



The Knoxville Focus

www.knoxfocus.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE - \$88.88/YEAR

**** HUGE AUCTION ****
FRIDAY, July 19 at 6PM
Over 400 lots! See pictures at
fountaincityauction.com
Fountain City Auction
(865)474-9931

FREE
Take One!
July 15, 2019

Phone: 865-686-9970 | PO Box 18377, Knoxville, TN 37928 | Located at 4109 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912

City Council members weigh in on Recode Knoxville ahead of meeting

By Ken Lay

Recode Knoxville is appearing once more before the city council this week, this time as an ordinance on first reading. The agenda entry for the ordinance, which will set regulations on all city residential, commercial, office and industrial zones, reads:

An ordinance of the Council of the City of Knoxville to regulate the location, height, bulk, number of stories and size of buildings

and other structures, the percentage of the lot which may be occupied, the sizes of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, and the uses of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities and other purposes; and for such purposes to divide the municipality into districts or zones of such number, shape and areas as it may determine, and regulate the erection,

construction, reconstruction, alteration and uses of buildings and structures and the use of land; to prescribe penalty for the violation of its provisions and to provide for its enforcement; and to repeal Ordinance No. 3369, known and cited as "the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee" and all amendments thereto, all as the product of a public process known as "Recode Knoxville."

The Focus reached out to council members for their thoughts on Recode prior to the meeting tomorrow night. Council members Gwen McKenzie and Marshall Stair did not have comments before press time.

Councilman George C. Wallace: I'm supportive of it. I feel like, in some workshops, that we made some good revisions, some good changes. We brought some things up for discussion

and some people made amendments and we voted on them.

Some passed unanimously. Some failed. We went through it line by line and article by article. I have some issues that I want to bring back up. For me there are less than six or eight of those and for me, those are not deal breakers. I think it will be fine. You have the Hillside Slope and that applies to all properties. I would like

to see commercial properties exempt from that. Then there's another one that limits how many non-family members can rent a house. I'm going to bring that back up for discussion.

There are some other things that I would like to bring up for discussion.

Finbarr Saunders: I'm in favor of the Recode proposal and I've been up front about that. I hope we can pass something, I don't

Continued on page 3

Rep. Bill Dunn speaks in Fountain City

By Ken Lay

State representative Bill Dunn was in Knoxville last week and he spoke at the Fountain City Business and Professional Association's monthly luncheon Wednesday at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City.

Dunn spoke about several topics including the controversy surrounding beleaguered house speaker Glen Casada, the Real I.D., the state of education and the flourishing economy in Tennessee.

He also took a few shots at the Beltway politicians.

"I'm in Nashville and not in Washington, D.C. Washington is dysfunctional," he said. "I don't care if you're a Democrat or a Republican. What they're doing is not good for America. I'm a state representative and I go to Nashville."

The Real I.D. was a prevalent topic and generated several questions and Dunn used that as an example of Beltway inefficiency.

"They said that it is a response to 9/11, and when did 9/11 happen? It happened in 2001," he said. "It's 2019," he said. "It's been 18 years and they're finally getting around to doing something about it."

All Tennesseans must have a Real I.D. before 2020. The Real I.D. is a driver's license or state issued identification with a star. The identification must have a star in order for a person to fly if they don't possess a passport.

On Casada, Dunn had mixed views.

"Glen has great political instincts and he's the Energizer Bunny. We had several freshmen elected and he worked on their campaigns and helped them get elected," Dunn said. "But he used the politics and didn't necessarily do what was right," Dunn said. "Glen is a political animal, and that's a term that he likes. But he used the politics and that's what got him into trouble."

"Glen was voted speaker and that's a very powerful position. You can hire people and you can fire people."

Casada won't have that power much longer. He'll resign next month and Dunn will be interim speaker for the special session to elect the Casada's successor.

He made it clear that he won't be the next speaker.

"I'm not running," Dunn said.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

State representative Bill Dunn speaks at the Fountain City Business and Professional Association's monthly luncheon Wednesday. Dunn discussed business, education, the Real I.D. and the Glen Casada controversy.

"I was once a leader and God delivered me from that."

"People think that when you're a leader, that you tell 98 other people what to do. In reality, it's 98 other people telling you what to do."

He also noted that the Casada controversy could have a lasting effect on Tennessee politics.

"I'm concerned because, sometimes people care more about 'what's in it for me.' We have young representatives in Nashville and I'm afraid that they may feel like this is normal," Dunn said. "Unfortunately for Governor [Bill] Lee, we've done some good things with the economy and some good things in education, but those have all been overshadowed by this controversy."

Dunn noted that the state has put

more money in the Rainy Day Fund than ever before and that the state has made great strides in education as well as making the state a desirable place to open a business.

He also spoke of the negative political aspect of social media.

"I like to be a positive person but social media can be negative in politics," he said. "It used to be when somebody was concerned or upset, they would call and we could go through a bill," Dunn said. "Now, it's 'I know what this is because I read it on the internet.'"

"You have a lot of group think and politicians post things that get 'likes.' They also don't say things that they think will make people mad. I'm not on Facebook. I'm not on Twitter and I'm not on the front page and that's a good thing."

Policing Our Children discussed at BOE Work Session

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Board Chairwoman Terry Hill introduced City Councilwoman District 1 Stephanie Welch as she walked into the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building.

An announcement was made concerning a special Board of Education meeting set for July 31 at 5:00 p.m. to review and discuss the evaluations of the superintendent. This preceded a board discussion motion approved by Third District Member Tony Norman for a resolution to be presented by First District Member Evetty Satterfield while the first agenda item was discussed. The item concerns the approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Knox County Sheriff's Office and Knoxville Police Department in regard to school security officers and law enforcement officers.

Chairwoman Hill welcomed Noah Kelley of Karns High School as the BOE Student Representative who was chosen after a long, detailed application and interview process in April. His leadership roles include KHS drum major, Knox County student advisory council representative, Tennessee Technology Student Association president. He placed first in the nation for debate, and tenth in the nation at an engineering and design competition among a list of other accolades.

Following applause for Kelly, Superintendent Bob Thomas presented his report. He announced a pilot program called "Knox Promise" for those students eligible for the Tennessee Promise Scholarship. The funding, provided by TN Achieves, Randy Boyd, SCORE, the Haslam Family, and several area institutions, such as Pellissippi State Community College, is to support high school graduates of Knox County, including students who graduated in the class of 2019 and 2020. The program will provide need-based completion grants to offset the financial burdens students face to complete college. The superintendent spoke about the new teacher academy which will begin on July 24-25 at Cedar Bluff

Continue on page 2

Cool Cat
Billiards and Cafe
5210 Schubert Road
Knoxville, TN 37912
865-200-5587

Great Food & Great Tables!

Shooter's Reward Card
Pay for 7 hours, get the 8th FREE!

Public Auto Auction
Saturday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Bid live or online! Everyone is welcome to come out and preview the equipment Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

POWELL
Auction & Realty

6729 Pleasant Ridge Road Knoxville, TN 37921
(865) 938-3403 TNFL735 WWW.POWELLAUCTION.COM

ROBBINS
CLEANERS

Comforters, Drapes, Quilts & More
In Fountain City
Full Service Dry Cleaner & Laundry
688-2191 www.hallscleaners.net

Abandonment in a Divorce

Occasionally I will speak with someone who is about to go through a divorce and they will say to me something like, "they say they are going to get me for abandonment."

My normal response to them

is, "I do not care what they said, 'getting you for abandonment,' is not really a thing under Tennessee law."

I am not sure where this idea about abandonment came from, but let us discuss why I give the answer that I do. Under Tennessee law, Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-4-101 lists out all the reasons for which you can get divorced. The law requires that there be a stated reason, or ground, for which you are getting divorced. When a divorce is agreed upon the reason stated to the court for the divorce is irreconcilable differences.

When there is not an agreement between the parties, that law also lists thirteen other reasons under which you can ask for a divorce in Tennessee. Two of the reasons mention abandonment.



By Jedidiah McKeehan
attorneyknoxville@gmail.com

So, a person can ask that they be given a divorce if their spouse:

1. has willfully or maliciously deserted or been absent without a reasonable cause, for one whole year; and

2. has abandoned them or turned them out of doors for no just cause, and has refused or neglected to provide for them while having the ability to provide for them.

So, if I think about the answer that I give these people, is it technically, right? Maybe not. Yes, someone can ask that they be given a divorce on the basis of abandonment. However, practically, in the entire time I have been practicing law, I have never actually seen someone request a divorce for either of these two reasons. Never.

Most likely, we are dealing with a situation where someone who makes more money is talking about moving out, and the other person wants to make sure their bills are paid and they can survive once that person moves out, and those are things they

are absolutely entitled to pursue, it is just not typically discussed in the form of, "abandonment."

The law does protect the person in danger of being "abandoned." The law requires that once a divorce is filed, that both parties continue to pay the bills they are currently paying and to not shut off any services (utilities, cable, phone) that are currently in place. Further, the monetarily-disadvantaged spouse is entitled to request alimony, even before the divorce is final, in an amount that will allow them to meet their financial needs.

To come full circle though, yes, the other person can possibly make you continue to pay their ongoing bills, and continue to support them, but they are not likely to, "get you for abandonment."

Jedidiah McKeehan is an attorney practicing in Knoxville and surrounding counties. He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit attorney-knoxville.com for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Chris Hammond, a Central High School teacher, and Haley Hill, one of his students, were at Honor Fountain City Day recently to raise funds for a historic marker for Frankie Housley. The hero flight attendant was a Central graduate and the marker fundraiser is ongoing, with plans to attend the East Tennessee History Fair in August.

Funds being raised for historic marker for Frankie Housley

By Mike Steely
steelym@knoxfocus.com

She was a true hero. Her actions captured the attention and hearts of people around the nation. She saved lives at the cost of her own.

Mary Frances Housley, known to her friends and family as "Frankie," was a Central High School graduate back when the school was located in what is now Gresham Middle School. She became an airline stewardess when air travel was in its infancy and, in 1951, was on a flight that crashed in Philadelphia. She was 24 years old and her bravery and dedication to the lives of others resulted in her successful effort to save passenger lives.

Frankie did not return from her 11th trip to escort passengers to the safety outside the buring the plane. Her body was found holding a baby's body as she was trying to save the five people still on the plane.

Frankie was presented the Carnegie Medal posthumously and was inducted into the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame having been a Jacksonville resident following her move from Knoxville. The hero is buried in the Lynnhurst Cemetery in Fountain City in the Housley family plot. A local effort to obtain a historic marker being led by Central High School teacher Chris Hammond and the Health Occupations Students of America chapter there.

"Our goal is to raise \$1,450 to sponsor and apply for a Tennessee Historical Commission historical Marker," Hammond told The Focus. "We are looking at a couple of locations (to place the marker), primarily off Tazewell Pike in Smithwood where she lived."

"At Honor Fountain City Day we

received \$124 in donations which is a good start," he said.

Hammond said that the HOSA chapter plans future fund raisers during the upcoming school year and will be setting up a booth at the East Tennessee History Fair on August 17th.

"We will be accepting donations and selling snacks and refreshments," he said. Other events may also be announced as the effort to honor Frankie Housley continues.

Two years ago the bridge on Holbrook Drive over Fountain Road and near Gresham School was named for Housley.

The 2019-2020 Community Service Project by the HOSA has a portrait of Frankie painted by Cynthia Tipton. There are paintings and plaques to the heroic stewardess at Hope Haven Children's Hospital in Florida, at the Philadelphia Airport and in the Florida Aviation Hall of Fame.

Last year State Representative Roger Kane introduced a House Resolution to honor her. A comic book also was published following the fatal crash telling of her life and efforts to save the many lives of the passengers.

You can contact Chris Hammond at his email address at christopher.hammond@knoxschools.org or find information at www.facebook.com/MaryFrancesHousley. Also, if someone wants to donate, they can mail donations to the following address beginning July 20th: Attn: Chris Hammond, Central High HOSA, Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918. Checks need to made out to CHS with HOSA Housley Project in the memo.

Policing Our Children discussed at BOE Work Session

Cont. from page 1

Elementary School and West High School. Also, a retired teacher recruitment fair will be held on Aug. 1 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sarah Simpson Center. Retired educators, even those from other school districts, are welcome to attend to learn about opportunities that Knox County has to offer.

He finished his report

reminding attendees that August 5 is the first day of school and a half-day for students, and the tax-free holiday weekend begins on July 26.

Second District Member Jennifer Owen gave an update about the non-renewal policy -- NonTenure Policy, G-331-- which has been revised since becoming issued as of February 2016. She informed the

board that non-renewal is simply not renewing a contract. Non-renewals are for non-tenured teaching staff -- those teachers who have not yet served five school years within a seven-year period according to Public Chapter 70.

