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Whittle Springs golf course ranked No. 4 Most Improved

By Steve Williams

The old golf course needed some tender loving care. And as it turned out, whom better to see and understand that than Knoxville's lady mayor.

But in 2015 someone had to let Madeline Rogero know about the needs of Whittle Springs, where golfers have now played for 101 years. Jerry Daniel and Paul Blackstock, members of the Whittle Springs Men's Golf Association and on the greens committee,

thought Con Hunley would be perfect for that role.

They knew the famous country music singer had a relationship with the mayor, but even more important, Hunley knew Whittle Springs like the back of his hand. He caddied there as a young boy and continues to play there as much as anyone. Just the other day, in fact, WS General Manager Rusty Howell said, "Hardly a day goes by during golf season that Con doesn't play here."

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No. 14 is a straightaway par four 309-yard hole that lies in the center of Whittle Springs Golf Course. The tree and shade make it a picturesque hole.

SENIOR STARS



The spotlight is on seniors again this week as The Focus continues its own recognition of the top students of area schools' Class of 2019 with the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from South-Doyle High (please see A4) and Seymour High (C4). Another type of senior is recognized in this week's Silver Years, Section D.

Seymour High School seniors recently attended the All Star Banquet and were recognized for their high achievement in ACT and AP exam scores, becoming National Merit finalists and number of collegiate classes. Pictured are: Elijah Ballew, Emmaline Combs, Kaitlyn Daniels, Devin Ginter, Josh Glass, Hannah Hamilton, Hannah Hennon, Christopher Hilton, Joshua Kandel, Jaiden Kraft, Samantha Kulikowski, Make'la Lacey, Abigail Lawrence, Katie Leming, Elijah Stutz, Hannah Warrensford, Gabriel Whitaker, Eddie Zhang and Tony Zhang.

Six now seek Seat C

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Four seats on the Knoxville City Council and the office of city mayor are up for election this year and noon Thursday is the qualifying deadline for petitions to be turned into the Knox County Election Commission. Most of the interest has been on the mayor's race but the position, At-Large Council Seat C, now has six candidates.

Held currently by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders, the Seat C position drew two more candidates recently as radio personality Hubert Smith and former Knox County Commissioner Bob Thomas officially entered the race. Thomas pulled a petition

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Family Pet Portrait Day was picture perfect

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Seeing people taking their pets to get a photo with the Easter Bunny or Santa gave Cameron Brooks an idea. The Knox County Election Commission member, realtor and former Democratic Party chairman decided to try out the idea.

Brooks looked for help in creating "Family Pet Portrait Day" and found Gary Sturm of Mortgage Investors Group. Needing a location he found Prestige Cleaners owner and Knoxville mayor candidate Eddie Mannis who agreed to let Brooks use the Prestige Tuxedo location at 6217 Baum Drive.

When Farrah Williams-Deck of Farrah's Photography agreed to take the photos, Brooks had a crew together for the task.

"We do all types of photo events such as weddings, events, and people occasionally want to include their pets," Williams-Deck



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Cameron Brooks and Eddie Mannis watch as pets and their people are positioned for photograph during the event at Prestige Tuxedo at 6217 Baum Drive.

said.

The date was set for Sunday, May 5 and by 11 a.m. that morning, Brooks, Sturm and Williams-Deck were at the store. The crew no sooner got set up when people started arriving with their pets. Brooks told The Focus that

the pets and people would be arriving in shifts of about 15 minutes and already 32 families had reserved a time. One of the families to arrive was Mary Constantine, a retired feature writer for the Knoxville News-Sentinel, with her husband, Matthew Graveline,

and their three dogs, Piper, Blu Jeans and Millie. All three family pets are rescue animals from East Tennessee Boxer Rescue and Belly Rubs Bassets.

With only a little leash entanglement and lots of laughter, the couple and pets settled in and

the photo was taken. When Constantine asked how much of a donation that Brooks wanted he told her the photo is free and she would be getting a 5 by 7 professional photo in the mail.

"This is the first time we've done this and I thought people might like it," Brooks said.

As an affiliate broker for Realty Executives Associates and dog lover, Brooks believes in protecting his client's interests and is committed to supporting animal rescue groups.

After Constantine and Graveline left Prestige Tuxedo other people with pets, large and small, began to arrive.

"Things are going smoothly. It takes a bit to settle the animals and people in for the photograph but it's going very well," Brooks told The Focus later in the day. The event lasted until 7 p.m. and Brooks said 40 pet families had attended.

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What is a Failure to Appear?

Every day, in almost every county, in every state, in the United States, a criminal defendant is not present for their scheduled court date to address their pending criminal charge(s). Maybe the defendant simply forgot that they had court that day, maybe they got sick and



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are in the hospital, or maybe they just decided that they had better things to do than to show up for their court date. What does the law say and do with these individuals who do not show up for court? Tennessee law specifically addresses this circumstance in Tennessee Code Annotated section

39-16-609. I will not include the entire law here, but the sum and the whole of the law is, that unless someone has a valid reason for not appearing for their criminal court date, then they will be charged with the crime of, "Failure to Appear," which is often shortened to, "FTA." Depending on the nature of the original crime with which the defendant is charged, the FTA can be a Class A misdemeanor,

which means that it is punishable by up to 11 months, and 29 days in jail, or as a Class E Felony, which is punishable by up to 2 years in prison. Serious consequences for missing a court date. The law states that if the defendant has a reasonable excuse for their absence, then they can avoid being convicted of the FTA, however, it better be something pretty good. My advice, if you believe that you may miss a court

date, contact your attorney immediately and let them know the situation and why you are not able to attend. There is no guarantee that he will be able to avoid getting you charged with a FTA; however, I guarantee you that do not contact your attorney, and you simply do not appear, the court will issue a warrant for your arrest for your failure to appear and you may be held without a bond until the court decides to bring you from the jail to court for

a hearing on both your original charge and your new FTA charge.

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So Hunley had that "sit down" with Rogero and came away from it very impressed with the mayor's interest in the golf course and how quickly she got the ball rolling to improve it. Three years later, with Rogero's "spark" for more upgrades, Knoxville's oldest municipal course received national recognition. The announcement came in February that Whittle Springs was No. 4 in Golf Advisor's rankings of most improved golf courses in the United States in 2018.

The climb to that lofty position started after the course's greens were damaged and ultimately lost in 2014. Billy Casper Golf, a golf management company, was in operation at Whittle Springs at that time. With the help of insurance and the city, the greens were replaced with Champion Bermuda (a weather and



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The pond in the middle of hole No. 18 is used for irrigation. It is spring fed, but also collects runoff and rainwater, said Whittle Springs General Manager Rusty Howell. It is considered a hazard too and is in play on the course's final hole, added Howell.

disease resistant grass). Billy Casper Golf also hired Brad Courteau as greens superintendent. "That was one of the best hires it made," said

Hunley. "Brad was a local guy who had worked for several courses in Knoxville and surrounding areas. With him in that position, Whittle Springs improved unbelievably, and it's the best the course has been to my knowledge in 45 to 50 years."

However, there were still areas where the course needed improvement and that led to Hunley's meeting with Rogero.

Hunley found it to be nothing like past meetings he'd had concerning the golf course.

"I have gone to past administrations and tried to get some help and we never really felt like we got what we needed," he recalled. "When I went in and sat down with Mayor Rogero, she brought in a yellow legal pad, so I knew this was serious to her, and she had to know for me to try to set up an appointment with her, that I was serious about it."

"What I figured might be a 15 or 20 minute meeting turned into about an hour long meeting. We addressed a number of issues that we felt like would help improve the golfing experience for people who wanted to play the course. She was very interested in upgrading it."

Rogero particularly liked how the course could be set up short – ideal for juniors, seniors and women

– or it could be long and more challenging, said Hunley. And she went right to work on it and got with Joe Walsh, who was then the Director of Knoxville's Parks & Recreation.

"The next thing I know all the old cart paths were being dug up and replaced within a matter of 30 to 60 days," remembered Hunley. "She allotted the money to take up the old trails and put down fresh asphalt. There were brand new trails everywhere."

Not long after the meeting with Hunley, Mayor Rogero set up a meeting with Howell and Billy Casper Golf representatives to come out and look the course over.

"She really took a hands-on approach to see the needs and condition of the course," said Hunley.

"Along with her came Joe Walsh, greens committee members and City Councilman George Wallace, who also is Chair of the City's Golf Course Advisory Committee. All of them were extremely helpful and willing to do whatever they could, as far as the city was concerned, to make improvements."

But Hunley emphasized Mayor Rogero "spearheaded" the city's improvements and wanted to recognize that before her term as mayor ends this year.

"Mayor Rogero, the greens committee, the

Parks & Recreation Department and Brad Courteau, along with Billy Casper Golf deserve credit for what we have, but Mayor Rogero first and foremost," said Hunley. "Without her we don't have it."

For many years, however, the City of Knoxville's oldest municipal golf course was ignored, said Hunley. So long as it paid for itself, various political administrations were not worried about it. Through the years, the golf course deteriorated.

Despite having a lot of natural underground springs, the biggest problem was the course couldn't get adequate water and the city didn't like having to pay for it.

In late 2011, about the time Rogero became the first woman to be elected Knoxville's mayor, the city looked into building a pond to help with the irrigation. The object was to have a retention pond to hold water that could be used in the summer months.

Hunley today calls Whittle Springs "a little jewel." And he says more and more folks are finding that out as they come and play the course, whether it be tournament rounds or just regular play.

Since its greens were replaced with Champion Bermuda, the course and tees have been sprigged with Bermuda.

In 2017, the city allotted money to buy and upgrade mowers for the greens, fairways and roughs.

A year ago, a fleet of 60 new golf carts were purchased and started motor-ing over the course's three-year-old new cart paths – a combined investment of almost \$700,000 since 2015.

And today the pond is full of rainwater and serves the course well, said Howell.

"Billy Casper Golf and the City of Knoxville have established a mutual commitment to improving the golf course and elevating the customer experience," says Howell. "We look forward to continue being a positive steward for the greater Knoxville community for years to come."

The 114-acre course in northeast Knoxville was built by Whittle Springs Resort Hotel in 1918, and then sold to the City of Knoxville. After the city made changes to the course, the scenic layout began hosting the Knoxville City Amateur Championship in the 1930s and continues to host the prestigious event. Whether playing from the par-71, 4,781-yard front tees or the par-70, 5,729-yard back tees, Whittle Springs offers multiple ways to enjoy the charming course.

UPDATE: After this story was compiled, we (the Whittle Springs Mens Golf Association) are sad to say, Brad Courteau was hired away by Avalon Golf Club in West Knoxville. Rusty Howell has just announced that his replacement will be Alex Hale from within the Billy Casper Golf organization. Mr. Howell assures that he, Hale, is very knowledgeable about Champion Bermuda greens and over-all course maintenance.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

According to its logo, Whittle Springs became Knoxville's first municipal golf course in 1932, but it was first built in 1918, making the course 101 years old.

