials over the past three years which only highlights the obvious, families want space, not downtown living.

I am most concerned that the lessons of the past are forgotten. Dense living units without adequate parking were mandated for low income housing for decades. Millions were spent in demolition as the easily predicted occurred. Indeed, the lesson of the Cumberland Ave. widening project is that to obtain what looks better by one measure tends to reduce utility, increase congestion, and ultimately negatively impact the potential for a neighborhood. Cumberland Ave.'s present issues, with zero

front parking and return to abandoned alleys, is ReCode in action.

Norwood Elementary School has portable classrooms that 20 years ago did not exist. The issues of intense development will only create worse problems of school over crowding. More apartments and multi-family units, goals of ReCode will make over-crowding a negative for all children, as the County continues to build new schools outside Knoxville.

Recode Knoxville is a band-aid to bridge the inability of the City to grow into the densely developed County. Indeed, Knoxville has failed to annex all the areas available under the Comprehensive Growth Plan Agreement between the City and the County. Since the City chooses to not avail itself of it's right it can not complain.

None of the City Council time was spent considering that the stated goal of ReCode is adverse to the more laid back style of living the bulk of the residents want and enjoy.

As residents flee the City, those whom remain will watch the ultimate loss of value of their homes. Homes, the value of which represents the number one saving vehicle of our community.

Your attention in these matters is appreciated.

I remain available.

Very truly yours,
David B. Hamilton

BMX project supporters to speak at commission today

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission meets in work session this afternoon but what isn't on the agenda might get more attention than what is. The public forum at the start of the meetings has two speakers, both supporters of the BMX Bike project in South Knoxville.

Cost overruns and more expected expenses apparently prompted Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs to stop the project despite the amount of work already performed to transform a former athletic field at South-Doyle Middle School. Originally expected to cost about \$750,000, the project is estimated by the mayor to eventually cost \$2.5 million.

Jacobs said the project's expense is "just too big a

risk."

Wendy Edwards, a board member of the Knoxville BMX organization, is one of the speakers during the public forum and blames the county for the cost overruns. She and Ben Ream will address the commission.

The BMX group is asking supporters of the project to attend the commission meeting and to call the commission office if they wish to speak. South Knox Commissioner Carson Dailey, a proponent of the BMX track, said the facility would more than pay for itself with visitors.

In other business the commissioners may discuss naming the Norwood Branch Library Building in honor of the late Lynn Redmon, a community leader, activist and political advisor. Commissioner

Randy Smith is sponsoring the honors.

Nystrom has the revised Animal Control ordinance on the agenda to authorize a "trap, neuter and return program for stray cats. The first of two readings of the change may see some vocal opposition to the policy as it did when the city considered the measure.

The commission may also discuss making changes in the Personnel Plan and contracting with Visual Communication Interpreting for sign language and interpreting services.

Commissioner Charles Busler is asking for a report on flood damage, repairs and clean up from Engineering and Public Works and wants Parks and Recreation Senior Director Paul White to speak on youth baseball fields.

Commissioner Larsen



The proposed BMX project at South-Doyle Middle School has been axed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs although much of the development is already underway. Two local Knoxville BMX speakers may use public forum to address the cancellation.

Jay wants a discussion on the essential role and responsibility of local government.

Lara Fleming may be renamed to the community health council and the engineering department is asking for several stormwater resolutions.

Nourish Knoxville, Inc. could be contracted to operate the farmers market at New Harvest Park.

The commission is also being asked to approve the issuance of three bonds totaling over \$86 million.



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Justin Willis at Edward Jones is a team player

By Mike Steely
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He was the pitcher for the Gibbs High School baseball team that captured the State AA Championship in 2010. At the Edward Jones investment firm, Justin Willis is still a team player now—days, “pitching” financial security.

“It’s all about relationships and being a team player with people who seek financial advice whether it is planning for retirement, saving for a child’s college, or investing for the unexpected event in one’s life,” Willis says.

The Johnson City native moved with his family to Knoxville in 2008. His dad, Jeff, is a manager at Dick’s

Sporting Goods and his mom, Angela, is a teacher at Ritta Elementary School. He has a brother who is in sports management at Tusculum and a sister who is a student at Gibbs.

Willis and his wife, Hannah, met at ETSU while both were working at Lowe’s and he was pursuing his business management degree. Hannah now works at 21st Mortgage in downtown Knoxville.

A story about Willis and the Gibbs High School winning team appeared in The Knoxville Focus in 2010. Willis continues to be active in high school baseball, even volunteering as an assistant baseball coach at Central

High School last year.

“It’s going really great,” Willis said of joining Edward Jones. He’s a financial advisor at the Edward Jones office at 3541 West Emory Road. “Edward Jones does a great job of taking care of client interests first,” he said.

“Everything we do is tailored to reach the input from our clients. We initially have a conversation to find their needs. We can help with everything from long term investments to retirement, living in retirement, saving for education, preparing for the unexpected and estate considerations,” he told The Focus.

Willis said an initial

appointment takes 60 to 90 minutes. Five questions help Edward Jones advisors hone in on practical strategies for new clients: Where am I today? Where would I like to be? Can I get there? How do I get there? How can I stay on track? “We want to understand what’s the most important to you,” Willis added.

Edward Jones offers custom plans for a wide variety of clients in a wide variety of age groups. Willis said many people don’t plan for retirement, cost of living increases, inflation or medical bills.

“We like to help create financial strategies that will supply enough money for a

client to last the rest of their life,” Willis said.

Willis said the current investment market is in good shape and that it has come far in the past few years.

“Edward Jones analysts work every day to find good investments. We watch 300 stocks on any given day,” he said.

On saving for a child’s education, he said that avenue is growing more and more because the cost is going up quickly. He said that investing for future business growth is also a good idea.

Preparing for the unexpected is important also and Edward Jones offers



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life, disability, and long term care options.

“Rather than chasing the latest fad we recommend a diversified approach that we believe will perform well over the long term while managing risks,” he said

Patience



Rosie's World

A man was walking down the street praying. “Lord, please give me patience—and I want it now!” How normal it is for us humans to want all the amenities of life as soon as possible. In God’s word patience is connected to trust, hope, faith, love, and good character. It also says clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Joyce Meyer on her TV miniseries says, “It’s not simply the ability to wait—it’s how we behave while we’re waiting.”

I’m certain most of us can remember the long wait when we were youngsters for Christmas to come, for our birthdays to come, for the last day of school to be over. When we got older we had to wait for the right love to come along, then we had to wait for the long nine months to pass while we waited for

our first child. And that’s not all. There is waiting implied for all the goals we had to work for, for all the ambitions that we wanted to achieve during our lifetime.

Alas, even though we waited patiently, sometimes the results were not feasible, did not bring us happiness, yet, we still harbored a feeling that, at least, we waited. A feeling that brought some satisfaction regardless of how long we waited.

Here are some quotes from famous people who were patient: “The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.” Leo Tolstoy.

“Each life is made up of mistakes and learning, waiting and growing, practicing patience and being persistent.” Billy Graham

“Never cut down a tree in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision on the low time. Never make your most important decisions while you’re in the worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. Spring will come.” Robert H. Schuller

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call (865)748-4717. Thank you.

Bulldog

Even though we spend the majority of our lives with special loved ones, sometimes they do things that simply amaze us and remind us just how lucky we are and how much better our lives are because of them. That’s the way it is with my wife. Amy is my hero; more than that, I have been reminded that she is a real bulldog.

Amy didn’t appear that way when we first began dating in 1973. I was a senior in college, and she was a freshman. Thanks to Rev. Bill Menees’ persistence, I asked her out on a date. She was a sweet, quiet, gracious girl who knocked my socks off. I asked her out at the end of the first date, and she told me she’d think about it. Dejected and more than a little embarrassed, I turned to leave. After taking a few steps she said, “I’ve thought about it. Yes, I’ll go out again.” From that moment on, I decided she was the one for whom I’d been looking.

We’ve spent a lifetime together, and much of it



By Joe Rector
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has run smoothly. However, some situations have been just the least bit bumpy. I admit that I’m an impulsive person who is known to make decisions and purchases in an instant. Amy has been the rudder that guides our ship, even when I do things that steer us off course. Regardless how much I gripe and complain, she has made financial decisions that have made our lives better.

We stopped buying new cars years ago. The prices for them were too steep for our modest budget. When a new vehicle is needed, I go with my dear wife to the car dealership. My jobs during these trips are to sign on dotted lines and be absolutely quiet. Amy is the negotiator for us. She has researched all aspects of the vehicle in which we are interested. Then she sits down to talk with the salesman and immediately lets him know that we aren’t going to play games. Then my spouse states the amount that we are willing to pay for the car, and that price includes everything. Of

course, the salesman plays the game about the price being too low and that he’ll have to get the manager to sign off on it. Even when the manager enters the office to squabble about the price, Amy kindly tells the man what we are willing to pay. If he says he can’t sell the car at our price, she thanks him as we rise and walk out. Eventually, we find a vehicle at the price we will pay, not what the dealer wants.

Only a couple of weeks ago, Amy once again worked her magic. My iPhone 7 had never worked correctly. I made multiple trips to the Verizon store and one to the Apple store, all to no avail. On a Saturday evening, my wife placed a call to customer service. For the next one hour and fifty-seven minutes, she talked to three different persons, each one higher up than the last.

Amy refused to allow the representatives to hang up on her. At the same time, she wouldn’t allow them to recite the information on the screens in front of them. One woman told her that I would need to go to the place where I had no service in order to check out the problem. My wife mentioned that I couldn’t call the company because

the phone didn’t work there; she also pointed out that I couldn’t spend multiple hours on another phone while I was at work. Amy told the woman that what we expected was a “practical solution.” In the end, the company replaced the phone, which was a defective when they sold it to me. Amy simply wouldn’t give in and give up.

My wife has also helped my son deal with areas involved in his buying a new home. Things have worked out simply because Amy refuses to let people blow her off. That determination is something that most companies don’t count on. They think that if customers are put through too much stuff, they will simply hang up and give up on solving the problem. In our case, those businesses are dead wrong. They discover that error when Amy is on the other end of a conversation.

I’m blessed to have a loving wife. Additionally, I am lucky to have in my life a person who so doggedly works to keep companies from taking advantage of us. She is strong, smart, and wise. Yes, I know just how lucky I am to have her in my life.

Neighbors object to further development at The Gables

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residents concerned about increased traffic and a diminished view.

Bart Carey represented some 25 other residents who were in attendance and requested from the commission a 30-day postponement of the project.

“Our neighborhood, which is 94 years old, has narrow streets and abuts this 27-lot subdivision,” said Carey. “No neighbors knew about this until very recently. We want to sit down and discuss what might be done to soften the impact.”

By that Carey meant the cutting of trees all the way up to the neighborhoods’ edge.

“They’re not just gonna cut the trees, they’re gonna change the topography,” said Carey.

Ben Mullins, of the law firm Frantz, McConnell & Seymour, represented the developer Homestead Land Holdings and argued that all the legal requirements had been met and that a

postponement could jeopardize the entire project.

The commission voted to give the residents their 30-day postponement.

Whether Lot 25 at Cottingham Court in Commission District 4 sits on a sinkhole or not brought GEO Services engineer Ross Kingery before the planning commission to argue that the spot is safe for development.

“There’s not a sinkhole there,” Kingery said. “There’s no greater risk there than there is anywhere else. We know what’s in the ground there. We have the liability, the county doesn’t.”

Knox Co. determined in 2004 that the land couldn’t be built on because of an existing ordinance. But Kingery says the ordinance has been lifted.