She explained, "These findings are just my findings." After her own discovery of reviewing files of personnel dismissals dated May-June 2015, Owen felt board members and staff were unaware of the results of those non-renewals. She sifted through 72 files. Of those 72 files, 41 were teacher files, and five files of the 41 were due to poor performance. Owen stated, "practices for teachers were inconsistent with board of education policies

Continued on page 4



Pediatric Consultants North, Halls and Maynardville

Comprehensive Primary and Subspecialty Health Care For Infants, Children, and Adolescents

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS AT ALL LOCATIONS

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8am-4:30pm

For an Appointment or Patient Referral, Call Us Today.

www.pediatricconsultants.net

223-6561

4005 Fountain Valley HALLS

687-2000

100 Tech Center NORTH KNOXVILLE

992-9977

147 Oakland Lane MAYNARDVILLE

Dr. David Eakes Dr. Maria Javier Dr. Lynn Baker

Get a Sitter for Your Critter!

Pet Nanny

Pet Care
(865) 216-6118



PetNannyPetCare.com

The Knoxville Focus
Serving Knox and Surrounding Counties.

Proudly independently owned and operated.
Published by Fountain Printing and Publishing, Inc.

Deadline for ad design is Monday at 5 p.m.
Deadline for Classified ads is Thursday at noon.
Deadline for submissions is Thursday by noon.

Articles, announcements, photo attachments and cutlines may be submitted by e-mail to staff@knoxfocus.com.

Publisher Steve Hunley
Editor, Art Director Marianne Dedmon
editor@knoxfocus.com, design@knoxfocus.com

Lisa DeMarsico staff@knoxfocus.com
Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com
Sales sales@knoxfocus.com
Pam Poe phpoe2000@yahoo.com
Bill Wright wrightb@knoxfocus.com
Andrea Owens owensa@knoxfocus.com
Valorie Fister fisterv@knoxfocus.com
Darrell Keathley keathleyd@knoxfocus.com
Legal, Public Notice ads legals@knoxfocus.com

Articles designated as written by Focus Staff are the collaborative efforts of several staff members and are reviewed and approved by the editor and the publisher.

The Focus would like to thank all contributing writers. Submissions from our writers are gratis and are greatly appreciated. While articles are not guaranteed placement, we do strive to place as much as possible. Submissions for the paper are on a space available basis and are subject to publisher and editor approval. We want your news: that is what makes this paper truly a community newspaper.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE - \$88.88/YEAR

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS EDITION ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHORS AND NEITHER THESE NOR ANY MATERIAL PUBLISHED HEREIN REPRESENT ENDORSEMENT BY THE FOCUS.

Advertising: The Focus is not responsible for errors in an advertisement if not corrected by the first week after the ad appears. This newspaper is not responsible or liable whatsoever for any claim made by an ad or for any of the services, products or opportunities offered by our advertisers. We do not endorse or promote the purchase or sale of any product, service, company or individual that chooses to advertise in this newspaper and we reserve the right to refuse any or all advertising we deem inappropriate or unacceptable by our company standards. Political advertising must be pre-paid. The Focus does not accept ads that defame any candidate. All political ad content must be pre-approved prior to its run in the paper.

865-686-9970 www.knoxfocus.com



Publisher's Position

Where is the Recode Map?



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
publisher@knoxfocus.com

The Knoxville Focus received phone calls and emails on last week's Publisher's Position "Too Many Recode Missteps." Of interest was a question about the missing zoning map for Recode. For many months the text of Recode has been discussed and amended by the city council but the Knoxville-Knox County Planning commission has lagged far behind producing the zoning maps that apply to the text of Recode. In both Draft 4 and Draft 5 of Recode the planning commission has not kept up. The latest target for the Draft 5 zoning map of Recode is sometime in August which may be after Recode has been approved by city council and signed by the mayor.

So how is it possible to vote on Recode when only the Recode text is available for discussion? Defective notice has long been an issue with

Recode. Without the zoning map property owners have no idea what Recode will do to their property. In my opinion this is clearly another notice violation.

The Focus also received an email from a resident of the Parkridge Community with a serious issue that he says appears to be a "premeditated" violation of the city charter. Parkridge resident Christopher Salmons sent an email to The Focus, telling us that three parcels were purchased by the city in 2001 for \$237,000.00 as part of the Caswell Baseball Fields Development and they are protected through the city's Open Space (OS-2) zoning which prohibits sale and development of public park lands. Yet without any public notice or public meetings the city had attempted to rezone these three parcels of land from OS-2 to a high density residential between revisions of the Recode map in an effort to sneak the rezoning through.

Mr. Salmons wrote us, "On May 7, 2019 less than a week after the neighborhood was notified, I attended the city council meeting in which council was to decide whether to move forward with the Myrtle St. closure. At this point I had written all of city council about the illegal rezoning maneuver (to which none replied) and had started a change. org petition which has more

than 150 signatures. While sitting in the crowd waiting on the meeting to begin the mayor came down and nervously apologized for the 'oversight' and that she would move to have the item tabled for 12 weeks, and that neither herself or Bill Lyons had any knowledge of this matter. Since this meeting a Parkridge resident has submitted an open records request which includes various email chains from Becky Wade and includes Bill Lyons, David Brace, and several other city officials confirming that this project and illegal rezoning was indeed premeditated with messages dating all the way back to the beginning of February 2019."

The Parkridge community even sought to protect their park land by applying for a city grant proposal to turn part of the hillside into a fruit garden, which the city denied as the "land in question has a disputed use."

What use did the City of Knoxville decide to take the park land for? Mr. Salmons wrote us, "On May 2, 2019 the Board of the Parkridge Community Organization was present with a plan by the Rev. Dr. Bruce Spangler of the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC) to turn three parcels facing E 5th Ave, that are currently part of Caswell Park, into a 3-story, 50+ unit housing project for people identified as 'chronically

homeless.' According to the presentation the VMC has drawn up plans for site development at the direction of Becky Wade, Director of Community Development with the City of Knoxville, and the plans include transfer of public park lands to the private non-profit and the closure of a section of Myrtle St. to accommodate staff parking for the center."

Mr. Salmons also wrote, "I never received a mailer about the recode for my property. Here in Parkridge the consensus is that only about every 5th house received a mailer."

A long time ago a well-known and high-ranking Knox County Schools official was fond of saying, "My mentor, School Superintendent Mildred E. Doyle, taught me as long as we have five votes we can do anything we want to do. If people don't like it they can take us to court." It appears the only way to get city council to obey the city charter and state law is to go to court. Multiple lawsuits are in the research phase now. Recode must be passed before standing can be established. Taxpayers will have to pay for these lawsuits.

This Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building Knoxville City Council will vote on the first of two readings on Recode even though they have no zoning

map to match the Recode text. Even though, in my opinion, there has been improper notice on Recode multiple times. Even though city council violated the city charter by not planning for Recode in the city charter required one year, five year, and fifteen year development plans.

On Monday, July 8, well known real estate expert and radio talk show host Victor Jernigan was a guest on WETR 92.3 FM radio show the Knoxville Morning News and corrected a caller who said Recode had cost the taxpayers \$490,000. Mr. Jernigan said the current total is closer to \$1,000,000 dollars. Since the city council never planned for Recode in the one year, five year, and fifteen year development plans, were these expenditures unauthorized? In addition to this the city paid over \$20,000 of printing costs for Recode out of the city budget which was also unauthorized.

Two separate groups have mounted website campaigns to protest the unfair Recode process. The first website to appear was <http://stoprecodeknox.com/> which said "The Knoxville Planning Commission Voted To Rezone Your Property Without Notifying You. Now They Want To Approve An Ordinance to Allow Homeless Shelters, Drug Rehab Facilities and Domestic Violence Shelters in EVERY Neighborhood in

Knoxville."

The second group to appear was "Citizens for Knoxville Government Transparency" whose mission is to collect 8,000 signatures of registered Knoxville voters to place Recode on the November 2019 ballot so voters can decide if they want Recode or the current zoning system. Their website is: <https://votetorecode.com/> Spokesman for the group Daniel Herrera has appeared on WATE's Tennessee this Week, the George Korda radio program on 98.7 FM, and the Knoxville Morning News on 92.3 FM telling people how his group will place Recode on the ballot for the people of Knoxville to decide. Mr. Herrera's group has a rally scheduled before the Tuesday vote on Recode, you can learn more at the group's Facebook page.

City residents need to get involved. Contact your city council members and ask them where they stand on Recode. I believe it is simply unfair to vote before people can see the final Recode zoning map. It would also be wonderful to not have multiple expensive lawsuits that the taxpayers will have to pay for.

Visit knoxfocus.com/archives/thedaily-focus/recode-where-is-the-map/ to see Salmons' email, the letter Becky Wade read to council and a timeline of the Caswell Park situation.

Whatever Happened to Eddie Nelson?

By Steve Hunley, Publisher
publisher@knoxfocus.com

Edward Nelson was the Democratic candidate last year for the 19th District seat in the Tennessee General Assembly against Representative Dave Wright. Until quite recently, he was also Vice Chair of the Knox County Democratic Party. Nominated and lavished with praise by none other than Rene Hoyos, last year's Democratic candidate against now-Congressman Tim Burchett, Nelson has suddenly disappeared like a slice of cake at a kid's birthday party. Calls made to the members of the local Democratic Executive Committee Board of Governors didn't reveal much except for a group of people not at all eager to answer a few simple questions.

Nelson was proudly listed as the Knox County Democratic Party's Vice Chair until recently when his name went mysteriously missing. State Representative Gloria Johnson, offered few explanations for Nelson's disappearance, but did say he suffers from health issues. A curious thing, that. No explanation as to precisely why Eddie Nelson is apparently no longer the Vice Chairman of Knox County Democratic Party, but a few other members of the Board of Governors offered up the information that he suffers from a health issue.

One member of the Board of Governors did admit Nelson had resigned as Vice Chairman of the Knox County Democratic Party, while another speculated he had taken a new job. Every finger pointed to party chair LaKenya

Middlebrook. Focus reporters and staff were repeatedly told, "You need to talk to LaKenya."

Clearly, local Democrats weren't very chatty on the subject of Eddie Nelson and his sudden disappearance from party councils.

Nelson was supposed to be a credible candidate against Dave Wright, a popular Knox County commissioner. In the end, Wright won the general election with 72% of the vote. Still, local Democrats marveled at Nelson's House run. Hoyos, who managed to do only slightly better inside Tennessee's 2nd Congressional District by winning 34%, predicts our district will be blue within five election cycles. Perhaps Wright's might turn blue within twenty. Hoyos nominated Nelson to serve as the Knox County Democratic Party's

vice chair and praised him to the heavens, if they believed in the Heavens. Nelson's campaign for the State House was managed by the young woman who later charged Representative Rick Staples with inappropriate behavior. According to sources, that same young woman was in the room when Eddie Nelson was allowed to resign as Vice Chair of the local Democratic Party following allegations made by another woman.

Wherever Eddie Nelson has gone, he has gone quietly. The sound of silence by local Democrats has been deafening. There have been no bold "MeToo" moments, no fiery denunciations of bad behavior by men; only whispers of health issues. Even State Representative Gloria Johnson who has published a video tour of her journey in Nashville

to introduce a resolution to expel David Byrd from the Tennessee House of Representatives for inappropriate behavior with women has only murmured some comment about Nelson's health issue. Neither Johnson nor Hoyos has made any statement of support for the unknown woman, much less said if they believed her. Neither did Rick Staples's accuser, who has not uttered a single word of support. Whatever happened to Eddie Nelson apparently doesn't really matter. After all, according to Democratic party officials we interviewed, he has a health issue and resigned. The Focus will continue to pursue this matter to determine if there were other reasons Mr. Nelson resigned.

City Council members weigh in on Recode

Cont. from page 1

know what. This has been a long time coming. It's been three years now.

Mark Campen: I wish I had a straight answer. I'm still trying to digest everything. With all the workshops we've had, every time, more questions came up and I'm still on the fence. I'm not ready to give a thumbs up or a thumbs down. I'm still on the fence.

Stephanie Welch: I'm prepared to vote in support of the ordinance. My reason is that after three years of lots and lots of hard work by lots of people, we had a really solid draft. I'm sure that there will be some additional amendments. The council has a very firm grasp and the workshops that we've had over the last six weeks have made it stronger.

Seema Singh: I am struggling with how I am going to vote. There are some very necessary and positive changes and some

things I don't like and concerns I have. Unfortunately, my main concern is about the amount of misinformation and fear-mongering out there.

After 80-plus community meetings and a thorough Recode Website, there are still some people that feel this process has not been transparent and this has caused people to be frightened and suspicious. People are concerned about their quality of life and for some, their largest investments and businesses. I understand that. I don't want to suddenly wake up to a new city either.