THE 2018 RANKINGS

Top 10 Most Improved Golf Courses in United States, according to Golf Advisor

1. **Rusted Rail Golf Club – Crandall, TX**
2. **Sprain Lake Golf Course – Yonkers, NY**
3. **Copper Hills Golf Club – Oxford, MI**
4. **Whittle Springs Golf Course – Knoxville, TN**
5. **Lake Presidential – Upper Marlboro, MD**
6. **Skyland Pines Golf Club – Canton, OH**
7. **Yorktown at Williamsburg National – Williamsburg, VA**
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Publisher's Position Nashville Blues



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Nashville/Davidson County has its problems. I suppose all local governments have their problems, but Nashville seems to have more than most. Pretty much everybody knows about the scandal involving former mayor Meghan Barry and her subsequent resignation. Now Mayor David Briley is up for

reelection this year and the metro government is unstable. The Davidson County Board of Education is perhaps even more so, with leading Board member Will Pinkston offering his own resignation along with a fiery letter denouncing many of his colleagues. Much of Pinkston's fury was directed at his fellow Board members who he accused of giving teachers false hope with an utterly unrealistic budget, which called for a 10% pay raise. Pinkston, no conservative or penny-pincher, said Davidson County could not afford a 10% raise for teachers in its current fiscal condition. Many of the teachers cared little about the practicality of raising the necessary funds and adopted the passive-aggressive tactic of calling

in sick and not showing up for work. Nashville's debt is rising; according to the Tennessean, one dollar out of ten spent by the Davidson County Metro government, went to pay off debt. The spending on debt service is expected to rise and some former and current government officials warn the present path is unsustainable. That is an interesting word and one millennials use when worrying about climate change. We don't hear it often elsewhere in government, although we should. Compounding expenses should worry taxpayers, most particularly when special interest groups are demanding more and more money. Few of those same special interest group members realize, nor do they care where we get the money

or just how high taxes rise. Mayor Briley and the Metro Council refused to raise taxes this year and we saw here in Knox County an effort by some to pressure Mayor Glenn Jacobs to raise taxes. That course was urged on Mayor Jacobs by folks who didn't support him and never will support him politically. They are some of the same folks who support the higher political aspirations of Knox County Board of Education members Terry Hill and Patti Bounds. Hill wants to run for the Knox County Commission to succeed Brad Anders who has been openly pushing for higher taxes. Bounds wants to run against Tennessee House Speaker Pro Tem Bill Dunn. Neither has shown the slightest inclination to roll back the overspending and bloated

bureaucracy instituted by former superintendent Jim McIntyre. Both voted, at one time or another, to keep McIntyre's Leadership Academy open and every school in the county has numerous assistant principals as McIntyre had to put his graduates somewhere. The Tennessean has reported Nashville paid almost \$252 million in debt last year "up 44 percent from a decade ago. In the same period, property tax revenues climbed 32 percent." Nashville hasn't been as fiscally conservative as Knox County in recent years, but compounding debt and financial expenditures is usually unsustainable. The federal debt has reached the point where it's nothing less than scary. Compounding expenses and debt to give

public employees bigger pay raises, better pensions and more benefits without being fiscally responsible is not sound government. When did you see the law enforcement folks call in sick or other public employees? The teachers have been striking in other states to get their way about pay raises, practically extorting the money. Keep in mind, according to the Knoxville School system, the average teacher salary here is \$49,700. Taxpayers likely consider that a pretty good salary, especially for folks who work about nine months out of the year. I'll ask you the same question as that commercial on TV: "What's in your wallet?" Well, a lot of those folks want what's in your wallet to put in their own. That, too, can become unsustainable.

Will Recode cause a commercial class action de-annexation lawsuit?

By Focus Staff

So far most reporting on Recode has been about residential issues and concerns. How will Recode affect commercial businesses in Knoxville? Recode simply will put some businesses out of business. Take for example the case of John Marshall. In 1992 Marshall's business was annexed by the City of Knoxville. A contract was signed promising city services such as water, gas, fire protection and sewer. It took many years for street lights and city water. It took ten years to get natural gas. There was a fire in one of his buildings in June of 2017. The fire hydrants could

not supply enough water, and the fire department had to run lines from Dry Gap Pike. To his knowledge no change has been made to the water lines servicing the hydrants. After 27 years, his business is still on a septic system. Marshall has paid his city property taxes every year without interruption yet he has not received the services the city contracted that they would provide. When the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission mailed Marshall the so-called public notice on Recode he immediately called the City of Knoxville. He was referred to the planning commission who then referred him back to the city. Marshall explained that

Recode would zone him out of business. Recode would change his zoning from C-6 to I-MU which prohibits used car lots. The city told him he could get a letter from the city grandfathering him on his zoning. The problem with this is to own a used car lot you have to have a state license. That license requires you operate your business in a zone that allows that business. The new Recode I-MU zoning does not allow his business. The situation is much worse than that. Marshall asked what would happen if he sold his property—would the grandfather letter be transferred to the new owner? The city could not provide an answer.

After 27 years of faithfully paying city property taxes Marshall is being deprived of his property rights and property value. Marshall has contacted the mayor of Knoxville and has respectfully asked to be de-annexed. A single business or person cannot request de-annexation. This problem opens the city up to federal lawsuits for restraint of trade and a class action for other businesses to join a de-annexation lawsuit. How is it in Draft 5 of Recode that these concerns have not been considered? Why on earth would Recode put tax-paying businesses out of business? On the Sunday, May 5th episode of WATE's

Tennessee This Week Mayor Madeline Rogero was interviewed by Blake Stevens of WATE. Stevens asked the mayor about Recode and her response was that Recode would be a living document just like the current zoning has been. That it would be updated every year like the zoning has been for the last

fifty years. Doesn't Mr. Marshall deserve more than that? How can the city fix losing a state license? It is clear that Recode is not ready to be voted on. The Recode special called city council meeting is Tuesday, May 14 at 3 p.m. at the City-County's Building's Main Assembly Room.

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CTE Goes Live another year

The CTE Goes Live event held on Friday, May 3 at Market Square was a night that allowed local high school students an opportunity to show off their talent. CTE Goes Live is a local America's Got Talent-type show that allows the students to perform for a large audience. This year's

competition had 15 students from 15 different Knox County high schools.

All 15 performed songs that ranged from current to classic. They covered different styles and even some original music.

The threat of rain did not discourage the crowd from coming. There were

hundreds of people in the audience ranging from family members to schoolmates to just observers. It was a great night of entertainment. The competition allowed the audience to vote for their favorites and some judges included Emily Ann Roberts, 2015 CTE winner, and Sterling Henton.

CTE is a division of Knox County Schools Career and Technical Education Foundation. The students on stage are not the only students involved. Students studying graphic design, photography, construction, tv/radio, criminal justice and cosmetology classes all help with the night's event.



PHOTO BY RONNIE COLLINS.

This year's CTE Goes Live winner was Brooklynn Johnson of West High School. She performed an original song for the competition. Her Grand Prize is a trip to Nashville's Nash10 Studios where she will produce a radio-ready song.

Six now seek Seat C

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many weeks ago but had not declared which of the at-large positions he would seek.

Smith and Thomas join Nate Martin, Amelia Parker, Amy Midis and David Williams in the contest.

Mike Chase, founder of Copper Cellars, picked up a petition last week for mayor. He joins Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair in that primary contest. Although the official list of candidates includes John Bevil he has announced he has withdrawn from the race.

Three council candidates have petitions for At-Large Seat A to replace George Wallace. They include Lynne Fugate, Charles Lomax Jr. and Pete Drew, who entered the race recently.

Seat B has two candidates, David Hayes and Janet Testerman, vying to replace Marshall Stair.

Mark Campen, current District 5 Councilman, is term limited. Two people are seeking to replace him, Charles Allen Thomas and Charles Al-Bawi.

Also on the ballot is the position of Municipal Judge and John R. Rosson Jr. is the only candidate thus far.

While all the candidates have picked up petitions for election not all of them have named a treasurer yet.

August 27 is the primary election. In both the mayor and council races if no candidate receives a majority of votes the top two vote-getters move on the general election on November 5. July 29 is the final day to register to vote and early voting begins August 7.

The petitions for office require the signatures of 25 registered voters in each race. It is possible that other candidates may enter the race by the Thursday, May 16 Deadline. Candidates have until May 23 to withdraw.

School board recognizes bus drivers, Ridgedale School

By Anne Primm

Chair Terry Hill began last week's school board meeting by congratulating all the 2019 graduates from Knox County Schools.

Superintendent Bob Thomas addressed the board and the audience by reminding everyone that this week is Teacher Appreciation Week and proceeded to show a three-minute video produced by the Public Affairs Department honoring teachers.

Next, Chairperson Hill requested changes to the agenda. Seventh District representative Patti Bounds requested that board policy 9E be moved to the Policy Review Committee meeting on June 26, 2019. Second District representative Jennifer Owen circulated a new version of Board Policy B-180 for board consideration. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Fifth District representative Susan Horn and seconded by Third District representative Tony Norman. The motion was voted on and passed.

After that, Jon Rysewyk introduced Pat Connor from the Tennessee Department of Education who is the Executive Secretary of Alternative Education Programs. Connor shared that in 2007 an exemplary program for alternative education was established to recognize outstanding programs and practices in alternative education. The state department, in partnership with the Governor's Advisory Council for Alternative Education

and the Tennessee Alternative Education Association, has established the Exemplary Practices in Alternative Education Recognition Program to recognize the efforts of districts who exemplify high-quality alternative education services. Connor stated that Ridgedale is an excellent opportunity for middle school students as their caring faculty and staff exemplify the finest quality of alternative education. The principal at Ridgedale is Diane Gossett and the school board representative is Tony Norman.

Bus Driver of the Year Recognition was the next item on the agenda. Ryan Dillingham took charge of these honors. Dillingham stated that there were 165 nominations from students, parents and school personnel and choosing six was very difficult. Dillingham expressed gratitude to Andy White of Ted Russell Ford for providing the \$500 awards to the winning drivers. Honored were: Don Andrews, David Boling, Peggy Claiborne, Amie Johnson, Susan Suddarth and Steve Walker.

Hill took the opportunity to introduce the 2019-20 Student Representative on the Knox County School Board. Of the twelve applicants from eight high schools only four were interviewed. Of those four, Noah Kelley from Karns High School was chosen as next school year's representative.

The Consent Agenda was approved without discussion. Public Forum followed with several

speakers commenting on Board Policy B-180 regarding Public Forum. Many of the speakers felt that the board is trying to restrict the democratic process of free speech by limiting an individual's time to speak to four minutes. Most of the public forum speakers want Public Forum to be left as is. Others expressed difficulty in signing up for Public Forum in advance of the day and hour of the meeting.

School board members were surprised at the reaction of the audience to the revisions to B-180. Representative Norman moved to refer B-180 back to the Policy Review Committee. Owen seconded this motion. Fourth District representative Virginia Babb stated that she was in favor of the four minute limit so she can hear from more people in public forum rather than less. Representative Horn said that she has no intention of limiting free speech but according to board records, most people get their points across in less than four minutes. Seventh District representative Patti Bounds stated that the board is not trying to make it more difficult to sign up for Public Forum by adding an on-line option, but to make it easier for some people and to make it easier for the board secretary, Terri Coatney.

The rest of the Board Policies and Grants were passed without discussion.

The final Public Forum included Shakal'el Johnson from A.L. Lotts

Elementary School who shared that he learned about LGBTQ at school and asked his father what it meant. Speaking next was Charles Johnson, father of Shakal'el. The elder Mr. Johnson expressed that he was annoyed that in the discussion at his son's school about the Tuskegee Airmen and the plight of the LGBTQ community was likened to that of African Americans.

Next, Ronni Chandler, executive director and CEO of Project Grad, shared that from the inception of Project Grad in 2005, 541 students from Austin-East and Fulton high schools have earned college degrees. This year alone there are 39 college graduates from the 2015 graduating class earning a diploma. Project Grad says, "Thank You" to Knox County Schools!

Last to speak was Ethan Lindsay from Hardin Valley Middle School. This young man spoke about policy J-240 regarding cell phone usage at school. Because there is inadequate technology available to teachers in the schools, Lindsay feels it is a necessity to allow students to take cell phones to class. By students having their own cell phones, teachers have more latitude in the depth and breadth of assignments that can be undertaken. Until Knox County can bring technology into each classroom every day, cell phones may be the only way to bridge the gap he said.

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Hardin Valley's rapid growth causing concerns

By Bill Howard

Anyone who follows commercial and residential development in Knox County knows that over the last few years, the Hardin Valley area has been growing by leaps and bounds. Unsurprisingly, concern has arisen over issues like urban sprawl, traffic congestion, and inadequate infrastructure.

At its monthly meeting on May 9 in the City-County Building, the Knoxville-Knox County Planning commission addressed this

very issue when attorney John Valliant, representing developer Terra Vista Townhomes – Mesana Investments, LLC, requested the commission's approval to residentially develop land southeast of Higdon Road, south of Oak Ridge Highway, west of Byington Solway Road, off Terra Vista Way in Commission District 6.

The commission unanimously approved the request.

Kim Frazier has lived in the area for 21 years and heads Hardin

Valley Planning Advocates, an organization that wants to keep a close eye on the area's growth.

"We are absolutely in support of development," Frazier said. "What we want, though, is managed growth and appropriate development with infrastructure. Right now the development in Hardin Valley is outpacing the infrastructure. We have severe traffic congestion caused by schools that are overcrowded and that's why for six months we've

been pushing for a traffic mobility study. We have only several ways in and out of Hardin Valley. Many of the decisions that have been approved are not upholding the Sector Plan. The Plan gives you a vision for your community and it includes all stakeholders, including community members, planning staff, county commissioners, elected officials and utility professionals. We want to support upholding the Sector Plan."

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Who will be the Good Neighbor of the Year?

By Mike Steely
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Neighborhood residents, leaders, city officials and candidates are to gather at the Knoxville Convention Center Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in what is always the largest gathering of neighborhoods each year.

Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp has announced that six people are in the running to be chosen for the Diana Conn Neighbor of the Year Award. Those include Christine Winton of the Mechanicsville Community Association, Donna Teeters of the Highlands HOA, Douglas James Miller Jr. of the We Care Neighborhood Watch, Deborah Thomas of Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, Katy Hawley of the Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Association and Liz Diviesti of the We Care Neighborhood Watch.

