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Bud Armstrong – ‘The People’s Lawyer’

By Steve Hunley

Less and less it seems people in public office can identify with the average person; people who go to work every day, work hard to put food on the table, buy braces for their kids and understand the value of a dollar. Richard “Bud” Armstrong is one of the few officeholders who knows exactly what it is like to come from humble beginnings. Bud Armstrong is Knox County’s Law Director and has been selected by his peers as President-elect of the Tennessee County Attorneys’ Association, an association comprised of the law directors from Tennessee’s ninety-five counties. Some of the law directors across the state are elected and some are appointed, but Bud Armstrong, currently serving as a board member, was selected to serve all of them as their association president beginning in May.

“I have been impressed with Bud’s down-to-earth persona and his ability to relate to people,” said Jon Cooper, Director of Law for Metro Davidson County,

“I also think his years of service as an environmental scientist with TVA enables him to analyze legal issues from a different perspective. We look forward to Bud serving as President of the Tennessee County Attorneys’ Association.”

Bud Armstrong’s multifaceted experience likely was the result of his upbringing and a lifelong desire not only to better himself, but a passion for learning. Born in the Skaggston community, Bud attended Skaggston Elementary School and graduated from Carter High School. Bud received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Quantitative Economic Geography and a Master of Sciences degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee. Most folks would have been satisfied to stop there, but Bud Armstrong was accepted to the prestigious Columbia University in New York City where he earned a doctoral degree in education. Several years later Bud received a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the Nashville



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong (left) with wife Patti Jo (to the right of Bud) and a group of supporters at a recent campaign cookout held at the Riverdale Community Center.

School of Law and passed the Tennessee Bar. A love of the law was to become Bud’s second career.

Bud, the child of a single mother, worked to put himself through college in a variety of jobs, including education, real estate, tax, and finance. Bud worked both in the private and public sectors, accepting a job offer from TVA.

During his twenty-nine year career with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bud was recognized as an expert on the National Environmental Protection Act. Bud managed teams of lawyers in a variety of fields, from environmental law to human resources for an agency that has been a mainstay of Knoxville’s economic life since 1933.

Bud served as an advisor to the Congress of the United States as well as various state and local governments across the Southeast. Bud also consulted with colleges and universities not only across the United States, but internationally as well.

Very modest, it is almost impossible for anyone to pry details about his life

story from Bud Armstrong. Armstrong will concede he did not have a lot of advantages growing up, but he believed in working hard, setting goals and meeting those goals. Armstrong’s recognition by his peers is something Knox Countyans should be proud of. Tom McFarland, Roane County attorney stressed

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Ground broken for new middle schools



PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.

A large turnout of Knox County officials, including Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, School Board Chairman Doug Harris, Superintendent Jim McIntyre, School Board Members Mike McMillan and Terry Hill, Commission Chair Dave Wright and 6th District Commissioner Brad Anders participate in ground breaking ceremonies for the new Gibbs Middle School (top) and Hardin Valley Middle School (bottom) this past Friday.

By Mike Steely
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The Gibbs and Hardin Valley communities had reason to celebrate Friday as they each took one step closer to the construction of their new middle schools.

As groundbreaking was about to take place Friday morning at the site of the future Gibbs Middle School, several elected officials spoke to the crowd gathered. One of the speakers was Mike McMillan, the school board member who has been working on a middle school there for years.

“One morning I was sitting on the back porch drinking coffee and the phone rang. I realized it was Dr. McIntyre and he had just had some conversation with the Mayor. I knew they had been working a little bit on it,” said McMillan.

“I could sense the excitement in his voice. He said there were some minor things still to be worked out and we went over the major things and I said, ‘I think it’s great, can we pass it before the board?’” McMillan said.

“He said, ‘Yes, I think we can.’”

“When he said that I knew we were off and running,” McMillan said, adding, “And it had a real shot.”

Lots of thanks were given by all the speakers and McMillan specifically thanked Knox County School Board Chairman Doug Harris. “Without Doug’s commitment to it we would not be standing here today,” he said.

Harris said the Gibbs community is a “champion of education” and called McMillan “your favorite son” before the crowd that included many residents from that area.

Mayor Tim Burchett said the groundbreaking was “an exciting day and the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of great people.” He thanked Dr. McIntyre, Commission Chairman Dave Wright, and school board members Terry Hill and Mike McMillan.

“From day one there’s been a couple of things he was interested in,” Burchett said of Wright, “and this is one of them.” He thanked the school board and the commission for their patience and mentioned the efforts of his staff, specifically, Chris Caldwell and Hugh Holt, and many others who put in years of effort in getting the future schools.

“Classroom teachers and parents make the biggest difference in students’ lives more so than any of us do,” Burchett said.

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Bits of News About Local Education

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Waiver Granted for TNReady Test Scores

Last week Gov. Bill Haslam and Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen announced that in light of difficulties with the MIST platform for the online TNReady test, they are proposing that TNReady data not be included in this year's teacher evaluations. Knox County Board of Education helped pave the

way for this decision, having made the request asking for the exclusion of this year's TNReady test data from teacher evaluations by way or resolution in December. School boards from Metro Nashville, Williamson, and Sumner Counties passed similar resolutions. Gov. Haslam's press release states that he will seek additional flexibility for teachers as the state continues its transition to the TNReady student assessment. Under the proposal,

teachers would have the choice to include or not to include student results from the 2015-2016 TNReady assessment in his or her evaluation score, which typically consists of multiple years of data. The proposal keeps student learning accountability as factors in an educator's evaluation while giving teachers the option to include this year's results if the results benefit them.

Teacher evaluations have three main components: qualitative data (including principal observations) that counts for at least half of an educator's evaluation; a student achievement measure that the teacher chooses; and a student growth score, typically comprising 35 percent of the overall evaluation.

"Providing teachers with the flexibility to exclude first-year TNReady data from their growth score over the course of this transition will both directly address many concerns we have heard and strengthen our partnership with educators while we move forward with a new assessment," Commissioner McQueen said. "Regardless of the test medium, TNReady will measure skills that the real world will require of our students."

The governor will work with the General Assembly on specific language and a plan to move the proposal through the legislative process. The state has already granted waivers for test scores to not be included in student grades this year.

But as Andy Spears

at TN Education Report noted, there are still validity problems with an evaluation system that includes both multiple choice (TCAP) to constructed responses (TNReady). Add a third variable - comparing data from a paper and pencil TNReady test this year to an online assessment in 2016-2017, and the validity problems multiply.

School Board Selects Terry Hill to Lead Interim Superintendent Search

During a special called meeting prior to last weeks' February mid-month workshop, the School Board defined the process and schedule for the search. Lynn Fugate made a motion for BOE member Terry Hill to lead the process.

Hill accepted the challenge, saying, "If the board chooses to have one person and I'm that person, I'd be happy to serve in that capacity," but added, "My feelings will not be one bit hurt of the Board wants to go in another direction." She was approved unanimously.

The Board agreed to accept names of potential candidates for consideration through March 7. Hill will conduct interviews through March, and will then make a recommendation for the Board to consider at the April 4 work session, and vote on April 6.

The Board also discussed preferred qualifications for the interim position, with

several Board members saying they thought familiarity with the district's schools and leadership teams, particularly principals, was important.

At the top of Amber Rountree's list was "background in education - preferably with teaching experience in K-12." She included fiscal experience and excellent communication skills as qualities she would like to see.

Mike McMillan asked if previous administrative experience was a requirement. Fugate said she didn't want to set criteria that might eliminate good people otherwise, but that administrative experience could be "preferable but not required."

Tracie Sanger said familiarity with the budget, the staff, the schools, and a "good relationship with the mayor" are important to "help us continue to move forward."

Anyone wishing to make a nomination for the interim position may contact the Board Executive Assistant at 865-594-1630.

Initial Projections for 2016-2017 KCS Budget

Chris Caldwell, Director of Finance for Knox County, presented early projections for the FY 2017 KCS budget at the February Board's mid-month workshop. Caldwell gave a conservative estimate of \$451M, which represents an increase of about 3%.


The KCS budget represents a combination

of sales tax, property tax, and BEP funding. Caldwell said sales tax revenues are up about \$5M, to a total of \$143M, and property tax receipts also show an increase this year of about \$1.6M, to \$96.8M. The state's initial estimate for Knox County BEP funding is \$13.2M, but at this time his department is using more conservative figure of \$11.54M.


BEP funding is often subject to variations from the initial projections. "We'll get our first estimate from the state in April, then we'll get another one in May, one in June, one in July, and our final one in August," said Caldwell.

Dr. McIntyre presented the preliminary FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan. The plan includes physical plant upgrades; roofs and HVAC upgrades; foundation stabilization; BEP growth (modular classrooms); security upgrades; accessibility; continuing projects for additions and renovations at Pond Gap Elementary School; Hardin Valley and Gibbs Middle Schools; and significant additions and renovations to Powell High School.

The proposed FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan budget is approximately \$62,250,000, of which \$49,000,000 is projected for construction of the new Hardin Valley and Gibbs Middle Schools. In addition, the County will contribute \$9,000,000 towards the Gibbs Middle School project, per the MOU passed last year.



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Staples Seeking District One Commission Seat

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One of Knoxville's most popular African-American leaders, Rick Staples, is running in the Democratic Primary for the Knox County Commission District 1 seat. The current commissioner, Sam McKenzie, has chosen not to seek re-election.

Staples, who almost defeated City Councilman Nick Della Volpe in 2013, is a community-minded activist. As a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville and a former sheriff's deputy Staples studied Religious Studies and Sociology at the University of Tennessee and

has a passion for community development and youth mentorship.

Staples is active in the Knoxville District Baptist Association, Plan Eat Tennessee, and Knoxville's Neighborhood Working Group.

Currently he works for the locally owned Real Estate and Development Corporation and says he loves to meet new people, spend time with his family, watch sports, and patronize small businesses.

Staples said that he is concerned with blight in the district and the creation of jobs. He said that the county doesn't devote

enough attention or funding to the First District, which is in the city and county.

"Often the county dollars are not spent in the First District," he said. He added that as commissioner he would work together with others.

"You have to develop relationships. Often Commissioner Sam McKenzie has been the lone warrior," Staples said.

Speaking of the search for an E911 Radio provider Staples said he would probably "come down on the side of the responders."

He also said that the next Knox County mayor would probably propose a tax

increase and added that as commissioner he would favor a pay raise for county employees.

Staples said that he is running because certain pillars of the community invited him to "come back home."

"I was raised and educated in East Knox County. I have continued to volunteer and know the concerns here. I'm listening to the young people," he said.

"My mother was a successful business owner and my father worked for the school system, he was a strong man of faith. I've served the community and

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Critical Legal Issues Should Take Precedence

By Sally Absher
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At last week's Board of Education meeting, Karen Carson again admonished the Law Department for not having provided the full legal opinion requested on January 6 related to the 2003 Order of Compromise. Many people are curious why the school board sent the Law Department on this errand to begin with. There have been at least four legal opinions issued in the past three years on this document, which resulted from the 2001 lawsuit against the County.

And just like in the 2001 lawsuit, school board members Carson, Sanger, Harris, Deathridge, and Fugate don't like the fact that the Board can't hire its own attorney. Or more specifically, the Board can't hire an attorney who will let them do what they want, and the heck with the Knox County Charter and those pesky T.C.A. statutes.

In a nutshell, then Superintendent Lindsey didn't like Law Director Moyer's opinion to a similar question, and filed suit in October of 2001 against the Knox County Commission, Commissioners individually, the County Mayor, the County Trustee and the County Law Director.

The Board sought a declaration on several issues including the school board's perceived right to hire its own

attorney under T.C.A. § 49-2-203(b)(5). The Board argued that state law took precedence over the charter. Chancellor Bell did not agree, and four months and \$267,000 later, Chancellor Bell dismissed the Board's lawsuit.

Chancellor Bell held that the charter of Knox County [passed by vote of its citizens and which adopted and incorporated the private act creating an elected law director] constituted an opt out of T.C.A. § 49-2-203(b)(5).

But the Board filed an appeal, joined by the TN School Boards Association. Prior to the conclusion of proceedings, the school board approached the Knox County defendants about avoiding an appellate court decision. Thus was born the "Order of Compromise." This settlement cost the taxpayers another \$283,000.

Absent the specific prerequisites set out in the Order of Compromise, Chancellor Bell's holding that Knox County had opted out of the provisions of the statute is still in force and effect. The issue as to the right of the board to hire an additional attorney is res judicata - once adjudicated, is final and may not be re-litigated.

Most of the current school board members attended the 2014 Board Retreat, where Chuck Cagle, known as the "School Boards' Attorney" (he represents about

70 school boards across the state) stated that the issue has been litigated and the Order of Compromise governs the issue of the hiring of an attorney.