“The county had an ordinance that you can’t build within a closed contour,” said Kingery. “In 2016 TDEC took that off. We did additional soil tests. We

know what’s in the ground.”

The commission voted to deny the development.

An area on the east side of Cate Road, north of W. Emory Road in Commission District 6, was approved to be rezoned from A (Agricultural) to RA (Low Density Residential). Two stipulations were applied: that no more than two access roads to Cate Road be developed, and that the area contain no new access to Emory Road.

Josh Sanderson, from Primos Land Co., argued to the commission that an area of land on the southeast side of Strawberry Plains Pike should be rezoned from C-6 (General Commercial) to I-3 (General Industrial). Freight company Estes Express wants to build a trucking firm on the land.

Local residents were worried about round-the-clock noise and big trucks on narrow streets.

The motion to deny the rezoning passed.

Finally, PRI of East TN, Inc won approval from the commission to operate an asphalt plant in on the west side of S. National Drive, south of Asbury Road in Commission District 8. The motion passed because the plant would be on land already zoned as industrial.

Thomas Kincer, a former UT baseball player, who himself works in that industry and grew up in the Asbury Road area, spoke for the local residents who were opposed to the plant.

“How many of you have lived near an asphalt plant,” he asked the commission. “How many have you have driven behind an asphalt truck? Then you know about the smell.”

The commission, which is comprised of 15 appointed members who receive no salary, next meets on April 9 (and the second Thursday each month). The commission is an advisory board and forwards its decisions to the city council or county commission.

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Watkins Overton 'Mr. Crump's Mayor'

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Samuel Watkins Overton, Jr. came from one of Tennessee's most prominent families; Overton was the great-great grandson of Judge John Overton, a contemporary of General Andrew Jackson and the founder of Memphis. Overton joined the law firm founded by Senator Kenneth D. McKellar in 1922. An aristocrat by Tennessee standards, Watkins Overton was elected Mayor of Memphis in 1927. Only thirty-four years old at the time of his election, Overton was hailed as the "boy mayor" by much of the press. Eventually, Watkins Overton would become the longest serving mayor of Memphis.

Overton began his political apprenticeship by getting elected to the state legislature where he caught the eye of E. H. Crump. Watkins Overton had served in both the Tennessee House of Representatives and the State Senate before being tapped by Crump to run for mayor of Memphis.

Edward Hull Crump, a former mayor himself, had painstakingly built a highly functioning political machine that permeated every layer of society in the Bluff City and the outlying area of Shelby County. Crump had yet to fully consolidate his political power and thought Overton would be the strongest candidate to oust the incumbent mayor, independent Rowlett Paine. Overton won the election and within a year of taking office, Watkins Overton faced one of the most difficult crises ever to pummel Memphis: the Great Depression. Overton demonstrated very real administrative ability during the Depression, albeit his task was made easier by the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president and the beginning of the New Deal. Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth McKellar, was the ranking member of the Senate's powerful Appropriations Committee, through which every federal dollar spent by the government passed, and McKellar's home city was Memphis. McKellar was in an ideal position to direct federal money to both Memphis and Tennessee and the senator was always in a generous frame of mind when it came to his home folks. Memphis had been \$900,000 in debt when Overton had originally been elected mayor and by the time he left office, the city had a \$1 million surplus.

Mayor Overton's relationship with the Memphis Boss could best be described as stormy.

Proud and able, Overton frequently resented being depicted as a mere puppet for Crump. Still, Overton allowed himself to be used by the Memphis Boss when Crump was at odds with his political partner, Senator K. D. McKellar. Crump attempted to threaten McKellar's standing as a delegate at-large to the Democratic National Convention by using the mayor as a prospective candidate. Overton's candidacy melted like a snowball in Hell and just about as quickly when it became readily apparent just how strong McKellar was all across the state. Crump at once realized it was a fight he could not win, a key factor in his decision to make amends with McKellar.

Watkins Overton served throughout the entire Great Depression as the mayor of Memphis and had been in office twelve years when he finally openly broke with Crump. At the heart of the issue was a disagreement between the two men over the purchase by the city government of the Memphis Power and Light Company. Crump had praised Overton's work, saying the Memphis Power and Light Company should "snap" up the city's offer "like hotcakes." Yet Crump added the City of Memphis should buy the Power and Light Companies' gas properties as "Gas rates here are entirely too high", a sentiment likely shared by many Memphis residents. After dickering back and forth between the city and the Memphis Power and Light Company, an agreement was reached. Mayor Watkins Overton was duly praised by just about everyone when E. H. Crump issued a statement about an innocuous grocery store ordinance that had been unanimously passed by the City Commission earlier. Commissioner Joe Boyle, a loud, oftentimes crude and largely talentless man who served as Crump's mouthpiece on the Commission, lamented having supported the initial ordinance and Mayor Overton was astonished when the Commissioners repealed it. The Memphis Boss had described the ordinance as "impractical" and "unsound", complaining it harmed small grocers. When asked if the grocery ordinance represented a break between them, Crump referred reporters to Mayor Overton. Watkins Overton referred the same reporters back to the Memphis Boss. Crump clearly commanded the loyalty of a majority of the City Commissioners and Mayor Overton knew it. The crux of the break was E. H. Crump disliked the idea of



Mayor Watkins Overton of Memphis (left) with his sometime friend and patron, Edward H. Crump.

Mayor Overton having taken over the negotiations with the Memphis Light and Power Company. Crump had been a strong advocate of public power throughout his career and a fervent backer of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Eventually, the City Commission renegotiated the sale of the electric and gas properties owned by the Memphis Light and Power Company to the satisfaction of the Memphis Boss. It was a public humiliation of Mayor Watkins Overton and a reminder of precisely who ran Memphis and Shelby County. In August of 1939, Overton announced he was having an examination of the city's voter rolls done at his own expense. The mayor must not have liked what the examination revealed for he announced he would not run for reelection that fall. As E. H. Crump prepared to board a train to take him to his annual respite in Battle Creek, Michigan, reporters wondered who would be the next mayor of Memphis. The Memphis Boss snapped, "Why do you ask me?"

When Crump made some intemperate remarks about Overton that fall, the Mayor's bitterness spewed up as he gave out an emotional statement that said the Memphis Boss' "path to eternity is strewn with the wreckage of men who have dared to stand up for what they believe to be right." Overton detailed his impressive work on behalf of the people of Memphis and the accomplishments of his administration, which were considerable. Overton noted Crump would defame any "freeborn American who dared differ with him or stand up for what is right or just." Mayor Overton closed his statement with the somewhat overwrought comment, "I will never bow my knee to any tyrant. I will never raise my hand in the Nazi salute to any dictator. I still believe in Democracy."

It was Crump who ran for mayor that year, although it was a bizarre process. Crump claimed he was an "elector" for Congressman Walter Chandler, who was still needed in Washington to support much of President Roosevelt's lend-lease legislation. By voting for Crump, Memphians were in reality marking their ballots for Walter Chandler. Naturally, Crump won the election easily and Chandler

was voted in as mayor by the City Commissioners after Crump majestically resigned his office. Watkins Overton resumed a private law practice and for some years remained in the political wilderness.

It was E.H. Crump who extended the olive branch to Watkins Overton when the Memphis Boss wondered if the former mayor might not enjoy being president of the Memphis Board of Education. Overton replied he would enjoy the work and the former mayor tackled the problem of local education with his usual zest. There was good reason to believe E. H. Crump actually regretted his earlier break with Watkins Overton. The Memphis Boss readily admitted Overton had been an excellent mayor and had administered local government quite well. It was Overton who had delivered perhaps the most severe denunciation of Crump in the Memphis Boss' public career; yet Crump never replied to the former mayor's verbal barrage. Nor did Crump ever mention it in the years to come. For one who was commonly depicted as utterly unforgiving, E. H. Crump's relationship with Watkins Overton defied description.

Mayor Walter Chandler had hoped to cap his political career by winning election to the United States Senate in 1946. That presumed seventy-seven year old K. D. McKellar could be beaten or convinced to retire. Senator McKellar showed no indication of slowing down or retiring. Chandler evidently hoped E. H. Crump would either convince McKellar to quit or withdraw the support of the Shelby County machine. Crump had been invited to the White House by Franklin Roosevelt shortly before the President's death in 1945 for the very same conversation. President Roosevelt had asked the Memphis Boss to pull his support from McKellar and Crump, who did not especially like FDR, flatly refused. Roosevelt, stung, insisted McKellar would lose if he ran again. Crump serenely corrected Roosevelt and told the President, McKellar would not only run again, but win reelection to a sixth term. Crump, who had refused a president of the United

States, had no compunction about telling his hand-picked mayor the same thing. Walter Chandler was so disappointed and hurt, he abruptly resigned as mayor. After an interval served by Sylvanus W. Polk, James Pleasants served as mayor and never seemed to recover from an attack he made upon Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press Scimitar. The attack was made at the behest of Crump and inferred Meeman was a homosexual. Later, Pleasants was serving as City Attorney for Memphis when he committed suicide.

The political instability, the post war world, and Watkins Overton's return to public life made him an especially inviting candidate to run for mayor in 1949. Crump enthusiastically supported Overton's return to the mayor's office. Politically, things had changed considerably for E. H. Crump as well. Crump had suffered the first real defeat since 1932 when he refused to support U. S. senator Tom Stewart for reelection in 1948. The Memphis Boss honestly believed his decision to back another candidate would cause Stewart to simply retire from the Senate; Stewart surprised the Memphis Boss when he refused to bow out of the race. Still, Crump's decision to support an unknown Circuit judge from Cookeville, John A. Mitchell, enabled Chattanooga Congressman Estes Kefauver to win the Democratic nomination. Had Crump supported Senator Stewart, Kefauver almost surely would have lost. Crump was also stung by the election of former governor Gordon Browning, who defeated the incumbent, Jim McCord inside the Democratic primary. Browning had left office ten years earlier as one of the worst defeated governors in Tennessee history to return to Nashville in triumph, handily beating McCord. It was Jim Nance McCord who had convinced the state legislature to pass a sales tax to help education. While the sales tax certainly helped fund education in Tennessee, it did not help Jim McCord's political fortunes. The long political domination of Tennessee politics by Senator K. D. McKellar and

E. H. Crump had come to an end with the 1948 election. Crump compounded that mistake by supporting the States' Rights Democrats in the general election against the Democratic nominee, President Harry Truman. Senator McKellar loyally backed Truman.

Watkins Overton was again E. H. Crump's choice for mayor in 1949. Restored to the mayor's office, Overton resumed his duties with a frenzy of activity. Overton served as mayor of Memphis for another four years before there was another political rupture with Crump. The Memphis Boss attempted to avoid another break with Overton and when it came, the mayor resigned once again. Crump died in 1954 and Memphis would once again elect a mayor in 1955. Overton became a candidate, thinking he would benefit from the old Crump supporters, as well as opponents of the machine. It was a serious political miscalculation. Overton lost badly to businessman Edmund Orgill.

After losing his last race for mayor, Watkins Overton again returned to practicing law and managed his various properties and business interests. The former mayor began ailing and was suffering from throat cancer the last several years of his life. Overton suffered a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day in 1958 and was operated on for throat cancer when he was strong enough to endure the surgery. Overton died on December 3, 1958 at the age of sixty-four. Both E. H. Crump and K. D. McKellar were gone and the longest serving mayor of Memphis joined them in Elmwood Cemetery.

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Neighborhood Advisory Council hears from three city directors

By Mike Steely
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Over the past several months Debbie Sharp, Knoxville's Neighborhood Coordinator, has been keeping track of questions the Neighborhood Advisory Council has asked. Three city officials attended last Wednesday's NAC meeting to speak and address some of those questions.