The Neighborhood Conference runs until 2 p.m. with various work sessions, speakers, more than 80 booths, a luncheon, neighborhood achievement awards and the Neighbor of the Year ceremony. Mayor Madeline Rogero will kick the event off and other speakers will address the gathering including an Iraq-born UT student, a refugee minister, a traffic safety official, a disability advocate, a school board member who is a special education teacher, a priest who is a UT social worker, a city official with community development, and an El Salvador refugee who attends UT.

More than 80 city, county, non-profit and community organizations will man booths before and after the luncheon.

Getting to know

Mark Campen

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville Focus is featuring citizens in our community, sitting down with them for an informal chat, so our readers can know them better.

Mark Campen represents the 5th District on the Knoxville City Council and holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife management and Fisheries Science and a minor in Forestry. He's Executive Director Tennessee Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Campen is term limited and is currently serving out the final year. The Knoxville Focus sat down with him for a chat.

How is your position working for you?

It can be stressful at times, for sure, but I still enjoy trying to help constituents with issues. It is not what folks see in the media, but one of the essential parts of the position is simply connecting people to people, getting city departments in touch with constituents to resolve certain problems or issues.

How is it affecting your family, business or other interests?

It definitely takes a toll on work and family time. I told someone years ago going into my second term that as important as the position is, it is

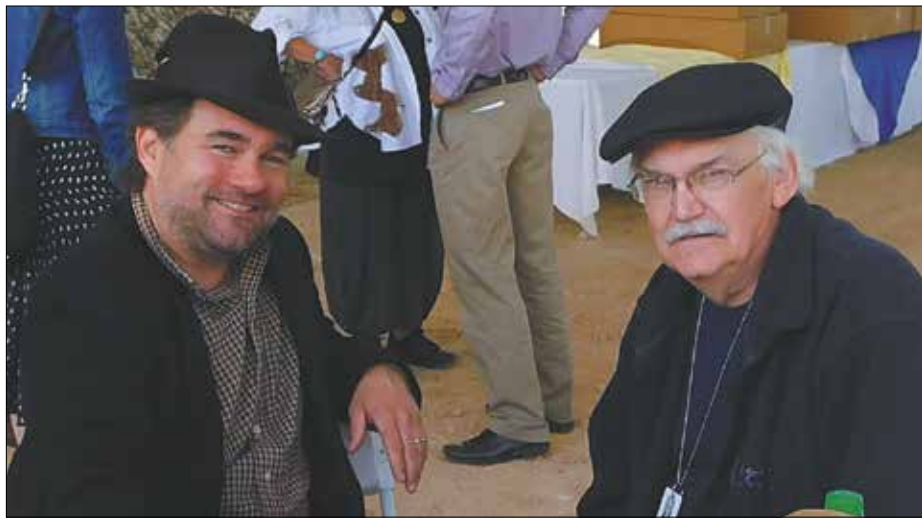


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Councilman Mark Campen is in his last year of office and sat down with The Focus reporter Mike Steely to chat after last month's State of the City address.

still a part-time position. My family and work come first. That has been the toughest part of the job, to attempt to balance all three amongst other obligations as well.

Tell us a bit about your family

I am a native Knoxville. My family is from Knoxville, as is my wife, Emily. We bought our first home together in the Fountain City area in 2005. We have two children. Our son, Parson, is ten years old and daughter Phoebe is five. Emily was a teacher with Knox County Schools for years, and then a few years ago took ownership of the Flower Pot floral business.

What are your hopes for the city or county?

My hope is that we will continue to have quality

growth and development, with the emphasis on quality. There needs to be good communications and planning between the city and the county to provide the infrastructure and opportunity for private investment, residentially and commercially, that will provide affordable housing, a good public education system and the economic growth that comes with an attractive county such as Knox.

What is your main hobby or interest in your private life?

I enjoy many outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, fishing, bird watching and general nature exploration.

What do you see as your main accomplishments in life?

Well, other than my beautiful wife and family,

I have been able to work towards goals I feel are worthy regarding natural resource conservation. There are still many things I want to do that involve helping people, but simply trying to educate youth and adults about water quality and our natural world has been very rewarding thus far.

How do you think other people see you?

I do not want to know! Hopefully as a good father, husband and a kind person that is helpful to those in need.

If you had to do one thing over in your life what would that be?

Work harder in school and expose myself to more opportunities in life, i.e., traveling abroad as a younger person to learn about other cultures and

career options.

What do you think of a metro-form government in the future?

I think it has its pros and cons. There are definitely departments that it makes more sense to combine, like parks and rec or law enforcement, but it may be a bad idea when considering general government operations and the politics of a combined city and county government. I would like to research what other municipalities have done in that regard and what were the results to see what have been the successes and failures.

If you chose one thing in your position that is very satisfactory what would that be?

Satisfactory or satisfying? One thing that is satisfying is when I can address an issue with a community or constituent in the district and help them fulfill a need or solve a problem. It is often easier said than done.

What's your favorite meal or place to dine?

We don't eat out too often, I enjoy cooking, but my family has been known to enjoy La Paz (Che Guevara) quite a bit over the years.

How would you like to be remembered?

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Neighborhood Pharmacy in Norwood Closed

It is official. Norwood Pharmacy at 815 Merchant Drive closed its doors for the last time on Friday, May 10, 2019. Located just around the corner from the intersection at Clinton Highway and Merchant Drive, the business has been a landmark fixture in the Norwood area for 32 years!

Pharmacist Bob Boyd and his staff at the neighborhood pharmacy have provided top-notch care to patients in the Norwood and surrounding area and will certainly be missed by many. They would like to express their appreciation to all those loyal customers who have patronized them over the years. Patients' records will be transferred to Vaughn Pharmacy at 2141 W. Emory Road in Powell.

Anyone unable to travel to the Powell location is urged to consult their doctor.



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Council denies larger sign for Pratt Road Hilton hotel

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A new hotel is well underway just off the I-75 interchange with Merchant Drive and the owners wanted a larger sign than is normally permitted. The problem they said was its location behind the Ingles Supermarket on Pratt Road just off Cedar Lane and the smaller signs may not be seen by people seeking rooms there.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved larger signage; the standard 24-square-foot wall sign was increased to 62.6 square feet and the 6-foot tall monument sign grew to 10 feet. When Ben Mullins and Edward Smith Jr. came before the city council Tuesday to represent Hilton, they ran head on into Joyce Feld of Scenic Knoxville.

Feld appealed the BZA decision,

saying that the zoning appeals meeting was changed without notice. She said Pratt Road is only 16-feet wide and the hotel is in the midst of smaller homes of working class people. She also said that a 6-foot tall sign would be just as visible as a 10-foot sign.

Mullins told the council that an increase in sign size "is essential" and that neither of the signs would be facing the homes there. He said that existing trees block a view of the hotel and reminded the council that BZA passed the approval 4-1.

Smith said the real problem is at the Pratt-Cedar Lane turn and the smaller signs will be harder to see.

Councilman George Wallace asked Peter Ehrens, director of Plans Review and Building Inspections, what the hardship is at the location. Ehrens said the hardship was

a "legal issue" for the council to decide.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said that the moving of the BZA meeting "gives me great pause" and asked City Council Attorney Rob Frost to read the hardship requirements from the city codes.

Councilman Mark Campen, who represents the area, said the trees are not an impediment and the hotel owners are "not deprived" of use of their property. He cited no special hardship and moved to approve the appeal and deny the larger signs.

Councilwoman Seema Singh-Perez said she had heard from neighbors along Pratt and the planning staff and the neighborhood objected to the zoning.

The council voted 7-1 to approve the appeal and deny the larger signage.

Commission hears school budget

By **Mike Steely**
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Both the city and county mayors have publically presented their budgets to some fanfare and now the requests goes to the Knoxville City Council and the Knox County Commission.

While officials boast of various programs and funding the members of both bodies are getting down to reviewing the budgets line by line. That began last week when the commission members held a public meeting on reviewing the budget of Knox County Schools. Members of the commission heard school officials ask for \$506 million in funding, an increase of 4.4% from the current budget and includes a 3.5% raise for teachers.

The meeting included members of the Joint Education Committee and school officials, including Superintendent Bob Thomas, who spoke and answered questions. Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom said it was unusual and the first time the commission and school board had met to discuss the budget request. "We're not going to be voting on anything," Nystrom said.

Ron McPherson, KCS chief financial officer, said the

proposed budget is based on existing revenue sources including state funds which he expects to increase by about \$21.6 million. He said that that includes \$17.8 million in pay raises and called the budget request "the largest in 10 years."

Commissioner Larsen Jay asked what was meant by a "maintenance of effort."

McPherson said the system was not permitted to reduce a budget year to year based on the previous year's budget. He said that of the \$506 million, 45% comes from the state and the remainder from local sales and property taxes plus transfers from other funds.

He said the county's share of the budget is about \$266 million.

County Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the maintenance of effort does not include state funding and the county must at least match its previous year contribution.

Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong clarified the maintenance of effort requirement stating that the budget must include at least \$8,300 per pupil and the budget could only be reduced if there are less students enrolled.

"You have to approve at least \$485 million," Armstrong said, citing the current school budget.

Board of Education Chairwoman Terry Hill said the actual student expenditure per year is about \$9,500 and the county ranks about 19th of the 12 area counties.

Chairman Nystrom asked about the Knox County Mayor's proposal to fund a major literacy effort. McPherson said the school officials approached Jacobs with the suggestion. The mayor's funding of the program comes from his office and isn't in the school's budget request.

Nystrom asked about improvements to other county schools outside of the three new facilities being planned. Russ Oaks, KCS chief operating officer, told of several projects planned including removing the gym and bleachers at Carter, resurfacing the track at Hardin Valley, improvements at Gresham, and getting Rita on the sewer line.

Oaks said other projects include air conditioner work at gymnasiums, new portable classrooms and relocating empty portable buildings to other schools from Lonsdale and Inskip. He

said that \$400,000 is also in the budget for technical upgrades and new telephone systems in schools plus \$1.5 in security upgrades including camera systems at schools.

About \$2.5 million is also being proposed for property purchase for Northwest Elementary and the Adrian Burnett project.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill asked if the salary increase would include teacher's aides and if the employee insurance is increasing. Oaks said that the aides are included and the state has informed the system that the insurance, which the system employees are now members, is not increasing this next year.

When asked about maintenance of the artificial turf at the high school football fields by Commissioner Michele Carringer, Oaks said five fields are maintained every three years and that \$125,000 has been budgeted for that.

When asked about what the school system did not include in the budget request but would have wished to the answer was textbooks, maintained vehicles and the 4% raise promised teachers in a memorandum of understanding.

Ron Rysewyk, KCS chief academic officer, said much attention in the new school year will go to early literacy.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker asked why bank charges to different school accounts ranged from \$200 to \$1,200 per year. McPherson replied that has been considered and noted that the location of a school and the logistics of getting deposits to a bank play into using the most local bank available.

Speaking of the proposed Northwest school, Commissioner Randy Smith asked about overcrowding in Hardin Valley and Karns. Oaks replied that the school administration looks at information from the planning commission and projects 6 to 8% growth there over the next five years.

Other commissioners spoke about specific school needs in their districts.

The next Knox County Commission Work Session is planned for Monday, May 20 and the regular meeting is moved to Tuesday, May 28 because the regular meeting on that Monday falls on Memorial Day.

Hardin Valley's rapid growth causing concerns

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The Sector Plan is a document published by the county that outlines guidelines for the appropriate use of land in all 12 of Knox County's sectors. Frazier fears the mad rush for development is making the Sector Plan irrelevant.

"Month after month after month they are amending these Sector Plans," Frazier said. "They're very

heavily weighted on the side of the developer and not on what's the best use of the land for the community. The appropriate designation is already in the Sector Plan; it identifies what areas should be urban growth, what areas should be planned growth and what areas should be rural/agricultural and so it establishes protection of those rural areas. Planned

growth is where we want to build, whether that's commercial or residential, and what's happening is those areas are becoming so saturated with growth and development and they are encroaching into the rural areas."

The huge cost of infrastructure that development demands also concerns Frazier.

"We the taxpayers are

paying for extended infrastructure for residential development in rural areas, and it should be closer into the planned growth area," Frazier said. "A developer might buy a piece of farmland 15 miles from the closest sewage plant. That's nearly \$40,000 of infrastructure improvement per home that falls back on our county and our taxpayers."

Frazier's focus extends

beyond just the HV area. A concerned group from the Gibbs/Corryton area was in the audience. It's widely believed that area too will see significant development in the coming years.