School board member Traci Sanger accused the Law Director of playing politics, and then went so far as to say Armstrong was being insubordinate because he had not delivered the opinion in a timely manner.

Deputy Law Director David Buuck explained that the Law Department has been extremely busy with a number of more pressing issues including, specific to the school system, 16 lawsuits stemming from the December 2014 bus wreck that killed two students and a teacher's aide, two additional bus wrecks since that time, and the OCR complaint filed by the local NAACP.

It is interesting that the Law Director's opponent in the County Primary election works for the firm that brought the 2001 lawsuit against the County. It is also interesting that Karen Carson contributed \$500 from her failed Karen Carson for State House campaign account to Armstrong's opponent.

It seems like some school board members want a law director to do whatever they want, when and how they want it, regardless of the legal ramifications.

Bud Armstrong - 'The People's Lawyer'

Cont. from page 1 — the distinction of Armstrong having been chosen to lead the Tennessee County Attorneys' Association.

"It is quite an honor for any county attorney to lead our statewide organization," McFarland said. "Bud came on board with our Board of Directors and has done an outstanding job."

Managing lawyers is nothing new for Armstrong. For more than thirty-five years Bud Armstrong has managed attorneys in one capacity or another. During his first term as Knox County Law Director, Bud carefully put together a group of attorneys noted for professionalism as well as providing excellent representation for Knox County. The Law Director has a wide range of responsibilities, representing county officeholders, legislative bodies and entities. Yet when asked about his clients, Bud Armstrong invariably answers, "Ultimately, we represent the taxpayers of Knox County. Every dollar saved in any way, is a dollar saved for the taxpayers."

Former County Commissioner John Mills, something of a legend in Knox County, readily pointed out that serving as Law Director is a complicated and oftentimes difficult job. "Anybody who tells you the Law Director can stop folks from bickering is selling something you don't want to buy," Mills said with a laugh. "Can the Law Director stop the county commission and the school board from fussing and fighting? Shoot, no! Can the Law Director stop

the school board members or county commissioners from fighting with each other? No, absolutely not. And that isn't the Law Director's role."

Mills, who served with five different law directors during his time on county commission, said, "Bud Armstrong is by far the best."

"Bud has been quite fair and impartial," Mills continued. "It's a very difficult job, but he's done it well."

Yet Bud Armstrong's experience and careful management have paid dividends for the clients he values most—taxpayers. Under Armstrong's stewardship, Knox County's legal settlements and payouts are down across the board; the Law Department has saved approximately \$2.5 million by winning nuisance cases instead of simply settling the cases out of court. Bud Armstrong's refusal to settle cases has upset some local lawyers, as they rely on such cases for a living.

Armstrong's office also began collecting the delinquent taxes for Knox County. In the past, the Delinquent Tax Attorney's post was performed outside of the Law Director's office and was one of the prime political patronage plums in Knox County government for decades. The outside Delinquent Tax Attorney earned huge fees and qualified for a county pension, all for little more effort than signing his name. In addition, Armstrong's decision to collect back taxes in his department has saved \$200,000 a year for taxpayers. Using the same approach, Armstrong created an in-house Worker's Compensation

Department, which saves Knox County taxpayers more than \$100,000 annually. Perhaps most irritating of all, especially to some local lawyers, was Armstrong's decision to stop farming out legal work and do the work in-house, saving taxpayers more than \$1 million. Armstrong's opponent is a member of a law firm once headed by a delinquent tax attorney; that same firm was frequently hired in the past by previous Law Directors for legal work. Bud Armstrong readily acknowledges his decisions were not uniformly popular, especially with attorneys pitched off the gravy train. "That didn't make my opponent happy," Armstrong said, "but it was the right thing to do for the people of Knox County and the taxpayers."

Armstrong has insisted the Knox County schools and the superintendent be accountable, a notion which has infuriated some Board of Education members. Bud Armstrong, when asked, merely shrugged and replied, "Everybody has to follow the law. you, me, board of education members, and the superintendent, too. it applies to everybody and nobody is above it."

Armstrong admits the budget for his office has increased slightly, but the net savings to the taxpayers and streamlining multiple processes has been efficient and more than cost effective.

"You know, some folks say I am 'The People's Lawyer,'" Armstrong remarked, "and to me there's just not a greater compliment. I am content to be just that, the people's lawyer."

Ground broken for new middle schools

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Superintendent James McIntyre spoke briefly and mentioned diversity in our community and praised the Gibbs community for support of getting a middle school there.

"In today's world there's not enough compromise, people working together, across different perspectives. This is a really good example of what can happen," he said.

"I won't be here after July but I hope you'll invite me back for the ribbon cutting," McIntyre said.

The new school, The Focus learned, will actually be served by two roads, the first exists now and will be

for school buses coming up by the elementary school. A second road will be built to serve the other side of the new building for cars and it will exit from Tazewell Pike opposite the Gibbs High School.

The groundbreaking for Hardin Valley took place Friday afternoon in the north parking lot, behind Hardin Valley Academy with a host of community members and officials attending.

"This is an exciting day and it's a very gratifying day," said McIntyre before the Hardin Valley ground breaking.

He reemphasized, "There's not enough collaboration—there's not enough working

together to make things happen that are beneficial for our children and our community so I think today is absolutely an example of how we can work together."

"Having these two new schools is a wonderful addition to our community."

Sixth District School Board Member Terry Hill and Sixth District Commissioner Brad Anders, who worked very hard to bring these projects to fruition, echoed the superintendent's comments saying it was a great day for the Hardin Valley and Gibbs communities.

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Alice Bell Neighborhood Hears Commission, School Board Candidates

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Candidates for Knox County Commission Districts 1 and 2 spoke to the Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood Association last week; each candidate gave a brief statement and then visited with local residents after the meeting.

The association meeting took place at the Alice Bell Baptist Church and, despite the rain and ice, drew a sizable crowd. Neighborhood president Ronnie Collins opened the meeting by bringing the audience up to date on positive local issues including the status of signs for exits at Knoxville Center

Mall, a new store there, and a new mall manager starting in March.

Collins said the Alice Bell – Spring Hill neighborhood is split between the First and Second Districts and that's why candidates for both areas were invited. Much of the night's discussion revolved around Knoxville Center Mall and hopes for the future at that long suffering shopping complex.

First District commission candidates spoke first. Republican Michael Covington said he is a 10-year Knoxville resident and is concerned about affordable housing and signage at the

mall.

"We need to get all the road access we can," he said of the mall.

Covington also spoke of an organization he created, the East Knoxville Community forum, and announced speakers for that group in future months.

Covington has no opponent in the March 1st Primary and will face either Rick Staples or Evelyn Gill, the two Democratic Primary candidates.

Evelyn Gill said she is a special education teacher with 14 years of experience. She said that vouchers are the largest issue the school system and county will face

next year.

"What do people really want to see the First District looks like?" she asked, adding she supports sustainability, jobs and funds for the district.

"There's enough for all of us," she said of funding in the county.

Rick Staples spoke of unification and healing.

"What we're going to do is to keep neighborhoods safe," he said, adding that talking about it without action will not help.

"I grew up at East Towne Mall," he said as he spoke of his concerns for revitalizing the shopping center.

He said the most important things to get gone in the First District involve relationships.

Second District Commission candidates, Republican Michele Carringer and Democrat Laura Kildare, spoke briefly; Republican John Fugate wasn't present.

Michele Carringer said she is a Fountain City mother and grandmother and is "looking to the future of our grandkids."

"I know all of Knox County and remember when I-640 opened and realized we had a mall," she said.

Laura Kildare said she is a special education teacher and recently received a PHD in special education. She said that funding of the school is "extremely important" and said she is concerned about growing violence in the district.

"I'm willing to learn, to find out what people care about," Kildare said. She added that good public schools build a better community and better businesses.

The two school board candidates, Jennifer Owen and Grant Standefer, addressed the meeting briefly and, with the commission candidates, stayed after the meeting to chat with residents.

Jennifer Owen urged the audience to get involved with the Adult Education classes at Knoxville Center Mall and help students work on their GED certificates. She also talked about teaching school in Knox County for 18 years before resigning last year.

"Public schools are big business—think about what big money is doing and controlling," she said.

"We've got to focus on what's good for students, help the community and look at where the money is going," Owens said, adding, "We need an accounting."

Grant Standefer said he was a pastor for 24 years and works with the Compassion Coalition.

"Public education is the root" he said, adding that he works with people "on the margin" and that 16.5% of Knox County's population lives below the poverty line.

"I'm a consensus builder," he said.

Who will be Good Neighbor of the Year?

By Mike Steely
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Eleven Knoxville citizens have been nominated for the Good Neighborhood of the Year Award and the selection will be announced during the annual luncheon Saturday, March 5th. The event starts at 10 a.m. in the Knoxville Convention Center and includes a free luncheon but attendees are urged to register by February 29th to guarantee a meal.

Nominated for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor Award are: Kirk Anderson of Timbercrest, Calvin Chappelle of Parkridge, Brian and Debra Douglas of Island Home Park, Jewell Garren of Moss Creek, David Gillette of Mechanicsville, Stuart Hall of West Haven, Lloyd King of North Hills, Patrick McInturff of Fourth and Gill, Nancy Smith of Inskip and Highlands, and

Charles "Monte" Stanley of Old Sevier.

The nominees were chosen by the Office of Neighborhoods from suggestions by their neighborhoods. All of the nominees will be honored.

The Neighborhood Awards and Networking Luncheon will offer everyone, including neighborhood leaders, a chance to meet with Mayor Madeline Rogero, city council members, city officials and other leaders about a number of concerns and city services.

Attendees are invited to bring younger people and booths will be provided by several city departments including the Call Center, Community Development, Engineering, Fire, KAT, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Service, Redevelopment, Sustainability and the Knox County

Emergency Management Agency.

Information will be available about city and county taxes, the planning commission, CAC, etc. and CTV will record the event for later broadcast.

Booths will open at 10 a.m. and, from 11 a.m. until noon, slide shows will feature "Bring It All Back Home" created by several neighborhoods.

The keynote speaker will be Pastor Danyl Arnold of Overcoming Believers Church, followed by the presentation of Good Neighbor of the Year and other Neighborhood awards.

You can find the Office of Neighborhoods on the internet or call for information at (865)215-2113. While registration will be available at the door, early registration is encouraged to reserve a lunch.

Staples Seeking District One Commission Seat



Rick Staples

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never attached that service to politics," he stated.

"And I'm actually from here. The First District needs a unifier and healer and someone who is able to communicate and collaborate," Staples said.

Early voting continues this week until Tuesday, February 23rd. Election Day is March 1st. Staples faces Evelyn Gill in the Democratic Primary and the winner will go on to face the Republican nominee, Michael Covington, who is not opposed in the primary.

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Our Neighborhoods

Knox County Oddities

By Mike Steely
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Looking for the unusual, the strange and the unexplained? Search no further than right here in Knox County where you'll find a library built like a railroad depot, a drive-in movie sign with no theatre, a grave for a pioneer without the pioneer, a circular street that was once a race track, a plaque to a woman murdered in the Civil War, and a Union-only federal cemetery with one Confederate grave.

No matter how long you've lived in Knox County there are surprises all around when you seek them out. From Dixie Lee Junction to Tuckahoe and Seymour to Powell there are odd and quirky places that, if you are curious, beg you to visit.

For newcomers to Knoxville there's the world's largest basketball at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the world's largest Rubik's Cube at the Holiday Inn downtown, a huge baby buggy in Market Square, and the view from the top floor of the SunSphere in the World's Fair Park.

There's also the Airplane Filling Station on Clinton Highway just north of the Callahan Road intersection. The historic old gas station is being restored and still draws a lot of attention from travelers along the busy highway.

Corryton, in north Knox County, has a unique public library. Built beside the railroad where an old train depot once stood the

library was built to look like a depot. If you didn't know better you'd think the community converted the depot to a library.

On east Emory Road is a small farm with a large drive-in movie sign. There's never been a theatre there and the sign was taken down from its original location and relocated to the field of the farm. Emory Road is a historic route built during the settlement of our area.

Raceway Circle in Byington, just off Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, is unique in that it is a complete circle of a city street with houses on both sides. What is historically odd about the street is that it began as a horse racing track that evolved into an auto raceway.

The horse track was built and operated by Cal Johnson after the Civil War and was promoted as "the finest half-mile track in the South." The track evolved over the years into a neighborhood and in 1920 the track was paved over.

Johnson, a former slave, became wealthy and a prominent citizen, built businesses and buildings, and donated much to Knoxville. The city is currently trying to save the Cal Johnson Building downtown.