Appearing before the council were Engineering Director Jim Hagerman, Public Service Director Chad Weth and Neighborhood Codes Enforcement Director Robert Moyers. Each man spoke briefly about their duties and answered past inquiries from the council.

Members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council are appointed by Mayor Madeline Rogero and represent different sections of our community. Those members include Danny Gray, Donnie Ernst, Anna Compton, Terrell Patrick, Travetta Johnson, Matt McMillan, Derek Tate, Emma Ellis-Cosiqua, Jennifer Reynolds, Ann White, Victoria Raschke, Moly Conway, Andre Canty, Rob



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Codes Enforcement's Robert Moyers and Public Service's Chad Weth spoke and answered questions at the Neighborhood Advisory Council's monthly meeting Wednesday. Also speaking was Engineering Director Jim Hagerman.

Glass and Gayle Atherton.

Chad Weth said that the Public Service Department is the third largest department in the city with 292 employees. He said the department is currently restructuring but added the changes will not affect service. He said that recycling had increased and now includes 24,000 customers, almost half of the city's trash pickups.

He also noted that the market for recycled materials has fallen in what the city has been receiving for materials.

"We're the guys you call

when your neighbors have a violation," said Robert Moyers. He said that code enforcers go out to neighborhoods and that about 70% of the violations are found by those impromptu inspections. He urged neighbors to "call 311" and make a complaint about trash, dirty lots, etc. He said anyone can request a "codes sweep" of their area.

Jim Hagerman said most of the Engineering Department's duties in a neighborhood involve streets and right of ways, noting that the department has

no legal duties involving private property. He said that homeowners have a legal duty to fix natural water runoff on their property.

"We can't work on private property," he said.

He said the property owner's responsibility extends to the culvert at the street where their driveway connects.

The department heads answered several questions from the council members including enforcement of drainage within the preliminary plans for development, water drainage on a paved alley dumping water

onto a homeowner's driveway, and recycling of things like glass, cardboard and plastics.

One council member suggested the city consider food composting much like Sevier County is doing.

Sharp reminded the council and the public the Office of Neighborhoods is one of the sponsors of "Keeping Neighborhoods Safe," a public event set for Thursday, March 28 at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 5409 Jacksboro Pike. She said the event will focus on sharing best practices for community

safety, crime prevention and safety awareness. It is also being sponsored by the Police Advisory and Review Committee and the Knoxville Police Department.

She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Neighborhood Conference on May 18 at the Knoxville Convention Center. More than 80 informational booths will be set up and the event will feature awards for neighborhoods, a networking luncheon, the selection of the Good Neighbor of the Year, an opportunity to meet city officials and candidates, networking with other groups and non-profits, door prizes and various workshops.

Anyone wanting more information about the Neighborhood Conference may visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods or contact Cortney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or call (865)215-3077.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA at 616 Jessamine Street.

Lonsdale Elementary gas leaks trigger debate at BOE meeting

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reading of the amended Policy B-111 Duties of Officers, Policy B-163 Rules of Order, Policy B-240 School Board Legislative Involvement, and Policy J-220 Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use. The board then approved the first reading of amended Policy B-180 Public Forum, Policy B-200 Policy Development and Adoption, Policy C-100 School Administration Goals and Objectives, Policy C-122 Director of Schools Recruitment and Selection, Policy C-124 Director of Schools Compensation, Benefits, and Expenses, Policy C-131 Compensation Guides and Contracts, J-120 Attendance, and Policy J-392 Students in Foster Care.

The board approved two Memorandums of Understanding in the agenda. The first involved the State of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Benefits Administration for outlining the mutual responsibilities for those participating in the state-sponsored Local Education health insurance plan. The

second included a Data License Agreement with the City of Knoxville, Knox County, and KUB Geographic Information System, or KGIS, for the operational use of the KGIS System and database outlined in a partnership agreement for an annual cost of \$25,184 through using the general operating funds of the transportation department.

Two agenda approved item requests were: Mount Olive Elementary School to purchase technology up to \$21,942 using donations and internal school funds; and student payments to be used to purchase yearbooks with Walsworth Yearbooks for Powell Middle School.

The board approved a letter of agreement with the Knox County Health Dept. for the planning and implementation of a mass vaccination plan in the event of an emergency.

An agreement was also met between the board and the City of Knoxville to establish procedures which govern the scheduling and use of Knoxville City facilities by Austin-East, Central,

Fulton, and West High Schools' athletic teams through June 30, 2019, which can be extended for two additional one-year terms.

Board members approved two contracts recommended by the superintendent. Dodson Pest Control and Orkin LLC will service the schools as needed from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. This contract may be extended for four additional years, renewing one year at a time. P & W Construction Company LLC was approved to complete the kitchen area construction at Powell Middle School for the amount of \$1.5 billion.

The majority of the meeting's time was spent during the public forum as two parents, one community member and a teacher stood before the board with passionate words of concern regarding the elevated carbon monoxide levels detected at Lonsdale Elementary School. Each citizen voiced the need for immediate action to be taken by the board for the safety of the students.

An audience of teachers, parents, and community members wholeheartedly applauded the message of each speaker while filling two rows of the meeting room.

Elizabeth Ransom, a Lonsdale Elementary school teacher, spoke of the overcrowding of the building and safety concerns as she described four gas leaks this school year — two occurring the week of the board meeting on two consecutive days—March 12 and 13, 2019. She is now unsure how to answer worried parents when they ask her if the school is safe for their children to attend.

"Our students and staff were on four separate occasions where they either were or could have been in a place of learning while breathing in carbon monoxide gas and natural gas. Staff members have had carbon monoxide poisoning and have been taken to the hospital after being exposed to these toxic conditions As dedicated educators, it is frustrating when the needs of other schools are being handled

proactively and issues as severe as Lonsdale's aren't even handled reactively," said Ransom.

Joey Kyle, a Lonsdale community member, asked the board for a new school building commenting, "Even inmates have a better situation than we do," explaining the extreme need for safety of its community's citizens. Kyle added, "Raise my taxes, don't bother me," regarding how to pay for a new school.

Angel Bowman, a parent of two sons at Lonsdale, clarified that she was told each time a gas leak occurred that her children were safe. With fiery speech, she stated, "This is about safety. The safety of our kids. Make Lonsdale your priority. We can't wait for the leak that no one catches, we can't wait for the first injury or death... we owe it to our kids to act now!"

Another parent confronted the board asking why Lonsdale is not a priority while she shared the impossibility of her asthmatic stepson to return to school because of the risk

the leaks impose on his health.

In response to the public forum, Board Chairperson Terry Hill said, "Lonsdale parents are not falling on deaf ears. I want you to know that we are looking very seriously at this, and no one on this board takes this matter lightly at all."

First District Member Evetty Satterfield added that the board needs to reconsider the priority list for the capital plan and place Lonsdale as its first priority.

When questions arose about where the leaks were located, Superintendent Bob Thomas shared that this week "both of the leaks were found in the kitchen area."

The next regular session meeting of the board will be Wed., April 10. For more information about the National School Board Conference, visit www.nsba.org/conference. For more information about the policies discussed at this meeting, visit www.knox-schools.org.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

Finally, a golden moment for Bearden basketball

By Steve Williams

The third time was the charm.

Playing in the TSSAA state tournament for the third year in a row, Bearden loaded its first gold basketball in school history for the trip back to Knoxville.

Coach Jeremy Parrott's talented and veteran Bulldogs took Memphis East's best shot and then toppled the Mustangs 83-68 in the Class AAA finals Saturday in Murfreesboro.

The past three years, the Mustangs had left town with the gold ball. A fourth time would have been a state record.

The difference this season was easy to see. Memphis East had a star. Bearden had more than one.

Parrott called the championship moment "amazing" as he was interviewed on courtside at MTSU's Murphy Center after the game.

"Memphis is a basketball city," he said. "Everybody knows that. The stranglehold they've had on it (state titles) has been impressive, and to finally get to wrestle it away from them for at least a year, it's real humbling."

It was fitting the 1-2 punch of Ques Glover and Trent Stephney, the Bulldogs' outstanding pair of senior guards, led the way. Glover scored 24 points and Stephney 22 in their finale.

Shamarcus Brown, Bearden's 6-5 senior power forward, may have saved his best for last. He totaled 15 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks plus was six for six at the line.

Roman Robinson contributed 11 points. Drew Pember added seven points and seven boards.

Glover was selected tournament MVP and four of the five senior starters made the all-tournament team. Robinson easily could have too, but he had the honor of adding the period – not an exclamation point – to the end of the championship



Bearden players, coaches and cheerleaders pose with the gold basketball after defeating Memphis East 83-68 Saturday for its first-ever state championship.

season with a classy layup in the closing seconds.

James Wiseman, Memphis East's 7-1 center who reportedly was the No. 1 recruited player in the nation this season, powered the Mustangs with 24 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. The Memphis signee fouled out with 1:16 on the clock. He took a seat at the end of the bench and broke down and cried. He wanted this title that badly.

East (26-9) also got 15 points from 6-5 junior forward Kylan Haywood and 13 from senior guard Derrein Merriweather.

The Mustangs had two costly stats. They were guilty of 18 turnovers and made only four of six free throws.

Bearden, on the other hand, sank 23 of 29 foul shots and connected on 27 of 50 field goal attempts, including 6 of 13 from 3-point range.

Thirty-two of Bearden's points came off East turnovers and Coach Parrott said his team really didn't press that much.

"It was more token, a lot of stunting and things," he explained. "It kind of messed with them a little bit and it worked in our favor."

East jumped out to a 19-10 lead in the first period. Bearden fought back and led 32-31 at halftime. The Bulldogs had a six-point lead (51-45) after three stops and outscored the Mustangs 32-23 in the final eight minutes.

East got within two points in the final period (58-56) on Wiseman's fifth dunk of the game. But a key rebound by Brown led to a 3-pointer by Robinson. Brown then sank four straight free throws, with the last two coming after Wiseman picked up his fourth foul, and the Bulldogs' advantage was up to seven (65-58).

Following a traveling violation by Haywood, Glover hit two free throws to make it 67-58 with 2:56 left.

Bearden (32-5) ended the banner season with a 20-game win streak.

Fulton falls short in bid for fourth state title

Fulton was going after its fourth TSSAA state championship and had the lead at halftime, but Memphis Wooddale pulled away after intermission and won 59-46 in the Class AA finals Saturday in Murfreesboro.

"It was a game of runs," said Wooddale Coach Keelon Lawson, adding that Fulton had a run in the first half and his Cardinals made their run after halftime.

The Lawson brothers – Chandler and Johnathan – led Wooddale (33-4) with 16 points each. The 6-8 Chandler Lawson, an Oregon signee, also had 11 rebounds. Johnathan is 6-7 and a sophomore. Alvin Miles added 11 points.

Fulton, which led 29-23 at halftime, got 19 points from senior Trey Davis and 10 from junior Edward Lacy.

The Falcons (28-5) committed 23 turnovers and hit only one of 16 shots from 3-point range, but they did make 18 of 20 free throws.

Fulton cheerleaders were honored with the Spirit Award for good sportsmanship.



Fulton's Deshaun Page gets a hand on Wooddale's Chandler Lawson's shot during last Saturday's Class AA boys basketball state championship game at the Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Webb soccer opens with road win at Halls

By Ken Lay

Webb School of Knoxville boys soccer coach Jared Ziegler seemed a bit relieved Tuesday night after his Spartans picked up a victory in their season opener.