Recode won't do that. Recode will NOT cause property to be lost, taxes to increase and insurance costs to go up. Whether or not this passes, we're still going to have to make changes in zoning. Without Recode, the changes will cost taxpayers more money

and time.

This is complicated, I am working very hard to sift through all the facts and scenarios to vote for what will be best for the people of Knoxville. I have had many conversations with constituents and it's about 50/50 in favor and against.

I am sure about one thing; however I vote will upset about half the people in Knoxville.

Andrew Roberto: Although Council has addressed many issues within Recode since May, my ability to support Recode will ultimately depend on how the concerns of the neighborhoods I represent are addressed. I've heard from concerned neighbors, particularly in the 2nd District, who don't believe their neighborhoods have the infrastructure Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and Duplexes. Overall, I support the effort to update our city's zoning ordinance but we

must do so while maintaining the integrity and character of our Knoxville neighborhoods.

Lauren Rider: From my understanding, we are going to have more discussions and it's yet to be seen whether there is going to be a vote on Tuesday. There are going to be discussions and reviews. I've been talking to my constituents and having meetings. There has been a lot of confusion and misinformation. I have been talking to my constituents about edits that they would like to see. One thing the mayor said is that we have to vote on the map and then we vote on Recode and they both have to pass as a package.

In my district, we have a lot of old buildings and houses along Central and Broadway and by the building code in 1963 those properties are legal non-conforming because the lots are under 75-foot

wide. Under the current code, architects, business owners, property owners and homeowners have to jump through hoops if they want to build or even put a deck on.

This is not about things that exist. I'm looking out for the best interests of the people in my district. If people have concerns they need to meet with their council representatives.

2018NissanAltima2.5SR5KMilesLikeNew!

2009 Honda Accord EX 2.4 4 door auto

2015 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited

4X4, Loaded

2016 Nissan Frontier SV Crewcab 4.0 V6

'11 Toyota Tacoma Prerunner Dblcb V6

2018 Ford Explorer Platinum

4X4, 15K Miles, Loaded!

\$19,990

\$5,995

Unlimited

\$32,770

\$21,550

\$15,880

\$41,990

Also take advantage of our Quicklane Tire and Auto Center - No Appointment Needed!

Price includes \$399 dock fee. Plus tax, tag and title. WAC. Dealer retains all rebates. Restrictions may apply. See Dealer for details. Prices good through next week.

RAY

VARNER

Call Dan or Ray for all your New or Used Car & Truck needs.

2026 N Charles G Seviars Blvd · Clinton, TN

865.457.0704

www.rayvarnerford.com

Council Candidates Air Views at League of Women Voters' Forum

By Bill Howard

The Knoxville City Council will have four new members come November, one each in At-Large Seats A, B, and C, and District 5. Tuesday night, July 9, the League of Women Voters hosted a City Council Candidate Forum, in which the candidates had a chance to state their positions on several questions posed by members of the audience.

A list of the candidates is followed by a synopsis of each's position on the central question of the city budget.

The candidates:

At-Large Seat A: Lynne Fugate, 57, CEO of Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians; and Charles Lomax, 37, Pastor at St. John Baptist in Alcoa.

At-Large Seat B: David Hayes, 26, community organizer; and Janet Testerman, 50, CEO of Young Williams Animal Center.

At-Large Seat C: Amy Midis, 50, financial analyst at Covenant Health; Amelia Parker, 40, director of Peace Brigade International (nonprofit); Hubert Smith, 65, retired radio broadcaster; Bob Thomas, 65, retired radio broadcaster; and David Williams, 66,

math tutor.

District 5: Charles Al-Bawi, 29, attorney; and Charles Thomas, 64, attorney.

Question/Issue: Budgetary priorities

Lomax: It's very important for us to look at where (the budget's) needs are. I'm grateful that some of our law enforcement officers are getting a pay raise. I would love to see more money going toward affordable housing and things to help our homeless population. Where our money is speaks to where our hearts are.

Fugate: The very first thing that I would like to do is encourage the mayor to come up with a plan that would set the priorities for the city of Knoxville. We have to look at law enforcement, economic development and how we can spur economic development in our corridors of Broadway, Magnolia, and Chapman Highway to build on the tax revenue and job creation.

Hayes: The budget does not reflect our democracy. We need to uplift folks so we can grow our tax

base, get working-class folks up on their feet, make sure black and brown communities get what they deserve. The budget is not equitable. There are so many organizations that are attacking crime and violence. Our social services get eight percent of the budget.

Testerman: I was involved with the budget process. It's really hard to get two and a half million dollars for salary raises for our employees. Affordable housing: more than 600 units and we continue to be committed to putting more money into that fund. We spent money on the South Knoxville and Magnolia corridors so we can recruit new businesses and create an infrastructure.

Al-Bawi: I think the budget should be on addressing four areas: poverty, substance abuse, violence, and mental health. They are all connected to one another. You can't solve one without solving another. The budget has to be focused on addressing these issues. That means prioritizing affordable housing, working with nonprofits making sure they have access to the funds they need.

Charles Thomas: I agree with Mr. Al-Bawi. I would like to see more

for affordable housing. We need to have block grants for homes and take blighted properties and get them back on the tax rolls. We need to judiciously apply PILOTS (payment in lieu of taxes) (where applicable). I will work at expanding the pie and increasing social services.

Parker: I am familiar with the budget. Our finance director is retiring and reports that our fund balance has been as low as \$3 million, and as high as \$93 million. Currently we expect our fund balance to be about \$77 million. Also our borrowing power has been held back this year. We have to move with urgency to solve our housing crisis. And I agree with Mr. Al-Bawi that we have to address all those issues at once.

Smith: I too attended budget hearings. I talked to the department heads and those tasked with carrying out the budget. So those are the people I would go to first. I will give you more than 20 hours a week. I'll give you full-time job for part-time pay. You can count on me more than 20 hours a week if you elect me.

Midis: I would make certain I started in October. Getting with

the department heads, finding out what their needs are, and talking to the mayor before the budget hearing. The City Council doesn't have line-item veto; we can either support or reject the budget. So (I would make sure) the needs of the community are being heard by the mayor.

Williams: I'm a strong advocate of private enterprise; I believe private business does a better job than the government. We need strong leadership to bring good jobs to Knoxville. Growing up in the '60s we lost out on a Ford plant and a Piedmont plant. So we need competent leadership.

Bob Thomas: Our finance director said: "Recurring expenses are growing faster than our revenues. We're spending more than we're taking in. And somewhere we're going to be hit hard, I just don't know when." Here is a suggestion to the finance department: work as efficiently as possible, and minimize the demand on the taxpayer. The next mayor is gonna be hit with some difficult choices.

The primary election is August 27; the general election is November 5.

Policing Our Children discussed at BOE Work Session

Cont. from page 2

which stated efforts should be made to correct problems which might lead to dismissal of school personnel," therefore allowing room for teachers to make improvements.

She then compared these findings to the twelve approved non-renewals at the end of the 2018-2019 school year of which only one had a disciplinary issue. "That is a massive, massive change from what we had in 2016," Owen stated comparing 41 non-renewed teacher contracts to twelve. These new procedural changes notify and assist struggling performance teachers and provide communication and deadlines for them to correct said deficiencies. This timeline incorporates the principal discussing deficiencies and a plan of action with a teacher both at the end of January and March in a school year. The principal can then choose to recommend a non-renewal with documented reason which is then reviewed and decided upon by school leadership personnel.

This issue only came to light because of concerned citizens since the board doesn't have the capacity

to investigate every issue itself. Board members spoke of striving to follow the best practices that are fair moving forward.

Board Chairwoman Hill asked for the superintendent to ensure the HR department has a copy of the report, of which he agreed.

The board then began discussing the first agenda item. Member Satterfield had a resolution read regarding the denouncement of handcuffs used on students in K-8th grades as a de-escalation tool. "It creates a shock and trauma across the board when you see those visualizations of those kids in handcuffs," she said. "I would like the board to understand that some communities don't always feel safe around police officers, and we also need police officers and SRO's are one way to do that," Satterfield explained.

Knox County Schools Security Chief Gus Paidousis took the podium next clarifying how discipline is carried out in Knox County Schools by law enforcement officers. He said, "We do not utilize handcuffs for de-escalation. We use them only to keep a student from harming themselves or students or staff

members." Chief Paidousis said handcuffs are rarely used because "everyone I know in law enforcement would never intentionally, maliciously harm a child."

The chief explained of the 60 officers serving in the Knox County schools, each officer completes 40 hours of School Resource Officers (SRO) extensive training in law, mental health, de-escalation techniques, and special needs populations every year. Some of those officers are SROs who are full-time sworn deputies of the police. Others are School Security Officers (SSOs) who are not equivalent to sworn deputies but do have arrest powers. "Most SROs are in the middle and high schools," said Executive Director of Student Support Services Melissa Drinnon.

"For the purposes of school security, the resolution doesn't do anything to hamper us from doing our job," said the chief. When asked if he was comfortable with the procedures, Chief Paidousis answered yes.

As this dialog continued, Drinnon explained that school personnel are brought to the scene first – not law enforcement officers – if a student is having

a physical confrontation or is in need of disciplinary action. A Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) trained school staff member will work with the student, and a SRO or SSO are brought into the student encounter if the they are needed by the TCI member.

"The first line of action is school staff first unless the situation determines a need for law enforcement to take over, if so there is a behavior support plan. The quality of the relationship with law enforcement has improved year after year," stated Drinnon, in regards to school personnel and law enforcement officers.

An average team of three staff members must have TCI training per school. When one board member asked if the BOE could have TCI training, Drinnon answered yes.

Without written reports in front of him, Chief Paidousis estimated that one or two students have been arrested, and eight to ten or ten to twelve students have been handcuffed in the past six years he has been serving as security chief. Board Chairwoman Hill then questioned why this issue needs re-enforcement since the occurrence of a child in handcuffs is

so rare. Member Norman asked if the resolution was needed. No vote of the board members was taken regarding the resolution made by Member Satterfield.

Side issues of this item discussed were: specified extensive SRO training made known to the public, the MOA is not binding by law, use of handcuffs shouldn't be used on K-6th grade students instead of K-8th grade students.

The second and third board agenda items were in regard to approving an agreement to operate school buses leased or owned by the county schools, and to lease school buses to the Knox County Board of Education. Costs may need to be split between companies interested in leasing buses and companies interested in operating buses. At the end of 2018-19 a large number of individuals and contractors did not renew their contracts. Therefore, Knox County is looking to keep their options open to account for the more than 30 bus routes needing coverage on August 5.

The public forum time allotted in the session heard five community members who spoke out

against the MOA. Long-time resident Carl Wheeler said, "The MOA itself belongs to the school board, so the BOE should be the lead agency, but it seems to be left up to the police department." He asked why SROs step on school property before finishing their annual training and believed the MOA was very unclear in its use of best practices.

Others in the community said: the difference between a SRO and a SSO is unclear to the public; the MOA should be transparent, better worded, and is too generalized; police and teachers are not paid what they are worth; and SROs are privy to the private, personal information of families that could be shared.

To view a copy of the MOA, visit the Facebook page SPEAK: Students Parents Educators Across Knox County.

The next regular session of the board will be Wed., July 17. For information regarding policies discussed at this meeting, visit www.knox.schools.org or to view the meeting yourself on the Knox County Schools Twitter site.

**NEED A
FIX?**

**CALL US:
865-304-8989**

**We REPAIR, RENT, SANITIZE
& SELL mobility equipment**

mobility scooters | wheelchairs | recliner lift chairs

- Service all brands
- Stock all standard batteries
- Emergency service available

AND we come to you!

PO Box 51121, Knoxville, TN 37950
eastTN@mobilitycity.com
www.mobilitycity.com



**MOBILITY
CITY**

THE PERFECT INDOOR ENVIRONMENT,
BROUGHT TO YOU BY TRANE.



A new high efficiency heating & cooling system
can be more affordable than you think with

**NO MONEY DOWN &
LOW MONTHLY PAYMENTS**

through the TVA Energy Right Program.

Are you interested in reducing your energy consumption by as much as 60%? Well, the most effective way to make that happen might come as some surprise to you. It has nothing to do with your car, or your light bulbs, or any household appliance that you might be thinking of ... getting a more energy efficient heating & cooling system is one of the best ways you can get significant energy savings. Trane introduces the XL20i heating and cooling system with a 12-year compressor warranty. It is, simply put, one of the most energy efficient, environmentally friendly heating and cooling systems available. Contact LB Chase Mechanical to learn more about how you can dramatically reduce your heating costs today.

Expect more from your independent Trane dealer.



**LB Chase
MECHANICAL**

(865) 428-4824



TRANE
It's Hard To Stop A Trane.

Planning Commission Tackles Rezoning Requests

By Bill Howard

A variety of rezoning issues were on the agenda of the Knoxville-Knox Co. Planning Commission's monthly meeting July 11 at the City-County Building.