The Rowing Man, or the Oarsman, is a wonderful artwork on the sidewalk at the corner of Gay and West Church. The artwork is of a man rowing his boat through the sidewalk. Created by David Phelps, the sidewalk sculpture is a favorite landmark



The Rowing Man, or Oarsman, often surprises visitors and Knox County residents alike and may be the most unique sculpture in our region.

downtown.

The only Confederate grave in the National Cemetery just off Broadway is that of Capt. George M. Coleman of the 9th Kentucky Regiment, CSA. He later served out west with the U.S. Army. The Bethel Cemetery, or Confederate Cemetery at 1917 Bethel Avenue, has 1600 Confederate graves as well as 50 Union soldier burials.

The only known statue of Sergei Rachmaninoff is on a pathway at the World's Fair Park. The 12-foot bronze statue commemorates the popular Russian composer who presented a program at a local school here in 1943 before passing away a month later in California.

Out in Farragut there is a grave marker to the noted settler David Campbell, founder of Campbell's Station. The stone is surprising since Campbell didn't die in our area but in West Tennessee. Campbell's Station was

later renamed Farragut to honor Admiral David Farragut, a locally born man who became the Navy commander during the Civil War.

Just off Kingston Pike, in Western Plaza, is a small marker in the ground recalling a Civil War incident where a local widow and mother of ten, Jane Lonas, was killed when she discovered Union soldiers raiding her garden. The Lonas house was demolished to build the shopping center in 1956 but the marker notes the incident.

The LMU Duncan School of Law on Summitt Hill is in the former Knoxville City Hall.

The Blount Mansion served as the capitol of the Southwest Territory and the new State of Tennessee but most folks don't know it was one of the first wood-frame sawn houses in the state. Native Americans called the many-windowed structure the "house with many eyes."

A statue and monument to War Dogs is located at 2407 River Drive and honors all dogs who served the U. S. Military. Primarily it honors the 25 animals that lost their lives in the capture of Guam in 1944 during the Marine action there.

Clarification

Last week's Our Neighborhood story "Our Hidden History" could be read to suggest the historic Williams House next to the Williams Creek Golf Course was the site of the former Deaf School. The Williams Creek Golf Course Clubhouse and not the home was the site of the historic school.

The resident of the historic home notified The Focus of such and said the home is not part of the golf course. The Focus did not intend to identify it as such. The home is a private residence owned by the Williams Creek Foundation.



From State Representative Harry Brooks

The past week has been a good week here in Nashville. I got the opportunity to meet with a number of the private school presidents and leadership team members. The private schools contribute greatly to our post-secondary education systems. I have a few items here I would like to discuss, and one piece of legislation that I would like your feedback on.

Since the TNReady's technical malfunction, I have had a number of parents, teachers, staff, and other constituents contact my office regarding how the test would impact teachers' evaluations. Governor Haslam addressed this issue at large on February 17th in his press release. Governor Haslam announced that he would seek more flexibility with teachers as they transitioned to the new student assessment. He proposed that it would be the teachers' choice weather or not to include the TNReady scores in their yearly evaluation, meaning if the scores positively affected their evaluations they could use them. This is a major issue for teachers because Tennessee's method of evaluation and eligibility for tenure. Governor Haslam is to work with the general assembly on the "specific language of this bill and a plan to move it through the

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Sidewalks in all new subdivisions?

By Mike Steely
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While the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff and director are busily working on updating zoning regulations there's one part of those future regulations that the MPC itself may not pass.

There's increasing demand by some people and commission staff to require sidewalks to be included in any new subdivision plans in the county. Judging from the reaction recently by the MPC's appointed citizens there are some real concerns about doing so.

Ideal Engineering Solutions' concept plan for the development of a 16.5-acre wedge of land between Solway Road and Pellissippi Parkway that came before the MPC earlier this month for approval. Developer Scott Davis appeared to champion the

request and pointed out that there are no clear sidewalk specifications in the county rules.

"We go through this every single time," Davis said. He added that he has no problem with adding sidewalks if there "was a rational reason" but explained that the nearest sidewalk in the area is about a mile away. He also questioned the requirement in the staff recommendation that the sidewalk be built "on the front end" meaning as the roads are built in the planned 58 lot development.

Several commissioners and the staff spoke on the issue. Tom Brechko of the planning staff said that the sidewalks should be put in at the same time as the streets are built. Davis said that the same-time construction has never been required of developers.

Chairwoman Rebecca

Longmire said that the requirement is different than the way it has been done and added, "Things change."

MPC Director Gerald Green said that the planning commission may require sidewalks if there is a possible connection with a park or greenway. Davis countered and asked how much of the Knox-Oak Ridge Greenway has actually been developed.

Commissioner Jeffery Roth said he was in favor of sidewalks but said that developers should be told upfront if sidewalks are required and called requiring them in the Solway development "arbitrary" and said, "Requiring it here but not over there" was wrong.

"Sidewalks are nice but not the reason people buy houses, they are not as important as some people

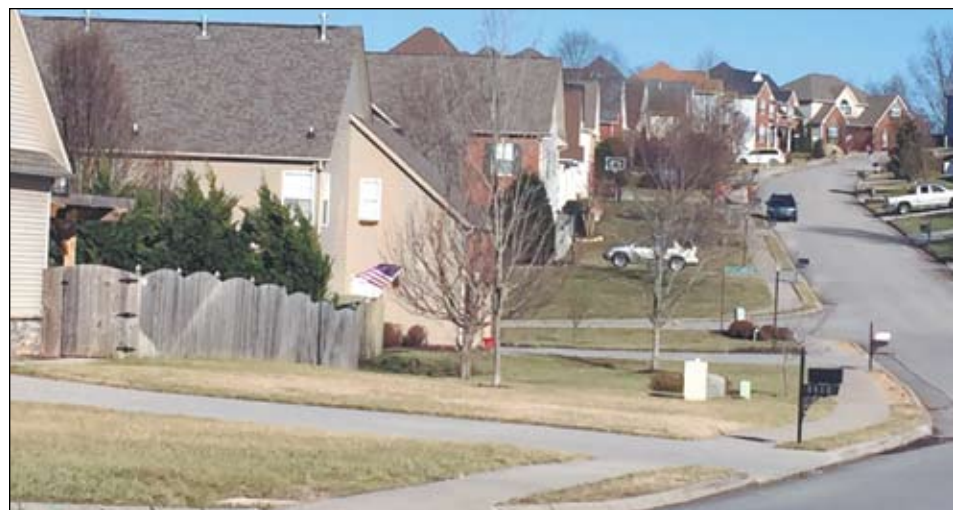


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The Walnut Grove subdivision in Farragut is one of several county neighborhoods with sidewalks.

think," said Commissioner Scott Smith.

"We go around on this about every month," said Commissioner Bart Carey.

"We haven't had a policy, we're working on one," he said. Carey said that requiring a sidewalk would mean a 36-foot section be set aside for a street, buffer and sidewalk.

Commissioner Elizabeth Eason questioned the staff about a sidewalk and if requiring one might allow the street pavement width

be reduced from 26 feet.

The answer was that the engineering department would not permit that reduction now.

Brechko said that Solway Road is shown on the plans for a greenway route and if the sidewalks are not required now for the development "you won't see them there."

"History starts somewhere," he said, adding that "a lot of these standards are coming forth."

The motion to approve

the subdivision concept plan requiring the sidewalks be built as the streets are constructed failed 8 to 7.

Brechko asked that if the developer is requesting a reduction in street width than the matter should be postponed but Davis didn't agree.

Commissioner Art Clancy then moved to approve the plans without requiring that sidewalks be built at the time of streets are built and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Growth leading to parking problems

By Mike Steely
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Downtown and North Knoxville are growing quickly. People are moving into restored buildings for stores and apartments, new businesses are coming, established businesses are relocating downtown and the only real problem as the that part of Knoxville booms is where to park.

The parking situation came up, again, at Thursday's meeting of the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeal. Oddly enough that board has nothing to do with regulating parking but lots to do with the number of parking spaces permitted.

Current regulations say that a business in a Commercial (C-3) Zone should have a minimum of 55 parking spaces available. During the meeting, architect John Sanders of Sanders Pace Architecture appeared and asked the board to reduce the number of spaces for a two-story building at 200 Jennings Avenue down to zero.

Sanders told the board that The Tomato Head Company has bought the building, which is located across the street from the National Cemetery, and wants to relocate Flour Head Bakery there from its current location on Middlebrook. The craft bakery supplies bread to its parent company, The Tomato Head, and to various other clients in the area. He said plans are to use the second story for the bakery and there are no plans yet for use of the first floor.

New board member David H. Dupree asked Sanders if the use of the building might block the entrance to the nearby graveyard and Sanders assured him it would not.

The location of the building is beside another street, Stone Street, that runs west and loops back into Tyson, which runs northwest to Jennings Avenue and the bakery would be near the corner at 200 Jennings. But Stone Street has been and is used by other businesses and serves as a delivery route for trucks and vans to

the back of those stores.

Dick Coffee of Dixie Kitchen Distributors on Broadway uses Stone Street and appeared before the Board of Zoning Appeals to speak against the parking reductions. Coffee said Dixie Kitchen has a 30-year history there, 25 employees, and owns 4 buildings at the location.

Coffee said parking is a huge problem in that growing section of town and trucks can't make the turn onto Stone often because of the cars that park along the street. Many drivers sometimes park in the Dixie Kitchen lot as well to walk to nearby coffee shops or other businesses.

He said cars are often double parked and he has called on the city for help but received little response.

"You've got a lot of businesses opening up around there and it's not right to shut me down," he said.

"I'd like to see No Parking signs when you come off Broadway," he said.

"We recognize the problem," said board chairman Don Horton, adding, "Good things are happening there but maybe there should be some city enforcement there."

Sanders said that truck delivering to the Flour Head Bakery "would be going the other way" and not interfere with Dixie Kitchen deliveries.

Ann Wallace, Deputy Director of Redevelopment, joined the discussion and described the problem with parking in Knoxville by saying the city is "a victim of our own success."

"I recognize there is a challenge and a conflict," she said.

Wallace said that better policing of illegal parkers in that area is needed and added, "We're committing to that today." She also said she recognizes that there are no parking lots or parking garages in the area of those businesses.

Sanders was asked if the matter should be postponed but he said it should not because of issues with the building that must be solved.

Board member Daniel Odle said the parking situation there is a policing problem and not a BZA issue. Horton said the BZA has no authority about the policing issue.

The request for the reduction in parking spaces was granted.

In another matter the BZA voted to allow a business sign to be located in an 8-foot setback for Harley Davis of Knoxville on Clinton Highway. They also voted to permit parking to be reduced from 247 spaces to 10 spaces at 835 North Central, which may be used for church services.

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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio had just lost his second bid for the Republican presidential nomination at the Philadelphia convention in 1948. Worse still, Taft had lost to his bitter rival, New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey. The two men didn't particularly like one another and it seemed a certainty that Thomas E. Dewey would be the next President of the United States. Dewey's dislike of Taft was so intense, the senator once told a reporter, "I don't understand why he hates me so."

Harry Truman, grudgingly nominated by his fellow Democrats, made a surprise announcement in the course of his acceptance speech. He was calling the Congress back into a special session. Truman explained that the Republicans had defined their party platform and he was giving them the means to pass their program, if they meant it. After all, both the House and the Senate held Republican majorities. Bob Taft was the defacto leader of the Republicans in the Senate and he was disgusted by Truman's special "Turnip Day" session. The Ohioan considered it a political trick, unworthy of serious consideration. Republican National Chairman Hugh Scott tried to urge Taft to move some important legislation, but the senator snapped, "We aren't going to give that fellow anything."

True to his word, Taft gave Truman nothing save for an issue the president exploited cleverly throughout the fall campaign. Truman pounded the "doing nothing" Congress before every audience across the country and it was effective. Dewey, fearful of offending anyone, said little beyond platitudes that were almost laughable.

Not only did Harry Truman win the presidential election, the Democrats captured control of both the House and Senate. The GOP lost nine Senate seats. The debacle in the House was not much better. Truman's victory created an even bigger divide inside the Republican Party, as many Dewey supporters blamed Taft's intransigence for the governor's defeat. Taft blamed Dewey personally for the New York governor's bland and uninspiring campaign. They were both right.

Bob Taft remained one of the most important Republicans in Washington, but it amounted to little with

large Democratic majorities and the White House still occupied by Harry Truman.