"The general plan takes into account Knox County as a whole, so that we can promote smarter growth and build better communities all over the county," said Frazier.

Frazier remains optimistic about the future. "I truly believe that this current administration (of Knox Co. Mayor Glenn Jacobs) will be smarter with our growth, and I think they understand the fiscal impact of development that is reaching into those rural areas," she said.

The commission next meets on June 13.



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Tennessee And FDR'S Court Packing Plan

Part Two

Pages from the Past



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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, coming off his greatest reelection campaign, had announced he was submitting legislation to Congress to expand the United State Supreme Court. Roosevelt's proposal was widely and bitterly attacked in much of the press and despite huge Democratic majorities in both Houses of Congress, many Democrats were openly opposed to FDR's proposal.

The bill as presented to the U. S. Senate, would give President Roosevelt the ability to appoint a new justice to the U. S. Supreme Court for each sitting justice remaining on the court who was seventy years and six months old. Roosevelt could appoint as many as six new justices. Many Americans, as well as members of Congress, believed the legislation was merely Franklin Roosevelt's attempt to reverse court decisions holding New Deal legislation unconstitutional.

FDR's court-packing plan gave political cartoonists a field day. During that time, at the height of newspapers in the United States, some political cartoonists were not only celebrated, but enormously popular. The best of them could produce memorable work, to say the least.

Fred A. Seibel, cartoonist for the Richmond Times Dispatch, did a devastating cartoon depicting "The Spirit of '37" showing the "executive" Franklin Roosevelt marching along with a smaller grizzled figure representing the legislative branch of the government, both of them beating drums, FDR's own drum labeled the "New Deal". Standing apart from the marching figures was that of the judicial branch of the government, the bearded Jovian figure of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

The cartoon showed FDR barking to the Chief Justice, "FALL IN!" Another cartoon showed President Roosevelt, his famous jaw line jutting out, telling a stately and elderly justice sitting at a rostrum engraved with "A Free And Independent Judiciary" to "Retire or move over!" Yet another cartoon published in the Los Angeles Times and drawn by Bruce Russell showed two enormous hands, one hand grasping a helpless legislative branch while the other grasped for the judicial branch of the government. The cartoon was entitled, "The Hands of Dictatorship."

After finally managing to muzzle former president Herbert Hoover, who remained deeply unpopular with much of the American public, Republicans had adopted a strategy of allowing the Democrats in Congress to fight it out amongst themselves. When it came time to vote, the sixteen Republicans in the United States Senate would lend their votes to those opposition Democrats, but they said little during the debates. As Congressman Hatton Summers of Texas, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, was opposed to FDR's court-packing scheme, the administration decided to try and pass the bill in the Senate first. Senate Majority Leader Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas had been promised the first seat on an enlarged Supreme Court by FDR and he doggedly pushed the legislation day after day.

Robinson's job was made all the harder by Senator Henry Fountain Ashurst of Arizona. Ashurst was a dazzling orator and had initially announced his support for President Roosevelt's notion of enlarging the Supreme Court, but the wily Arizonan had delayed opening hearings on the bill. When pressed, Ashurst replied, "No haste, no hurry, no waste, no worry - - that is the motto of this committee."

Eventually, the bill would languish inside the Senate Judiciary Committee for some 165 days. Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, a maverick and progressive Democrat from Montana, led the opposition in the Senate against the plan. While the bill remained bottled up inside the Judiciary Committee, the president's plan was still discussed on the floor of the Senate. The Senate Majority Leader had a temper even more pronounced than that of the peppery K. D. McKellar. Wheeler managed to bring the Majority Leader to a boil in one brief exchange, which also brought Senator McKellar into the argument. Joe Robinson announced that the Supreme Court had "completely reversed itself" in the minimum wage case. Senators Wheeler, McKellar, and Ashurst all came to their feet at the same time, seeking recognition from the chair. Wheeler denounced those who "seek to destroy the Supreme Court, or the public's confidence in the court."

Senator McKellar roared the Supreme Court had first declared the Minimum Wage Act unconstitutional, only later to declare the same act constitutional. McKellar accused the high court of having amended the U. S. Constitution. Wheeler attempted to



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Tennessee's junior U. S. senator, George L. Berry of Rogersville.

taunt the ill-tempered Robinson by saying, "I assume the senator is delighted."

His face turning crimson, the Majority Leader pounded on his desk, screaming, "Of course I'm delighted. I've never been able to understand the theory on which the Supreme Court upheld the New York or the District of Columbia minimum wage laws unconstitutional.

"But what happened to the women and children who, on the basis of the previous New York wage decision, had to return to the sweat shops?" Robinson demanded. "I am glad now the court has completely faced about and recognized the necessity of overruling its former decision."

Senator Wheeler calmly said he completely agreed with Robinson on the wage cases and opined the Supreme Court decision involving the Agricultural Adjustment Act was wrong. Senator Royal S. Copeland, a physician who had been in the Senate since 1923, announced he was opposed to Roosevelt's plan. The fact Copeland represented New York State in the Senate was lost on no one.

"I applaud the great social objectives of the administration," Copeland carefully noted, but he went on to say the courts are the key to American liberty and should be "unresponsive to the pressure of popular clamor."

West Virginia senator Matthew M. Neely was due to make a radio speech supporting the president's plan, but for some unknown reason he did not do it. Instead, Senator McKellar substituted for Neely. McKellar dismissed the idea the fight was between President Roosevelt and the Supreme Court, but rather a conflict "between outworn and outlived reactionary policies of government and the modern policies of real democracy and real freedom."

Senator McKellar made it plain that President Roosevelt was the "real leader of the modern ideal and the modern policy."

McKellar consigned the Supreme Court to serving as the "last bulwark of an outlived reactionaryism."

While McKellar was making his radio broadcast, North Carolina senator Josiah W. Bailey and former president Herbert Hoover were opposing the plan in radio talks of their own. It was one of the last public comments Hoover made about the plan before fellow Republicans convinced the former president to allow Democrats to divide themselves over the controversial legislation.

By early June, President Roosevelt found himself reeling. Senate Democrats were about evenly divided and while there were only sixteen Republicans remaining in the U. S. Senate, they could be depended upon to vote against FDR's court-packing bill as a block.

According to historian William E. Leuchtenburg, Senate Judiciary Chairman Henry F. Ashurst was observed jauntily whistling "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground."

Worse still, Roosevelt was stunned to hear that Vice President John Nance Garner was leaving Washington for his home in Uvalde, Texas. Garner was a popular figure among Senate Democrats and his early departure was seen as disapproval of the court-packing bill. It was the first time in his long career that Garner had ever gone home to Texas while Congress remained in session.

The news continued to be bad for Franklin Roosevelt. The Senate Judiciary Committee issued a report condemning the president's plan to enlarge the Supreme Court. Ten senators had signed the majority report, seven of whom were Democrats. The report spared Roosevelt little, claiming the bill constituted a "vicious precedent which must necessarily undermine our system." The majority report bluntly stated FDR's bill was an effort "to punish the Justices."

The normally stubborn Roosevelt was ready to listen when Senator Joe Robinson suggested it

might be well to bring Democrats together. The two concocted a weekend affair at the Jefferson Islands Club.

The four hundred Democrats in Congress were invited to attend over the weekend of June 25. A fleet of Navy patrol boats ferried congressional and other important Democrats to the island in shifts over the course of three days.

It was purely a social occasion with good food, ice-cold beer, and entertainment. The president was seated in a chair underneath a large tree so that he was in the shade. Roosevelt was very casually dressed, wearing neither a coat nor a tie. The president greeted friend and foe equally cordially and some Democrats began having second thoughts.

The personal charm of Franklin D. Roosevelt was legendary and for good reason. The Jefferson Islands Club festivities paid handsome dividends. Soon there was talk of compromise. A bill emerged giving the president the authority to appoint a new justice of the Supreme Court once a year for each sitting justice over the age of seventy-five. Considering Justice Willis Van Devanter had announced his retirement, the effect of the bill would be to allow FDR to appoint three new justices in the 1937 - 38 time frame.

Assisted by Alben Barkley of Kentucky, Sherman Minton of Indiana, and Hugo Black of Alabama (both Black and Minton were future justices of the Supreme Court), Joe Robinson painstakingly cobbled together a majority of votes for the compromise bill. Even opponents of the revised legislation admitted there were enough votes to pass Robinson's compromise.

As the summer dragged on, many members of Congress wanted out of the sweltering humidity and heat of Washington, D. C. The heat was made even more sub-tropical when a heat wave struck the Capitol.

Tempers grew short, especially that of Majority

Leader Joe Robinson. Compared to an enraged bull, the Majority Leader seemed especially out of sorts. Finishing a grueling two hours on the floor of the Senate, Robinson casually reached inside his suit coat and produced a cigar and the horror of his colleagues, lit it. Smoking on the floor of the Senate was considered as grave an offense as murdering a colleague and Robinson seemed not to realize what he was doing for a moment, then turned white. He abruptly refused to answer any more questions and left the Senate floor.

Days later, Robinson's body was found by his maid in the bedroom of his apartment in the Methodist Building. Robinson was clad in his pajamas and clutching a copy of the Congressional Record. Joe Robinson's death was a profound shock to his colleagues and Senator Copeland announced he saw death stalking the Senate Chamber.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler all but blamed Robinson's death on Franklin Roosevelt.

"Had it not been for the Court Bill he [Robinson] would be alive today," Wheeler declared. "I beseech the President to drop the fight lest he appear to fight against God."

The compromise bill died with Joe Robinson. Many senators who had decided to support the compromise legislation had done so because of affection for or fear of the Majority Leader. Vice President Garner came back to preside over the bill's demise. Garner did plead for party unity and urged Democratic senators not to indulge in giving Roosevelt "any kicks in the face."

Senator Marvel M. Logan of Kentucky had the chore of burying the bill, as the newly elected Majority Leader, Alben Barkley, had refused to do so. The Democrats had agreed to allow the motion to be routinely approved with not the slightest debate or a roll call vote. That is when Senate Minority Leader Charles McNary quickly got to his feet and demanded a roll call vote.

Twenty senators stubbornly voted against the motion to recommit the compromise bill, including Senator K. D. McKellar. Tennessee's other senator, George L. Berry, although inside the Senate Chamber, refused to vote.

It was yet another sign that Senator Berry was drifting away from his original New Deal moorings. Berry was engaged in a bitter dispute with the Tennessee Valley Authority over his marble holdings in East Tennessee that were being inundated by water. Berry claimed his holdings were worth millions, a claim one TVA Director considered so preposterous as to merit the senator being criminally prosecuted.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt did not forget his friends nor his enemies. FDR did not forget K. D. McKellar's loyal support nor did he forget George L. Berry's perfidy.

Schoonmaker guides the county legislative committee

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Since being appointed and subsequently re-elected as Knox County Commission's representative for the 5th District to replace Dr. Richard Briggs, John Schoonmaker has taken on the duty as being the local eyes and ears on what's happening in the state legislature. That includes keeping in touch with locally elected state senators and representatives, tracking bills introduced in Nashville, and keeping the state aware of Knox County's interests.

The Knoxville Focus sat in on a meeting of Schoonmaker's Legislative Affairs Committee recently. The meeting was a bit informal and included Commissioners Brad Anders, Michele Carringer, Evelyn Gill and Carson Dailey. Deputy Law Director David Buuck sat in on the meeting.

Chairman Schoonmaker, who usually gives the full commission a legislative report each month, went through a long list of Nashville bills that were withdrawn, failed, deferred, were active or have passed during the recent state government session.

One of the discussions



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

John Schoonmaker (center) guides the Legislative Affairs Committee through a long list of bills during the recent state government session.

centered on the passing of digital library cards for all public school students, permitting each student to log onto library files and get information.

The committee also discussed making a recommendation to the full commission regarding prohibiting smoking on the grounds of a playgrounds owned by Knox County. That would include schools and parks with children's playgrounds. Under a new state law cities and counties may impose such bans.

"How are you going to enforce

that?" Gill asked, adding that the proposal would forbid smoking within 50 feet of a playground and place a \$50 fine for doing so.

Schoonmaker replied that each legislative body can set the limits and, in some places, the "No Smoking" signs already exist but are not enforced.

"I don't think the state can tell us what to do," Anders said.

The committee also talked about the upcoming meeting with state legislators in Gatlinburg and Anders suggested that county commissioners attending could

discuss issues but, to stay within the law, not take a vote while there. The Tennessee County Services Association meets May 21-23 at the Park Vista Hotel.

Referring to many of the bills that were before the state legislature Schoonmaker said, more than once, "It's not actually what it says." The committee went through various bills.