"I was pleased to see us get a good result and get a good win heading into Spring Break," Ziegler said

after Webb outlasted Halls 6-2 Tuesday night in North Knox County. "

The Spartans (1-0) got off to a fast start against the Red Devils. Webb peppered senior goalkeeper Hayden Crittenden with 12 shots over the first 40 minutes and the senior netminder, who was 2018's District 3-AAA Goalkeeper of the

Year, responded by making 10 saves, many were spectacular as he kept the Red Devils in the match early.

The Spartans did get two markers past the Halls back line and Crittenden in the first half.

They took a 1-0 lead when Henry Partridge tallied in the 12th minute.

Webb, which constantly

controlled the tempo and continued to pressure the Red Devils' defense throughout the early stages of the match, took a 2-0 lead when Cameron Fowler scored in the 25th minute.

Ziegler may have been pleased with Tuesday night's season-opening result against a young Halls squad. But he was far from

happy with the way the Spartans finished the first half.

"We kind of dropped off and their keeper made some huge saves," Ziegler said.

The Red Devils (0-1) used their defense to build some momentum. The Spartans took a 3-0 lead on Fowler's second marker of the

match. That goal came in the 42nd minute.

After that, Halls was able to mount some pressure with its counter attack. The Red Devils pulled to within 3-1 when senior Clayton Campbell converted a penalty kick in the 43rd minute after the Spartans were called for a foul in the goal.

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Cherokees start fast, fall to Farragut 5-1

By Ken Lay

South-Doyle High School boys soccer coach Adam Massie couldn't have scripted a better beginning for his team Thursday afternoon.

The Cherokees scored less than three minutes into their match against Farragut when Aden Martinez converted a penalty kick against the Admirals at Farragut Soccer Stadium.

Furthermore, South-Doyle goalkeeper Tanner Harp kept the high-powered Admirals at bay.

But Farragut would score five unanswered goals after halftime en route to nabbing a 5-1 victory over the Cherokees, who left West Knoxville still in search of their first win of the 2019 campaign, which is now two games old.

Harp had seven saves over the opening 40 minutes against Farragut, which was coming off a heartbreaking road loss to defending Class AA State Champion Greeneville Tuesday night in the 2019 season opener for both teams in Northeast Tennessee.

The Admirals (1-1) were lethargic in the first half and were down



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

South Doyle forward Aden Martinez (10) eludes Farragut's Timi Omitaomu in a game Thursday. Martinez had the Cherokees' lone marker of the match in a 5-1 loss to the Admirals.

despite surrendering just one shot on the goal frame and that was Martinez's set piece after Farragut was called for an infraction in its goal box.

But the Cherokees just couldn't keep Farragut down.

The Admirals, who dropped a 3-2 decision to the Greene Devils

early last week, pulled even with South-Doyle when Wes Jeter, one of Knoxville's top snipers, beat Harp on a shot after juking past several Cherokee defenders.

The equalizer came in the 46th minute and seemed to lift Farragut from its game-long slumber.

"We were flat in the first half,"

Admirals' coach Ray Dover said. "We had some things that just didn't go our way."

"That's happened to us on this field before. Last year, we played Oak Ridge here in a knockout game here [in the Region 2-AAA Tournament] and they only had like two shots on goal and we had

to go to overtime [to win]."

After Jeter knotted the game, Farragut methodically seized control of the match with a little help from the Cherokees (0-1-1).

The Admirals take a 2-1 lead in the 55th minute when South-Doyle put the ball in its own net.

Farragut would extend its advantage to 3-1 three minutes later on a goal that was credited to Timi Omitaomu.

Massie contended that that, too, was an own goal.

"They said somebody score it but it was an own goal," Massie said. "We gave two own goals and a penalty kick."

"We did some good things but you just can't have the mental breakdowns that we had. It was good to play a game like this against a team like this. Maybe it will help us get ready for May."

Farragut got its fourth marker of the match when Jake Lowe scored on a penalty kick by Jake Lowe in the 64th minute. Pablo Herrera closed the scoring when he tallied in the 64th minute.

Young Spartans look to challenge Division II-A baseball title

By Ken Lay

Jordan Wormsley recently began his eighth season as Webb School of Knoxville's baseball coach.

He'll have a young team in 2019 but that doesn't mean that the Spartans don't have some lofty expectations for the 2019 campaign.

"Our expectations are always the same and they're always high," said Wormsley, who played his high school baseball at Webb. "We've got a young group and there are no ifs, ands or buts about it."

"But we've got guys who have been around. We've got guys who know what's expected."

If you play for the Spartans, you expect to be in the mix to win the Division II-A State Championship.

That got a bit tougher when powerhouse Grace Christian Academy, a former heavy hitter in Class A and Christian Academy of Knoxville entered the league last season. The Warriors joined as defending Class AA Champions in 2018 and coach Tommy Pharr's squad won it all in their first season in Division II.

The Spartans narrowly missed a trip to Murfreesboro when they lost two out of three to Tipton-Rosemark in the State VIII series last May.

CAK then used some late heroics to beat the Rebels (the fourth-seeded team from West Tennessee) and claim the state title.

The Spartans went 21-10 last year and beat the Warriors to win both the district and regional titles.

"Those games went our way last year but they didn't guarantee anything for us. We want to be in the mix to win the state tournament," Wormsley said.

The landscape has changed in Division II-A East Region District 1 again this season. Former Grace coach Mitchell Turner remains in the league. He's now at The King's Academy

after leading the Rams to the State VIII last season.

Turner faces a major rebuilding project with the Lions. Grace is now coached by Jonathan Byrd, one of the state's more successful young baseball coaches. The Rams, the Warriors and Spartans will look to fight for the league title. Concord Christian School and First Baptist Academy are also in the district.

"Last year was the first time that we played Concord and First Baptist," Wormsley said. "We've played King's consistently and they've been up and down."

"I'm sure they'll be better with Mitch over there."

Webb had longstanding rivalries with Grace and the Warriors long before those two teams moved from Division I.

Key returners for the Spartans include: Peter Schaefer (senior, pitcher/outfielder); Jayce McGaha (junior, pitcher/first baseman); Mason Patel (junior, infielder/pitcher); Grissim Anderson (junior, outfielder) and Jackson Musrock (sophomore, pitcher/infielder).

Top newcomers include: Riley George (sophomore, infielder/catcher); Graham Lischer (sophomore, catcher); Austin Kirkland (sophomore, outfielder/pitcher); Lucas Botero (sophomore, outfielder/pitcher); Julian Mays (freshman, infielder/pitcher) and Ford Wagner (pitcher/utility player).

The Spartans dropped their season opener to the Redskins Tuesday night. Webb came up on the short end of a 1-0 decision in Loudon County despite 13 strikeouts from Schaefer in a stellar performance on the mound.

Webb picked up its first win of the season Thursday. The Spartans routed Oak Ridge 8-0. Patel went six innings on the mound and had 10 strikeouts while George went 4-for-4 with the bat.

Webb soccer opens with road win at Halls

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box.

The Red Devils would pull to within 3-2 when Hayden Sobas knocked in a marker four minutes later.

"They really played well right there," Ziegler said of the Red Devils. "They played hard and they deserved those goals."

The Spartans regained control of the match when Braden Hicks scored two goals in the final 30 minutes.

His first tally made it 4-2 in the 50th minute. He would also close the scoring in the 74th minute.

Will Pensky, a junior, also scored a late marker for the Spartans. He tallied in the 67th minute.

Halls coach Mike Horner said he was pleased with his squad's effort, particularly on defense and between the goalposts.

"Hayden Crittenden played really well for us," Horner said. "He did what he does."

"He was the Keeper of the Year in our district and this is his senior year. He's always been good for us. We're proud of our back line. Two



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Halls soccer player Reed Taylor (12) clears the Red Devils' defensive zone while goalkeeper Hayden Crittenden looks on in the 2019 season opener. Halls dropped a 6-2 decision to Webb School of Knoxville Tuesday night at home.

of those guys, Colton Woodford and Patrick McWilliams, are freshmen. We also have a senior, Reed Taylor and a junior, Ian Shrewsbury with experience. We're very happy with

this being that it's our first game. We had periods of great soccer and Webb is a great team and, man, they're big."

Roach wins first game as HVA coach

By Ken Lay

A new era began on a winning note for the Hardin Valley Academy baseball team last week. It wouldn't win too many style points but at the end of a long night at the diamond, nobody associated with the Hawks seemed to care much about that.

What was important was a 13-9 victory over Bearden in a key early-season District tilt against a rival on Monday, March 11.

"We didn't play very fundamentally sound. In fact, we were pretty bad," said HVA coach Tyler Roach, who opened his tenure with his first-ever league win in one of the state's toughest districts. "I can't believe the fight that we had."

"We showed a lot of toughness tonight and toughness is the signature of this program."

What made the victory even sweeter for Roach, who replaced Joe Michalski, was that it came over his mentor and friend John

Rice.

Roach played for Rice at Karns High School and coached under him at Bearden before heading to Hardin Valley.

"Coach Rice is a great coach and that's what made this special," Roach said. "This is what high school baseball is all about and hopefully these kids will come back here one day after they're through playing."

"I talked to him and he told me that he would see me tomorrow and I told him that I would beat him tomorrow."

Roach would prove prophetic but the win didn't come easily for the Hawks.

They would, however score first in this game filled with big hits, errors and walks.

Cam Fisher started a two-out first-inning rally with a double. He would score to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead when Conner Hubler singled.

But the Bulldogs didn't stay down for long. Bearden

scored five times in the top of the second thanks to a pair of RBI doubles from Caden Rector and Jacob Balsley. The Bulldogs also picked up an RBI single from center fielder Patrick Boles. They scored another run when Balsley came home on a balk.

Bryson Trammell also knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Fisher, a senior center fielder, got his second extra-base hit when he clubbed a solo home run in the bottom of the third frame to make the score 5-2.

Hardin Valley had a five-run inning of its own in the fourth to take a 7-5 lead.

Starting pitcher Bryce Jenkins reached on an error and scored on a wild pitch. Hubler had an RBI double. Alex Dunlap reached on another Bulldogs' miscue and scored on yet another Bearden error. Jaylen Jones had an RBI single and scored later in the frame.

The Hawks scored three

runs in both the fifth and sixth to take a 13-5 lead. Hubler had a three-run double in the fifth. Jenkins and Lukas Cook had RBIs in the sixth and Jenkins came home on a Bearden error.

Rice was obviously disappointed in the loss but kept things in their proper place.

"We couldn't throw strikes at times and our defense let as down and the wheels fell off," he said. "But it's early. Tyler has a good club and they can really slug."

"This was two good teams battling and I think you'll see both of us go a long way in the district tournament."

Bearden did score four runs in the seventh. Trammell and Brandon LeJune each drew bases-loaded walks. The Bulldogs tallied another run on a wild pitch and Rector had a scoring single.

Wright: Fulton looks 'tougher' in semifinal win

By Steve Williams

Fulton was wide awake for a 10 o'clock tipoff in the Class AA semifinals Friday morning in Murfreesboro and built a 13-point lead in the first half of its 66-55 win over East Nashville Magnet School in the TSSAA state basketball tournament.

"I liked what I saw in the first half," said Fulton Coach Jody Wright. "We were what we needed to be. I've said it before – the best teams don't always win, but the tougher ones do, and I felt like overall we were tougher today."

Nashville East (27-7) got into foul trouble early and had to bench three of their starters at the beginning of the second period. They used three point shots (6 for 17) and the press to climb back in the game in the fourth period and got as close as five points.