Taft had unwittingly helped to bring about the defeat of his party; not only through refusing the opportunity to pass a program when challenged by President Truman, but for the legislation he is remembered for to this day: the Taft - Hartley Act. Senator Taft believed the Wagner Act, sponsored by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, favored labor and responded with his own bill. The bill passed both the House and the Senate and even after being vetoed by President Truman, Taft - Hartley survived when Congress overrode Truman's veto. Taft had also been opposed to farm subsidies, a position that was not at all popular in his native Midwest. President Truman carried most of the farm belt as well as Taft's own Ohio.

In 1949, Senator Taft shocked many of the more conservative members of his own party when he helped to shepherd the National Housing Act to passage. The bill appropriated money to build more than 800,000 low-income housing units, as well as slum clearance.

Bob Taft aided Tennessee's Senator Kenneth McKellar when the Tennessean opposed the nomination of David Lilienthal to serve as the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, an appointment President Truman made knowing full well how much it would enrage the Tennessee solon. Taft opined that Lilienthal was "soft on Communism," a phrase that would become well worn by many Republicans for the next decade.

Taft remained highly critical of President Truman and did not think the Korean War was either legitimate or constitutional.

Senator Taft had to face the voters once again in 1950 and had been deeply embarrassed by having almost lost his 1944 reelection campaign. Taft still coveted the presidential nomination of his party and began raising money and organizing early. Ohio Democrats aided Taft immeasurably by their choice of a candidate. The Democrats nominated Joseph Ferguson. On paper, Ferguson seemed like a strong candidate, having been elected State Auditor three times. Called "Jumping Joe" for his kinetic energy, Ferguson proved to be woefully inadequate as



WASH-4--10/17--WASHINGTON: Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, who yesterday announced formally his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, is congratulated by his colleague, Sen. John W. Bricker (R,Ohio) left, and Rep. B. Carroll Reece (R,Tenn) former chairman of the Republican National Committee, at a luncheon at the National Press Club today. CREDIT (ACME TELEPHOTO)

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Senator John W. Bricker (left), Senator Robert A. Taft (middle) and Tennessee Congressman B. Carroll Reece (right) as Taft declares his presidential candidacy, 1952.

a candidate for the United States Senate. Ferguson knew practically nothing about foreign affairs and was gaffe prone. Still, organized labor sought to beat Taft and waged such a vitriolic campaign it may well have backfired. Governor Frank Lausche, nominally a Democrat and perhaps the most popular politician in Ohio, pointedly refused to endorse Ferguson's candidacy. The few statements Governor Lausche did make during the campaign seemed favorable to Bob Taft.

Senator Taft beat Joe Ferguson badly, winning by more than 430,000 votes. His victory was impressive and he became the frontrunner for the 1952 Republican nomination for president.

Approaching sixty-three years of age, nobody knew better than Bob Taft 1952 was quite likely his last chance to be the nominee of the Republican Party and President of the United States. Taft faced no serious rival; Thomas E. Dewey, having been elected to a third term as governor of New York knew after two straight defeats as the GOP presidential nominee he could not be nominated again. Yet Dewey, along with Massachusetts Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. set out to thwart Taft's presidential ambitions and they shrewdly chose the most personally popular man in the United States: General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Eisenhower had refused to run for president in 1948 and had not even bothered to reveal his own political preference. In the beginning, no one even knew if Eisenhower was a Republican. A genuine "Draft Eisenhower" movement began and by the time the Republican National Convention convened in Chicago, it was a horserace between the former general and Bob Taft.

Despite Dwight D. Eisenhower's undeniable personal popularity, Senator Taft had every reason to feel good. He entered the Republican National Convention with a lead in the official delegate count. Taft's candidacy was also aided by the fact most of the machinery of the party favored the Ohio senator.

For the first time in his long pursuit of the presidency, Taft could also truthfully claim he was the popular choice of Republican voters. He had won 2.8 million votes in the primary elections, while Eisenhower had won 2.1 million.

That was soon to change.

The Taft and Eisenhower delegates feuded over contested delegations, largely from the South where the Republican Party barely existed. The Eisenhower supporters knew they had to successfully challenge Taft delegates from Texas, Louisiana, and Georgia. The Republican apparatus in those states, what little there was, fell under the control of minor party bosses who had been shocked when new Republicans had appeared at caucus meetings, precisely to support General Eisenhower. The bosses, never having seen many of the participants before, doubted their Republicanism and excluded them from the process. That gave the Eisenhower supporters ammunition to challenge the legitimacy of the delegations representing Louisiana, Texas and Georgia.

The Eisenhower delegates quickly proposed the "Fair Play" resolution, which would forbid the contested delegates from voting in roll call votes. The Taft supporters bungled the issue and the "Fair Play" rule was adopted.

Once the Eisenhower supporters won the delegate contests, it was a harbinger of things to come. Dwight D. Eisenhower won 595 votes on the first ballot to 500 for Taft. The large California delegation, supporting its governor, Earl Warren, as a favorite son, sided with Eisenhower in the rules contest, although they stuck with Governor Warren to the bitter end. President Eisenhower would later name Warren Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Minnesota, also supporting a favorite son candidate, former governor Harold Stassen, switched its twenty votes to Eisenhower, giving the former general the GOP nomination.

In many respects, the 1952 Republican National Convention resembled the contest between President Gerald Ford and former governor Ronald Reagan in 1976, save for the fact Ford did not possess the personal prestige or popularity of Eisenhower. Rather, like Reagan, Bob Taft held the hearts and minds of most Republicans, but too many of them doubted his ability to win the general election. Out of power for twenty long years, Republicans hungered to win the presidential election and with "Ike" at the head of the ticket, nobody doubted the former general would win.

Eisenhower met with Taft following his nomination and the senator presented a list of things he hoped the general would support and Ike was so agreeable some grumbled about the general's craven "surrender". The Republicans won the election and Ike's coattails carried in a Republican Congress. Bob Taft assumed a position he had scorned before, becoming Majority Leader of the U. S. Senate.

As Leader, Taft loyally supported President

Eisenhower, especially Ike's domestic agenda. With the presidency forever beyond his grasp, Bob Taft seemed to have mellowed. He was less rigid, more open to conciliation and compromise. Eventually, Ike and Bob Taft became friends, even golfing together.

Bob Taft's last speech in the United States Senate proved to be prescient. He warned against the U. S. becoming militarily involved in Southeast Asia. Taft began to have severe back pain and finally checked into Walter Reed hospital where it was discovered the senator was suffering from pancreatic cancer. Taft never flinched and fully expecting to recover, underwent surgery. Few ever forgot the sight of Bob Taft hobbling down the long corridors of the Capitol on crutches before his final trip to the hospital. True to his nature, Bob Taft never complained, despite frequent bouts of intense pain.

His wife, Martha, confined to a wheelchair, came for one last visit before Bob Taft died on July 31, 1953 from a brain hemorrhage.

Ill suited as a politician, Bob Taft was thoroughly honest, held to his convictions, and emerged as a true statesman.

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Early Voting ends Feb. 23.

Primary Election Day is March 1.

Tombras approved for TIF for KUB Building

By Mike Steely
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The former Knoxville Utilities Board Building on Gay Street, empty for about 16 years, may get a new owner and tenant thanks to action by the Knox County Commission and the Knoxville City Council Tuesday.

The Tombras Group, a national advertising agency with four locations around the nation and currently headquartered at 630 Concord Street, was granted a 20-year tax increment financing (TIF) agreement by both jurisdictions so that they may move to the former KUB building at 620 and 626 South Gay Street.

Dawn Michele Foster, Knoxville's Director of Redevelopment, told the county commission that the Tombras Group plans to restore the building, add a new façade, and expand the employment there to 200 people. She said the agreement would boost both the city and county taxes on the property.

While the majority of the county commission praised the idea of restoring a blighted building only Commissioner Ed Brantley opposed the resolution granting a tax break. Brantley said the county would be "giving these guys a gift" and said he wanted to bring outside businesses

into the county not just relocate local businesses.

Attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., representing Tombras, told the commission that most growth comes from existing local businesses that want to stay in the county.

Brantley was the sole "No" vote on the commission after declaring, "Everyone in Knox County would move to Gay Street if they got tax relief for 20 years."

The commission's work session vote means the matter will come back up during today's regular meeting.

The city council acted on the same request from Tombras by rescinding a

TIF issued to Hatcher Hill & Associates for the building and approving the Tombras agreement through the Gay Street Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Plan by the Community Development

Corporation.

Councilman Nick Pavlis said the project by Tombras will "showcase our downtown" and Councilman Nick Della Volpe said the concept is retail and office space

rather than residential. Della Volpe said he was hesitant to approve the agreement for 20 years but voted for the TIF.

Toiling with tools

I so much want to be one of those men who can build things. To be a craftsman who takes a piece of wood and creates a beautiful piece of furniture is a dream I've long held. The truth of the matter, however, is that I am less than capable when it comes to designing things and then constructing them. In fact, I've always found using tools difficult and working in construction situations demanding.



By Joe Rector
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I never learned how to do things with tools. Daddy never had the time to teach us, and even if he had, he wouldn't do it. He believed that things should be done correctly, and that required calling in a professional. The only successful things I ever built was a teepee from pine branches and a small enclosure made with small pine tree trunks. Jim, Bill Burns, and I spent several afternoons working on those projects. They eventually collapsed as the limbs lost their needles and the logs rotted.

I worked construction one summer with a man who'd been my boss at the Holiday Inn the year before. He tirelessly worked to teach me how to do things, but I wasn't crazy about the lessons. On one occasion, he sent me up a ladder to nail soffit boards to rafters. I am fearful of heights, so the job was scary from the very beginning. Once up on the ladder, I tried to drive nails into the boards, but they bounced and fell to the ground with every hammer blow. It didn't help that I was nailing these things above my head.

After finally driving the nails, Frank told me to do the next board. I began coming down when he said, "Stay where you are." Then he told me pull the ladder back and to set it several inches to the right. I told him I was afraid that the ladder would fall. At that point, Frank begins shaking the ladder until I do as he instructed.

On another occasion, Frank sent me to nail board on a flat roof because I was left handed and could reach it. I carefully maneuvered to the spot and began kneeling on a rafter to get into position. My feet slipped, and just like Clark Griswold, I crashed through the ceiling

of a bedroom and found myself stuck. Frank came to my aid, all the while sprinkling his laughter with profanities.

One summer I helped Uncle Wayne roof his house. We worked from daylight until early noon. He was into his 60's and worked circles around me. My uncle was a quiet man with the patience of Job. He tried to teach me what

to do, but it seemed as if he redid most of my work. I suppose my only help was keeping him company and being there to call an ambulance if he fell off the roof or had a heart attack.

In recent years, I've built a few things, but they are what I call "primitive." That best describes things that are just a tad off measurement-wise, even though I've measured multiple times and cut once. My cuts with a saw are never straight, something I blame being left-handed and using a right-handed saw. I use twice as many nails and continue to add wood until pieces seem sturdy enough to hold a glass of tea or a hardback book. They weigh tons.

Last month, I took a stab at building a drying rack. As usual, pieces didn't match exactly. One piece warped so that the thing won't close completely. It looks okay, and I enjoyed the work. Nailing the side boards, I managed to shoot one into my finger, even after I'd checked to make sure my hand was out of range from the nail gun. I also made a frame from wood from a scrapped pallet. It turned out well.

I plan to continue to work with wood and tools. Say a prayer for me that I don't shoot more nails into body parts. Also, cross your fingers that I might build quality piece of furniture before I die.

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legislative process quickly." The proposal may only pertain to this years' TNReady data, but I believe it solves a lot of the problems teachers and students were having with the transition to the new assessment because this year will act like a trial run for next year.

In other news, there is a specific piece of legislation that I would like to turn your attention to this week. The bill number is HB 1206, and it will have a huge impact on those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). As proposed, HB 1206 will replace the current autism spectrum disorder task force with the Tennessee Council on ASD. The council will establish a long term plan for a system of care for individuals with ASD and their families, while making recommendations and providing leadership in program developments like health care, education, and other adult and adolescent services. At the head of every department of the council, there will be a specialized commissioner appointed, and the governor will appoint the chair of the council. I believe this to be a good bill due to the fact that it will give this group of people and their families the oversight and the political voice that they need. I would be interested in your comments over

this proposed legislation. Is this a step forward, or should we leave it as it is?

One last thing I would like to mention is the schedule for my 2016 Town Hall meetings. Two dates that are important to remember are Friday, February 26, and Saturday, February 27. On the 26th, the meeting will be held at Corryton Sr. Community Center, 9331 Davis Dr. Corryton-37721, from 5:30-7 p.m. The meeting for the 27th will be at Carter Community Library, 9036 Asheville Highway, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. I hope you can stop by to have a conversation so we can discuss constituent issues and my future plans. I will be bringing current and past Blue Books for folks who would like to have one. We are currently finalizing a time, date and place in the South Knoxville area for a town hall meeting. Once all of this is confirmed we will be able to provide information on those dates for you all.