Dailey commented on a bill that gives citizen and option to "Opt In" to rounding up utility bills to the next dollar instead of "Opting Out."

They also discussed the recent voucher bill that passed the legislature and noted that Knox County students were excluded from the program. They also talked about a bill that passed the legislature removing the local sheriff departments from having to transport mental patients to Moccasin Bend in Chattanooga for treatment. Anders said that the county mayor, under the bill, will have to "designate someone" or a third party to take the mental patients there.

It was commented that the sheriff's department sometimes has to transport mental patients to Chattanooga on a daily basis.

One of the Nashville bills that passed concerns authorizing an attorney for a county or city to seek an injunction against a person who harasses an employee if the offense takes place while the employee is on duty.

Schoonmaker told The Focus Thursday that he's working with the Knox County Mayor's Office, which has a Nashville lobbyist, and Schoonmaker may present an updated report at the commission's May 27 regular meeting.

The Legislative Affairs Committee meets as needed.

Council approves purchase of St. Mary's complex

By Mike Steely
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After a couple hours of discussion and debate, the Knoxville City Council approved the purchase of the former St. Mary's Hospital complex from Tennova and several related resolutions to get the project underway.

The council last year tentatively approved setting aside \$40 million to relocate the police and fire departments and Tuesday evening the council voted 7-1 to authorize the deal. Only Councilman George Wallace objected to the purchase and Councilwoman Gwenn McKenzie was absent for that particular vote.

Several people spoke in favor of the purchase and renovation of the facility including George Bove of the North Knoxville Business and Professional

Association.

Wallace said he wasn't debating the merits of the deal between Tennova and the city but said a new facility for police and fire could be built for less money than renovating the former hospital. He said no renovation will make the old buildings "new" and suggested a request for proposals be issued for the best product and best price.

"There are too many unknowns," Wallace said, adding, "There's a better way to do this."

Deputy Mayor David Brace responded that the city has 120 days of "due diligence" in the purchase agreement with Tennova, giving the city engineers and consultants time to look over the various buildings and the ability to back out of the contract if some major structural or other large problems are

detected.

Councilman Andrew Roberto asked Brace to report back often during that time period.

Brace also said that LMU is interested in buying or leasing the tower building on the Tennova/St. Mary's grounds and he promised to preserve the original 1929 hospital building there.

"Everyone in my district supports this, the hospital closing was a big blow," said Commissioner Lauren Rider. She said that rebuilding Knoxville has made the city what it is today.

Commissioner Stephanie Welch compared purchasing the old hospital to the purchase of the former Baptist Hospital and said the St. Mary's buy can "potentially stimulate private investment."

"I'm comfortable with the project as proposed, sometimes the market needs a nudge," said Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders.

With the hospital property approved the council then passed four other related resolutions including a 15 year in lieu of tax break for Tennova's two pieces of property on

Middlebrook Pike. Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons said the company is planning a medical building there and a Tennova spokesman said the facility will be a rehabilitation hospital. Wallace said the city is offsetting the cost of the St. Mary's purchase with the 15-year tax break.

Councilwoman Seema Singh-Perez told Tennova the "city is saving your butts on this" and voted "No." the resolution passed 8-1.

All nine councilmembers supported the other resolutions regarding the St. Mary's facility that

included hiring a professional design service, an environmental assessment and geotechnical consulting company, and actually designating the site "as to build a public safety complex for the Police and Fire Department."

In other action the city council passed, on first reading, Mayor Madeline Rogero's proposed budget, increasing salaries of city employees by 2.5% and increasing starting salaries for police and fire employees.

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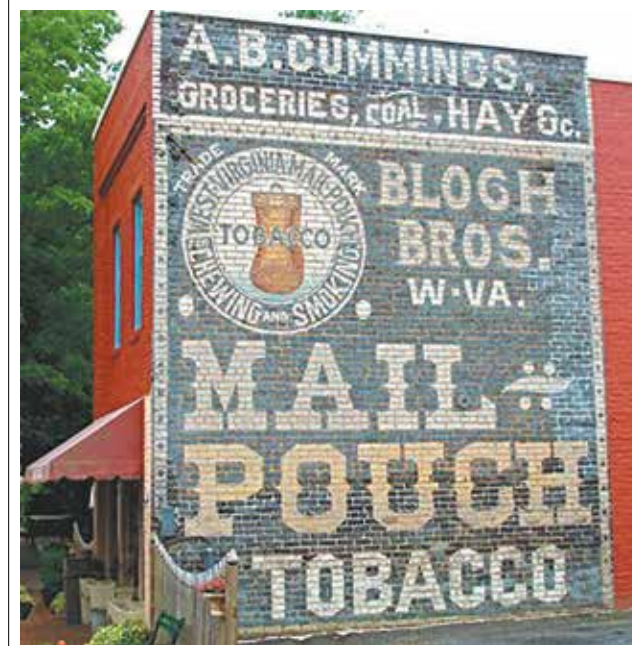
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All around Knoxville the city's history is winking at you although you may not have noticed. Here and there on some of the older buildings, if you look closely enough, you can see the past appearing as faded or painted-over business names or advertisements on the brick walls.

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'Total team effort' pays off for Halls in District 3-AAA softball

By Steve Williams

Halls didn't show any weak links in its District 3-AAA championship win at Powell Wednesday night. The Lady Red Devils got excellent pitching, solid defensive play and timely hitting in their 3-1 victory over the defending state champion Lady Panthers. Senior Bri Blair gave up a solo home run in the top of the first inning, "then settled in and pitched great the rest of the way," said Coach Bryan Gordon. "We played very well defensively and got some timely hits in the third inning." Sloane Baldrige got an infield hit and stole second to ignite the big inning. Casey Norris drove her in with a double. Aspen Calloway then hit a two-run homer for the eventual final score. "It was really a total team effort," added Gordon. It was the third meeting of the season between the two rivals. They split their two regular season games.

'It's always a great game when you play Powell," said the Halls coach. "They have a great program and you know when you play them you have to play at your best." It's possible the two teams could square off for a fourth time this week. Halls (27-6) hosts Maryville (22-11-1) tonight (May 13) at 6 in the Region 2-AAA semifinals. Powell (33-7) plays at Farragut (35-7). Winners advance to the region finals. Farragut stopped Maryville 8-0 to capture the District 4-AAA crown. Powell defeated Farragut 5-4 in a regular season meeting. In other softball tournament action, perennial state power Gibbs rolled past Carter 9-2 in the District 3-AA finals. Alcoa walloped Fulton 17-3 in the District 4-AA title game.

BASEBALL: Webb toppled CAK 8-5 in the Division II-A East Region finals, while Gibbs lost to Pigeon Forge

6-2 in the District 3-AA championship game.

BOYS SOCCER: Austin-East's dream season ended with a semifinal loss to Berean Christian in District 2-A. The Eagles halted the Roadrunners' best season ever by outscoring A-E 4-3 in overtime penalty kicks. Berean, however, bowed to Gatlinburg-Pittman 3-1 in the finals. Karns blanked Oak Ridge 3-0 to claim the District 3-AAA championship. Edson Castro led the Beavers with two goals and David Hernandez scored one goal. Farragut was scheduled to host Maryville in the District 4-AAA title match Saturday night.

FUTURE LADY VOL: Carter swimmer Annie Rimmer committed to the University of Tennessee April 20. She is a six-time state finalist in the 100 free and 100 fly, finishing fourth in both races as a sophomore and junior.



Carter High's Annie Rimmer has always wanted to be a Lady Vol and she is on her way to being a swimmer at UT.

PEMBER SHINES: UT signee Drew Pember of Bearden was outstanding from the 3-point line and had eight blocks in the second annual Rocky Top Border War all-star basketball game at Knoxville Catholic. The game also featured Florida signee Ques Glover of Bearden, reported Catholic Coach Mike Hutchens. The girls' all-star contest featured Furman signee Skylar Boshears of Campbell County and Tennessee Tech signee Jada Guinn of Oak Ridge.

TIME FOR CHANGE: "In regards to leaving HVA, it was an opportunity to step back, move closer to our family and be able to spend some more time at home with my family," emailed Wes Jones. "I am honored to have had the opportunity to start the football program at HVA." Jones led the Hawks to seven playoff appearances in 10 seasons and said he had an overall coaching record of 56-54.

HVA SIGNEES: Hardin Valley Academy's Cartez Campbell, a first-team member of The Knoxville Focus / Coaches' 2018 All-Knox County football team, signed with Georgetown on May 9. He was a 6-2, 210-pound wide receiver and defensive back for the Hawks last fall. Other signees included Bryce Jenkins, baseball, Cleveland State; Jared Lugo, baseball, Cleveland State; Reagan Ely, soccer, Alabama A&M.

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Top league players honored by coaches

By Ken Lay

District 4-AAA is one of the toughest and most competitive high school baseball leagues in Tennessee and it features some of the state's top players, year in and year out. The district's coaches honored its best standouts recently. Hardin Valley Academy's Tyler Roach was named Coach of the Year in his first season with the Hawks. Parker Noland, Farragut High's third baseman, was the league's Most Valuable Player after leading the Admirals on a perfect 12-0 run in district play. Farragut was 36-2 at press time and hadn't lost to a team from the Volunteer State all season. Farragut's Ryan Hagenow was named Pitcher of the Year. HVA's Cam

Fisher was the Offensive Player of the Year and Catholic's Kaden Martin (son of Tennessee assistant football coach Tee Martin) was the league's Rookie of the Year. The Admirals had five additional all-district selections including: Ashton King, Owen Kovacs, Landon Smiddy, Cooper Mashburn and Ryan McCarthy. The Hawks, who finished second in the district, had four other selections. They were Jared Lugo, Bryce Jenkins, Conner Hubler and Lukas Cook. The Irish were represented by Cooper Whit, Garrett Lewis, Chris Arbutnot, Rece Harpst and Nic Harpst. Cole Poynter, Harrison Mosley and John Beam made the team from Bearden while West High had Brandon Langenberg, Jake Wilhoit and Blake Whitfield named to the squad.

Lady Falcons qualify for regionals with win over Kingston

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schools and we got beat up a little bit," Settle said. "But that got us ready for this." "I think I saw something special in this team in September. We didn't pick up a softball until January but the girls came in and we worked on getting stronger. We would hit the ball last year but we didn't hit it hard, so we came in during the offseason and we worked on getting stronger and the girls all worked hard." Gayza Davenport provided some offensive punch out of the third spot in Fulton's batting order. She's hitting at a .356 clip and has clubbed six home runs thus far in 2019. Freshman catcher Alexis Cooper hit .525 in the district tournament for the Lady Falcons and shortstop Haylie

Daugherty is batting .333. Fulton doesn't have a senior on this year's roster and Settle said that a talented crop of incoming freshman makes the future potentially bright if the Lady Falcons continue to build on this season's success. The near future may bring big things for Fulton but its next game is tonight (May 13) in the regionals. The Lady Falcons will travel to Corryton to face state powerhouse Gibbs and Settle knows that his squad could struggle against the Lady Eagles, who are regulars at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro. "We know what we're up against," Settle said. "We know that we're a Cinderella." Settle has a pair of top area assistants in Megan Cross (his daughter) and Chloe Cox.

A big fifth inning helped Farragut High School capture the District 4-AAA Baseball Tournament Championship Wednesday night.

The Admirals, who dominated all comers en route to completing a perfect run through the regular-season league schedule, flexed their muscles more during the preliminary stages of postseason play.

“We executed well and we came out and we did what we were supposed to do,” Farragut coach Matt Buckner said after the top-seeded Admirals nabbed a 10-1 victory over second-ranked Hardin Valley Academy at John Heatherly Field at the Ballpark in Farragut.

The Admirals (35-2) had a 4-1 lead heading in to the bottom of the fifth when they blew things open by scoring six runs in the frame when they sent 11 batters to the plate.

Things started when designated hitter Hudson Seiglar drew a leadoff walk and was lifted for pinch runner Myles McFerran. Bryce Burkey then legged out an infield single, putting runners at first and second.

McFerran scored on a single by Carter Gillette to make the score 5-1.

Later, Ryan McCarthy had a two-run single and Ashton King blasted a three-run homer to cap the inning.

The Admirals, who had preliminary tournament victories

over Heritage, Maryville and the Hawks, allowed just four runs in four games in the tournament. Those pitching performances came against some of the stiffest competition in the state.

“We did everything we were supposed to do,” Buckner said. “We only gave up four runs during the whole district tournament.”

Farragut got a solid start from junior left-hander Adam Birkholz, who admitted to balancing a few nerves early during his first experience on the playoff stage. But he shook the butterflies as he gave up just one run and five hits while striking out eight.