Benjamin C. Mullins Kadunza, Ltd, LLC applied to the commission to have his 2.69-acre parcel of land at 3216 Johnson Rd. in Commission District 6 amended from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial, and rezoned from Agricultural to Planned Commercial. The plan is to open a BMW Repair business.

"There's a school zone, and the property is a traffic hazard," said Connie West in opposition. "We can't get out of our driveway now. It is a residential community. The property backs right up next to our driveway. The land is on an underground water table. There's no sewer."

"The existing sector plan does call for this land to be developed," attorney Benjamin Mullins told the commission. "The concept of this property being developed as commercial is something that is contemplated by the current sector plan. I have set forth a plan that will alleviate those concerns."

"Even if Neighborhood Commercial was sought after, I would really have to see a good plan, some kind of use that would be more neighborhood-friendly," said Commissioner Art Clancy. "A drug store... something similar to that. I just don't think this area is a good fit for that."

The commission denied both requests.

Packers South USA, LLC (owner: Candace Lane) applied to the commission to allow a half-acre parcel of land at 4330 Papermill Dr. in Council District 6 to be amended from Neighborhood Commercial to Mixed Use - Special District, and to be rezoned from Office, Medical,

Continue on page 4

Works of charity is focus of NKBPA July meeting

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

This month's North Knoxville Business & Professional Association meeting agenda veered from the usual to the exceptional as it highlighted eleven non-profit agencies. Each representative or NKBPA member gave a three-minute synopsis of their organization's mission, current needs, and upcoming fundraisers. It was an excellent way to spur on members to volunteer by learning about service opportunities in the community.

NKBPA President George Bove kicked off the announcements with a special thanks to Tyler Pavlis who provided breakfast from Cracker Barrel for the "Nonprofit July" meeting. Held at Whittle Springs Middle School for the first time,



Jonathan Haskell of YOKE encouraged guests to support the YOKE 2019 Banquet or join the 240 volunteers committed to serving middle school students in five counties.

the meeting included the president introducing Liz Thacker of Great Schools Partnership who in turn introduced Whittle Springs M.S. Principal Joann Bost. As a graduate of Whittle Springs M.S. herself, Bost boasted of serving "the best little middle school in Knox County." "It's very

important to us ... being in the heart of this community ... that you know where we are and that you are with us this morning," she shared while gladly hosting the association members and guests in the school library.

NKBPA board member Carla Mounger announced

the Uptown North Broadway Bash scheduled for Saturday, July 27 from noon until 4 p.m. at the Broadway Shopping Center. Festivities will include live music, food trucks, a local artisans' bazaar, and kids' activities like the Safety City

Continue on page 4



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

City Council candidate Bob Thomas unveils his proposed tram to connect the Old City, Volunteer Landing, the Coliseum, Market Square and the Convention Center.

Council candidate Bob Thomas proposes tram to connect downtown venues

By Ken Lay

Bob Thomas has served on the Knox County Commission and he's been a morning radio talk show host and he most recently ran for county mayor.

He was defeated in the 2017 by Glenn Jacobs, a professional wrestler and businessman.

Thomas didn't stay out of politics long as he's thrown his hat into the ring for a City Council seat.

He's running for At-Large Seat C and he's being opposed by David Williams, Amelia Parker, Amy Midis

and Hubert Smith.

He greeted his droves of supporters late Thursday afternoon for a press conference and reception at Market Square's Downtown 211. com Properties.

"I'm fiscally conservative and I have opinions on Recode and the homeless and affordable housing," Thomas told a packed room of supporters. "But today, I want to concentrate on Downtown Knoxville."

"It has changed. Downtown Knoxville is driving the city's growth. I remember when the Old City was

mostly just dilapidated buildings and I remember 10 years ago, you could go downtown and see three people."

At one time, businesses fled the downtown area and Thomas remembers those days too.

"I remember when places were closing and people were leaving, there was an old jewelry store and there was a sign on it that said 'When the last person leaves downtown, will you please turn out the lights.'"

Continue on page 2

City seeks public input on Five-Year Community Development Plan

The City's Community Development department launched its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan last week by asking City-County Building visitors to complete the sentence "Knoxville needs..." on sticky notes that were then posted for participants and passersby to read and discuss.

"We want to start a conversation with city residents about what they think our community needs are overall, listen to their ideas, and then find solutions through community development activities and housing," said Community Development Administrator Linda Rust.

City residents are invited to take an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020CPlan to help prioritize the community's need for affordable housing and services for homeless people, veterans, single mothers and other groups. Survey questions are informed by HUD and its national priorities. Responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

Cities that receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to submit Consolidated Plans (Knoxville submits every five years) as well as annual action plans to respond to immediate needs. Both strategic plans illustrate how the City proposes to use federal funds to address local housing and community development issues. Both depend on public input.

"Feedback from residents, community partners and social service providers ensures that we're responding to local needs and setting priorities for both the short term and the future," said Community Development Director Becky Wade.

Knoxville residents will

Continue on page 4

Associated Therapeutics
is Now



Same Staff.
Same Exceptional Care.

Call **TODAY** to schedule
a complimentary consultation.

P: 865.687.4537 F: 865.687.5367
3014 S. Mall Road | Knoxville, TN 37917

4,000+ Insurances Accepted & 24-48 Hours Scheduling



coraphysicaltherapy.com

"When I realized my late grandmother had more flowers than I knew what to do with, I began praying how I could be intentional with all of these beautiful flowers while being a blessing to those who needed a glimpse of God's



By Ralphine Major
ralphine3@yahoo.com

fellowship and made flower arrangements for their homebound members. According to Chelsea Murphy, "God did more than we could have asked or imagined." (Ephesians 3:20).

The group made over 200 flower arrangements and delivered them to their homebound residents. Because of the abundant amount of flowers and vases that were donated, they were also able to make flower arrangements for some new faces in the assisted living and senior living facilities. What better way to brighten the day of shut-ins than with a visit letting them know that they are special and are not forgotten in this season of life. Members from Wallace



Picture of beautiful flower arrangements delivered to homebound residents, provided by Chelsea Murphy.

Memorial joyfully delivered all of the beautiful arrangements. They also shared with residents how God is working at the church and let them know that Wallace Memorial has a place for everyone. "We are thankful for God's direction as He leads the Women's Ministry

at Wallace to connect with other ladies and make an impact in the community," Chelsea continued.

Are you looking for a place to belong? Follow "Wallace Women" on Facebook. They would love to get to know you!

July 4th Reality Show Showdown

Another July 4th celebration has come and gone, but this last one was much different from those in the past. For the first time in our history, the nation's birthday was used as a centerpiece for praising militarism. Don't get me wrong; I proudly support our armed forces, troops, and veterans. However, other days are on the annual calendar for celebrating those things. What happened on July 4, 2019 was that a reality show showdown took place. In one corner



By Joe Rector
joerector@comcast.net

was the president; in the other was A Capitol Fourth Celebration. So many differences between the two were apparent.

The crowds were both large and hearty. The president's turnout was tempered by downpours of rain and thunderstorms. Spectators were covered with ponchos and umbrellas, and many headed for the exits. Later in the evening, the other crowd dealt with a few showers, but nothing like the deluge from just a couple of hours earlier. The Lincoln Memorial crowd was wowed by all sorts

of war planes, along with road-crushing tanks and other armored vehicles. The president read off the prompter an elementary, historical tale of our country, complete with some gaffes that still have folks shaking their heads. Capitol crowds were entertained by the Muppets, who have for 50 years taught children to count, read, love, and accept. Additionally, well-known entertainers, as well as new talents, sang, danced, and talked about our great country and the many reasons that we have to be hopeful for the future.

What many are confused about is the reasoning for having a new type of gathering for July 4th. For years,

A Capitol Fourth has thrilled crowds and swelled their souls with pride and thankfulness. The new event displayed the mighty show of force at the disposal of the country, but rolling out such equipment made the thing look more like something we watched the old Soviet Union do on a regular basis. Was such an extravaganza worth the millions of extra dollars it took to put the thing on?

All loved the fireworks, at least until the overkill ruined them. The mixture of storms, clouds, and too many explosions obliterated the view of the finale. Just like in so many instances, we seem to screw up a good idea by trying to "one-up" a similar type of thing.

Still, the 4th is a day to celebrate liberty. Americans no longer found themselves subject to the whims of a dictator. Over the years, folks in this country have been able to express their beliefs and to disagree. However, in times of distress, they put those differences aside and stood united in defense of this country. Whether you were a weapons fan or a Muppets fan, I hope you enjoyed the latest celebration of this country's independence. I pray that we will continue to enjoy those gifts that the founding fathers gave us, and I hope that we will be able to join as one should any person or country ever try to take away those liberties which we love and celebrate every year on July 4th.

Council candidate Bob Thomas proposes tram to connect downtown venues

Cont. from page 1

While the downtown area has been revitalized and is in the midst of an approximate decade-long comeback, it's not without its issues.

"The good thing about Downtown Knoxville is that it has five entertainment areas," Thomas said. "You have the Convention Center, Market Square, the coliseum and auditorium, the Old City and Volunteer Landing and Neyland Stadium.

"The challenging thing is that you have five entertainment areas downtown that are not connected."

Thomas has never been one to shy away from challenges. The longtime radio man and one-time chairman of the Knox County Commission made a possible breakthrough proposal to build a tram to connect those five areas.

The tram would not tie up traffic and it would make five stops on its line and Thomas said that it would take approximately 15 minutes to complete the run.

He also noted that that would make the parking lots at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum available for those wishing to attend the other venues. He added that the tram would also make it easier for coffee shops and similar businesses to open in the area adjacent to the coliseum.

"You would have the parking at the coliseum and if it were a seven-day-a-week thing, you could have coffee shops open there," Thomas said. "The tram would make five stops. One would

be the Old City/Ballpark Stop. One would be at the Coliseum. One would be at the Convention Center, another would be at Market Square and one would be at Volunteer Landing."

The Old City/Ballpark Stop assumes that the Tennessee Smokies would return to Knoxville from Sevier County. Smokies owner Randy Boyd owns land in the Old City and has proposed building a baseball stadium downtown.

While Thomas has a lofty vision, he knows a change like this won't come quickly, he said he knows it can happen.

"I know this won't happen next year and it may not happen in 10 years," he said. "But the biggest ideas start with one person. If we believe in each other and help each other, it can happen."

Thomas also proposes that the tram would be built by a private company such as an entertainment company because it would provide tourists with an aerial view of Knoxville.

Thomas has had broad vision before. He was one who thought hockey could work in the city.

"In 1989, we brought the Knoxville Cherokees in," he said. "I thought hockey could work and the Cherokees were one of the founding members of the East Coast Hockey lead and I promoted hundreds of their games."

The Cherokees left East Tennessee but the sport remains strong. The United Hockey League brought fans the Speed and now the Ice Bears remain a big draw for the city.

Burger Bash returns on August 10

Enjoy gourmet burgers, live music and a family-friendly atmosphere for a great cause when Burger Bash returns to World's Fair Park on Saturday, August 10. The event is a fundraiser for East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Gather at World's Fair Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as teams of chefs and grill masters compete to present the best slider. There is something for everyone to enjoy including kids activities, and live music all day by The Coveralls and Soul Finger.

Admission to Burger Bash is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under. Admission price includes tickets for adults to sample three sliders (kids to sample two sliders). Additional burger tickets are available for purchase.

The day's activities will kick off with Butterfly Dash, a 10K race. There is also a 5K and family fun walk. Butterfly Dash and Burger Bash tickets sold separately. Proceeds from race entry fees and sales of food and drink tickets will benefit the Pain and Palliative Care program at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Tickets available online now at www.etch.com/dashand-bash. For more information call Children's Hospital Development office at (865) 541-8668.

Powell High School - Class of 1969
50 year Reunion - September 28, 2019
For info contact David Bartlett at
865-281-0623 or
dbarteach@hotmail.com.

Betty's
Florist

865.573.0137

8205 Chapman Hwy,
Knoxville

www.BettysKnoxFlowers.com



BASEMENT OR CRAWLSPACE LEAKING??

Don't overpay the nationwide companies by the thousands when MOLD TOX, LLC can install a dry-up system for a fraction of the cost!

BBB Accredited Business with A + Rating

TN Charter #4410

(865) 524-1227 (865) 453-1880

www.moldtox.com

NOW ENROLLING '19-'20

CONCORD
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

concordchristianschool.org

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
rayhill865@gmail.com

After Congress had adjourned in 1933, Edward Hull Crump, congressman from Tennessee's Tenth District, took his wife on a three-month tour of Europe. The Crumps returned on September 26, 1933 and the Congressman stopped off in his Washington office to clear off his desk. Crump had a talk with James A. Farley, the New Deal official who served as Franklin Roosevelt's Postmaster General, as well as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Farley was the primary dispenser of patronage in the Roosevelt administration. While Crump stopped in Washington, D. C. after their ship pulled into port in New York, Mrs. Crump headed for Chicago. Congressman Crump intended to head that way himself and join his wife to visit the World's Fair.