Next week I will begin to discuss the budget, and how it is broken down category by category. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be at any help to you. I can be reached by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov or by phone at 615-741-6879. It is an honor to be your representative.

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Fulton honors former Falcon Jalen Steele

By Ken Lay

Jalen Steele had a stellar four-year basketball career and Tuesday night, he received the ultimate honor from Fulton High School when he had his number retired.

Steele's No. 24 jersey will hang in the rafters at Jody Wright Arena.

"This is really special," said Steele after a ceremony before the Falcons outlasted Alcoa in a 76-74 overtime thriller on Senior Night at Fulton High. "It feels great but without my

teammates and without Coach Wright, this wouldn't have happened."

"I played with some great players in high school and without Coach Wright, this wouldn't have been possible."

Steele, who played for three years at Mississippi State before transferring to Lincoln Memorial University for his senior season this year, was one of Knoxville's most decorated high school basketball players.

He was named Class AA Mr. Basketball as a senior

for the Falcons. He was a four-year starter for Wright at Fulton. He was named to the All-District 3-AA Team four times and the Falcons to a pair of Class AA State Championships in 2008 and 2009.

He was the Class AA State Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2009.

Steele is Fulton's all-time leading scorer with 2,400 points. During his four seasons on the hardwood, the Falcons compiled an astounding record of 115-18.

He was a three-time district player of the year and a two-time district tournament MVP. He was the Region 2-AA Tournament's MVP three times.

That all added up to a phenomenal career but Steele first burst on to the Knoxville basketball scene as an eighth grader at Holston Middle School when he scored 50 points in a game for the Hurricanes against Bearden.



Jalen Steele (left) is congratulated by his high school basketball coach, Jody Wright, as he's presented his framed Fulton jersey, which was officially retired in a ceremony at FHS last Tuesday night prior to the Falcons' game against Alcoa.

Falcons work overtime to edge Alcoa 78-76

By Ken Lay

Fulton High School boys basketball coach Jody Wright wasn't surprised that his Falcons had to work a little overtime in their regular-season finale Tuesday night.

"This game was kind of what I expected and I wasn't expecting a blowout at all," Wright said after Fulton notched a 78-76 victory over Alcoa at Jody Wright Arena. "I knew that we were going to have to work for everything and I knew that this was going to be a hard-fought game."

The Falcons longtime coach was right as the Tornadoes started fast and opened a 21-10 lead when Tykee Ogle knocked down a shot with 1 minute, 17 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Alcoa (13-11) extended its advantage to 32-25 by halftime. The Tornadoes might've had a bigger lead had Fulton's Josh Berry not buried a shot as time expired in the first half.

After the break the Falcons (23-2) scored the first six points of the third stanza. Fulton turned up the defensive pressure and was able to take the lead by the end of the third frame.

The Falcons battled their way back and opened a 47-41 lead by the end of the third quarter. Fulton used a 22-9

run to turn the tide in its favor. The Falcons got a huge second-half from senior point guard Kentel Williams. He was shut out over the opening 16 minutes; but returned to the floor with a vengeance in the third quarter.

He scored 21 points in the second half and overtime. He had nine of Fulton's points in the extra session but missed a pair of free throws that might've ended the game in regulation.

"He made some big shots," Wright said of Williams. "But he missed those free throws at the end of regulation. "If he would've made those, we wouldn't have had to go to overtime."

After Williams missed the foul shots with 13.9 seconds left in regulation, Alcoa sent the game to overtime when Mechai Carter buried a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Fulton took control early in the overtime and opened a 76-71 lead when senior center Joe Kimber made a free throw with 15.5 seconds to play. Garrett Anderson knocked down a long-range jumper with 4.9 seconds left.

Kimber finished with 14 points for the Falcons.

Ogle led the Tornadoes with 18 points. Anderson finished with 16 and Carter had 13.

A giant win and championship for Cedar Bluff girls

By Steve Williams

Maddie Norris lived up to her team's nickname in the finals of the Knox County Middle School girls basketball tournament.

The Cedar Bluff post player came up big in the final minute of play as the Lady Giants posted a 41-39 championship win over top-seeded Halls last Tuesday night at Thomas L. Duff Memorial Gymnasium in Karns.

A layup by Norris tied the score with 42 seconds remaining and her follow-up basket put her team ahead with 14 seconds left.

Norris then pulled down a defensive rebound in the exciting finish, but the Lady Demons forced a jump ball with the possession arrow pointing their way with 0:00.7 (seven tenths of a second) to go. Halls standout Bailey Trumm's potential game-tying shot just missed, bouncing off the rim and igniting a title celebration for the Lady Giants.

Shooting guard Jahniya Bussell scored 16 points to lead the Cedar Bluff attack. Norris finished



The Cedar Bluff Lady Giants show off their gold basketball after winning the Knox County Middle School tournament championship Feb. 16. The players are (left to right) Alexandria Russell #40, Kylie Tillman #21, Maddie Norris #44, Nakiyaah Peterson #34, Claire Wyatt #23, Jahniya Bussell #3, Elena Carvin #10, Lydia Williams #32, Malaka Grice #24, Selina Harb #33, Sh'ki Walker #22, Lilly Roskind #14, Jakhiah George #42, Jada Branner #25 and Addison Ragland #12. Coach Davis (left) and Coach Wyatt guided the team to its title win over Halls.

with 14 points, with seven coming in the final period. Point guard Claire Wyatt added eight points and was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player.

Halls got 12 points from Trumm and nine each from Evie Depetro and Macy Kirby.

Trumm, who had been a scoring machine in earlier tourney games, was

limited by a box-and-one defense, with Elena Carvin assigned to stay on her. Trumm's points came on three free throws in the second period and three 3-pointers in the fourth period.

Chad Davis, in his first season as Cedar Bluff's head coach, said his players deserve most of the credit.

"The girls have just played hard all year," said Davis. "It was mostly them. I just kind of guided them a little bit."

"We have two really good players in Jahniya and Claire and everybody else just stepped up and did their part. Like tonight, Elena did her part."

"As the year went on,

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Bulldogs persevere to earn regional berth

By Ken Lay
To call Bearden High School's basketball season tumultuous would be an understatement.

The Bulldogs, however, won the game they had to win to keep their season alive when they knocked off host West High School 57-49 in the quarterfinals of the District 4-AAA Boys Basketball Tournament Thursday night.

"We all played well tonight," said Bearden coach Mark Blevins. "We get to play another game."

The Bulldogs actually assured themselves three more games with Thursday night's victory. Bearden, which qualified for the Region 2-AAA Tournament played rival Farragut Friday in the district semifinals (but results were not available at press time).

The Bulldogs and Admirals have qualified for the region tournament along with Heritage and Maryville. Blount County's Rebels and Farragut each qualified during the regular season while Bearden and Heritage (which beat Hardin Valley in first game of the Thursday double header) qualified late last week.

The district tournament concludes Tuesday at West High but Thursday night's loss means that the host Rebels won't be around for the rest of the tournament.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

West High's Shendel Willis (2) goes for a layup in Thursday night's district quarterfinal game against Bearden. Willis had 13 points but the Bulldogs eliminated the host Rebels 57-49.

The Bulldogs led throughout the contest and opened a 30-18 advantage by halftime.

After the break, however, the young West High squad (which split a pair of regular-season meetings with its Kingston Pike rival) battled back and pulled to within 42-36 early in the fourth quarter on David Kraski's basket.

The Rebels were able to pull to within 51-47 when

Tyrone Patterson scored with 26.2 seconds remaining in the contest.

But Bearden closed the game by making six consecutive foul shots before West High reserve guard Tyrique Nelson scored the game's last basket as time ran out in the game and in the Rebels' season.

Blevins also commended West for its effort in what turned out to be its season finale.

"West is a good team and [Rebels coach] Chris [Kesler] doesn't get all the credit that he deserves," Blevins said. "He's a great coach."

Senior guard Quez Fair led the Bulldogs with 18 points and freshman Trent Stephney finished with 17.

The Rebels got 17 points from Kraski while Shendel Willis finished with 13.

Heritage gets hot, ends HVA's season 77-58

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's boys basketball team saw its season come to an abrupt end Thursday night.

The fourth-seeded Hawks dropped a 77-58 decision to Heritage in the District 4-AAAA Quarterfinals at West High School.

It was a tough loss for Hardin Valley in a roller-coaster season but junior Aaron Dykes is ready to turn the page and move on and prepare for next season.

"Nobody expected us to do some of the things we did," said Dykes, who scored 11 points for the Hawks in what would prove to be their final game of the 2015-16 season. "We beat Farragut at Farragut. We beat Maryville at Maryville and we beat Bearden."

"Those are the top three seeds and we split with them. Now, it's time to get back to work. It's time to get back in the weight room and it's time to get back in the gym. It's time to get back in there and start getting some shots up. It just wasn't our night tonight and

we couldn't get the shots to fall."

The Hawks and the fifth-seeded Mountaineers played a virtually even first half with Heritage holding a 34-30 edge at the break.

During the opening 16 minutes, Heritage made seven 3-pointers but the Hawks answered every run by the Mountaineers.

The second half was a different story. Heritage opened a 52-42 lead by halftime as it continued to knock down shots at a sizzling pace. HVA went cold especially in the fourth quarter.

"They played well and they're playing their basketball," Hawks coach Keith Galloway said. "They kept hitting shots and we weren't scoring and we just couldn't keep up with them."

Calvin Keeble scored a game-high 27 points and nailed six shots from beyond the 3-point arc.

"Keeble just killed us," Galloway said.

But Heritage's senior sharp-shooting guard had plenty of help from his supporting cast.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Hardin Valley Academy's Seth Long goes airborne to score two of his 14 points for the Hawks, who were eliminated from the district tournament by hot-shooting Heritage 77-58 Thursday night at West High.

Brandon Davis added 21 points for the Mountaineers. J.P. Pearson finished with 12 (including nine in the second half) and Blake Ervin scored 11 points for the Mountaineers, who

converted their final 12 free throws down the stretch and closed the game with an emphatic 12-3 run.

Seth Long scored 14 points for the Hawks while Tyler Thompson added 12.

A giant win and championship for Cedar Bluff girls

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everybody kept doing a little bit more to help our team. That's what got us to the championship game and finally winning it."

In the title game, Davis said defense, which got his team the lead, was a key to the win, plus "keeping our composure when they were making their run." Davis also praised his two post players (Norris and Malaka Grice) for their play.

Cedar Bluff, which led 9-4 after one stop and

17-9 at halftime, finished the third period with a six-point flurry to go ahead by 11 points (29-18).

Depetro opened the fourth period with a 3-point shot from the right wing and Halls, applying full-court pressure, scored 12 unanswered points. Trumm's 3-pointer from the right wing gave the Lady Demons their first lead of the game (30-29).

A layup by Norris ended Halls' string of points. Cedar Bluff went on to

build a five-point lead (37-32) on a breakaway layup by Bussell and two clutch foul shots by Wyatt.

But Halls came back again. Trumm bombed in a trey from the right side and Depetro scored after the press got the ball back. A basket inside put Halls ahead 39-37 with 55 seconds remaining.

That set the stage for Norris' giant plays at the end.

THIRD PLACE: West Valley

defeated Farragut 27-22 in the consolation game as Zneyah McLaughlin led the way with 15 points. Emma Stone chipped in five. Farragut got 10 points from Lauren White and five from Bri Tookes.

ALL-TOURNEY: Claire Wyatt (MVP), Jahniya Bussell and Maddie Norris, Cedar Bluff; Bailey Trumm and Evie Depetro, Halls; Zneyah McLaughlin, West Valley; Bri Tookes, Farragut.

HVA downs rival Farragut to reach region tournament

By Ken Lay

For three quarters, rivals Hardin Valley Academy and Farragut battled evenly in the District 4AAA Tournament Quarterfinals.

But with the game's outcome hanging in the balance, it was the Lady Hawks who made the plays down the stretch and earned themselves a 62-48 victory and a berth in the upcoming Region 2-AAA Tournament.

After three quarters, the Lady Admirals and HVA were locked in a 38-38 tie. Early in the final frame, Farragut (which finishes the season with a 19-10 record) seized the upper hand when freshman Brooke Christian converted a three-point play to give the Lady Admirals a 45-42 lead with 4 minutes, 50 seconds remaining in the game.

The Lady Hawks (18-11) continued to battle and finally wrested control of the game away late.

HVA junior post player Symphony Buxton knotted the game at 48 when she hit a shot with 2:50 left.