He retired the first eight Hawks he faced and opened the game by fanning the side

in the first.

“I was a little nervous at first because this was my first time pitching in this situation,” Birkholz said. “But all of my stuff was pretty much working and I had a great defense behind me.”

The sophomore gave way to Hunter Merrick, who hurled a pair of scoreless innings and retired the final six Hardin Valley hitters in order.

“Birk did a great job and we played great defense and Merrick came in and he was great,” Buckner said.

The Admirals started fast, scoring a run in each of the first two innings.

They took a 1-0 lead when Parker Noland, the district’s Most Valuable Player,

singled, stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error. He came home and Seiglar reached on another defensive miscue by the Hawks (20-13).

Admirals’ right fielder Nick Barnes made it 2-0 with a solo homer in the second.

Farragut added two more runs in the third when Seiglar doubled home King, who singled and Merrick knocked in a run on an infield groundout.

Hardin Valley coach Tyler Roach was disappointed after his team ran out of gas.

“We were deflated after the early error and we were flat,” said Roach, who was the league’s Coach of the Year. “Farragut is an elite team and they don’t beat themselves much.

“You can’t give them extra chances like that or they’ll make you pay. We were tired and that definitely played a factor. We played Friday, Saturday Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and then today. Our game started Saturday and we got rained out and had to finish on Sunday. We were the only team who had to do that. But if you don’t bring the energy and the passion to the district championship, you’re not an elite team.”

HVA scored its lone run in the fifth on an RBI single by Archer Wong-Shasteen.

Both the Admirals and Hawks will be in the Region 2-AAA Semifinals today (May 13). Farragut hosts Halls while Hardin Valley travels to Powell.

A champion runner and a champion teammate

When Jake Renfree crossed the finish line far ahead of the other Region 2 cross country runners last fall, he didn’t stop running. He immediately made a 180 degree

senior year, winning the KIL meet for the first time and defending his region title at Victor Ashe Park. That’s the day I saw him cross the finish line and then race back to root home his teammates.

“It’s really a race of individuals, but they still score it by region like a cross country meet,” pointed out O’Neil. “If you watch Jake’s interviews from after the race, he kept saying that he wanted to help the South team do well. That was a huge motivating factor for him.”

It was an unusual sight at first, but Knoxville Catholic High Coach Sean O’Neil later explained what Jake was doing.

“He was running back to cheer for his teammates,” said O’Neil.

In a nutshell, that’s Jake. Success hadn’t spoiled Renfree. And Jake had had a lot of it in a very short amount of time at the end of his junior cross country season when he broke out on the regional and national scene.

Jake was seeded 50th in the Foot Locker South Regional on Thanksgiving weekend in 2017 and only wanted to have the team there with him, said O’Neil, and really worked to help the team stay focused and motivated as it approached the region meet.

“He took it pretty hard when we didn’t qualify (as a team),” said O’Neil.

Another example of Renfree’s love for team competition surfaced in the Foot Locker competition.

Renfree went on to win the state Nov. 3 at Percy Warner Park in Nashville and went back to the Foot Locker Nationals and took second place. Soon after, he was named to the U.S. Junior National team that competed in Scotland in January.

Renfree has been a team guy at Catholic and O’Neil believes that quality in him will live on at Notre Dame.

“Jake loves being on a team, and runs his best when he feels like he is running for others,” said O’Neil.

As great as his experience at the state cross country meet was last fall, he really wanted to have the team there with him, said O’Neil, and really worked to help the team stay focused and motivated as it approached the region meet.

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The team concept also was a factor in Renfree choosing to sign with Notre Dame.

“One of the things that really appealed to him about Notre Dame is that the coach talked about having a sense of pride in running for the team, running for Notre Dame,” said O’Neil. “Jake thrives in that kind of environment, and was immediately drawn there for that reason.”

Renfree’s love for the team approach is still high on his list of importance and surfaced in the KIL meet a couple of weeks ago when Jake not only ran and won the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter races, but also ran the anchor leg on Catholic’s 4x400 relay team, which placed fifth.

“Jake will be running in the 800 and 1600, and also running the 4x400 relay,” replied Coach O’Neil, when asked what Renfree would be running in the Large School Sectionals state

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Bearden’s Progress Continues

In 2018 the Bearden Bulldogs were one of the best high school football teams in East Tennessee. They went 8-2 while playing in the competitive Region 1-6A. A win over rival Farragut had their fans hoping for a deep postseason run.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the tiebreaker gods were unkind. Going 4-2 in region play meant a 3-way tie with Science Hill and Hardin Valley Academy. Losses to both of those teams put the Bulldogs in fourth place and earned them a trip to Blount County to face perennial powerhouse Maryville.

Bearden lost that matchup 28-7, ending their season at 8-3. But head coach Bearden head Morgan Shinlever isn’t making excuses.

“We had one of best first round matchups in the state,” Shinlever told me at a recent Bulldogs spring practice. “It was 9-1 vs 8-2. The tiebreaker didn’t go our way, but we were too inconsistent in two of those ball games and that dropped us to a four seed. To be honest, other than that one game late in

season (at Hardin Valley) the only game lost was due to a four minute stretch in one game (vs. Science Hill) and it cost us dearly.”

In the fall it will be Shinlever’s sixth season running the Bulldogs program. Progress continues in west Knoxville.

“We’ve made strides each year,” said Shinlever. “Last year was the first that I felt Bearden was playing at a level it should be. We competed for a region championship, but fell short. Obviously that was not our goal. We wanted to win and host a first round playoff game, but we won eight games and that is where Bearden should be. We should always be winning 7-9 games in the regular season. That should be the standard, and then a playoff push.”

Looking to the fall, the Bulldogs have to find some answers up front. Bearden has to replace its entire front four on defense, plus the top three backups. Bearden likely will see some lineman playing both ways.

“We are bringing in kids that have been in program

for a couple of years that have gotten playing time and meaningful minutes in ball games, so we feel comfortable about what is coming up... but the biggest question mark is on the offensive and defensive lines.”

On offense, the Bulldogs bring back quarterback Collin Ironside for his senior year. As a freshman, Ironside started Bearden’s fourth game of the season, and has been the starter ever since.

“Collin is a lead by example type guy,” said Shinlever. “He brings experiences. He is physically imposing at 190-195 pounds and a nearly 6’3 frame. He looks the part of a football player. If you get a kid that is not only a hard worker but has a head on his shoulders like Collin, then you have a strong leader on your offensive unit. When you have got that much experience you feel confident with what you are able to do offensively.”

The Bulldogs will dearly miss Caleb Wilkins, who played linebacker, running back and even punted for Bearden. His graduation leaves a hole that they’ll likely need a few players to fill.

Trusley’s bat gives Powell another home game

By Steve Williams

Powell High’s baseball team captured the District 3-AAA championship and avoided a must-win matchup with mighty Farragut, but what junior Walker Trusley was most happy about was getting to play another home game with his senior teammates.

“It’s more of I love these seniors and I have a great relationship with them, and it’s another game we get to play on this field with them, rather than ‘Oh crap, we have to go play Farragut at Farragut,” said Trusley after the Panthers posted a 5-4 win over rival Halls at Danny T. Maples Field Wednesday night.

Powell (26-6) will host Hardin Valley Academy (19-13) in the Region 2-AAA semifinals tonight (May 13) at 6.

Halls (22-10) will play at Farragut (36-2) at 6:30. The Admirals sailed past HVA 10-1 in last week’s District 4-AAA finals.

The two winners will meet for the region championship Wednesday.

Trusley, Powell’s starting pitcher, was staked to a 4-0 lead in the first inning against the Red Devils, but he felt his control issues in the middle frames allowed Halls to even the score. Relieved by Matt Grim after the seventh, Trusley got redemption with his bat when he singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the eighth.

“We knew coming in it was going to be a hard-fought game,” said Logan Dalton, Powell’s second-year head coach. “Most of the games with Halls are.

“The fight in these guys is what’s special. We’ve come back from being down three times in this tournament. They don’t quit. This is a special group. It really is.”

The Panthers’ eighth inning offense was efficient and classic. Cameron Bryson, eighth in the batting order, led off with a single through the right side of the infield. Taylor Alford put down a perfect sacrifice bunt to put Bryson on second. Halls intentionally walked leadoff batter Shade Powell. Trusley’s drive into left center got down just soon enough and Bryson beat the tag at the plate.

Powell’s leadoff home run over the right field fence and Grim’s two-out, 3-run homer to left put the Panthers on top 4-0.

Run-scoring singles by Ty Hutchinson and Blake Rauhuff pulled the Red Devils within 4-2 in the fourth. In between a hit batsman and a base on balls given up by Trusley, Hunter Housewright doubled with one out in the fifth. Another walk loaded the bases. Graham Elkins’ misplayed grounder to short brought in Will Shoaf from third and Housewright scored on a wild pitch to tie the game.

Grim got a fly out to center and two strikeouts in the eighth to record the mound win. Elkins pitched through six innings for Halls. Hutchinson took the loss in relief.

“We’re ready to play anybody that’s put up against us,” said Coach Dalton. “Obviously, Farragut is a good baseball team. We’ve played them twice this year. One was a really close game (6-5 loss) and the other one was a tournament game (11-1 loss) that we just didn’t have a lot of focus in.

“But the biggest thing about this Halls game is getting another home game. You see the crowd turnout here tonight. Our community is special and they really back our guys. We get to decide our fate on our home field, which is really what you want to do.

“These extra inning games, especially in district championships, take it out of you a little bit,” summed up Dalton with a sigh of relief. “But I’m proud of our guys. They competed really hard and they deserve this.”

Veteran Halls Coach Doug Polston said: “We battled. We got down early and it would have been real easy to have quit, but we didn’t.

“You’ve got to tip your hat to them (Powell). They made the plays they had to make and got the hits when they had to get them.

“I’m proud of my kids,” added Polston, who is in his 31st season. “They fought and scratched. They’ve come a long way. I told them they have nothing to hang their heads about.”

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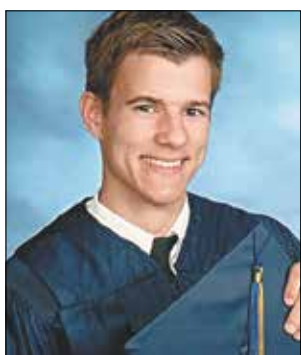
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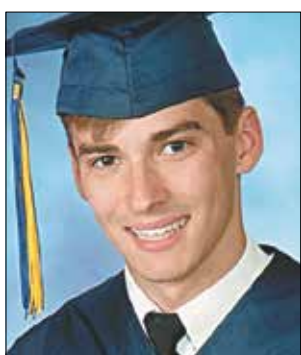
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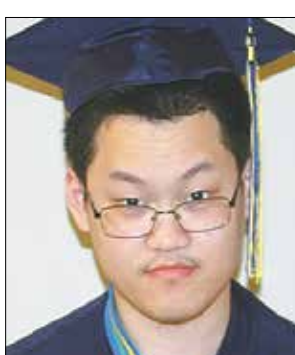
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Salutatorian



Taylor Lodari
Salutatorian



Riley Lyons
Salutatorian



Olivia McCarrell
Salutatorian



Colin McGurk
Salutatorian

A champion

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qualifying meet that were scheduled this past weekend.

"We don't expect the relay to make it to state, but without Jake on it they would not have even made it to sectionals," said O'Neil.

But Renfree wasn't about to give up on the team.

In a nutshell, that's Jake.

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The First Step

“Wine gladdens the hearts of men.” Psalm 104:15

Another week, another column. I sometimes ask myself, why do I continue after eleven years? Surely, I’ve said enough. But, the beat goes on.

As a doctor I’ve treated hundreds, if not thousands, of people who abuse alcohol and drugs like opioids. I’ve seen liver failure from cirrhosis and treated DTs (delirium tremens). I’ve managed overdoses and endocarditis (heart valve infections from illicit drug injection). However, it took a Christian writer to teach me about alcoholism.

I’m curious by nature and the things that interest me usually show up in this column. I enjoy learning and recently organized a philosophical group (book club) euphemistically dubbed the Salon, after 17th and 18th century French literary and philosophical groups. However,

we are not hoity toity nor do we wear powdered wigs! But, neither do any of my other three reading groups. I love to share the experience of movies and books with other people. Everyone’s perspective is unique and therefore reading and discussing a book within a group is insightful and brings me joy.

Many times I’ve mentioned my favorite writer of Christian apologetics, Phillip Yancey. I wish my prose were as beautiful as his. I believe the chapter on alcoholism in his book “What Good is God?” should be required reading in medical school. There is no medical science or physiology, just Grace and the human experience (humanism).