Fulton started holding the ball with around three minutes left and Edward Lacy hit both ends of a 1 and 1 at 2:33 to extend the lead to seven. With the Eagles gambling on defense, Tommy Sweat found Deshawn

Page wide open under the basket for an easy field goal to make it 62-54.

Lacy went down the lane for a layup with just under a minute to go and Sweat sank two more foul shots for the final margin.

Page finished with a game-high 19 points and six rebounds. Lacy scored 13 plus had seven assists. Trey Davis chipped in 10 and Sweat eight.

Senior Caleb Grimes led East with 18. Willie Wilson swished in three treys and totaled 11 points.

East Coach Jim Fey was proud of his team for continuing to battle, but also was impressed with the Falcons.

"Fulton executed pretty well," said Fey, "but a lot of my guys had to step into roles, because we had three starters in foul trouble early. I'm not saying we didn't foul, but that was a factor."

"Fulton's defense was outstanding," added Fey. "We've depended a lot over the year on dribble penetration. They shut that down because they close the gaps extremely well."

They look like they all play football and I'm sure a big majority of those guys do. They're strong, tough-minded and well-coached."

Reserve Trey West is 'big time' in quarterfinals

In a game that wasn't very pretty, Fulton's Trey West, a 6-2 reserve forward, had a perfect day as far as shooting and handling the ball in the Falcons' 44-41 overtime win over Memphis Mitchell in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

Fulton as a team shot 33 percent from the field, made only 2 of 14 from 3-point land and converted 18 of 31 free throws (58 percent). It also committed 16 turnovers, including 10 in the first half.

West didn't miss a shot all day (6 of 6 foul shots and 1 of 1 from the field) and didn't turn over the ball any as he contributed eight big points in the win.

Trey Davis called his senior teammate's performance "big time" and said "he made clutch free



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Edward Lacy (4) and Fulton players congratulate each other after Wednesday's 44-41 overtime win over Memphis Mitchell.

throws at the end."

Fulton Coach Jody Wright expected a low-scoring game coming in and felt both teams were affected by tough defensive play. As far as the turnovers, he said: "Just two teams guarding the heck out of each other."

Junior guard Edward Lacy added: "That's the toughest defense we've played this season."

The Falcons got off to a cold start, but the Tigers (22-11) weren't much better as the two teams were tied 9-9 after one period and combined to score only 11

points in the second quarter, with Mitchell going to the dressing room up by one (15-14).

The Tigers opened up a seven-point lead in the third period (23-16) before Fulton started playing better and pulled into a tie at 23-all.

West began the final period by sinking two free throws to tie the game. He hit two more clutch foul shots with 55 seconds to go to tie the game again at 31-all.

Mitchell was holding for the last shot, but Deshawn Page deflected the ball away and Lacy intercepted.

Davis missed a potential game-winner inside.

In the four-minute extra period, Page fed Davis inside as Fulton took a 35-33 lead. The Falcons would not trail again.

The Tigers pulled within three, but Michael Rice's 3-point attempt from the right wing in the closing seconds missed the mark.

Davis finished with 18 points and Edwards 14 to lead Fulton in scoring. But Davis was an uncharacteristic 0 for 7 from 3-point range and Edwards had eight turnovers, including seven in the first half. Page tallied only two points but pulled down 10 rebounds. West grabbed four boards in the 26 minutes he played. Sub Jashaun Fenderson contributed four assists.

Twin brothers Michael and Mikell Rice finished with 17 and 14 points, respectively, to lead Mitchell.

The Tigers made 12 of their 19 turnovers after halftime, while Fulton cut down its turnovers from 10 to six in the second half.

Bearden impressive in 76-60 romp past Whitehaven

By Steve Williams

Bearden came in facing a tall task against Memphis Whitehaven in the Class AAA semifinals Friday but got off to an excellent start and rolled past the Tigers 76-60 in the TSSAA state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro.

Ques Glover hit a 3-pointer to give the Bulldogs a 5-0 lead at MTSU's Murphy Center and Whitehaven's 7-foot-4 Jordan Wilmore was taken out moments later when he got in foul trouble at the 5:30 mark of the opening period.

Wilmore, who has an offer from Tennessee, did not return until the second half, and left the game again when he picked up

his fourth foul with 4:29 to go in the third period. He ended up only playing nine minutes and contributing two points and one rebound.

Bearden took advantage of Wilmore's absence, outrebounded Whitehaven 38-24 and turned in one of its best overall performances of the season to win by a surprisingly large margin.

"You always expect a close game in a tournament situation, especially a state tournament," said Bearden Coach Jeremy Parrott, "but I also know we have the capability of doing what we just did."

The Bulldogs led the cold-shooting Tigers 21-11 after the first

stop, 41-28 at the half and 57-39 after three periods. Their biggest advantage was 23 points (62-39) with 5:50 remaining.

"They are a hard team to guard," said Whitehaven Coach Faragi Phillips. "They've got good, strong tough guards who have been through some tough moments like today."

Glover, Bearden's senior point guard, led a balanced attack with 20 points as he had a good all-around shooting game. The Bulldogs' 6-10 Drew Pember, a UT signee, also stood out with 19 points, 10 boards and three steals. He made three of four from behind the arc.

Roman Robinson added 14 points to the Bearden total. Shamarcus Brown was a warrior in the paint as he scored 10 and grabbed 11 rebounds, including six on the offensive end. Trent Stephney chipped in six points and was praised by Pember for his defensive play.

Kavion McClain drilled six 3-pointers and finished with 20 points to lead Whitehaven (25-8). Matthew Murrell contributed 15 points.

After the game, Pember looked like he had been in a boxing match instead of a basketball game. He suffered a cut lip when he got popped in the mouth on a play in

the second period. His arms were red and scratched from the elbow down.

In the post-game media room, however, Drew reacted like it was nothing as he dabbed his bleeding lip.

"That was a really physical game," said Pember. "Some stuff didn't get called, but that happens in basketball. You can't get every call."

"Whitehaven was strong and that was more of a college type game. I've got a lot of respect for them. They are a really good team coming out of Memphis."

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Return to state tourney ends with early exit for A-E

By Steve Williams

Austin-East's first appearance in the TSSAA state basketball tournament since 2008 ended way too soon for the Roadrunners' liking.

Coach Marcus Stanton's team weathered Memphis Wooddale's barrage of 3-point shots at the start of the quarterfinal game Wednesday and had a one-point lead at halftime, but it couldn't overcome the Cardinals' second-half start.

Wooddale scored the first 10 points after intermission en route to a 79-61 victory in the Division I Class AA matchup at Murfreesboro.

The Cardinals (32-4) advanced to Friday's semifinals against Chattanooga Brainerd, a 76-73 come-from-behind winner over Nashville Pearl Cohn.

Like A-E, Brainerd was banned from post-season play last year after a game between the two schools had to be stopped in Chattanooga for unsportsmanlike reasons. Both schools' programs earned their way back into good standing with the TSSAA and the second year of their original suspension was dropped by the Board of Control.

Wooddale jumped out to an 18-7 lead and was ahead 21-18 at the end of the first period at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Ronney Pierson, senior shooting guard, led A-E's first half charge, hitting four of nine 3-pointers, most coming from the right

corner. The Roadrunners went into the dressing room ahead 34-33.

"We were able to ride our shooters' coattails for a change and they got us back in the game," said Stanton. "Our kids took some really good shots, they were moving fast and we were getting the ball up and down the floor. When we run the floor, we can run with anybody."

"At the end of the first half, you saw what we could do. Unfortunately, we didn't carry that over to the second half and that was the thing that made the difference in the game."

Wooddale center Chandler Lawson, a 6-8 Oregon signee, came on strong after scoring only six points in the first half. He finished with 20 points, nine boards and four blocks plus a couple of dunks with authority.

The Cardinals also got 19 points each from point guard Alvin Miles and shooting guard Jonathan Duncan and 15 from 5-5 guard Kevin Brown.

Austin-East (24-7) ended up with balanced scoring. Pierson totaled 15 but made only one of four from 3-point land after intermission. Jaiohn Foster added 12 points, Kajuan Bullard 10 and Laron Dixon nine. Bullard also grabbed seven rebounds as the smaller Roadrunners hung close on the boards (43-39).

A-E senior power forward Dereke Upton played only

12 minutes and scored two points due to foul trouble.

"He picked up two quick fouls in the first quarter and came out and picked up two quick ones in the third," said Stanton. "He never got a chance to get going. It changed our game. He's our leading scorer and leading rebounder, so it changed our game completely."

Coach Stanton said his team's mood was good at halftime.

"They were ready to play and fired up," he said. "We go out and we didn't execute."

After Wooddale scored eight straight points, Stanton called timeout at 5:40 in the third period. A drive to the basket by Lawson made it 10 in a row and gave the Cardinals a 43-34 lead. A-E reserve Gregory Stennis scored inside to stop the run, but the Roadrunners would never get closer.

"We weren't playing defense," said Stanton, explaining the Roadrunners' second-half downfall. "They were driving and our guards weren't playing defense well. They were attacking the basket and running out for shots and we just came in slow after halftime. That's probably my fault. There were several things that maybe we could have done, but we just gave up too much at the beginning of the game and at the beginning of the third quarter."

Austin-East trailed by as much as 14 in the second



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Austin-East senior guard Jaiohn Foster works for a shot against Memphis Wooddale's 6-8 Chandler Lawson, an Oregon signee, in the Class AA quarterfinal game of the TSSAA state tourney Wednesday at MTSU's Murphy Center.

half before cutting the Cards' lead to seven (58-51) in the fourth quarter on Pierson's lone second-half trey. The gap, however, quickly widened again. A monster slam by Lawson made the difference a dozen (65-53).

PROUD COACH: Summing up the 2018-19 season,

Coach Stanton said: "I'm extremely proud of the kids, like what we've done, like the things we've gone through, how they've grown."

"Their goal was to win this state tournament. We won't achieve that goal, but they did a lot. They brought a lot of attention to a bad situation from last season."

"You're looking at kids

who have been at Austin-East, whose parents went to Austin-East and they are proud of that. And they are proud to be the team to bring A-E back to the state tournament and they're hoping to start a trend to where they are coming back here every year."

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

CAK's Etherton displays versatility in ET Track Jamboree

By Steve Williams

High school outdoor track and field fans got a preview of many of the local scene's top athletes at the East Tennessee Jamboree earlier this month.

Luke Etherton of Christian Academy of Knoxville displayed his talent and versatility with wins in two events that are much different – the pole vault and the discus throw.

The CAK junior cleared a height of 13 feet in the pole vault and hurled the discus 130 feet.

In other boys field event action at Farragut High on March 2, Halls senior Ethan Campbell took top honors in the high jump with a 6-2 mark and also placed sixth in the long jump.

Wesley Dorsey of Grace Christian Academy took first place in the shot put with a heave of 43 feet, 10 inches.

In boys' sprints, Austin-East's Aristotle Huffman sped to a

winning time of 22.63 seconds in the 200-meter dash, while Evan McFerran of Farragut won the 400 in 50.59.

Grace Christian's Jackson Bostick prevailed in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.69.

Farragut won two of three distance events as Jacob Cohen ran a 4:35.04 in the 1600 and teammate Joshua Ebbert was clocked in 10:11.32. Karns' Justin Thompson placed first in the 800 with a time of 2:03.06.

A couple of freshmen stood out in girls' action. Ariya Rice of CAK won the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 7 inches and also placed second in the 200 dash and third in the 100. Ninth-grader Kelsey Miller of Catholic won the 400 dash in 1:00.68.