From there, the Lady Hawks dominated things. They closed the game on a 14-0 run and 10 consecutive free throws down the stretch. The surge started when Bekah Hampton grabbed an offensive rebound and promptly scored to make the score 50-48 with 1:57.

From there the Lady Hawks hit the offensive boards and forced Farragut to commit turnovers.

At press time, Hardin Valley still had hopes of winning a district tournament title, but Wednesday, the Lady Hawks claimed a victory that will send them to the Region 2-AAA Tournament for the second time in school history. HVA last made the regional four years ago when it won a District 3-AAA Championship.

"This is a big deal for our program," Lady Hawks coach Jennifer Galloway said. "This district is so tough. All you have to do is look at how close the games in the district tournament have been."

"Getting out of this district, no matter where you get seeded, is a huge honor. Farragut is a great team and they have a great program."

Hardin Valley boasted a balanced scoring attack. Sophomore Lizzie Davis led the way with 13 points. Maddie Christian added 12. Paige Gentry and Abbey Cornelius finished with eight points each. Senior Maddie Massey scored seven points and will make a trip to the Region 2-AAA Tournament for the first time as a senior.

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Lady Falcons notch comeback win over Alcoa

By Ken Lay

Fulton High School's girls basketball team had to dig itself out of an enormous hole Tuesday night.

The Lady Falcons overcame a double-figure halftime deficit to storm back and nab a 51-49 victory over Alcoa on Senior Night at Jody Wright Arena.

"I thought we did a lot of good things in the first half but they came out here and they shot the lights out," Fulton coach John Fisher said. "We knew that they had a couple of players who could shoot, but then they had some others that came out and hit some threes."

The Lady Tornadoes made eight 3-point shots in the contest, including six in the first half and Alcoa's outside shooting tear enabled the visitors to open a 31-19 lead by halftime.

The Lady Falcons had trouble manufacturing offense before halftime but they found their shooting touch after halftime.

Fulton erupted in the third quarter and finally took its first lead of the contest when Janae Fuqua's basket made the score 33-31 with 3 minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

When the dust had settled, the Lady Falcons outscored the Lady Tornadoes 24-7 in the third stanza and opened a modest 43-38 advantage heading into the final frame.

Alcoa, the District 4-AA Champion, didn't go quietly. The Lady Tornadoes scored the first eight points of the final quarter and took a 46-43 lead when Abby Cupp was fouled on a successful field goal and made the subsequent free throw with 6:08 remaining in the game.

The game was a see-saw battle with the Lady Falcons going ahead for good when KeKe McKinney made a free throw with 1:36 to play to put her squad up 48-47.

Lay Lay Manning added a pair of foul shots with 31.6 seconds left to give the Lady Falcons a 50-47 advantage.

"KeKe gives us all she has every night and Lay Lay Manning really made some big shots and free throws for us tonight," Fisher said. "Tonight, we got down by 12, 13 and 15 points and we were able to come back."

"Maybe that will benefit us over the next week [in the District 3-AA Tournament]."

McKinney led the Lady Falcons with 20 points and was one of four Fulton players to score in double figures. Fuqua scored 13 points while Manning and senior Tink White finished with 11 points each.

Tara Shields had 18 points to lead the Lady Tornadoes.

West Valley boys pull away in the end to take title

By Steve Williams

Northwest wouldn't go away.

West Valley wouldn't let go.

Seeking a third straight championship in the Knox County Middle School boys basketball tournament last Tuesday night, Northwest's No. 4 seeded Rangers, led by high-scoring guard Edward Lacey, battled back from a 14-point deficit to take the lead late in the third period.

That lead, however, was short-lived as West Valley's London Stephney drilled a 3-pointer from the left wing with one second remaining in the period to tie the score.

The annual post-season event would come down to a six minute, winner-take-all battle at Karns Middle School.

The No. 2 seeded Wolves took the lead at the start of the fourth period and kept it, outscoring Northwest 13-7 in the final quarter for a 47-41 victory.

For Chuck Comer, 17-year veteran West Valley head coach, it was his fifth time in the finals and his third team to capture the gold.

The fundamentally-sound Wolves claimed the crown with a solid defense and a balanced offense. Stephney, the tourney MVP, tallied 12 points, followed closely by John Beam (10), Collin Ironside (nine), Hayden Candella (eight) and Masiyah Dowsey (eight).

Northwest's Edward Lacey took game-high honors with 24 points. Deonte White contributed seven points.

The Rangers reached the title game by upsetting No. 1 seeded Carter in the semifinals.

Candella had five points, including a 3-pointer, as West Valley jumped out to a 15-4 advantage in the first period. The lead peaked at 20-6. The Wolves were still in control 24-15 at half-time.

Lacey tallied 13 points in the third period alone and the Rangers came back to take the lead (32-31) on his 18-footer from the left wing. Sawyer Smith's rebound bucket increased the Rangers' margin to 34-31.

After Stephney knotted the score with his 3-point-er to end the third period,



The West Valley Wolves celebrate their championship in the Knox County Middle School tournament Feb. 16.

Beam scored in the lane to start the fourth.

A huge 3-pointer by Candella gave West Valley a five-point advantage (43-38). Two clutch free throws by Stephney kept the margin at five with 1:41 on the clock. Dowsey's basket inside with just under a

minute remaining ended the scoring.

CONSOLATION GAME: Carter, the tourney's top-seed, salvaged third place with a 29-24 win over South-Doyle. Tristen Blankenship swished in 12 points, including eight in the

opening period as the Hornets jumped out to a 10-4 lead. Sam Vaulton added eight points to Carter's total. Charlie Gillenwater led S-D with five points.

ALL-TOURNEY: Tommy Sweat, Karns; Gavin Wilkin-son, Farragut; Te'Von

Summers, Gresham; Jack Jancek, Bearden; Ty Hurst and Sam Vaulton, Carter; Mason Brang and Nate Berrier, South-Doyle; Edward Lacey and Tyrece Edwards, Northwest; Hayden Candella, Collin Ironside, Masiyah Dowsey and London Stephney (MVP), West Valley.

Marjorie Butler, Georgia point guard, will have final 'homecoming' Sunday

By Steve Williams

In a way, when the University of Georgia women's basketball team plays the Tennessee Lady Vols in Knoxville this coming Sunday afternoon, Marjorie Butler will have come full circle.

Butler, a product of Webb School in Knoxville, is the starting senior point guard for Georgia and will be playing her final regular season game in her hometown.

Shelley Collier, Butler's high school coach, will be at Thompson-Boling Arena for the occasion.

"Yes, I will be there for Marjorie," said Coach Collier via e-mail last week. "She is truly very special! I can't say enough about her!"

"Marjorie's work ethic has always been off the charts in the classroom and on the court! She is a very dedicated and driven person! We

are so proud of Marjorie, myself and the entire Webb School community!

"She has already been accepted into several med schools," added Collier, a former Lady Vol point guard. "As far as her basketball career, she has overcome adversity time and time again with injuries, and has been a great example for others to see the perseverance she has had to stay with it. She is a great example of what a student-athlete should look like."

Sunday's game will start at 1 p.m.

Butler scored 12 points, collected five rebounds and had four assists in Georgia's 61-51 loss at No. 2 ranked South Carolina last Thursday night.

Georgia, 19-7 overall and 7-6 in SEC play after the loss, pulled within five points of South Carolina with less than four minutes

remaining in the game.

Butler will have home games against Florida and Arkansas this week before making the trip to Knoxville.

Georgia head coach Joni Taylor echoed Collier's comments about Butler.

"Marjorie Butler is the epitome of the term student-athlete. She has worked extremely hard to be where she is today, and it speaks so well of her character, commitment and attitude that she is able to take some of the hardest courses offered on our campus, go through very difficult medical school interviews and still rank as one of the top point guards in the SEC.

"Marjorie is a phenomenal person, and I know she will be successful in whatever she seeks to do in life."



PHOTO BY DAVID BARNES

Georgia senior point guard and former Webb School standout Marjorie Butler looks to pass the ball during the Lady Bulldogs' game against the Ole Miss Rebels at Stegeman Coliseum on Feb. 7 in Athens, Ga. Butler will play her final regular season game this coming Sunday against Tennessee in Knoxville.

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Mother Nature is often a sports fan... and it's not all bad news

This and that:
Last Friday afternoon's unseasonably warmer weather, with the temperature in the 60s, came just in time for Tennessee's baseball season opener against Memphis.



By Steve Williams

It reminded me of how often hot summer days in late August suddenly give way to cooler temps and low humidity just in time for football openers.

It's also just more proof that Mother Nature is often a sports fan. It's Old Man Winter who's not.

TOO MUCH: I had to finally turn my radio off last Friday. One local radio sports talk show was talking about the Peyton Manning "mooning" of 20 years ago for the third day in a row. It just goes to show you sports talk hosts at radio stations with sports talk 24/7 often have

too much time air time to fill. They can sometimes be too repetitious, even for the most avid sports fan.

I wish these stations would air some classic broadcasts of past UT football and basketball games - like George Mooney's call of the 1965 "Rosebonnet Bowl," a regular season football thriller between Dewey Warren and the Vols versus UCLA or a replay of John Ward's description of Ray Mears' Vols wrapping up the SEC basketball championship with that double-overtime win at Mississippi State in 1967. I still remember lying in the living room floor, listening to the game.

GOOD NEWS: I did hear about some positivity before I turned off the radio: UT basketball player Kyle Alexander, a well-spoken

freshman from Canada who continues to get better and better, bought a blanket for a homeless person to help that person stay warm ... Josh Dobbs, UT quarterback, conducted a passing camp for legislators in Nashville at UT Day. (I have a feeling they're much better at passing laws and bills) ... The football Vols are a 14 to 1 pick to win the national title next season. I believe they said only three or four other teams have better chances ... Tobias Harris, former one-and-done UT basketball player, was traded to the Detroit Pistons but still kept his speaking engagement with a youth group in Orlando before packing his bags and leaving ... Defensive lineman Jerod Mayo, so tough he once played with only one arm for Tennessee because his other arm was injured, retired from the NFL. He had been a captain for the New England Patriots seven out of

the past eight seasons.
GOOD IDEA: For a long time, I've thought UT should find a way to add gymnastics as one of its sports for women. And I'm even more convinced now, after watching Auburn compete against Alabama in that sport recently on the SECTV network. The exciting atmosphere included cheerleaders and a good crowd. On this particular night, home-standing Auburn defeated its arch-rival for the first time since 1979. Gymnastics is such a great spectator sport.

NFL ODDS: Looking ahead to 2016 season, some oddsmakers have the Patriots a 7 to 1 favorite to win the Super Bowl. Current champion Denver was seventh on the list at 12-1. Eric Berry and the Chiefs are 20-1. Others include the

Falcons at 40-1, the Titans at 66-1 and the Browns anywhere from 150-1 to 200-1.

TOURNEY TIME: High school district basketball tournaments started last week and the region tourneys will be starting soon for Division 1 teams.

Top teams that avoid Old Man Upset will make it to Murphy Center in Murfreesboro March 9-12. If you get a chance, check out some of the action. Sports drama doesn't get any better than an elimination game going down to the wire.

HVA downs rival Farragut to reach region tournament

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"It feels great to go to the regional," said Massie, who has battled through an injury-plagued career. "The last time we went was when my sister [current HVA assistant coach Tiffany Cantrell] played here.

"This is really special." Farragut coach Jason Mayfield said it was an all too familiar picture for the Lady Admirals, who will miss the regional for the first time in several years.

"Toward the end, it was the rebounding and it's been the same thing all year," Mayfield said. "Some of the deficiencies that we've had showed up again. Rebounding has been a problem and then we had the turnovers."

Christian led the Lady Admirals with 14 points. Morgan Carbaugh, another freshman, added 13 points and senior Miranda Burt had 12 points in her final high school game.

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Leadership

Sometimes you realize what's right only after seeing what's wrong. A majority of Americans now believe our country is on the wrong track, and only party apparatchiks and the Washington "beltway boys" think otherwise. Even Hillary and Bernie say that times are tough in our country. And only the willfully uninformed and Democrat automatons can say that seven plus years of "hope and change" have been anything but a disaster.

I've been thinking about leadership as the election cycle drones on with denigrating rhetoric and debates ad nauseum. We need new leadership because what we're doing isn't working. And it is even more disturbing that Hillary speaks highly of Obama's policies. At least ole Bernie is true to his principles of socialism.

I am a fan of the Teaching

Company which offers college level courses by CD and DVD. One of the professors I most admire is Rufus Fears. Dr. Fears maintains that leaders like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill were statesmen rather than politicians. He felt these great leaders embody four qualities: "bedrock principles, a moral compass, vision and the ability to build a consensus and achieve that vision."