We hear much these days about the opioid crisis. Previously, our focus was on the abuses of alcohol. And everyone knows an alcoholic. I use the present tense because even people who are on

the proverbial wagon (not using alcohol or drugs) are “recovering.” Having a drinking problem is not like being treated for pneumonia. Abstinence and appropriate antibiotics will get you out of detox or the hospital. However, though that battle may be won, the war for sobriety is daily and lifelong.

Undoubtedly, the first fermented beverage, beer, existed before the first documented usage in the Mesopotamian culture of ancient Sumaria around 3000 BC - not to be confused with Samaria of Biblical times. Fermentation of grapes for wine occurred much later, and the discovery of the distillation process by Arabs, to produce spirits, came in the centuries after Christ - before Mohammed banned alcoholic drink in the seventh century AD.

Many times I’ve been asked if wine has medicinal value because studies of Frenchmen and Italians seem to show less coronary artery disease than, for instance, Germans who drink beer and Americans. It is said that Martin Luther scheduled church at eleven on Sundays, not for ecclesiastical purposes, but so he could drink till the wee hours on Saturday night and still begin services before noon the next day.

The purported value of

the polyphenol and antioxidant, resveratrol, in red wine is at best conjectural. Some studies have shown equal benefits with beer, which has lower levels of polyphenols. The bottom line is if you choose to drink, do so in moderation, for social reasons and not for medicinal value.

Prior to the modern era, water was often contaminated and alcohol in fermented beverages was safer. This is not a valid reason for drinking in modern America. Interestingly, both the Salvation Army and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) were founded to combat alcoholism. In 1934 Bill Wilson, the founder of AA, met a friend named Ebby who emphasized a spiritual conversion experience as a necessary step for sobriety. Wilson eventually had his own conversion experience while drying out in a hospital, and together with another alcoholic and proctologist (!) named Bob Smith, came up with the now famous 12-step program, the cornerstone of recovery. In fact, successful treatment programs now emphasize not only physical and psychological, but also the spiritual aspects of addiction. And NA, or narcotics anonymous, like many other addiction programs also utilizes the 12-step system.

Yancey tells the poignant story of a cab driver who was addicted to crack cocaine. She told him, “Crack isn’t for people to feel good; it’s for people to feel nothing.” I have seen many people and patients who drink or use drugs to numb the pain in their lives. I don’t pity these poor souls with addiction, I feel for them. That is the difference between sympathy and empathy.

Years ago I wrote an essay entitled “The Rat Park” which describes a classic research study of the same name. In the study mice were addicted to cocaine and trained in a task to receive the drug they craved. However, when offered an entertaining playground and socialization with other female mice rather than solitary confinement in a cage, they quit using the numbing drug.

I chafe at the notion that I have achieved some measure of wisdom as I’ve grown older. I have greater insight, but have not achieved any measure of true wisdom. As a younger doctor I remember referring to “the man in room 432 with pneumonia.” Now, I perceive that man as my patient - if not friend - with a wife and children and a life beyond room 432 who has pneumonia. With Yancey’s insight I now see alcoholism and drug

addiction with a newer set of eyes and augmented empathy. This does not mean I don’t believe we are not all accountable for our choices. However, a poem by Emily Dickinson better expresses what I’m trying to say:

“If I can stop one Heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain
If I can ease one Life the Aching,
Or cool one Pain,
Or help one fainting Robin
Unto his Nest again,
I shall not live in vain.”

Alcoholism and drug addiction are incurable diseases. However, they can be combated successfully with the proverbial “hand up rather than a hand out.” People are far more complex creatures than mice. We are created in God’s image and given freedom of choice and reason. We require more than play, sex and enough food as in The Rat Park. The 12-step plan for humans requires the spiritual component.

In the fifth century Augustine of Hippo said it best in the opening paragraph of his monumental work, “The Confessions.” He said, “Our souls remain restless until they rest in thee, Oh Lord.” How true that is, then and now.

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

Pedal for Alzheimer’s announces new grant available for senior living communities

Alzheimer’s-Focused Communities Can Apply For Community Grant

Pedal for Alzheimer’s, Ltd. announces that the third annual 1,098-mile charity bike ride will benefit senior living communities that provide support to residents and families facing Alzheimer’s. Senior care communities that have an emphasis on serving those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and different forms of dementia can now apply for the community grant.

In the first two events, the organization has given over \$170,000 to Alzheimer’s research, education and support. While the board of directors recognizes the need to raise funds for research, the

board also acknowledges the importance to support those individuals, caregivers and communities who are providing daily care. The organization is honored to be able to give back to local communities along this year’s route.

“The whole reason we formed the non-profit and why this idea came about was to raise money and awareness to support research, care and education for Alzheimer’s,” Josh Crisp, Pedal for Alzheimer’s founder said. “We realized over the past couple of years that we have provided large gifts to further research and this year, we thought it would be significant for the team members to see the immediate impact of the dollars they are raising. Our team is excited to visit senior

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The card sharks at Windsor Gardens Assisted Living are deep in concentration!! Residents love getting together and bonding over a good game of cards. Pictured above is the weekly rummy group, Linda Wheeler, Rene Kaplon, Helen Forester and Dick Hall. If you need a place to host your weekly card game, like Bridge or Rummy, contact Windsor Gardens Assisted Living!



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Cornerstone Church's Compassion Team Hosts Music Café at Morning Pointe

Cornerstone Church of Knoxville's Compassion Team presented their first Music Café at Morning Pointe of Knoxville (TN), treating the assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care community's residents to an afternoon of music, games, and fellowship. "With so many extended families spread out across the country,

multi-generational family gatherings have become rare. We desire to give our families opportunities to serve seniors in our community through an interactive time of singing, reminiscing, and games," says Melanie Cahill, the Compassion Team's leader, elaborating on the idea behind the service project.



Morning Pointe life enrichment director Pat Anderson agrees. "We are so thankful to CCK's Compassion Team for volunteering their time and resources in order to brighten our residents' day," Anderson says. "Everyone enjoyed the café so much that the church has offered to come back and host a Music Café once a month. We're already looking forward to their next visit!"

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'Raising Kane' at the South Knoxville Senior Center Open House!

9:00-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

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The South Knoxville Senior Center is inviting all people age 50 and older to come join SKSC in 'raising some Kane' at a "Hillbilly Mania Open House" on Thursday, May 30.

Woodmen Life will be serving up some fried chicken and there will be plenty of other good foods to eat. Bring your favorite dish to share to complement the chicken and treat Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs to some good ole South Knoxville home cookin' around noon!

SKSC will also have several sponsors and guests that will help make the Open House a success including:

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Bring someone new to introduce to the senior center. There is always something happening at the center; music, card games, water aerobics, exercise classes, line dancing, Tai Chi classes, special events, field trips, or just meeting up with old friends.

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Ijams & Forks of the River

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Join us on Tuesday, May 21 when we will begin by walking a portion of the Will Skelton Greenway spanning through Ijams Nature Center and Forks of the River Wildlife Management area operated by TWRA (Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency). This walk will be approximately 3.6 miles in length.

We will meet up at the Ijams Welcome Center (2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920) at 10:00 a.m. The walk will be over paved and gravelled trails. There are few places to sit and rest along the way so be prepared for some walking. Wear appropriate footwear and bring bottled water for hydration.

After the walk we will meet up at the Round Up Restaurant (3643 Sevierville Pike) for some refreshments. This walk will be led by Darrell Gooding, coordinator at Strang Senior Center.

Big Ridge State Park

Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 a.m.

June's Senior Services Senior Walk will be on Tuesday, June 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. The group will meet up at the Visitor's Center at Big Ridge State Park (1015 Big Ridge Park Rd., Maynardville, TN 37807) and will be the Lake Trail, a 3-mile easy to moderate trail that meanders around one side of the forty-nine acre Big Ridge Lake. It crosses Big Ridge Dam, which was constructed in

the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp. The young men of the CCC are responsible for building the dam and many of the other structures in the park.

This trail is an excellent one for viewing wildlife such as deer, frogs, heron, wood ducks, and more. If you like, you can also make a stop at the Snodderly Cemetery where many of the area's earlier inhabitants are buried. You can return along the same trail, or take a slightly shorter walk along the park road back to your our starting point at the Visitor Center.

Afterwards, the group will have a picnic lunch with hotdogs, chips, dessert/fruit, and drinks at the swimming area. This walk will be led by Rebecca Kirkland-Quarles, coordinator at the Halls Senior Center. To RSVP for this walk please call 865-215-529 or email Carole.Conaway@knoxcounty.org.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 18, 2014, executed by BARBARA A. DAVIS, BRENT L. DAVIS, 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 June 19, 2014, at Instrument Number 201406190071604; 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 **June 13, 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 DISTRICT NUMBER SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING UNKNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 84, OF THE YARNELL STATION SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 201306250085457, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 117LC063
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1549 YARNELL STATION BLVD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37932**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BARBARA A. DAVIS, BRENT L. DAVIS

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 20, 2003, executed by ELOISE W. DUFF, conveying certain real property therein described to ROB OGLE, A RESIDENT OF KNOX COUNTY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 23, 2003, at Instrument Number 200305230107655; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-3 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-3 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 **June 13, 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: SITUATED IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 44TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 26 IN BLOCK H OF FAIROAKS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 53-S, PAGE 14, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT FRONTING 85 FEET ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF SHAFTSBURY DRIVE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 24, 1985.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6417 SHAFTSBURY DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ELOISE W. DUFF

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2016, executed by LORIE L. LARSEN, conveying certain real property therein described to J. KEVIN RENFRO, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 15, 2016, at Instrument Number 201607150003136;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to LakeView Loan Servicing, 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 **June 13, 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 DISTRICT NO. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 33RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 1 AND LOT 2, ROBERTS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT 201406250072932, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY WAS CONVEYED TO LORI L. LARSEN BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 14, 2016, AND OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT 201607150003135 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 070CC01102
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3206 ALICE BELL ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. 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): LORIE L. LARSEN

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.

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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 March 31, 2004, executed by SHARON F. EMPEY, STEVEN R. EMPEY, conveying certain real property therein described as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 6, 2004, at Instrument Number 200404060092460;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **May 30, 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 DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 51ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, WESTMINSTER GREEN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET N, SLIDE 321-C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE ("PLAT") TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND EASEMENTS, AND SUBJECT TO ALL BURDENS OF THAT CERTAIN JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES, DATED AS OF APRIL 3, 1995 OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2171, PAGE 1028, AS CORRECTED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 2173, PAGE 81, BOTH IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. FURTHER TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND EASEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK

2171, PAGE 975, IN THE RECORDS OF THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Parcel ID: 1210A01002
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **6307 WATERS EDGE LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): SHARON F. EMPEY, STEVEN R. EMPEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Internal Revenue Service (TN) The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201712150036868. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 14, 2005, executed by TASHA Y. HERRELL, TERRY L. HERRELL, conveying certain real property therein described to ROBERT M. WILSON JR, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 22, 2005, at Instrument Number 200502220065928; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR INDENTURE TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-B 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 **June 13, 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 DISTRICT NO. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 33RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 1 AND LOT 2, ROBERTS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT 201406250072932, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY WAS CONVEYED TO LORI L. LARSEN BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 14, 2016, AND OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT 201607150003135 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 070CC01102
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3206 ALICE BELL ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**. 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): LORIE L. LARSEN

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.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2009, executed by SHIRLEY L. PYE, JOE L. PYE, A MARRIED COUPLE, to STEVEN J. GREENE, A RESIDENT OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, Trustee, of record in INSTRUMENT NO. 200908040009977, for the benefit of KNOX HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF STATE OF TENNESSEE, 900 E. HILL AVENUE, SUITE 270, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described;

and WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OWNER) BY AND THROUGH ITS SERVICER AND AGENT, FEDERATION OF APPALACHIAN HOUSING ENTERPRISES, INC., being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.** LOCAL TIME AT THE NORTHERN MOST ENTRANCE FROM MAIN AVENUE, NEAR THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM, ON LEVEL "M" OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, AT 400 MAIN AVENUE, IN KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in KNOX County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY OF KNOX, TENNESSEE: SITUATE IN DISTRICT 1, COUNTY OF KNOX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 55, OF STRONG AND THOMPSON'S EAST END ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 105 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF.