When Congressman Crump returned to Memphis he was sought out by the press to discuss his European tour. Oddly, Crump had kind words for Benito Mussolini whom he described as "the wonder of the age." Crump noted German Chancellor Adolf Hitler was "copying many of Mussolini's policies" and it was his opinion Italy and France were "the best fixed countries in Europe." When asked about how good it was to be home, the Memphis Boss replied the best thing was the dinner he had enjoyed at his mother's home in Holly Springs, Mississippi, which consisted of "butterbeans, okra, and milk."

Personal relations between Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, and Congressman Crump were again at a low point. Crump, used to ruling in Memphis and Shelby County, found Congress to be an entirely different experience. Crump was merely yet another congressman while McKellar was one of the more senior members of the United States Senate. McKellar commanded real respect and power in Washington, D. C., something that continued to elude Ed Crump. Doubtless, there was some jealousy on the part of Crump and the Nashville Tennessean insisted the Memphis Boss wanted to defeat McKellar in 1934. Joe Hatcher, political reporter for the Tennessean, wrote "...all the howling and denials in the world to the contrary notwithstanding..." that "Boss Ed wants to beat McKellar." Hatcher opined Crump might very well lend his support to Congressman Gordon Browning who was contemplating running against Senator McKellar in the Democratic primary in 1934. Hatcher confidently predicted "Browning is the one man in Tennessee that is considered with any sort of a chance to take the Memphis veteran, whose

Memphis strength will forget he ever lived down there if the 'Boss so orders." The true extent of the alienation existing between Crump and McKellar was hard to gauge. Certainly the Senator had been irritated when Crump had rapped his selection of his brother Clint to serve as the Postmaster of Memphis. McKellar had insisted upon the appointment, pointing out his brother had served as the assistant postmaster for almost twenty years and did not believe Clint should be deprived of a well-deserved promotion merely because he was related to the senator. McKellar also persisted with other appointments that did not meet with Crump's approval and in every instance, the senator had his way, which likely added to the Memphis Boss's resentment. Those appointments included nominating his former secretary William McClanahan to serve as U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee and Bert Bates as U. S. Marshal for the same district. The Bates appointment was especially galling to Crump.

Days later Joe Hatcher was reporting the results of Senator McKellar's "flying visit" to Tennessee. Apparently, Hatcher believed McKellar's tour had been thoroughly successful as he reported opposition to the senator's 1934 reelection had all but collapsed. The McKellar visit had "reverberations in political circles from Shelby to the Capitol..." While in Tennessee McKellar held numerous conferences and accepted pledges of support from Tennesseans. Word quickly filtered back to those who might have been opposed to McKellar and Hatcher wistfully concluded "Congressman Gordon Browning had just about abandoned the idea of taking the field against" the senator. While Hatcher remained convinced Gordon Browning was the only potential candidate with the wherewithal to defeat McKellar for renomination, the Congressman later related he could not secure a single promise of support from any prominent Tennessean should he run against the senator. Clearly, Hatcher was engaging in wishful thinking. Yet Hatcher speculated it was Crump who had determined McKellar could not be beaten. Hatcher wrote "we believe that Boss Ed Crump himself foresees no possibility of defeating the man who has become his arch enemy - - - politically speaking." Joe Hatcher felt McKellar's influence was such the senator "no longer needs the Crumpian support." Hatcher thought even if McKellar lost in Crump's domain of Shelby County, a fight against the senator by Crump "would mean 50,000 votes for McKellar in West and



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Memphis Mayor Watkins Overton (left) and E. H. Crump.

Middle Tennessee at least."

Ed Crump was usually a highly practical man and no matter the differences between he and McKellar, the Memphis Boss was likely quite well aware of the senator's strength in the rest of the state. As a member of Congress, Crump certainly knew of McKellar's influence inside the Senate and ability to produce projects and appointments for Tennessee and Tennesseans. Joe Hatcher was doubtless correct in his assessment Crump put a halt to those hoping to defeat K. D. McKellar in 1934.

Senator McKellar's influence was demonstrated yet again, albeit in a small way, when he and Nathan Bachman approved the selection of Thomas H. Allen as the state engineer for the Public Works Administration in Tennessee. Allen, a former fire and police commissioner from Shelby County, was also a professional engineer and well regarded in West Tennessee. The choice was acceptable to Congressman Crump who had sent both Memphis Mayor Watkins Overton and County Commissioner E. W. Hale to Washington earlier in anticipation of the vacancy. It may well have also been a subtle reminder the Shelby County machine was making its peace with Senator McKellar.

Crump and his wife left Washington, D. C. in December to return to Memphis in time to celebrate Christmas with their sons. The Congressman announced he would return to Washington after the first of the year, but there were signs Crump was tiring of the Capitol. Crump had plenty of time to reflect, especially as he was suffering from a bad cold. "It's always bad to brag," Crump said, "and especially if you can't back it up. I've been bragging that I haven't had a cold for 30 years, and here I am with a bad one." Crump's cold likely didn't lessen his happiness when his youngest son, John married Miss Jane Boyce at St. John's Episcopal Church in Memphis on Christmas Day.

Congressman Crump left

his family in Memphis and returned to Washington and when asked about his plans, replied he had only one: to support President Franklin Roosevelt. Crump, unlike several of his colleagues, served on no important House committees. Crump's committee assignments were Flood Control, Rivers and Harbors, and the Census. As ever, Crump remained outspoken, especially on those topics that interested him. Crump gave out an interview and said Tennesseans would eventually receive "the cheaper lights, cheaper telephones, cheaper street car fares and cheaper water rates" they hoped for sooner rather than later. "All utilities," Crump said, "will eventually see that they can earn more on reducing their rates and doubling their business." A successful businessman himself, Crump opined, "City people and farmers will eventually get dirt-cheap lights and the time is not far off when there will be an electric light in every farm house, barn, red apple tree and chicken coop throughout the Tennessee valley."

In Memphis, Crump was honored when the Board of Education named a new football stadium for him; originally the stadium was intended to seat 7,500 people, but was expanded to seat an additional 12,500 people. Crump regularly attended high school football games in Memphis and had sought funding for the stadium.

On March 3, 1934, almost three years to the day he had first taken the oath of office as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, E. H. Crump announced he would not run again. "With a business in Memphis, an office in Washington, a thousand miles apart, I must choose between the two," Crump explained. "This being the situation, I prefer my business, with my boys, at home." Asked if his retirement from Congress was also giving up politics, Crump replied emphatically, "Absolutely, no." Crump's pronouncement came as a surprise, especially to his colleagues inside the

Tennessee Congressional delegation. Obviously, Crump could have remained in Congress for the rest of his life had he wished to do so, but the Memphis Boss was weary of the traveling, nor did he especially enjoy life in the Capitol. Eager reporters pressed Crump for information on who might succeed him, but the Boss refused to discuss it. Crump did, however, thank the people of Shelby County for their support and confidence and allowing him to have the opportunity to serve them in Congress.

Crump's silence on the topic did not keep the news media from speculating as to his successor in Congress. The speculation ended when Walter Chandler, city attorney for Memphis, announced his own candidacy. Clearly, Chandler never would have declared for Congress had Crump disapproved of the notion. Days later Crump had to leave Washington following the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Carrie M. McClean, to attend the funeral.

Joe Hatcher's obsession with the state of Crump's relationship with McKellar caused him to run afoul of the senator. Hatcher had reported McKellar's "tantrums" when the praise of Congressman Ed Crump has been voiced in his presence in recent months." McKellar angrily denied it, telling Hatcher, "This statement is unqualifiedly false. It is not true now and never was the truth." Hatcher wrote that McKellar had demanded an apology if the writer considered himself to be a gentleman. After receiving Senator McKellar's wire, Hatcher confessed it was "evident" his "informant was mistaken and misquoted the Senator."

Crump, who was most certainly aware of the rumors, announced his support of Kenneth McKellar's reelection campaign on April 28, 1934. "Senator McKellar is one of the outstanding figures in Congress," Crump said. "Excelled by none in character and manhood, Senator McKellar has been progressive, energetic and a statesman of wide vision and conspicuous ability."

Crump added McKellar "loves Tennessee because he loves Tennesseans and it is his great pleasure to serve them." The Memphis Boss, perhaps to finally kill off the rumors, ladled on more praise. "The story of his whole political life reveals a rich and fascinating personality, indomitable courage, and unswerving devotion to the interest of the people, and no man is better qualified to assist the President in a new deal, which gives the people a better break.

"If there is any merit in distinguished service, Senator McKellar should be returned to the Senate for another six years and, while I do not claim to be as wise as Solomon and as smart as the devil, he will be."

Another sign of unity between Crump and McKellar came in June when the two endorsed the reelection of junior senator Nathan L. Bachman who was opposed by Congressman Gordon Browning. McKellar bluntly said, "I shall vote for and support Senator Bachman and Governor McAlister." "I join Senator McKellar and indorse his statement, asking for the election of Senator Nathan Bachman to fill out the unexpired term of former Senator Cordell Hull..." Crump said. "We have worked up a splendid organization in Shelby county for Senator McKellar's and Governor McAlister's re-election and we are now including Senator Bachman."

McKellar and Crump would eventually become closer than ever and dominate Tennessee's politics until 1948.

Come worship with us

New Beverly Baptist Church

3320 New Beverly Church Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37918

Rev. Eddie Sawyer, Pastor
www.newbeverly.org
856-546-0001

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Youth 7:00 p.m.
Bus Ministry -
For transportation call 546-0001.

July heat and drought-resistant plants

Ugh.... July.....Heat and drought..... Tough on the garden and especially tough on the gardeners.



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

If, when planting, you plan ahead using heat and drought resistant plants, you can still have a beautiful garden in July.

Coneflowers are a classic example. These beauties are tough, rugged, heat and drought resistant yet such a lovely bloomer in July. Coneflowers attract butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and songbirds to the garden. The purple coneflower known as Echinacea is the most popular coneflower. There are many varieties of coneflowers with new ones emerging often. They now

come in a kaleidoscope of colors from deep red, bright white, sunny yellow, brilliant orange, pleasant pink, and many others. The new varieties also come in various fancy forms, even double. Some are fragrant, some dwarf, some variegated. There are so many different varieties available.

Dependent upon the variety, they can grow from 1 to 4 feet. The purple cone-flowers generally grow 18 inches tall. They thrive in most any soil type as long as it is well-drained. They prefer sun. They have a prolonged blooming season from spring through summer and some varieties even until frost.

Coneflowers are great as cut flowers and will last in a vase up to two weeks. They also are ornamental in dried flower arrangements.

You just can't go wrong with these tough perennials...drought tolerant, heat tolerant, humidity tolerant, poor soil tolerant, and even deer tolerant and they continue to come back every year!

Lantana is another superb choice. It too is drought and heat tolerant as well as humidity tolerant. An added benefit is many colorful butterflies are attracted to lantana. It provides a non-stop show of bright flowers throughout the summer and comes in a variety of colors from red, orange, white, yellow, lavender, pink, and bi-colored flowers. Both the flowers and foliage are fragrant.

Lantana requires 6-8 hours of sunlight daily. It tolerates many soil types. As an added benefit, Lantana are deer and rabbit resistant.

Salvias are drought resistant, easy to grow, look great in the garden, and flower abundantly. They come in many varieties and colors. Salvias are also known as sages and are actually part of the mint family. There are close to 1,000 species worldwide. Many can be grown as perennials although there are a few annual varieties. Salvias are a tough, durable plant withstanding heat, drought, deer, pests and disease. Most types appreciate full sun, but a few varieties will tolerate shade. Many attract butterflies and hummingbirds. I have and love in my garden, Midnight Blue ('Black and Blue') Salvia, which the hummingbirds absolutely love! This salvia blooms from midsummer to fall. 'Hot Lips' Salvia is an eye-catcher for the sunny

garden. It features spikes of white flowers each bloom is marked with a kiss-shaped red marking. It can grow to 6 feet tall and 4 feet wide and grows as a perennial in our Zone 7 gardens.

Butterfly Weed is also drought tolerant and grows well in clay soil and in dry or rocky soil. It does best in full sun but will withstand some shade as well. This is a gorgeous flower with bright orange blossoms (Go Big Orange!) and blooms from early summer to first frost. It is very showy in mass plantings but has also very intricate details when looked at closely. This flower obviously draws butterflies but will also draw hummingbirds as well as bees. This flower is essential to the survival of Monarch butterflies as it is a food source for the Monarch butterfly caterpillars. You will

definitely want to add this showy flower to your garden!