In trying to make some sense of the presidential candidates, I've been analyzing them with the professor's four criteria which have stood the test of time. People may modify their principles in a given situation, but foundational principles rarely change. Recently, I heard that Justice Antonin Scalia did not try to change the minds of the liberal justices on the Supreme

Court because he knew their minds were already made up. Now, I don't know if that's true, but it speaks to the fundamental principles which I have and I've encountered in others. Though I don't identify with the politics of former Congressman Dennis Kucinich, I admired his steadfast adherence to his principles, at least until Obama took him for a ride on Air Force One and Kucinich changed his opinion and his vote on Obama-care.

Morality and virtue are often seen as synonyms. Morality implies conformity to established standards of right or wrong. Whereas virtue implies a "moral excellence in character." I believe in an Absolute standard by which I judge my virtue. Our postmodern era denies an absolute standard and holds that everything is relative. If this is true, can you see how problematic it is when morality is judged by a local standard like that of ISIS? And this is especially germane for us as we try to discern the "moral compass" of some vacillating politicians.

Being able to articulate a vision for our country is critical for a presidential candidate. Unfortunately, in the era of perverse media who function as political

operatives instead of journalists, the message is manipulated in sound bites and "gotchas!" I heard recently that people remember less what someone says and more how someone made them feel. Bill Clinton's legendary ability to connect with people made him successful. Hillary is a stark contrast. Ted Cruz is an accomplished debater. Jeb Bush is not. Cruz and Marco Rubio have articulated clear policies. Trump has not, but his populism of "Make America Great" resonates with the anger of America outside the Washington beltway. Establishment Republicans like Jeb Bush just don't seem to understand that connection with people trumps message - at least in 2016.

Finally, will our new leader be able to gain consensus for his vision of America? Obama, had a vision to transform America. He had bedrock principles, though contrary to mine. Obama made people feel good as he read the teleprompter and scripted sermons. As a result people overlooked his policies of transference of wealth from our country to others, and from one person's pocket to another's to curry the favor of the latter who will then vote for Democrats because of the free

stuff they offer. And Bernie even trumps Obama in this regard.

Obama did not need consensus after his election in 2008 because Democrats controlled the House and the Senate. And he still controlled the Senate until 2014. Many believe that the country is in a mess not just because of the liberalism of Democrats, but because Republicans refused to challenge Obama's policies over the last seven years.

My professional skill set is an ability to sift through complex medical information, distill the information into salient points and prioritize issues. But that's not enough. Doctors have to be able to make decisions and explain options and choices to people because patients assume doctors have medical expertise and expect them to be the leader in a medical partnership. An example of leadership is when patients are conflicted and indecision is making them miserable. Many times I've led and encouraged patients to make a tough decision and end their anguishing over the issue. Sometimes you just have to jump right or left to get off the proverbial middle of the fence.

Life is full of tough choices, and no one escapes

good and bad decisions. However, we are supposed to learn from our successes and our failures. A friend of mine voted for Obama the second time with the "hopes he would do better." He didn't. Obama's liberalism has made us unsafe, unsuccessful, increasingly dependent on the government and has stoked the fires of racism. And now we have the two "old" Democrat presidential candidates trying to outdo each other with promises of "free stuff" for everyone, and demanding we surrender more and more control of "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." Alternatively, we have the bombastic Republican street fighter, another Bush, Republican candidates in name only (RINOs) or those who offer youth and a new direction.

The choice is ours and the future of our nation rests upon our decision. Never in my lifetime has the choice for a president had such importance. Never has such stark policy contrasts existed between the two parties and their candidates. Our children's future hangs in the balance. Get informed and choose wisely.

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

Patience in Prayer

Have you ever had a delay in answered prayer? God's delay doesn't mean He doesn't care or is not paying attention. God is always answering prayer. Paul wrote, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). God works in all things at all times causing all to work together to accomplish His plans. When we send a request that is in His will, He is at work. We may not see it right away, but one day we will. We need patience in prayer.

But patience is so hard to develop. Do you remember how people told you to wait when you were little? They told you to wait.....patiently. For example, when a child looks at all those boxes under the Christmas tree, it is hard to wait several weeks before opening them. Or how about the fresh made cookies whose aroma fills the house and the child is told he has to eat



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

his vegetables first before the cookie. The child wonders, what is the connection between the vegetables and the cookie? Or how about kids who try to form a line before they go out for recess? They jockey for position to try to get as far up in the line as possible. Sometimes they even hold their hands out to make sure other kids don't get in front of them. Not one of them comprehend that the difference

in the amount of time between the first kid in line getting outside and the last kid in line getting outside is like one second.

Humans, children and adults alike, want instant gratification. We don't like waiting. You have to teach children to be patient. And sometimes, as adults, we need to be reminded that patience is a virtue. Patience makes life more peaceful. Patience gives us greater appreciation. Most importantly, though, patience is God-pleasing.

We all have most likely prayed for something with long periods of silence

in between. Jesus' prayer life can give us encouragement at divine delays. He often prayed all night (Luke 6:12). On the night of His arrest, He prayed in such agony that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground (Luke 22:44). This is intense prayer. He didn't want to go through with it. His flesh did not look forward to the suffering that soon would come. He asked God to remove the cup of suffering if it was God's will. But it was God's will that He should suffer and die for all mankind. This is a time when Jesus' prayer was not answered in the way He wanted it to be, and aren't you glad? But Jesus understood that it was God's will that mattered, not His own.

Along with patience, we can also struggle with remembering the times God has answered our prayers. That is why the Bible is full of God's intervention into the affairs of man. We have a personal, loving Father who cares. The honest, consistent, sincere prayer is heard. God does not demand eloquence. He is moved by our heart and He responds in His time. Be patient in prayer.



Rosie's World

Book Time

Nothing better to do on these cold wintry days? Read a

book! I received three books at Christmastime and, to me, that's the best gift: "See Me" by Nicholas Sparks, "Depraved Heart" by Patricia Cornwall, and "Johnny Carson" by Henry Bushkin, who was his lawyer. I will give a short synopsis of each one.

I have read a lot of Ms. Cornwall's books and really liked them but this last one was disappointing. I am somewhat familiar with technical terms but this book is full of forensic details and psychological details that are beyond my comprehension. To add insult to injury, there are two plots involved that aren't resolved at the end of the book. If you want to learn how to build a gun or assassinate a political figure, this book is for you. Not for me!

When my children went to school I was always able to rise early in the morning for them even though stayed up till 12:30 a.m. to watch Johnny Carson. It was an hour of laughter, fun, and a camaraderie between the host and his guests. In the seventies and eighties he was the country's highest-paid entertainer and its most enigmatic.

While charming and hilarious onstage, he could be

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
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 WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Citizens Bank NA F/K/A RBS Citizens NA, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 15, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and
 All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.
 This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2006, executed by SHIRLEY DAVIS, CLIFFORD C. SILER, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 2, 2006, at Instrument Number 200611020038131;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-11 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-11 who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 24, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

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BELONGING TO KLM INVESTMENTS; THENCE N. 3 DEG. 20 MIN. E. 355.06 FT. TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHERN LINE OF PINE GROVE ROAD; THENCE ALONG WITH PINE GROVE ROAD S. 84 DEG. 41 MIN. E. 167 FT. TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF BRUCE MCCLELLAN, TN RLS # 696 DATED 12-1-99 TO WHICH SURVEY SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS IF COPIED VERBATIM. SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREON. FOR PRIOR DEED REFERENCE SEE INSTRUMENT # 199912210046408 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
 TAX ID # 084 037
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7024 PINE GROVE ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914
 Parcel ID: 084 037
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7024 PINE GROVE RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): SHIRLEY DAVIS, CLIFFORD C. SILER
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CACH, LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK, GAULT FINANCIAL LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO TARGET NATIONAL BANK The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
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payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, As Trustee for the Certificateholders Cwalk, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-25CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-25CB, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 15, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 6th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the Town of Farragut, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 6, Block C of Fox Den Village, Unit 1, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 327-B in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and as shown by survey of Trotter-McClellan, Inc. (Bruce McClellan) dated May 19, 1993, Drawing No. 30343.
 Parcel ID Number: 152AE-002
 Address/Description: **233 Baltusrol Road, Knoxville, TN 37934.**
 Current Owner(s): Mark H. Wickenden and wife Annette Wickenden.
 Other Interested Parties: Bank of America, N.A. and Mack's Flooring Company, LLC.
 The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and
 All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.
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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2014, executed by CLIFFORD LAWSON, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 10, 2014, at Instrument Number 201409100014652;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Truicken Loans Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Mark H. Wickenden and Annette M. Wickenden executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated June 15, 2006 and recorded on June 16, 2006 in Instrument No. 200606160106048, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the

sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2004, executed by BONNIE L HARVEY, EDWARD L. HARVEY, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 3, 2004, at Instrument Number 200408030010098;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for the Certificate Holders of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW2 who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 28TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 5, SEVIER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 37-S, PAGE 51 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF MICHAEL L. LUETHKE, SURVEYOR DATED DECEMBER 18, 1984. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO BOOK 1246, PAGE 158, AND ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, INCLUDING 5' UTILITY DRAINAGE EASEMENT INSIDE ALL LOT LINES, SETBACK LINES, INCLUDING A 25' SET BACK LINE CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY.
 Parcel ID: 109KF040
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4219 SEVIERVILLE PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): BONNIE L HARVEY, EDWARD L HARVEY
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2014, executed by CLIFFORD LAWSON, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 10, 2014, at Instrument Number 201409100014652;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Truicken Loans Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

TAX ID NUMBER(S): 094HH003 LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALLOT LOT 15, BLOCK 2, J. C. STERCHI'S ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 120-D (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 102), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF MCTEER STREET, AT THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN LOTS 14 AND 15, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 214.8 FEET NORTHWESTERLY FROM FILLMORE AVENUE; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF MCTEER STREET, NORTH 35 DEG. WEST, 50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO LOT 16; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF LOT 16, NORTH 55 DEG. EAST, 140 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF AN ALLEY; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE SOUTH 35 DEG. EAST, 50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO LOT 14; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF LOT 14, SOUTH 15 DEG. WEST, 140 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1976.
 Parcel ID: 094HH003
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1618 MCTEER ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLIFFORD LAWSON
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Mark H. Wickenden and Annette M. Wickenden executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated June 15, 2006 and recorded on June 16, 2006 in Instrument No. 200606160106048, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2014, executed by CLIFFORD LAWSON, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 10, 2014, at Instrument Number 201409100014652;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Truicken Loans Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

TAX ID NUMBER(S): 094HH003 LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALLOT LOT 15, BLOCK 2, J. C. STERCHI'S ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 120-D (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 102), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF MCTEER STREET, AT THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN LOTS 14 AND 15, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 214.8 FEET NORTHWESTERLY FROM FILLMORE AVENUE; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF MCTEER STREET, NORTH 35 DEG. WEST, 50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO LOT 16; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF LOT 16, NORTH 55 DEG. EAST, 140 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF AN ALLEY; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE SOUTH 35 DEG. EAST, 50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO LOT 14; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF LOT 14, SOUTH 15 DEG. WEST, 140 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1976.
 Parcel ID: 094HH003
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1618 MCTEER ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLIFFORD LAWSON
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2003, William F. Purdy, Single, conveyed the following described premises to John W. Routh, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 200305130103871 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and
 WHEREAS, Christine W. Palmer and her son, Larry S. Palmer, their, successors and/or assigns, the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Trout, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record in Instrument Number 201601290044077, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.
 THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, proceed to offer for sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:
 SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, lying within the 17th Ward

of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being described in two (2) tracts of land as follows:
 TRACT NO. 1: BEING all of Lot No. 20 in Block 26 in the Oakwood Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, said lot fronting 50 feet on the East side of Harvey Street and running back easterly between parallel lines about 125 feet, more or less, as shown on Map of said Addition.
 TRACT NO. 2: BEING known and designated as Lot 21, Block 26, Oakwood Addition, as shown on the Map of same of record in Map Book 5, page 187 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Said lot fronting 50 feet on the East side of Harvey Street and extending back between parallel lines to an alley.
 BEING the same property conveyed William F. Purdy, single by Warranty Deed of even date herewith from Christine W. Palmer, recorded in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, bearing Instrument Number 200305130103871.
 THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable restrictions, easements and building setback lines as shown of record in the Knox County Register's Office.
 Property bears the address of: **2314 and 2318 Harvey Street, Knoxville, TN 37917**
 Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Knox County Trustee and City of Knoxville
 The property will be sold free from the equity redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which were hereby expressly waived under the provisions of the above stated Deed of Trust. The above property will also be sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances, unpaid taxes, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The right is reserved to rescind or adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set for the above.
 This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 A. NICOLE TROUTT, SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
 101 Dalton Place Way
 Knoxville, TN 37912
 865-524-1636
 BPR#021726