STREET ADDRESS: 2401 WILSON AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 105, INSTRUMENT NO. 200701120057035, AND INSTRUMENT NUMBER 20050220061057 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SHIRLEY L. PYE AN HUSBAND, JOE L. PYE, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 29, 2009 OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200908040009976, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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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 September 26, 2016, executed by JEFFERY LEE KISER, conveying certain real property therein described to WESTCOR LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 5, 2016, at Instrument Number 201610050022287;

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 **May 30, 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 DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 26, UNIT 1, WOOD HARBOUR SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET F, SLIDE 113-B, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 143NA026
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **832 WOOD HARBOUR RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JEFFERY LEE KISER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: METRO KNOXVILLE HMA, LLC DBA TURKEY CREEK MEDICAL CENTER, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMENITY BANK/ GANDER MOUNTAIN MASTERCARD, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SYNCHRONY BANK/LOWERThe 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.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2009, executed by SHIRLEY L. PYE, JOE L. PYE, A MARRIED COUPLE, to STEVEN J. GREENE, A RESIDENT OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, Trustee, of record in INSTRUMENT NO. 200908040009977, for the benefit of KNOX HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF STATE OF TENNESSEE, 900 E. HILL AVENUE, SUITE 270, KNOXVILLE, TN 37915, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described;

and WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was last assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OWNER) BY AND THROUGH ITS SERVICER AND AGENT, FEDERATION OF APPALACHIAN HOUSING ENTERPRISES, INC., being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, designee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.** LOCAL TIME AT THE NORTHERN MOST ENTRANCE FROM MAIN AVENUE, NEAR THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM, ON LEVEL "M" OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, AT 400 MAIN AVENUE, IN KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in KNOX County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY OF KNOX, TENNESSEE: SITUATE IN DISTRICT 1, COUNTY OF KNOX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 55, OF STRONG AND THOMPSON'S EAST END ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 105 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF.

STREET ADDRESS: 2401 WILSON AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914

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NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SHIRLEY L. PYE AN HUSBAND, JOE L. PYE, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 29, 2009 OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200908040009976, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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Once again, the Pedal for Alzheimer's team of cyclists will be riding 1,098 miles in honor of legendary coach Pat Summitt, over 12 days, through five states this fall to raise money for Alzheimer's research, education and care.

Pedal for Alzheimer's

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living communities along our route and meet staff members and family caregivers who are providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer's."

Prior to the 12-day, 1,098-mile cycling event beginning in Knoxville on September 29 and concluding in Daytona Beach, Florida on October 10, Pedal for Alzheimer's is accepting applications from senior care communities who would like to be considered for a Community Grants which will be issued during the event.

The mission of Pedal for Alzheimer's is to organize cycling events to raise money, provide education

and increase awareness surrounding the mission of finding a cure for Alzheimer's and the community grants are one way the organization can provide immediate help through a financial or in-kind gift.

"PointClickCare is proud to support Pedal for Alzheimer's – a commitment we have maintained since it began in 2017," Travis Palmquist, vice president and general manager for Senior Living, PointClickCare said. The board of directors will consider each inquiry. To apply, visit PedalforAlzheimers.org, click on "Contact" and complete the form by telling us 1) Name of community/contact, 2) Address of

community, 3) In what specific way(s) can your community benefit from the Community Grant. Upon the community grant submission, a Pedal for Alzheimer's representative will follow up with additional questions for those communities who are eligible.

The organization encourages interested individuals to join or sponsor the team, cheer the team on along the route, sponsor a rider, donate in honor of a loved one, or contribute to the Community Grants.

Interested cyclists can sign-up for the 12-day event, 6-day ride or the day ride in Knoxville at www.pedalforalzheimers.org.

Learn to Save Lives

AMR and Rural/Metro offer free training in Compression-only CPR, 'Stop the Bleed'

The week of May 20, in observation of National Emergency Medical Services Week, American Medical Response (AMR) and Rural/Metro locally and at AMR operations across the country will train thousands of people to save lives through compression-only CPR. Compression-only CPR is easy to learn and has the ability to keep a cardiac arrest victim alive until paramedics arrive. New this year is "Stop the Bleed" training so you could help save lives in a multi-casualty event.

Everyone in Knox County has an opportunity to receive this important training absolutely free. It takes only 20 minutes and is being offered at locations across Knoxville and Knox County. Everyone is invited to attend. No reservations are needed; people can just stop by.

Here is where the training is being offered:

MAY 18

- Knox County Library Summer Reading Festival at World's Fair Park

MAY 20

- Carter Senior Center 9:00 a.m. until noon
- South Senior Center 10:00 a.m. until noon

until noon

- Fleming Restaurant-Parkside Drive 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

MAY 21

- West Town Mall 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Kroger in Farragut at the Little Clinic 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Halls Senior Center Noon until 2:00 p.m.

MAY 22

- Kroger at Middlebrook @ Cedar Bluff in Little Clinic 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Corryton Senior Center 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.
- Strang Senior Center 9:00 a.m. until Noon

MAY 23

- New Harvest Park Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Karns Senior Center 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

MAY 24

- Kroger in Powell at the Little Clinic 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

MAY 25

- Market Square Farmers Market 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Summer Safety Bash 5 7328 Norris Freeway by Rural King 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

(In partnership with Knox County Sheriff's office)

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A MALE AND FEMALE CHILD NATALIE THOMAS, D.O.B. 02/16/2012 AND BLAKE THOMAS D.O.B.02/16/2012 By: HEATHER SHEPHERD, and SHELBY SHEPHERD, Petitioners, vs. MICHAEL SMITH, Respondent.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

This matter is before the Court on the Petitioner's Motion for Service by Publication. The Court finds that the Petitioner's Motion is well-taken and accordingly it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, requiring the Respondent, MICHAEL SMITH, to appear and answer the Petition for Termination of Parenting Rights within 30 days of the date of the last publication. It is further Ordered that if the Respondent fails to appear and answer the Petition within 30 days of the date of the last publication, the Petitioners, HEATHER SHEPHERD and SHELBY Shepherd shall be permitted to file a Notice of Default Judgment and serve the Respondent y leaving a copy of said Notice with the Clerk and Master of this Court.

ENTER this the 29th day of April, 2019

APPROVED FOR ENTRY: JOSEPH F. DELLARODOLFA

Attorney for Petitioners MONTPELIER DELLA-RODOLFA 9050 Executive Park Drive, Ste. A1 07 Knoxville, TN 37923 (865) 247-4920

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In Re: The Adoption of: Soleil Lynzie Noel Drew (dob 01/30/06) A Child Under the Age or Eighteen (18) Years.

TIMOTHY DREW and REGINA DREW, Petitioners, v. GIDGET LAMARR, Respondent.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

This matter is before the Court on the Petitioner's Motion for Service by Publication. The Court finds that the Petitioner's Motion is well-taken and accordingly it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Knoxville Focus, requiring the Respondent, GIDGET LAMARR, to appear and answer the Petition for Termination of Parenting Rights within 30 days of the date of the last publication. It is further Ordered that if the Respondent fails to appear and answer the Petition within 30 days of the date of the last publication, the Petitioners, TIMOTHY DREW and

REGINA DREW, shall be pennitted to file a Notice of Default Judgment and serve the Respondent by leaving a copy of said Notice with the Clerk and Master of this Court.

ENTER this the 29th day of April, 2019

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Joseph F Della-Rodolfa Attorney for Petitioners MONTPELIER DELLA-RODOLFA 9050 Executive Park Drive, Ste. A107 Knoxville, TN 37923 (865) 247-4920

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RICHARD LYNN GREENE; IN RE: LAURA NICOLE GREENE v. RICHARD LYNN GREENE NO. 197748-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant RICHARD LYNN GREENE a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon RICHARD LYNN GREENE it is ordered that said defendant RICHARD LYNN GREENE file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry R. Givens, an Attorneys whose address is, 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 504, Knoxville TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 17th day of April, 2019.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL D. MYNATT;

IN RE: KNOXVILLE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL D. MYNATT.

NO. 197837-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the sworn complaint filed by the plaintiff. The above defendant THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL D. MYNATT, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL D. MYNATT, it is ordered that said defendant, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PAUL D. MYNATT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with A. Scott McCulley, an Attorney whose address is, 8930 Cross Park Drive, Suite 1, Knoxville, TN 37923, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville,

Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 23rd day of April, 2019.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: BEN REDMOND IN RE: BOBBY STILES v. BEN REDMOND NO. 197164-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with R. Seth Oakes, an Attorney whose address is, 1111 N. Northshore Drive, Suite N-290, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 2nd day of May, 2019

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELEN M BURRELL DOCKET NUMBER 81618-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of APRIL 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELEN M BURRELL who died Mar 17, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 23 day of APRIL, 2019

ESTATE OF HELEN M BURRELL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID HARRIS; CO-EXECUTOR 7805 CREED WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

TIMOTHY HARRIS; CO-EXECUTOR 7804 CREED WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS CONANT DAVIS DOCKET NUMBER 81661-3

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

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This the 3 day of MAY, 2019.

ESTATE OF THOMAS CONANT DAVIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JENNIFER WOLEVER; EXECUTRIX 7207 BELL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

RUFUS W BEAMER, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW 707 MARKET STREET KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERIK EDWARD HENDERSON DOCKET NUMBER 81635-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of APRIL 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERIK EDWARD HENDERSON who died Mar 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26 day of APRIL, 2019.

ESTATE OF ERIK EDWARD HENDERSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRENDA C HENDERSON; CO-EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 7053 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

BENNY R HENDERSON; CO-EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 7053 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF XEN BRICE EDWARD PORTWOOD, II DOCKET NUMBER 81575-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of APRIL 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of XEN BRICE EDWARD PORTWOOD, II who died Mar 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 9 day of APRIL, 2019.

ESTATE OF XEN BRICE EDWARD PORTWOOD, II PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) XEN BRICE PORTWOOD, III; CO-ADMINISTRATOR 1315 YARNELL STATION BLVD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

JOHN CHASE PORTWOOD; CO-ADMINISTRATOR 4851 HORSE STALL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DAVID GOODSPEED SCHULTZ DOCKET NUMBER 81644-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of APRIL 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DAVID GOODSPEED SCHULTZ who died Mar 30, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 30 day of APRIL, 2019.

ESTATE OF DAVID GOODSPEED SCHULTZ PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) FIRST TENNESSEE BANK NA; EXECUTOR 800 S GAY STREET 5TH FLOOR KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

M ALAN MOORE, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 S GAY STREET 5TH FLOOR KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EARNEST STEPHEN BRADLEY DOCKET NUMBER 81634-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of APRIL 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of EARNEST STEPHEN BRADLEY who died Jan 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 26TH day of APRIL, 2019.

ESTATE OF EARNEST STEPHEN BRADLEY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) GAIL BRADLEY; ADMINISTRATRIX 10107 HIGDON DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2861, School Buses for Head Start Centers, due 6/12/19;

Bid 2862, Walk-In Cooler/Freezers for Norwood Elementary School, due 6/3/19

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.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

PURSUANT TO DEFAULT

Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien at Tillery Self Storage, 115 Tillery Rd, Knoxville, TN 37912, June 12, 2019, at 10:00 AM. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please call 865-687-7308 to confirm the sale.

Doyle "Tre" Hurst - 75

John Miller - 234

David Salage - 318

Jeanine Sharp - 13

Stephanie Stacy - 216

Kevin E. Roach - 279

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Vibrant Life is about thinking outside of the box to find fun and personalized ways for each resident to be successful living out each component. Diversity and adaptation are the keys to creating well-rounded and

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I consider myself a most fortunate person living in the 1950s. I graduated from high school in 1950 in the top quarter of a class of 400 graduates. I graduated in May, got married in September and had five children by 1960. In the meantime, I worked at a demolition factory outside of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We made bombs there to send to Korea during the war. One morning my boss came to me and said, "Do you believe in Christmas in March?" He handed me check for two hundred dollars. I was awarded that for a suggestion I made to help diminish the front line and make sure the bombs were not haphazardly made. However, it didn't last long. In 1953 the war was over and one day we were informed that the factory was closing, without a "fare thee well!" We all went home with tears streaming down our cheeks.

The fifties were an exciting time to live. Gas cost only 20¢ a gallon, the color TV set was introduced. Smokey the Bear becomes household name, Average income was \$3,216. Milk was 82¢, bread 14¢, postage stamps were .03¢. Do you remember those times?

I was very busy at that time too. Den Mother for Boy Scouts and for Girl Scouts. Plus I was a Nurses' Aid at a hospital. But I wouldn't trade those days for any other.

Remember the songs from the fifties? We just don't have songs like them now-a-days. The fifties marked the birth of rock and roll. Remember "Great Balls of Fire?" "Love Me Tender?" "Johnny Be Goode?" and

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Thought for the day; I will sing of your might; I will sing loud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress. Psalm 59:16

Send comments to rose-merrie@att.net. Thank you.

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