Other winners included Carter junior Eva Tolliver in the 300 hurdles (51.41), Elizabeth Christopher of GCA in the 3200 (13:17.58) and the Lady Rams' Savannah Lee in the high jump

(5-0).

SPRING SPORTS started in full March 11 and Austin-East's softball program under new coach Willie Anderson was in the spotlight the following day as it sought its first victory in some 15 years.

Playing host to Jellico in a doubleheader, the Lady Roadrunners lost the first game 14-1. The A-E girls bounced back in the second game and had a sizeable lead, but saw Jellico rally and pull out a 15-14 win.

GIRLS' STATE: Bradley Central's Hannah Lombard hit "the shot of her life" to give the Bearettes a thrilling 46-44 win over Houston in this year's TSSAA Class AAA championship game at MTSU.

With Bradley Central trailing by one, the 5-10 senior power forward, who had not scored in the game, drilled a 3-point shot from the left of the key in the closing seconds for the win.

Lombard was mobbed by happy teammates, but the celebration had to be momentarily delayed as officials put 1.2 seconds back on the clock for a Houston throw-in. Then the party resumed.

A traveling call on Houston with 11 seconds remaining had given Bradley Central possession of the ball for its dramatic winning shot. The ball ended up in Hannah's hands, and with the clock down to about three seconds, she had to put up the shot.

"I'll owe her for the rest of my life," added Bradley Central Coach Jason Reuter. "She'll probably remind me.

"It wasn't what we drew up (in the huddle during timeout) ... the basketball gods were with us."

Reuter also remembered the late James Smiddy, the school's National Hall of Fame girls coach, in his post-game comments, saying Smiddy was probably "looking down smiling."

Smiddy guided Bradley to girls' state titles in 1962, 1970, 1973, 1975 and 1976 in his career, but this was the Bearettes' first crown in 43 years.

The Bearettes had reached this season's title game with a 56-50 overtime win over Oak Ridge in the semifinals.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Five years ago, March 12, 2014 – Carter, coming into the TSSAA state basketball tournament with a 91.6 scoring average, was eliminated in the Class AA quarterfinal round as Greeneville used the 3-ball to rally past the Hornets 67-64.

Carter (28-6) went 0 for 11 on its 3-point shots.

Hornets' standout Jordan Bowdan scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds and his steal and layup gave Carter its biggest lead of the game at 43-34.

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Alex Norman

I love Christmas... you love Christmas... but with all due respect to the Christmas season, the next two weeks are the most wonderful time of the year.

For all the issues currently plaguing collegiate athletics, the NCAA tournament is something that they haven't figured out how to screw up... yet.

The first week of the tournament in particular is simply perfect. Even the so called "First Four" games are fun to watch and a showcase for the hidden gem known as Dayton's UD Arena. (Seriously, if you ever get a chance to watch a game there, do so. It's a blast.)

You've likely filled out some brackets, including one in which you have Stony Brook going to the Final Four, even though they aren't in the tournament. Or maybe you are the boring one that always picks "chalk" and roots against Cinderellas upsetting the big guys. But that's ok. The beauty of America is that you have the right to be lame. Don't be ashamed.

Anyway, I thought I'd take some time and write out a few things to keep an eye on during the tournament.

First of all, if you are sick of always hearing about Duke, well, I'm sorry. Because you are going to hear a lot about Duke.

The Blue Devils feature a now healthy Zion Williamson and very well could win it all. Williamson should be

playing in the NBA, but since the current rules keep him away for a year, he decided to spend a few months in Durham. The way that ESPN publicized the kid wasn't at "Tim Tebow/Florida" levels, but it was close.

But Duke is not unbeatable, even with Williamson and a host of other future professional players. A good rule of thumb is that you should probably just play it safe and root against Duke at all times. With that in mind, just pull for the opponent to win against any of the so called "blue bloods." North Carolina, Kentucky, Kansas, Syracuse, Louisville... frankly, they've won enough.

Isn't it always great to see a team that's never been to a Final Four achieve that dream? So why not Tennessee? They have the best player in the SEC (Grant Williams), one of the best point guards in the nation (Jordan Bone), the most versatile and beloved player in a decade (Admiral Schofield) and a Hall of Fame coach (Rick Barnes). If not this team, what team? If not this year, which year?

Let's delve into some rapid fire topics...

Looking for a realistic sleeper? What about Wofford! They are 29-4 and won the Southern Conference regular season and tournament titles. No one wants to play them.

Trying to figure out how to play hooky from work on Thursday and Friday? Look, don't just call in sick Thursday

morning. Your boss will see through that in a big way and you might be on the way to the unemployment line. Start making sure a hacking cough develops a bit on Tuesday, then worsens on Wednesday. Just be smart enough not to post pictures of yourself downing green beer at TJ McDrinky's on Friday at 1 p.m.

So you've done a few brackets. Should you lay down some big cash on a ballgame? No. Not you should not. Why? Because you will lose. Those buildings in Las Vegas are tall and shiny for a reason.

If Tennessee loses, is it acceptable to root for another SEC team? No. The answer is no. LSU does not deserve your praise for "allegedly" having a crook for a coach. Auburn shouldn't get your love just because Bruce Pearl is on the sideline. You can't under any circumstances cheer for Florida. Get the point? When other SEC programs succeed, that's good for them, and in turn bad for Tennessee. The whole "S-E-C!" chant has always bothered me. Why do you want your rivals to be happy?

So what do I do when basketball season is over? I don't know... maybe take an interest in your kids lives? They'd appreciate it, I'm sure... Just kidding. There's still spring football!

Anyway, make sure you enjoy the games... like life, they go by quicker than we'd prefer.

Good Luck, VOLS!

"They're fun to watch!" That is the comment I have



By Ralphine Major
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heard so often in recent weeks referring to The University of Tennessee men's basketball team. I agree. The chemistry of this team on the court is amazing. It brings back memories of the "Ernie and Bernie Show" during the seventies. Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King lit up the scoreboard at Stokely along with Rodney Woods, the point guard from Kentucky who helped Tennessee win over the Wildcats on more than one occasion.

Whatever the outcome for the VOLS in this year's tournament play, it has been truly exciting to see the basketball arena filled with fans of the Big Orange. It has been even more exciting to see this basketball team reach a No. 1 ranking usually held by other schools. I have been impressed with the humility shown in interviews with departing senior Admiral Schofield and Grant Williams, two-time SEC Player of the Year. They have represented the university with class and integrity. A great deal of credit goes to Coach Rick Barnes for this incredible season. I wish the entire Tennessee team much success in tournament play. It should be "fun to watch!"

Bearden impressive in 76-60 romp past Whitehaven

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Bulldogs steamroll Franklin with 26-0 run

With his team trailing by four early in the third period of its quarterfinal game Wednesday, Bearden Coach Jeremy Parrott ignited the Bulldogs' full-court press and a much different game unfolded. Bearden went on a 26-0 run and Franklin fell hard, losing 76-46.

The Rebels committed 11 turnovers and were outscored 29-4 in the decisive third period. They finished with 20 turnovers in the second half, after making only three before intermission and enjoying a 21-19 halftime lead.

All five Bearden starters scored in double digits and amazingly in mathematical order – Trent Stephney 16, Ques Glover 15, Roman Robinson 14, Drew Pember 13 and Shamarcus Brown

12. Stephney also had eight assists and four steals. Pember recorded four assists and four blocks.

With its defense providing run outs and close range opportunities, Bearden hit 25 of its 35 field goal attempts in the second half (71 percent) that included several spectacular slams. Reese Glover led Franklin (28-7) with 24 points.

"Once they got it going, I'm telling you it was hard to get that stopped," said Franklin Coach Darrin Joines. "Then when we got behind, we had to play faster than we wanted to."

Joines felt "momentum" had a lot to do with Bearden's defensive bombardment.

"I think their length up front probably bothered us a little bit. A lot of it, you've got to give them credit. They're a good team obviously. They've been here three years in a row and you could sort of tell it."

On the First Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ...

By Steve Williams

As we fill out our tournament brackets and look ahead to the start of the NCAA's Big Dance this week, I've composed a little jingle you Tennessee basketball fans may like to sing.

The tune goes just like The 12 Days of Christmas. A one and a two ...

On the First Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Second Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Third Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Fourth Day of

Madness, my True Team gave to me ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Fifth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Sixth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Seventh Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Eighth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... eight Barnes a pushing, seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

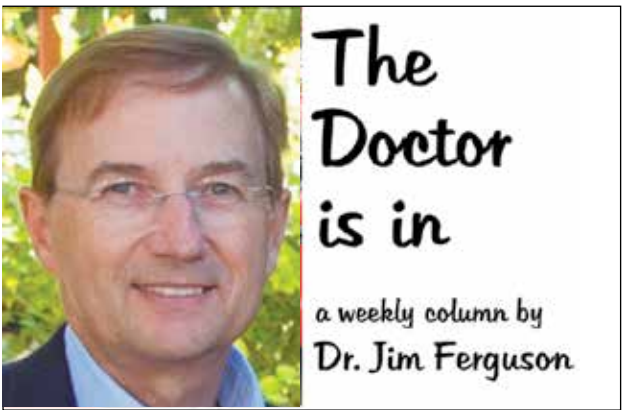
On the Ninth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... nine Big Blue teardrops, eight Barnes a pushing, seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Tenth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... ten Pearls a sweating, nine Big Blue teardrops, eight Barnes a pushing, seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's,

three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Eleventh Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... eleven reserves a trying, ten Pearls a sweating, nine Big Blue teardrops, eight Barnes a pushing, seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.

On the Twelfth Day of Madness, my True Team gave to me ... twelve Vandys crying, eleven reserves a trying, ten Pearls a sweating, nine Big Blue teardrops, eight Barnes a pushing, seven Grants a falling, six Admiral flexes, five Gold-den Balls ... four Number 1's, three MONEY! shots, two Bowden bombs and some Peanut Butter and Jell-lee.



Homage

It had been years since I was in the sanctuary of my youth. The occasion was a celebration of the life of a great lady, now “passed on.” I like the term passed on better than “passed away.” For me, the former better conveys the sense of continuity that as a Christian I embrace. I hold to the notion that my essence, my soul, will someday pass on/transition to another reality.

A life well-lived is an aspiration for us all. Some seem to do it better than others. The kind and gracious lady lived long and well, despite the obligatory heartaches of life. Benjamin Franklin once observed that those who drink deeply from the draft of life can expect some dregs in the bottom of the stein.

I remembered the church

sanctuary as much larger, but the perspective of youth is different than that of a “seasoned citizen.” I was surprised that the balcony and pews at the rear of the church were not needed for this gathering of friends and family. Undoubtedly, the great lady had lived so deeply into life that many of her peers had long since preceded her. However, she lives on in the minds and hearts of friends and the three generations of her family present to honor their kind and grace-filled matriarch. I was there because of our friendship, and because she was my patient for three decades, and her husband’s doctor until he, as Tennyson said, “crossed the bar.”

It seems that funerals come more often these days for me. My cohort is

aging. As a result I know more people who are, like me, getting “older.” Still, most days I don’t feel “old” though the Evil Queen’s “mirror on the wall” suggests otherwise. As an aging doctor, I’m acquainted with increasing numbers of people who are finishing their earthly journey. At another friend’s recent funeral, I was even a pallbearer - a first for me.

Funerals are for the living. Both of my friends and patients went as far as they could go. And when they and their families realized they could go no further, they courageously let go. The mystery of life, dying and continuity, is told in the wonderful short allegorical story, “The Fall of Freddie the Leaf,” by Leo F. Buscaglia. It is a must read.