Blanket Flowers is a perennial with a long season of bloom (from midsummer through fall) and drought tolerant! These are daisy like flowers in shades of orange, red and yellow, adding color interest to the garden as well as attracting nectar-seeking butterflies. Dependent upon the variety, they grow from 8 inches high to 2 feet tall. The taller varieties make nice cut flowers. They like full sun and well-drained soil. Deadheading the plants regularly encourages more flowering. They form a slowly spreading mound, hence the name blanket flower as they can "blanket" an area.

Just because it is July, full of heat and drought, this doesn't mean that you can't have beautiful blooms in the garden....indeed, you can!

Works of charity is focus of NKBPA July meeting

Cont. from page 1

Fire House, inflatable slides, and free bicycle helmets to be provided by the Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee.

Representatives who had the spotlight during the July 12 meeting were: Shelly Woodrick of CAC Mobile Meals; Marti Baker of Care Cuts; Charmin Foth of Compassion Coalition; Ernie Roberts of East Tennessee PBS; Pam Hughes of Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee; Ronnie Collins of the Fulton High School

Alumni Association; Liz Thacker of Great Schools Partnership; Kristen Kaldenburg of Knoxville Habitat for Humanity; Bruce Spangler of Volunteer Ministry Center; Kara Finger of Wesley House; Sandra Fugate of the Center for English; and Jonathan Haskell of YOKE.

One lesser known nonprofit organization named Care Cuts was founded by local barber Marti Baker in April 2016. "I started under the bridge with Maxine Raines feeding the homeless, and I wanted to do

more, and so I wanted to cut their hair." Having cut hair in Tennessee for 38 years, her desire was to restore dignity to the homeless population in Knoxville and give them hope.

"Care Cuts was the missing piece between the Salvation Army, KARM, and VMC. Yes, they do have showers ... but we get these folks who are not in housing, who are not on the housing list, ... we build them up so they will go into VMC, so they will go into KARM and get out of harm's way," she

explained. The first Sunday of every month any homeless person can come to GEO Hair Lab to receive a free haircut, meal, clothes, and care. "We are called to do this," she added, speaking how the community needs to give back because Knox Area Rescue Mission (KARM), Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC), and government agencies are already overburdened with their own workloads to help the homeless.

Another less familiar group, Fulton High School Alumni Association, was represented by Alumnus Ronnie Collins. He spoke about creating a Veterans memorial to honor seven students of Fulton H.S.

who served in the Vietnam War and were killed. Collins added that fundraising efforts are underway for this dedication.

Shelly Woodrick of CAC Mobile Meals shared two recent initiatives to help those seniors who are 60-years-old or older and unable to provide meals for themselves. "More than a Meal," a roll-out app, is underway for volunteers to receive mapping capabilities and a direct line of communication with a senior's emergency contact person if needed. Another program called "Farm to Senior Table," works in partnership with Beardsley Community Farm to harvest, prepare, and cook

vegetables to be used for the more than 900 seniors who receive meals daily.

Once the talks of agencies doing the community much good concluded, President Bove introduced guests and encouraged all members to involve themselves in volunteering their time and talents.

For more information about these highlighted groups, visit carecutsknox.org, fultonfacons.com and knoxseniors.org/mobile.

To learn more about this organization or its upcoming event, visit the North Knoxville Business & Professional Association Facebook page, or www.northknoxvillebpa.org/broadway-bash/

Planning Commission Tackles Rezoning Requests

Cont. from page 1

and Related Services to General Commercial Park.

The existing land use is residential; the proposed use is Doggie Day Care. The commission approved the resolutions with little discussion.

Belita Dawn Hoffmeister appealed to the Commission to allow her .551-acre parcel of land at 414 E. Inskip Dr. in Council District 5 be amended from Mixed Use - Special District, North City 12 to Mixed Use - Special District, North City 13, and to be rezoned from R-2 (General Residential) to O-1 (Office, Medical, and Related Services).

The existing use is Single Family Residential; the proposed use is Office.

The general difference between designations North City 12 and 13 is

that, while both allow residential, 13 allows more business use.

The commission adopted Hoffmeister's resolutions.

Saad Alani's application to the commission was for his 4.16-acre parcel of land at 648 Fox Road (north side of George Williams Road) in Commission District 3 to be rezoned from Agricultural to Planned Residential. Alani wants to develop the land residentially with up to five dwelling-units per acre.

The commission approved the request but limited the number dwelling-units per acre to three.

Finally, under Uses on Review, the commission approved the request by Crescent Bend Development, LLC to put a commercial building at 1000 Ebenezer Road in Commission District 5.

The permission requires that Crescent adhere to a 2012 ruling that was obtained for a planned Weigel's store concerning egress and ingress.

"Paul (Murphy, owner of Crescent) has to honor that plan because when Weigel's came in, their deal was to make a right-in, right-out because Weigel's obtained that right in 2012," said Clancy. "He has to adhere to what the Weigel's company already had as a concept plan."

"Knox County asked us to develop the ingress/egress as previously approved, and that's what we're doing," said Crescent attorney Taylor Forster. "The ingress/egress was approved back in 2012 and so the property owner next door has easement to access of that previously-approved plan."

City seeks public input on Five-Year Community Development Plan

Cont. from page 1

have several opportunities to attend public meetings where they can ask questions and take the survey during a presentation moderated by Community Development staff members. Residents are invited to attend one or more of these public meetings:

East

5:30 - 7 p.m. Aug. 19
Burlington Branch Library
(4614 Asheville Hwy)

North

6 - 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20
Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center
(301 W Inskip Dr.)

West

6 - 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22
Deane Hill Recreation Center

(7400 Deane Hill Dr. NW)
South
5:30 - 7 p.m. Aug. 26
South Knoxville Community Center
(522 Maryville Pike)

Two additional meetings will be held at O'Connor Senior Center:

- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25
- 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26

All public meetings are posted on the City's website at KnoxvilleTN.gov/Development and on the City's Facebook page at Facebook.com/CityofKnoxville.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to attend one of the meetings

listed above should contact Stephanie Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034 at least 10 days in advance. For an English interpreter, contact the Title VI coordinator Tatia Harris at 865-215-2831.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan will develop on the following timeline:

- July - Sept. 2019: Gather information
- Oct. - Nov. 2019: Analyze and organize responses
- Jan. 2020: Hold public meetings to report findings
- March - April 2020: Create and release draft Five-Year plan for public comment
- May 2020: Submit plan to HUD

Great, Spirit-filled Night of Gospel Music



Michael & Delilah Kitts

When: Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Info: Rev. Eddie Sawyer, Pastor
865-546-0001 or
reveddie@newbeverly.org
www.NewBeverly.org

Directions: I-640 to Exit 8. Go north on Washington Pike to Greenway Drive light (Target). Turn left. Church is 1/4 mile on the right.



NEW BEVERLY

BAPTIST CHURCH

3320 New Beverly Church Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

As always for church services, there is no charge but a love offering will be taken.

Lewis named All-American by United Soccer Coaches

Barnes and Williams honored by state's sportswriters

By Ken Lay

The 2018-19 basketball season was truly magic for the University of Tennessee and coach Rick Barnes and forward Grant Williams were each honored recently by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

Barnes was named Men's Basketball Coach of the Year while Williams took home Player of the Year Honors.

Tennessee went 31-6 and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the third time in school history and the first time since 2014. Barnes, who previously coached at Providence, Clemson and Texas, has reached the Sweet 16 seven times in his career.

It was the third time Barnes has won Coach of the Year following the recently completed season. He was named Werner Ladder Naismith Coach of the Year and United States Basketball Writers Association Henry Iba Coach of the Year this spring.

Last season, the Volunteers were ranked No. 1 for four consecutive weeks and were a national Top-10 team all season.

Tennessee's 31 victories matched an all-time high. The Vols also had a 19-game winning streak.

Barnes is the 12th head coach to take at least three teams to the Sweet 16.

Meanwhile, Williams left Big Orange Country as the two-time Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. He was a first-round draft pick, selected 22nd overall by the Boston Celtics and he's been impressive playing for the organization's team in the MGM Resorts NBA Las Vegas Summer League.

He averaged 18.8 points per game to lead the SEC in scoring. He was the ninth UT player to win a league scoring title. He was a unanimous All-America Selection.

Williams averaged 7.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 1.8 blocks and 1.1 steals per game. He shot 57 percent from the floor and 82 percent from the free throw line.

In addition to leading the SEC in scoring, Williams was second in field goal percentage, fifth in free throw percentage, seventh in rebounding and 10th in assist/turnover ratio.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

'We understand we have competition out there (for players), so what we're trying to do is have a broader range of baseball, whether it's recreational or competitive,' says Karns Little League President Ken Carter.

New Karns LL president wants recreation play also to be fun

By Steve Williams

Just a few years ago, the Karns Little League baseball program produced teams that made a strong push for state honors but were eliminated by teams that went on to reach the prestigious World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

In fact, Karns' 2012 All-Stars lost 6-0 to a Goodlettsville team that won Little League's USA championship before falling to Japan in the finale of the annual summer classic.

In 2014, another talented Karns team fell 4-1 in the state finals to South Nashville, which advanced to the World Series for the second year in a row.

In those years, there was a lot of motivation in Karns to get to Williamsport.

"There was in times past and we're still motivated to go to Williamsport," said

Ken Carter, Karns' first-year LL president, during the recent District 6 tournament, which saw Karns finish second to Maryville. "We want to win. We want to put the best team on the field we possibly can."

"But instead of focusing the majority of our attention on one team going to Williamsport, we're more focused now on providing a broader service to the community, to provide more of a recreational league for kids that may not have the opportunity to go to Williamsport, but want to have the opportunity to play baseball in the community."

"We understand they are customers, too, and so we want our best players to do the best they can and work toward the district and state tournaments and go to Williamsport. But we want to provide an environment where it's fun for kids to play in a recreational league also."

The Karns program started in 1965 and is the only

true Little League organization remaining in Knox County. Games are played at the Karns Lions Club Community Park off Oak Ridge Highway.

The property is owned by the Lions Club and one of the agreements to play there, said Carter, is remaining affiliated with Little League.

Prior to becoming president, Carter had been a longtime board member and coached Karns' 12-year-old All-Star team in 2009.

Carter said most of his first year as president was spent with volunteers on getting the league's facilities and four fields back in good shape.

The program this year purchased new nets for all three batting cages, a new scoreboard for the Farm League field and provided practice baseballs and buckets to every coach and also catcher's equipment through its partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods.

Participation numbers

had dropped to about 349 total players in the five age divisions last year, but climbed back up to 380 this spring, said Carter.

The age divisions are 4-year-olds (Wee Ball), 5-6 (Training League), 7-8 (Coach-pitch Farm League), 9-10 (Minor League) and 11-12 (Major League).

"The most players we've ever had at Karns was 550 and that was back in about 2012," said Carter. "Our optimum number is about 450."

Signups for Fall League recreation and instructional baseball in all divisions is underway. Players can be signed up on line at www.westknoxcountylittleleague.com.

Fall League teams will be formed around mid-August and play will start the week after Labor Day and end around Halloween, said Carter.

MARYVILLE will represent District 6 in this year's State Little League (11-12) tournament, which starts Saturday at Bristol.

Always in Bloom
Flowers for Every Occasion

Daily Delivery

Celebrate your Summer Anniversary with Beautiful Red Freedom Roses.

(865) 558-5769 3727 Sutherland Ave. Knoxville, 37919
www.alwaysinbloomtn.com

We now sell CBD Oil Tincture

We are the first medical office in the area to offer this product!

CBD oil has proven to be an effective way to introduce cannabinoid into the bloodstream. It works by interacting with the central nervous system, as well as the immune system. It is an organic, Kosher certified, and FDA approved product.



Benefits

(based on customer feedback many have experienced relief from:)

Chronic pain	Acne
Anxiety	Psoriasis
Nausea	Seizures
PTSD	Arthritis
IBD symptoms	Insomnia
Mood disorders	Depression
Crohn's and UC	Autoimmune disease issues

The CBD oil comes in different flavors that taste great!

Note: You don't have to be a patient to purchase the product.

Seymour Weight & Wellness

216 Phoenix Court, Suite F 865-573-0101

seymourweightwel.wix.com/seymourweightwel



HISTORY peeking at YOU

This old Color-Ama Company sign is located behind Magpies at North Central and Irwin Street. It was formerly for a warehouse there.

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.

brought to you by



BROADWAY CARPETS INC.
www.broadwaycarpets.com

Our readers are invited to send photos of historic building signs, unique advertising signs and signs that have been repainted and restored. Photos and information should be sent to steelym@knoxfocus.com and the submitter will be credited with the photo.



MAPLE COURT
SENIOR LIVING
A MEMORY CARE COMMUNITY

**EXPERIENCE THE
GREATEST DIFFERENCE!**

**Honoring the past, connecting with
the present, inspiring the future.**

Call (865) 362-5398 to schedule a visit today!

maplectseniorliving.com • 7545 Thunder Lane • Powell, TN 37849



Cont. from page 1

crepe myrtles and no telling how many different variety of daylilies and Black-eyed Susans.

“It means somebody loves this place very much – to bring something like that from their home. It’s a very select few that do that, that have fallen in love with this place and our staff and love the way the pool is manicured and taken care of.”

Love is just one of Inskip Pool’s longtime employees. Coach David Emory managed the pool from the early 1970s to 1994. Mark Majors has worked off and on since 1985 and was manager in 1995.

Other longtime workers include Charlotte Bedwell, who was cashier for 37 years before retiring, and Rodney Beverly, who is in his 27th year in charge of security.

Harvey Keith Smith has to be mentioned, too. He’s been coming to the pool about every day for years and likes to swim, chat with the lifeguards or spend his time drawing colorful pictures.

The pool is open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 to 5 and 1 to 6 on Sundays and admission is \$4 per person.

The pool, however, will be closed during weekdays when school starts back. The pool will remain open weekends through Labor Day.

Reservations for private parties on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights also are available.

And don’t forget the annual Doggie Dip Day the Sunday after Labor Day.

“That’s a pure joy day,” said Love. “Non-stop laughing.”



In a July 4, 1989 photo, Dave Emory, then the Inskip Pool manager, talks to the crowd before performing a backwards sailor dive to celebrate the holiday. Emory also was a popular teacher and coach at Central High School.



A boy jumps off the high dive at Inskip Pool last week as others wait their turn.

Cooper Mays Stays Home

By Alex Norman

Cooper Mays is one of the most heavily sought after football recruits in Tennessee for the Class of 2020. The Knoxville Catholic standout is rated as a four-star prospect by 247 Sports, and is currently ranked in their top 10 in the Volunteer state.

The good news for Vols fans is that Mays won’t be traveling very far next year. Recently, Mays verbally committed to Tennessee.

“The biggest thing for me is that it was close to home,” said Mays. “I’m not a big fan of major changes in my life. It feels like family and I’ve always been able to call it home so that was a big thing for me.”

The recruiting process can be a long and tiring one, and just because Mays has verbally committed doesn’t mean that other programs won’t still make their case. But Mays said that he won’t be taking any other official visits. He’s set to stay in Knoxville for the next few years.

“Honestly I didn’t love it (the recruiting process) or hate it,” said Mays. “It was just kind of there. I’m not really big into drama or media attention or anything so it wasn’t that big a deal to me and I didn’t get caught up in making my decision. It was a process and I didn’t get too high or too low about it.”

Cooper could lean on his brother Cade a bit when necessary. Cade was a top prospect in the Class of 2018 and Cooper had a front row seat during Cade’s recruitment.

“I learned a bit, just the

basics,” said Mays. “Kinda of take everything these coaches tell you with a grain of salt. Don’t let yourself get a big head because these coaches are telling you that you are the greatest thing since sliced bread.”

Cade Mays was a long time Tennessee commit. But with the Tennessee program in a state of turmoil at the end of the Butch Jones era, he chose to look elsewhere. Cade picked Georgia, where he was a starter on the Bulldogs offensive line as a true freshman. Cooper did receive a scholarship offer from Georgia, but said Cade never put any pressure on him to come to Athens.

“He was happy for me,” said Mays. “He was proud of me. He wants me to be happy and knows that I’ll be happy at UT.”

Now, Cade Mays is concentrating on his senior season at Knoxville Catholic, and preparing himself to play at the next level. “I’m working on just refining my technique,” said Mays. “Hands, leverage, pad level, and just keeping my feet really good.”

Cade’s father, Kevin Mays, was a big part of the offensive line that protected Peyton Manning in the 1990s. Cade’s uncle, Michael Frogg, played on Tennessee’s offensive line in the 2000s.

The legacy continues.

“Some coaches think I can play defensive line there,” said Mays. “Others think center or tight end. But they asked me (what I preferred) and I said center, so that’s where I’ll be playing (at Tennessee) I’m pretty sure.”

goodto know

bonus rate

CHECKING¹

3 EASY REQUIREMENTS:

> ENROLL in convenient eStatements

> SETUP a direct deposit or auto-debit

> MAKE at least 15 qualifying debit card purchases

3.01%

EARN APY*

ON BALANCES UP TO \$20,000

no minimum monthly balance • \$100 minimum opening balance

SEE ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS.

* APY = annual percentage yield. Rates subject to change. APYs are accurate as of 03/08/19.

1 To earn Bonus Rate, each month the account must be enrolled in eStatements, post and clear at least 15 debit card transactions, and receive at least one direct deposit or ACH debit. If all qualifications are met during the statement cycle, a bonus rate of 3.01% APY on balances of up to \$20,000 and .20% APY on balances over \$20,000 will be credited. If bonus qualifications are not met during the statement cycle, a rate of .05% APY of the balance will be credited. Interest earnings are based on daily collected balances and are credited monthly to the account. Qualifying transactions include point of sale or online purchases using the SouthEast Bank debit card. ATM and cash-only transactions do not qualify towards minimum debit card transaction amount.

Fees may reduce earnings. Some fees and restrictions apply. Visit southeastbank.com or ask an associate for complete details.

SouthEast bank

4924 N BROADWAY

HEY FOUNTAIN CITY

COMING SOON

OPEN TODAY

IN YOUR BRANCH OR BY PHONE

BEARDEN | FARRAGUT | FOUNTAIN CITY | HARDIN VALLEY | LENOIR CITY

1.844.SEBANKS (732.2657) | southeastbank.com

Member FDIC



Manners

The role of grandparents is certainly different than for parents. We have four grandchildren under seven years old and our function is to be supportive of the family and to serve as role models. We also have a fifteen year old grandson, but he is on teenager “autopilot.”

Becky and I grew up in the era of respectfully saying, “Yes Ma’am” and “No Sir” to adults. We’ve been softly emphasizing courtesies with our grandkids, at least when they are at our home. We have adopted ten “Social Manners for Children” which, for example, promote saying thank you, looking people in the eye when greeting them and offering a friendly “Hi” or “Hello.”

Every generation looks back to the “good ole days,” as they remember them. I lament the general coarsening of manners and language of

our modern age. Things were different when I was coming up, apparently as they were during Plato’s era. He once lamented that the younger generation has no respect for elders, and is going to the dogs! Today’s “F bombs,” disgusting misogynous gangster raps and “twerking” have become emblematic of degenerative hip culture. Our young ones have yet to encounter this cultural assault, but it is coming. All we can do is stand for what’s right and apply a friend’s rendition of the Golden Rule. He said, “I make the gold, so in my house, I make the rules.”

Apparently, the captain of the American women’s World Cup soccer team never learned proper manners growing up in California and Oregon. I don’t watch soccer, but I cheered for the women’s team as they advanced to

and then won the Championship. At least until I heard the captain’s hate filled hissing. Peyton Manning reportedly did not vote for Obama, but had enough class and manners to accept the President’s invitation to honor the Super Bowl champions at the White House. The soccer harpy did not.

One of my observations is that it takes so little to be pleasant. As a southerner, I think manners are important and a sign of social grace. Captain Rapinoe disgraced herself, disparaged the flag and our country and damaged her sport. She will soon return to relative obscurity, unless she gets a Kaepernick-like deal from Nike. Perhaps that was her motive all along.

The Great Russian author of the Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, once wrote that the way to destroy a country is to destroy its history. The assault on America is more than just ill manners and ignorance. America is under assault by politically correct “woke” leftists demanding their revisionist history. The first assault wave was removal of statues and monuments of the historical confederacy. The next wave is to attack all reminders of the past, such as the now

considered racist mural in a San Francisco school. Esthetically, the San Francisco school mural is not great art, but spending \$600,000 to paint over images of George Washington, Indians and slaves to satisfy political correctness (PC), is not only ridiculous, it is disturbing.

The demand for PC orthodoxy reminds me of other tyrannies which destroyed art (Nazis, Taliban, and ISIS). The point is, the beast will never be satisfied until everyone conforms to what the beast says is correct. It is past time for citizens to say “NO!” to this bullying of the left which also bans books like Huckleberry Finn from school libraries. Even Nancy Pelosi is feeling the heat as AOC now claims the Speaker of the House is a racist. The French writer, Charles Peguy once said, “It will never be known what acts of cowardice have been motivated by the fear of not looking sufficiently progressive.”

Rodney King once famously asked, “Can’t we all get along?” Perhaps we could if we were able to agree to disagree with civility. I have friends and family members whose politics are different than mine, but we have the common sense

and respect to disagree at the ballot box rather than shouting at one another. Of course this is a logical, loving and mannerly way to get along with each other.

During the French Revolution, Maximilian Robespierre wanted to establish a Republic of Virtue driven by reason rather than religion. He even erected an obelisk to reason until the beastly, hate-driven mob turned on him and cut off his head with the guillotine. Pelosi better be careful because AOC has her in the Progressive sights of ideology and “self-righteous” morality. In America it was once said that, “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

I thought long and hard about how I might weave a medical perspective amidst the conundrum of mannerly discourse. Politics has always been a brutal sport. If you doubt me, read about the political battles and scurrilous verbiage that flew between Thomas Jefferson’s Democratic Republicans and John Adams’ Federalists in the 1800 presidential election. Admittedly, my

passions sometimes run high as I consider the ubiquitous fake news, the endless pandering of political figures and the out-right incivility within the divided states of America.

Bedside manner is important in doctor-patient relationships. Our word civility derives from Latin civilis which defines citizens and their political, public, and private interactions. I will remain civil, though my opinions may be perceived as caustic or irritating to some. Sometimes, the truth hurts. Sometimes distasteful medicine must be taken or at least considered. Fortunately, all have the freedom to read my column or not. You may agree with some things and disagree with other opinions. The First Amendment to the Constitution (Bill of Rights) guarantees citizens the right to speak with civility, challenge the government and even PC groupthink.

These rights are integral to Americanism. I believe the soccer lady and Kaepernick have the right to say what they want, and even make fools of themselves. And I have the right to fly the Betsy Ross flag and boycott Nike products.

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

Kid A’ Riffic Fun on the Square

The City’s Office of Special Events is hosting a weekly event for families and youngsters called Kid A’ Riffic Fun on the Square, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 16, 23 and 30, on Market Square. The first Kid A’Riffic was held last Tuesday.

“Our goal is to engage families in free, fun-packed summer activities,” says Elaine Frank of the City’s Special Events team. “Market Square hosts numerous events throughout the year, and we wanted to bring together partners to provide a special opportunity for families and their kids, who are looking for new diversions during summer vacation.”

The groups leading the activities each week include: The Knoxville Arts

and Fine Crafts Center, The Muse Knoxville, YMCA, Home Depot, Knoxville Fire Department, KAT (Knoxville Area Transit) and the Knoxville Ice Bears.

Kid A’ Riffic guests can park at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum for \$5 and ride the free Blue Line Trolley to Market Street. Additional parking is available in the Market Square, Locust Street, Walnut Street and State Street garages for \$1/hour. Free parking is available at the Blackstock Parking lot and the Jackson Avenue parking lot under James White Parkway.

For more information about Kid A’ Riffic Fun on the Square and participating groups, visit KnoxvilleTN.gov/events, or contact Elaine Frank at 865-215-4248.

KCHD urges parents to ensure kids’ vaccinations are up to date

With just a few weeks left of summer break, the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is reminding parents that now is the time to make sure their child’s vaccinations are up to date. All students entering preschool, kindergarten or seventh grade and those entering a Tennessee school for the first time should receive state-required immunizations. Before the first day of school, parents must provide their child’s school with a state immunization certificate, which documents receipt of the vaccinations.

“Childhood immunizations remain one of the most effective ways to

safeguard the health of our children,” said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. “Whether they come to the health department or any of the other local providers, we encourage parents to make sure this important task is on their back-to-school to-do list.”

Those who wish to have their child vaccinated at the health department should call 865-215-5070 to schedule an appointment. At the appointment, parents should have their photo ID, insurance card if applicable, and their child’s vaccination record if they have it. The health department is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. Appointments are available at all three locations: Downtown Knoxville at 140 Dameron Avenue; North Knox County at 405 Dante Road; and West Knox County at 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road.

Both the immunizations and certificates are available at pediatrician offices or any KCHD location. Parents may contact their child’s pediatrician or the KCHD Immunization Program, 865-215-5150, to determine if their child has received the required vaccinations. More information, including a list of the state-required vaccinations by grade level, is available on KCHD’s website at knoxcounty.org/health.