Recently, I was asked to give a lecture on writing. Apparently, the leader of this group is one of my readers and enjoys my prose. I’m not the same man I used to be. When I first began my medical career I was terrified of public speaking. I found this a professional impediment, so I practiced and practiced, pushing myself beyond my comfort zone, giving hundreds of medical lectures,

until I became facile in this aspect of teaching.

After hearing of the invitation, my wife, Becky, asked me what I was going to talk about at the lecture since there would not be an organ or a disease involved. Since the focus was writing, I decided to explain how I became a writer. I have told the story that I never wrote anything beyond school assignments until 2001. It was the summer before 911 that my friend challenged me to begin spiritual journaling. And this changed my life.

I believe you learn to write by writing. So, in answer to my wife’s question, I decided to tell the audience how I came to be an average fish in a small pond of Knoxville writers. I distilled my life’s story into some sentinel life events: my acceptance into medical school, my spiritual reawakening and then my reconnecting to Becky as a senior in medical school. I first met Becky in junior high school and worshipped her from afar. She said of us, “we were friends.” But, from the perspective of a teenage boy, this was arguably an inadequate relationship. Fortunately,

I was more mature when we reconnected and my stock had risen over time. And the last phase of my metamorphosis began with spiritual journaling in 2001. I must have been a more complete person by the time the publisher of The Focus recognized some latent talent because he offered me a column in his paper nearly eleven years ago. This is my 563rd, thousand word essay, for The Knoxville Focus.

As Sonny Bono sang, “The beat goes on...” as does my concierge medical practice, teaching young doctors, helping my family, seeking and serving the Master, and now writing. Abraham Heschel once wished for himself, “to live a life of wonder.” I do. And each day I awaken I thank God for another day, as did the Psalmist in 118:24. I am grateful that I have life left to live and service left to give.

Some years ago I came upon a philosophical thought which tied things together for me. The ancient perspective called panentheism (not pantheism of the Force in Star Wars) has several nuanced variations, but the one I like holds that everything

exists within the created sphere of God which we moderns call space-time. Aristotle argued that, contrary to Stephen Hawking and others, something cannot come from nothing, a notion we call causality. The 20th century Christian apologist, C. S. Lewis deduced that the Creator, of all that is, exists out of the space-time we mortals inhabit. Even Einstein’s relativistic visions and the capricious subatomic particles of quantum mechanics which drive our computers exist within the Creation.

So, in tribute (homage) to my departed friends and in honor of the Maker of everything, I offer in closing the beautiful poetic vision of William Wordsworth:

“My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.”

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

‘Eat Your Heart Out’ luncheon to benefit heart health for women

Buy a \$10 ticket for Aimbridge Hospitality’s “Eat Your Heart Out” luncheon and get a chance to win a free night’s stay and breakfast at THE TENNESSEAN Personal Luxury Hotel in downtown Knoxville.

The luncheon, which will take place Thursday, March 21, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., will benefit Go Red for Women, part of the American Heart Association’s initiative to raise awareness for women’s heart health. The luncheon will take place at the Park Pavilion, the event venue located at 525 Henley St. in the Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park, and is sponsored by THE TENNESSEAN Personal Luxury Hotel and the Park Pavilion.

Tickets will be sold at the door with payment accepted by cash or credit card. Attendees are encouraged but not required to RSVP to Paxton Rose at prose@hiknoxdtwn.com.

“This luncheon will be a fun event that brings attention to a serious issue,” said Skip Adams, general manager of THE TENNESSEAN and the Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park. “Women can too often be the ones taking care of everyone else and ignore their own health. Go Red for Women intends to end heart disease and stroke in women, and we want to help in any way that we can.”

The luncheon is part of the “Aimbridge Has Heart!” campaign, a nationwide effort by Aimbridge Hospitality to raise money for the American Heart Association across its properties. Aimbridge manages the two hotels and is the country’s largest independent hotel investment and management firm.

The luncheon menu will offer build-your-own nachos bar with a selection of grilled chicken, ground beef or turkey plus an assortment of cheese and fresh

toppings; a garden salad bar; and cinnamon churros with chocolate sauce for dessert.

Each luncheon ticket counts as an entry into a raffle for a free night at THE TENNESSEAN Personal Luxury Hotel with breakfast in The Drawing Room and valet parking.

The hotels’ food and beverage outlets also will offer specials until March 22, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the American Heart Association:

- The Drawing Room at The Tennessean Hotel: The Hennessean cocktail, made with red sangria and sprinkled with cocoa powder, \$13, and any flatbread, \$13.
- Windows on the Park at the Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park: chicken wings, \$12, and pomegranate martinis, \$12.
- Fairgrounds Market at the Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park: hearty hot chocolate, 12 oz. for \$4 and 16 oz. for \$5.

Roads and Rivers Day this Saturday

Spring is finally here and once again it’s time to remove unsightly litter from Seymour’s roadsides, streets, stream banks, and public places. Seymour’s spring Roads and Rivers Day will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This semi-annual cleanup event is sponsored by Keep Sevier Beautiful.

Since Seymour occupies parts of Sevier, Knox, and Blount counties, citizens from all areas of the community are encouraged to participate. Litter detracts from the natural beauty of Seymour and is an eyesore to residents and to those passing through.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, on the Sevierville side parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church, 11621 Chapman Highway. Participants will receive gloves, safety vests, trash bags, water, and grabbers, if wanted. Wearing of long pants and sturdy shoes is suggested. For safety, children under 12 will be paired with an adult.

Scout packs, 4-H Club members, church Sunday school classes and youth groups, civic clubs, and families—all are encouraged to participate. Let’s send the strong message that the “litter bug” is not welcome in Seymour! For more information, call Seymour’s coordinator, Amparo Flores, at (865)405-9958.

An EVENING with Kim Campbell

Wife of the late Glen Campbell, Country Music Legend

In Partnership with: FIRST TENNESSEE

Join Kim Campbell April 11 from 7-9 p.m. to hear her personal journey as an Alzheimer’s caregiver.

LOCATION: Shoreline Church 9635 Westland Dr. • Knoxville, TN 37922

Presented by: Morning Pointe FOUNDATION

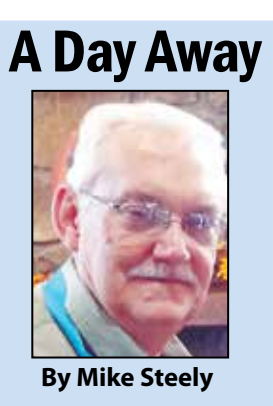
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Chuck Swan area worth a visit

You may know it as Sharps Chapel or simply the peninsula, but that huge swath of state forest just north of Maynardville is actually the Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area.

While it is mostly abandoned now, at one time many families lived, worshiped and died there.

Evidence of that prior settlement dot the landscape with home foundations, cemeteries and a few remaining churches. Sharps Chapel is about all that remains of a current living portion of the 24,000 acre wildlife area that is bordered by the Clinch and Powell Rivers. There are many nice lakeside homes



By Mike Steely

on the peninsula before you enter the wildlife management area. The historic area was originally part of Campbell County but, with boundary changes, it is now in Union.

The easiest and only way to get there by car is by passing through Maynardville, crossing the lake, and turning left. From there you will see numerous dirt and gravel roads beyond Sharps Chapel, some which loop back onto the main road. You can actually drive all the way to the western end of the large peninsula. One of the earliest pioneer industries in our region was a mine located at the end of Lead Mine Bend Road on the

north side of the peninsula. The area is reserved for hunting, fishing, wildlife management, and all of it is available to the public. A day away in Chuck Swan is a venture into restored wilderness.

But Sharps Chapel wasn't the only community to once occupy the spot between the Clinch and Powell Rivers or to have its counties change around it. Historic old Grantsborough, now beneath the lake waters, was one of the first towns incorporated in our state.

Back in 1780 land owned by James Grant, Jacob Womack and John Owens was recognized as a town. Grant set aside 100 acres for a new community. He built a log store and sold lots to several people when the town was located in Knox County. In 1801, it was located in Anderson County only to be absorbed a few years later

by Campbell County. It was then transferred and the first school in then Campbell County was in Grantsborough, taught by Page Partwood, one of George Rogers Clark's soldiers.

Grantsborough grew to become a contender for the Campbell County seat but lost out to Jacksborough, which was named to honor Gen. Andrew Jackson. The little river town had a publisher and printer, two attorneys, stores, churches and a ferry. It became the southern end of the old Kentucky Road and in 1834 had its own post office.

The town changed its name to Agee briefly when Dr. James H. Agee became a state senator.

Grantsborough was a major river stop and the ferry lasted until 1908 when a bridge was built connecting the town with the mainland.

The construction of Norris Dam in the 1930s flooded the town and most of the residents were moved north into southern Campbell County where you will still find the Grantsborough road and a church relocated from the little river town that keeps the name.

At the junction of the Clinch and Powell it's hard to imagine how narrow the rivers were and how Grantsborough played such an important part in the local history of our area.

Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area is a haven for hunters, hikers, horse riding, four wheelers, fishing, boating and picnics. Some of the isolated cemeteries date back to the early 1800s. The roads and intersections in that rural area are marked and most loop back to a main road. Big Spring and Oak Chapel loop have some

steep hills but most of the area is fairly flat.

The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and the Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church are there and one is more than 100 years old. There are numerous former home and farm sites there that remain as foundations only or steps.

The area is managed by the TWRA and the Tennessee Division of Forestry. It offers Norris Lake access on three sides and the Sharps Chapel community offers recreation and historic visits to visitors. There's some 70 miles of shoreline.

You can find Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area on the internet or you can call (423)587-7037 for more information.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 08/05/2009, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 08/10/2009, in Instrument No. 200908100011007, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by Judith M. Paxton, conveying certain property therein described to Robert G. Connelly, Jr., Acting State Director of Davidson County, Tennessee as Trustee for USDA Rural Development, as nominee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, The Sayer Law Group, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Robert G. Connelly, Jr., Acting State Director of Davidson County, Tennessee, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of The Sayer Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Robert G. Connelly, Jr., Acting State Director of Davidson County, Tennessee, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will, on 04/03/2019 on or about 12:00pm, at the North side of the City County Building, Knoxville, TN, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED in the Eighth (8th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee and being known and designated as all of Lot 24, of the SCOTCH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, as the same appears of record in Instrument No. 200211260046553, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Judith M. Paxton, unmarried from Carl Perry Construction, LLC by Warranty Deed, dated August 5, 2009, recorded as Instrument No. 200908100011006, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions, and building setback lines.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 7644 Applecross Road, Corryton, TN 37721

Parcel ID: 021BE011

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

Judith M. Paxton

Judith M. Paxton
Spouse of Judith M. Paxton
Centurian Capital Corporation
Parties in Possession

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option 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.

DATED February 22, 2019
THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.,
AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2013, executed by JACK H. WIEDEMANN, conveying certain real property therein described to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 22, 2013, at Instrument Number 201305220076712; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County

Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED DOC NO. 200511030040763, ID NO. 107BC010, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: SITUATED IN DISTRICT FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 48TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS 17, 18, AND 19, BLOCK "C", UNIT ONE, FAR VIEW HILLS, AS SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 23, PAGE 114, REGISTERS OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THERE IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE THAT PORTION OF LAND LYING OUTSIDE THE CURVE FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF NOCONA DRIVE AND PAWNEE ROAD, THE RADIUS OF SAID CURVE BEING 25 FEET.