Tennessee’s vaccine requirements follow recommendations from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Childhood immunizations are vital in protecting children from potentially serious diseases. The CDC estimates vaccinations will prevent more than 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths among children born in the last 20 years. In addition, vaccines are widely considered one of the most well-researched and safe medical interventions available. In fact, data show that the current U.S. vaccine supply is the safest in history.



we are
Better
TOGETHER

Morning Pointe is Your Care Partner

Call to
Learn More

KNOXVILLE

MorningPointe

Assisted Living & Memory Care

9649 Westland Drive

Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 223-6422

morningpointe.com

Solutions • Service • Support

Summer Songwriter Showcase this Friday

West Hills Presbyterian Church Family Activity Center will host an evening of original Christian, Gospel and Inspirational music from award winning local songwriters Mitch Townley, Scott Parker, Karen Bowles and

Edgar Allen Lee on Friday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mitch Townley and Scott Parker wrote the 2018 Inspirational Country Song Of The Year "This Side Of Sunday." This a concert is in support of Child Evangelism

Fellowship of Knoxville (CEF-K) which operates After School Good News Bible Clubs in Knox and surrounding counties. Admission is Free. Donations for CEF-K

are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. This is approved for the whole family. West Hills Presbyterian is located at 7600 Bennington Drive,

Knoxville, 37909
Contact Mitch Townley for more information at (865)660-3792 or townleymitch@gmail.com

GOD'S PLACE THRIFT STORE
6119 Chapman Hwy
Furniture, glassware, clothing & more
Variety of clothing \$1ea. incl. Childrens
Friday Special: Adult clothes \$2 a bag
Proceeds help feed homeless.
M-F 10am-5:30pm Mgr Vicki 604-8077

service directory

ALTERATIONS/ SEAMSTRESS

JOANNE'S ALTERATIONS
PANTS HEMMING \$5,
SPECIALIZING IN JEANS CALL
JOANNE 579-2254

CARE GIVER

MATURE CHRISTIAN
LADY - CNA
HAS MANY YEARS
EXPERIENCE
AVAILABLE TO GIVE
LOVING CARE TO SICK
OR ELDERLY
DAYS OR NIGHTS
EXCELLENT REFS.
865-406-6307

FENCING

FENCING CONNECTION
New builds or repairs
Quality, Honesty, Integrity
"OUR PRIORITY"
Free Estimates
Call or text 865-888-1241

FLORIST

POWELL FLORIST AND
GIFTS 865-947-6105
POWELLFLORISTKNOXVILLE.
NET

HANDYMAN

HANDYMAN
• Carpentry
• Plumbing
• Painting & more!
30+ Years Experience!
FREE ESTIMATES!
865-607-2227

HOME RESTORATION

Complete Remodeling
Interior & Exterior
Insured & Bonded
Free estimates
Call or text 865-888-1241

HOUSE CLEANING

KATHY'S HOUSE CLEANING,
DEPENDABLE, REASONABLE
RATES, FREE ESTIMATES,
865-343-1474

LAWN MAINTENANCE

GET IT DONE
Property Maintenance
Landscapes & Hardscapes
Free estimates
865-296-2548
Or email wesleybyrge40@gmail.com

METAL WORK

GHOST RIDERS METAL WORKS
865-705-0742
Mobile Welding
Fabrication & Repair
Electrical - Plumbing
Gas piping & Welding
State Licensed
Stick Welding, Mig Welding
Gas Welding
www.ghostridersmetalworks.com

MUSIC LESSONS

MUSIC LESSON SIGNUP,
GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS,
PIANO, VOCAL, HTTP://WWW.
BENFRANKLINMUSIC.COM,
865-456-6797

PAINTING

PAINTING- INTERIOR-
EXTERIOR
Lic. & Ins. 30 Yrs. Exp.
Free Estimates
865-573-2199
Professional Painters

PAINTING

Pilgrim Painting
Repaint Specialist
Commercial & Residential
Serving Knoxville 26 years
• Interior/Exterior
Painting
• Pressure Washing
• Staining
• Drywall &
Carpentry
WWW.PILGRIMPAININGKNOXVILLE.COM
Major Credit Cards Now Accepted
FOLLOW US & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
FREE ESTIMATES
865-291-8434
Licensed • Bonded & Insured
Background Checks and Drug Testing
Required for all employees
Home Improvement License #291843

ROOFING

CCW
ROOFING / GUTTERING
and Property Maintenance Service
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED!
Proudly serving Knoxville
and the surrounding area for
OVER 50 YEARS!
Service you can trust!
LICENSED & INSURED
Call for your FREE ESTIMATE!
865-242-4640

ROOF REPAIRS,
METAL:SHINGLE:RUBBER,
ROOF COATING:FREE
ESTIMATES, 865-705-7069

TREE SERVICE

COVENANT TREE SERVICE
Fully insured Christian
business
Specializing in
hazardous tree removal
& routine tree trimming
24 hour storm damage
30 years experience
865-297-7858

Call or email Ruthie at
865-254-3498 or
ruthie@knoxfocus.com to place your
Classified or Service Directory ad!

classifieds

FOR SALE BY OWNER

SCHWINN AIRDYNE EXERCISE
BIKE, EXCELLENT CONDITION
\$300.00, 865-308-7450

ACTION-ROW ROWING
MACHINE BY AJAY, REALLY
GOOD CONDITION \$60.00,
865-308-7450

MEDICAL ITEMS
3-WHEEL ROLLATOR
WALKER FROM
DR. LEONARD \$60.00
DELUXE BEDSIDE
COMMODOE \$30.00
RECTAL DONUT
CUSHION-NEW
\$15.00
865-406-6307

DELL OCTIPLEX \$150,
WINDOWS 10, MICROSOFT
OFFICE 2010, 500 GB HARD
DRIVE, 8GB MEMORY, INCL
FLAT SCREEN MONITOR,
KEYBOARD & MOUSE.
CALL JAMES
865-237-6993

COMPUTERS FOR SALE,
DESKTOP OR LAPTOP \$125
EA, 20" ALL-IN-ONE MAC \$125,
CALL JAMES
865-237-6993

FOR SALE BY OWNER

3 CEMETERY PLOTS.
WOODLAWN CEMETERY
KNOXVILLE. SECTION "S".
\$1700/EA, ALL 3 FOR \$4500,
OBO. 865-617-0455 OR
865-617-4296.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

**SOUTH KNOXVILLE /
UT / DOWNTOWN**
2 BR, 700 SQ FT APARTMENTS
\$600/ MONTH
865-573-1000

WANTED

*****WANTED*****
BROKEN PUSH & RIDING MOWERS
\$10-20 PUSH OR \$40-100 RIDING
MUST BE COMPLETE
865-933-9660
LEAVE PHONE # IF NO ANSWER

I'M LOOKING FOR OLD
DESKTOPS & LAPTOPS!
IF YOU HAVE ANY TO GIVE
AWAY I WILL PICK UP LARGE
QUANTITIES. CALL JAMES AT
865-237-6993

CHILD CARE

MARCIA'S LEARNING CENTER
1411 Exeter Ave, Knoxville
(865) 673-8223
Day Shift 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Night Shift 4:30 pm - 12 midnight

ELECTRICIAN

RETIRED UNION
ELECTRICIAN AVAILABLE
for service calls/small jobs.
Ceiling Fans a Specialty
Wayne 455-6217

FENCING

FENCING & REPAIR, YOU BUY
IT - WE INSTALL IT,
865-604-6911

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PIERCE NEWKIRK
DOCKET NUMBER 81900-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM PIERCE NEWKIRK who died May 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 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 5TH day of JULY, 2019

ESTATE OF WILLIAM PIERCE NEWKIRK
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRIAN STEPHEN NEWKIRK; EXECUTOR
8621 KODAK RD.
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

BEN NORRIS ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 397
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY J RICHARDS
DOCKET NUMBER 81907-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BETTY J RICHARDS who died Mar 21, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 9 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF BETTY J RICHARDS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DAVID E RICHARDS; EXECUTOR
7917 1/2 WESTLAND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEAN H. STUCKEY
DOCKET NUMBER 81897-2

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

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); 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 5TH day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF JEAN H. STUCKEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JEAN H. STUCKEY FEWELL; EXECUTRIX
9756 CLEARWATER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

KEVIN A. DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW

550 W. MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEANICE TARVER
DOCKET NUMBER 81849-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JULY 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PATRICIA JEANICE TARVER who died Feb 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: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
This the 8 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEANICE TARVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RONNETTA TARVER; ADMINISTRATRIX
235 CARTA ROAD, APT S-17
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

MARK E TILLERY ATTORNEY AT LAW
2924 TAZEWELL PIKE, SUITE
F KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SALLY E WRIGHT
DOCKET NUMBER 81916-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SALLY E WRIGHT who died Jun 3, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above

named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or
(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the 10 day of JULY, 2019.

ESTATE OF SALLY E WRIGHT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TED L WRIGHT; EXECUTOR
4900 SKYVIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917-2148

MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 84

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 2878, Vehicle Body Shop and Repair Services, due 8/13/19:
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

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PAY ALL CHARGES AND RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT ALL COLORS BODY SHOP, 2153 SUTHERLAND AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919, 865-985-0204. FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC ACTS 1967, CHAPTER 240, HOUSE BILL 379 ON JULY 22, 2019.

2017 Ford Mustang VIN#

1FA6P8CF3H5273586

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday August 8th, 2019 10:00am, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.
2005 ACURA 2HNYD18695H509975
2001 SATURN 1G8JU52FX1Y549905
2001 FORD 1FMFU18L61LA98331
2005 DODGE 14DP24R15B346636
1999 BUICK 2G4WS52M0X1548138
2005 CHEVROLET 1GNDT13S052261675
2006 CHEVROLET 1G1AK55F467779985
2008 CHEVROLET 3GNDA13D76S582562
2006 CHEVROLET 2CNDL63F266143216
2000 DODGE 1B7FL26X8Y559973
2005 FORD 1FAP34N85W310548
2000 FORD 1FAP6S65Y1A34395
2003 FORD 1FAHP36373W338049
1994 FORD 1FTEF14Y6RNB65416
1997 GMC 1GTC51448VK501028
2004 HONDA 1HGEM22914L075796
1999 HONDA JHMC65651X029328
1998 HONDA 1HGEJ8143WL100606
1995 HONDA 1HGC05521SA128285
1992 HONDA 1HGC87175NA044249
2017 HYUNDAI KMHCT4AE9HU317118
2003 INFINITI JNKVC51E53M309920
2004 JEEP 1J8GWS6N84C216677
2002 MAZDA JM1TA212127136074
2007 MITSUBISHI 4A3AK34727E010267
2000 NISSAN JN1CA31D6YT741019
2001 NISSAN 3N1BBS1A21L002251
2010 NISSAN 5N1AN0NU4A510526
1997 NISSAN JN1CA21D9V7815295
2006 PONTIAC 1G2ZF55B064190577
2003 SATURN 1G8JU54F03Y76207
2007 TOYOTA JTNBE46K73110736
2006 VOLKSWAGEN 3VWRF71K76M671232

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 BID13.COM AUCTION WILL START 7/20/19 AND END 7/30/19 @ 6PM. The Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Some units may not be available on the day of sale. Please REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT TO BID. BID13.COM
Located at Morningsstar Storage 4514 Western Ave, Knoxville TN 37921.
James Cameron Smith unit CB06, Natalia Herasimava CC01, Nicholas Bundy CB36, Pam

Akridge C16, Rebecca Weaver A03, Brittany Jones AA14, Marquita Woodruff CB40, Rhonda Ben Patton BB18, Sandra Kay Lackey AE04, Adaisa White BB14, Fred Knecht CE34, Suzette Meyer BB31

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, August 7, 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.

Ellen Freeman - 120, 169, 214
Steven Norton - 220, 237
John McCarthy - 210
Gloria Sphon - 200
Adam Bettis - 36
Shelby McMillan - 21
Angela Rodgers - 251
Ramone Dobbins - 340
Lance Shidi - 325
Misty Worthington - 11
Kathy Merrick - 312

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

THE OWNERS AND/OR LIEN HOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE HERBY NOTIFIED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO RECLAIM SAID VEHICLES BEING HELD AT MADDOX AUTO - 4053 DOUGLAS DAM RD, KODAK, TN 37764. 865-236-3654. FAILURE TO RECLAIM THESE VEHICLES WILL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND CONSENT TO DISPOSE OF SAID VEHICLE AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC ACTS 1967, CHAPTER 240, HOUSE BILL 379 ON JULY 22, 2019 at 8:00 AM.
1999 CHEVY VAN-
VIN#1GTFG25R6X1010772
2006 CADILLAC ESCALADE - VIN
#3GYFK62N26G139149

NOTICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ABANDONMENT

TO: GABRIELLE MERROW-MATTHEWS
TINDELL
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE UNTIL JULY 15, 2019 TO REMOVE PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN LEFT AT 1004 HENRIETTA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912. IF PROPERTY IS NOT REMOVED WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME IT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AND DISPOSED OF.