Parcel ID: 107BC010
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 4700 NOCONA DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37909. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 14, 2003, executed by MICHELE BOLEN, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 19, 2003, at Instrument Number 200311190055052; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 35TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING PART OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 2 IN HARRILL HILLS SIXTH UNIT, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 241-A (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 17, PAGE 169) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE; SAID PORTION OF LOT LYING ON THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF MAUPIN DRIVE WITH ESSARY DRIVE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF ESSARY DRIVE, SAID POINT BEING LOCATED 1 FOOT EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12 AND 1 FOOT EAST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG

THE SOUTH LINE OF ESSARY DRIVE, 51.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, 74.01 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF MAUPIN DRIVE; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF MAUPIN DRIVE 84.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, A COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 12 AND 13; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 12 AND 13, 119 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND AT ALL POINTS 1 FOOT EAST OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 11 AND 12, 142.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF W.E. LACK, ENGINEER, DATED OCTOBER, 1952.

Parcel ID: 058DG 012
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 3724 ESSARY DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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Ad #152661 03/04/2019, 03/11/2019, 03/18/2019

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2009, executed by JUDITH S. CONNER, conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD M. WEISS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 13, 2009, at Instrument Number 200902130049979; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, TOWIT: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 38TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 40, SKYLAND PARK, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET C, SLIDE 77-C (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 23, PAGE 108), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WADE B. NANCE, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 24, 1993 AND BEARING DRAWING NO. A-11971.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 1208 SNOWDON DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF JUDITH S. CONNER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior

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

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Ad #152166 03/04/2019, 03/11/2019, 03/18/2019

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 28, 2017, executed by CRYSTAL FORD, conveying certain real property therein described to FIRST PRIORITY TITLE COMPANY, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 1, 2017, at Instrument Number 201705010066091; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Tennessee Housing Development Agency who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN CIVIL DISTRICT EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 11, BLOCK F, RIDGEVIEW HEIGHTS, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 52-S, PAGE 16, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. ALSO SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AS SHOWN IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1453, PAGE 817 AND WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1459, PAGE 91, IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 030F-B-010-00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 6212 RENEE RD, CORRYTON, TN 37721. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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Ad #152478 02/25/2019, 03/04/2019, 03/11/2019, 03/18/2019

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2016, executed by TOR O AJANAKU, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 16, 2016, at Instrument Number 201609160017640; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATE IN DISTRICT NO. ONE, COUNTY OF KNOX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND BEING THE EASTERN 45 FEET OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK A IN WHAT IS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS JAMES O'CONNOR'S LAKESIDE ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, THE PROPERTY HEREIN HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 45 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE, FORMERLY MCCALLA AVENUE, AND FORMERLY RUTLEDGE PIKE, AND EXTENDING BACK THEREFROM IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES, THE EASTERN LINE ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF MARY STREET, BEING 162.4 FEET IN LENGTH AND THE WESTERN LINE BEING 164.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN LENGTH, TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 11 IN SAID BLOCK OF SAID ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 15C FORMERLY KNOWN AS MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 259, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G.T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR DATED DECEMBER 13, 1978. STREET ADDRESS: 3140 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914 CLT: 82F H 009 NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B SLIDE 15C, PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 179C, PLAT CABINET A SLIDE 167D, PLAT CABINET A SLIDE 4A IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. FOR SOURCE OF TITLE, SEE DEED TO TOR A. AJANAKU OF RECORD IN INST. NO. 201609160017639 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 082FH009
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 3140 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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Ad #152478 02/25/2019, 03/04/2019, 03/11/2019, 03/18/2019

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of November, 2007, William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham conveyed the hereinafter described real property and improvements thereon to Joseph G. Coker, Trustee, by Deed of Trust of record at 200711210041501 in the Knox County Register's Office, to secure certain debts and obligations as are described in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Wise was appointed and designated to serve as Substitute Trustee under said Deed of Trust by instrument dated July 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an event of default has occurred, and the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, First Volunteer Bank, being the owner and holder of the debts secured by and described in the Deed of Trust, has declared all debts and obligations secured thereby to be immediately due and payable; and

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust has directed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will on the 1st day of April, 2019, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., at the main entrance to the City/County Building for Knox County, Tennessee nearest the main assembly room, Main Avenue, in Knoxville, Tennessee offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, or on such terms as may be announced at the sale, the following described real estate and all improvements thereon:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 32-R1, a resubdivision of Lots 31, 32 and 33, of the Chestnut Grove Subdivision, Unit One, as the same appears of record in Map Book 88-S, page 43 (Map Cabinet K, Slide 43-C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more complete and particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham by Quitclaim Deed from F & F Development Corporation, dated April 18, 1994, recorded in Deed Book 2138, page 729, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Property Address: 1919 Chestnut Grove Road, Knoxville, TN 37932
Tax Map #: 117FB-018

Provided, however, in the event of any inconsistency between the description and the address or tax map number, the property description shall control.

The sale shall be subject to: (i) all matters shown on any recorded plat; (ii) any unpaid taxes; (iii) any restrictive covenants; (iv) applicable easements or set back lines; (v) any prior or superior liens or encumbrances; and, (vi) any other priorities as may appear in the public records or as may be disclosed by an accurate survey of the property. The sale shall be made in bar of all rights or equities of redemption, homestead and dower, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust. Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned shall convey only as Substitute Trustee, without covenants or warranty of title.

KNOWN INTERESTED PARTIES: Pinnacle Bank, Discover Bank, Knox County Trustee.

The right is reserved to: (i) adjourn the date or time of the sale to another date or time certain without further publication, upon announcement of the same at the time and place for the sale set forth above; (ii) extend the time that the successful bidder has to make settlement; (iii) keep bidding open for any length of time; (iv) reject all bids; and, (v) accept the second highest bid or the next highest bid with which the bidder is able to comply, should the highest bidder fail to comply with the term of the sale. The sale may be rescinded at any time.

This the 7th day of March, 2019.

Stephen R. Wise, Substitute Trustee
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PUBLICATION DATES: March 11, 2019,
March 18, 2019 and March 25, 2019

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 2780, Industrial Washing Machine, due 4/16/19;
RFP 2803, Toxicology Services, due 4/17/19
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. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAC Beardsley Community Farm Egg Hunt

CAC Beardsley Community Farm is hosting its 2nd annual Community Egg Hunt on April 7, 2019. All skilled egg hunters ages 2 to 10 are invited to participate in CAC Beardsley Community Farm's 2019 Egg Hunt on April 7th from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.! The rain date is April 14.

The event is FREE and suggested donations of \$5 per child will be accepted. Don't forget your egg baskets.

The Easter Bunny will be here to take photos with children. Bring your own camera or phones!

This year's Egg Hunt includes over 4,000 eggs containing candy hidden across three locations. Each location is specific to age groups either 2-4, 5-7 or 8-10. Each age group will begin their hunt at 1:30 p.m. in different zones. There will be a concession stand at the event and DJ Sterling will provide musical entertainment. More details to be announced soon.

The rain date is April 14. The Egg Hunt will take place on the farm on 1741 Reynolds St, which is located in Malcolm Martin Park.

For more information, visit beardsleyfarm.org or email us at beardsleyfarm@gmail.com.

Computer Classes at Parrott-Wood Memorial Library

Parrott-Wood Memorial Library, 3133 W. Old A.J. Hwy., Strawberry Plains, TN 37871, is offering free computer classes. These

classes are made possible through the TOP Grant for 2019 (Training Opportunities for the Public). Due to limited space registration is required. Please call 865-933-1311 or stop by the library to register. Each Monday class starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 5.

Introduction to Computer Basics: Using Windows, Browsing the Internet Safely and Basics of Using Microsoft Word will be held Monday, March 25. Microsoft Word - Part 2: Work on More Advanced Projects in Word. Learn about advanced features and shortcuts. Introduction to Excel Spreadsheets. This will take place Monday, April 1.

Using Email Effectively. Navigating the Internet - Part 2 How to Research, Setup Email Learn the Basics of Using Social Media to Connect with Friends and Family Safely. This class is Monday, April 8.

The topics for April 15 will be Research on the Internet. Projects can include researching family genealogy, Job searching, Writing Your Resume. Social Media and Security Revisited.

Daughters of 1812 Meeting

The General Henry Knox Chapter National Society United States Daughters of 1812 will meet on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11:00 at Calhoun's Restaurant on Bearden Hill, Knoxville. The program speaker is Wolfgang Schaber and he will share his joys of the accordion. For more information, call

(865)719-9744.

Free Lung Health Community Day Offered in Knoxville

The American Lung Association is offering a free Lung Health Community Day in Knoxville. Lung disease is the third leading cause of death in America, and as ALA likes to say, "When you can't breathe, nothing else matters." By offering this free educational event, ALA hopes to improve lung health and save lives in Knoxville. The event is locally sponsored by Erlanger Heart and Lung Institute.

The American Lung Association in Tennessee invites you to a free Lung Health Community Day on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike, Knoxville. Come and learn about your hard-working, precious lungs and how to keep them healthy. There will be free screenings for asthma, COPD and lung cancer, smoking cessation information, food, games and more. To learn more call 615-329-1151.

Fort Sumter Community Cemetery Board of Directors meeting

The required annual meeting of Fort Sumter Community Cemetery Board of Directors and the community is scheduled for March 21, 2019 at 7 o'clock at the cemetery office at 4826 Salem Church Road. The annual report will be given and questions answered at this meeting.

Inskip Baptist Church 100th

Anniversary Celebration

Inskip Baptist will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 9, 2019. All members past or present are encouraged to attend. Worship starts at 10:45 a.m. with lunch following the service. There will be an additional service following lunch.

All are welcome to come celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

Inskip Baptist Church is located at 4810 Rowan Road, Knoxville, TN 37912.

PK Hope Is Alive Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group would like to invite you to its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Kern Methodist Church Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

This month's speaker will be Mary Jo Mosakowski, a representative for US World Meds. Mary Jo Mosakowski will be presenting "Exploring Options to treatments for Parkinson's" and the new medication APOKYN, which supplements Carbo Levodopa and is administered with an EpiPen for faster response. This will be exciting to hear about new treatments and medications for Parkinson's! US World Meds will also be providing a light lunch. For more information please visit www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Acting President Jim Brown at 865-607-7195.

The River Church

The River Church will be

hosting Reverend Lonnie Hilton, vice president and former national director of Faith Christian Fellowship International, for two services—Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 6716 Central Ave. Pike, Suite 9. Knoxville, TN 37912. For more information, please visit fcf.org/ about or facebook.com/preacher.dale2017/.

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licensed by the State of Tennessee, provides respite for caregivers by providing a fun, safe, and relaxing atmosphere for their loved one.

The Center is currently accepting new participants. If you or someone you know could benefit from this valuable service, call (865) 689-8412 for more information.

Spring Children's Clothing Giveaway Saturday, April 6

On Saturday, April 6, First Farragut United Methodist Church will host a Spring Children's Clothing Giveaway. The event will take place at First Farragut UMC, 12733 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. The church parking lot will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the 6th. Families in need of children's clothing can shop for free, gently-used children's clothing and shoes, and new children's socks and underwear, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Coffee, lemonade and donuts will also be available for those who attend.

The Children's Clothing Giveaway is a ministry of Wesley's Attic, sponsored

by the FFUMC United Methodist Women. The UMW receives gifts of used children's clothing and shoes year-round, cleans and sorts items by season and size, and donates them to neighbors in need several times during the year. In addition the UMW purchases new socks and underwear in all sizes to donate.

First Farragut United Methodist Church is located in West Knoxville. From Knoxville, take I-40 west to Watt Road exit. Turn left onto Watt Road and travel about 1.6 miles. Turn right onto Kingston Pike. First Farragut UMC is about .75 miles on the left.

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