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2004, executed by BONNIE L HARVEY, EDWARD L. HARVEY, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 3, 2004, at Instrument Number 200408030010098;
 and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for the Certificate Holders of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW2 who is now the owner of said debt;
 and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 28TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 5, SEVIER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 37-S, PAGE 51 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF MICHAEL L. LUETHKE, SURVEYOR DATED DECEMBER 18, 1984. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO BOOK 1246, PAGE 158, AND ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, INCLUDING 5' UTILITY DRAINAGE EASEMENT INSIDE ALL LOT LINES, SETBACK LINES, INCLUDING A 25' SET BACK LINE CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY.
 Parcel ID: 109KF040
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4219 SEVIERVILLE PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): BONNIE L HARVEY, EDWARD L HARVEY
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
 THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
 Memphis, TN 38103
 www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php
 Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846
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 2016-02-08 2016-02-15, 2016-02-22

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2003, William F. Purdy, Single, conveyed the following described premises to John W. Routh, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 200305130103871 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and
 WHEREAS, Christine W. Palmer and her son, Larry S. Palmer, their, successors and/or assigns, the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Trout, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record in Instrument Number 201601290044077, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.
 THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, proceed to offer for sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:
 SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, lying within the 17th Ward

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2003, William F. Purdy, Single, conveyed the following described premises to John W. Routh, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 200305130103871 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and
 WHEREAS, Christine W. Palmer and her son, Larry S. Palmer, their, successors and/or assigns, the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Trout, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record in Instrument Number 201601290044077, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.
 THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, proceed to offer for sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:
 SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, lying within the 17th Ward

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2003, William F. Purdy, Single, conveyed the following described premises to John W. Routh, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 200305130103871 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and
 WHEREAS, Christine W. Palmer and her son, Larry S. Palmer, their, successors and/or assigns, the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Trout, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record in Instrument Number 201601290044077, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.
 THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, proceed to offer for sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:
 SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, lying within the 17th Ward

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2003, William F. Purdy, Single, conveyed the following described premises to John W. Routh, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 200305130103871 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and
 WHEREAS, Christine W. Palmer and her son, Larry S. Palmer, their, successors and/or assigns, the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Trout, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record in Instrument Number 201601290044077, in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.
 THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on **Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated February 24, 2012, and recorded as Instrument No. 201202270047044, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Hollis L. Hoffmeister, Jr., single widower, ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to Thomas R. Underwood, as Trustee for Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, a certain tract of land located in Knox County, Tennessee, and the owner of the debt secured, Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, having requested the undersigned to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof, at the option of the owner, this is give notice that the undersigned will, on **March 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the City-County Building, outside the large assembly room, Knoxville, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Tract 1 and Tract 2, of the Property of H.L. Hoffmeister, as shown by map to be forthwith recorded in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT 1: BEGINNING at an iron pin in northwestern line of McCammon Road, said point of beginning being located 839.69 feet, more or less, in a northeasterly direction from the point of intersection of the northwestern line of McCammon Road with the centerline of Martin Mill Pike if projected; a common corner with the southeast corner of Tract 2 below; thence from said beginning point, North 27 deg. 30 min. West, 240.73 feet to an iron pin; thence South 58 deg. 05 min. West, 180 feet to an iron pin; thence South 58 deg. 05 min. West, 11.40 feet to an iron pin in the line of T. R. Wells; thence with the line of Wells, North 32 deg. 23 min. West, 1038.95 feet to an iron pin in the line of James M. Blalock; thence with the line of Blalock, North 63 deg. 12 min. East, 151.30 feet to an iron pin; thence with the Blalock line, South 67 deg. 28 min. East, 303.94 feet to an iron pin, corner to the property of Galle Clapp; thence with the line of Clapp, South 5 deg. 09 min. East, 14.70 feet to an iron pin; thence with the Clapp line, South 36 deg. 55 min. East, to an iron pin, 697.37 feet, corner to the property of John Wilson, Sr.; thence with the Wilson line, South 37 deg. 44 min. East, McCammon Road, South 52 deg. 44 min. West, 230.77 feet to an iron pin, the point of BEGINNING, and containing 8.72 acres, as shown by survey of Sehorn and Kennedy, Engineers, dated December 13, 1976.

TRACT 2: BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northwestern line of McCammon Road, said point of beginning being located 659.5 feet, more or less, in a northeasterly direction from the point of intersection of the northwestern line of McCammon Road with the centerline of Martin Mill Pike if projected; a common corner with the southeast corner of Tract 3 being conveyed to the Grantor's herein by separate instrument of even date; thence North 25 deg. 54 min. West, 244.72 feet to an iron pin; thence North 58 deg. 05 min. East, 180.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 27 deg. 30 min. East, 240.73 feet to an iron pin in the northwestern line of McCammon Road; thence with the northwestern line of McCammon Road, South 55 deg. 18 min. West, 93.19 feet to an iron pin; thence with the northwestern line of McCammon Road, South 58 deg. 05 min. West, 86.96 feet to an iron pin, the point of BEGINNING and containing 1.0 acre, as shown by the aforesaid survey.

THERE IS ALSO CONVEYED the strip of land intended to be conveyed to Hoffmeister and wife on December 15, 1976, by the deed recorded in Deed Book 1598, page 83, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THERE IS SPECIFICALLY LESS AND EXCEPTED from the above described property that portion conveyed to Gary N. Slusher and wife, Brenda J. Slusher, by deed from Hollis L. Hoffmeister, Jr. and wife, Barbara B. Hoffmeister, dated June 25, 1987, of record in Deed Book 1920, page 559, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Hollis L. Hoffmeister, Jr. and wife, Barbara B. Hoffmeister, by Warranty Deed from Charles H. Ward and wife, Lunda Sue C. Ward, dated December 15, 1976, recorded in Deed Book 1598, page 80, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

See Power of Attorney taken of Hollis L. Hoffmeister appointing Shannon D. Tucker as Attorney-in-Fact, dated April 23, 2009, recorded as Instrument No. 201202270047043, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Other parties interested as defined by Tennessee statutes and to whom the agent for the Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: Knox County, Tennessee, City of Knoxville.

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; and restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender and/or agent for the Trustee. Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the agent for the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as agent for Trustee, and subject to the approval of the Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose.

Jedidiah C. McKeenan
Tarpy, Cox, Fleishman & Leveille, PLLC
Agent for Trustee
1111 Northshore Dr, Ste N-290
Knoxville, TN 37919
865 588-1096

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, David E. Walter And Hilda J. Walter executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., Lender and J. Phillip Jones, Trustee(s), which was dated May 27, 2009 and recorded on May 28, 2009 in Instrument No. 200905280077417, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 31, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot No. 64, of Silverstone Subdivision, Norris Freeway, Phase I, as shown on survey of Michael S. Fundlerio, RLS# 1746, dated September 16, 2004 and bearing drawing No. Phase 1 Sheet 1, as the same appears of record in Instrument No. 200504190083006, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to David E. Walter and wife, Hilda J. Walter by Warranty Deed from Butler Homes & Construction, LLC dated August 23, 2006 and of record in Instrument No. 200608240017459 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to restrictions of record in Instrument No. 200608110013157 and 200504190083008, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to building setback lines and all existing easements of record; including any access to and from Norris Freeway as set forth in right-of-way conveyance dated 3/13/1934 and recorded in Deed Book 547, Page 29; an Easement as set forth in Warranty Deed of record in Instrument No. 200410040028738; a Utility Easement as set forth in Deed Book 1991, Page 199, all in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines and all existing easements of record.

The above description is the same as the previous deed of record; no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION# 028HD/064
Parcel ID Number: 028HD064
Address/Description: 4208 Platinum Drive, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Current Owner(s): David E. Walter and Hilda J. Walter.

Other Interested Parties(s): N/A
The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
277 Mallory Station Road
Suite 115
Franklin, TN 37067
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 15-10563 FC02

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Stephanie Dawn Fisher executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated August 20, 2007 and recorded on August 21, 2007 in Instrument No. 200708210016224, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **March 22, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

LOCATED AND BEING SITUATED and being in the Sixth (6) Civil District of the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and being known and designated as follows, to wit:

Lot 54, Phase I, Parkway Heights Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development, as shown of record in Map Cabinet M, Slide 118-A, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made for a more particular description thereof, and according to the survey of Sizemore Lynch Surveyors, dated September 26, 1991.

BEING AND INTENDING TO BE the same property conveyed to Stephanie Dawn Fisher, unmarried by Warranty Deed dated August 23, 2007 at Instrument No 200708210016223, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee THIS CONVEYANCE is subject to any and all restrictions of record in Book 2050, Page 792, easements, set back lines and other conditions as shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Parcel ID Number: 118GE 072
Address/Description: 1060 Blinken Street, Knoxville, TN 37932.

Current Owner(s): Stephanie Dawn Fisher.

Other Interested Parties(s): Parkway Heights Subdivision Homeowners Association.
The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants,

easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of EDITH B. JACKSON
Docket Number 77283-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDITH B. JACKSON who died Nov 20, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 8th day of February, 2016
Estate of EDITH B. JACKSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL H. CARDWELL, Executrix
1808 River Shores Dr
Knoxville, TN 37914

ANNE MCKINNEY
Attorney at Law
1019 Orchard Ave
Knoxville, TN 37912

PUBLISH: 2/22/2016 & 2/29/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of EDNA MURIEL LAMB
Docket Number 77279-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA MURIEL LAMB who died Jan 10, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 5th day of February, 2016
Estate of EDNA MURIEL LAMB
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MERRELL GENE LAMB, Executor
6117 New Beaver Creek Lane
Knoxville, TN 37931

PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of GLENN PAUL WOOD
Docket Number 77270-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GLENN PAUL WOOD who died Jan 9, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 3rd day of February, 2016
Estate of GLENN PAUL WOOD
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LARRY W. WOOD, Co-Administrator
5309 Circle Rd
Corryton, TN 37721

NANCY J. CARLISLE, Co-Administrator
5807 Maleneville Rd
Corryton, TN 37721

W. ALLEN McDONALD
Attorney at Law
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Knoxville, TN 37923
PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of HAROLD W. SUNDBERG
Docket Number 77272-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 4TH day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HAROLD W. SUNDBERG who died Oct 17, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 4th day of February, 2016
Estate of HAROLD W. SUNDBERG
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CHERYL SUNDBERG KRISE, Co-Executor
2300 W Emory Rd
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HARRY THOMAS SUNDBERG, Co-Executor
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Georgetown, TX 78628

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Knoxville, TN 37918
PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of HARRY L. WHITTINGTON
Docket Number 77261-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY L. WHITTINGTON who died Dec 10, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 1ST day of February, 2016
Estate of HARRY L. WHITTINGTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MELVIN WHITTINGTON, Executor
PO Box 12005
Knoxville, TN 37912

PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of JUANITA C. WEBB
Docket Number 77247-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of January, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUANITA C. WEBB who died Dec 18, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 28th day of January, 2016
Estate of JUANITA C. WEBB
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN R. WEBB, Executor
2981 Round Mountain Rd
Del Rio, TN 37727

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of LINDA GAIL MASON
Docket Number 77207-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of January, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA GAIL MASON who died Nov 10, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 29th day of January, 2016
Estate of LINDA GAIL MASON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

VICKI WILLIAMS, Co-Administratrix CTA
838 Tanner Lane
Knoxville, TN 37919

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Co-Administratrix CTA
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BILL W. PETTY
Attorney at Law
705 Gate Lane, Ste 202
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PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of MARGARET KEANE
Docket Number 77262-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of February, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET KEANE who died Dec 2, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 1ST day of February, 2016
Estate of MARGARET KEANE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOYCE A. STETSON, Executrix
848 Spinnaker Rd
Knoxville, TN 37934

CAROLYN LEVY GILLIAM
Attorney at Law
10805 Kingston Pike, Ste 200
Knoxville, TN 37934
PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of MILDRED JO McDOWELL
Docket Number 77093-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of January, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MILDRED JO McDOWELL who died Nov 2, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 27th day of January, 2016
Estate of MILDRED JO McDOWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PHILLIP K. McDOWELL, Administrator
5008 Rebecca Lane
Knoxville, TN 37920

PUBLISH: 2/15/2016 & 2/22/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: FRANK L. FOLSOM, JR.; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN G. FOLSOM; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DALE S. BRADLEY; AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS SUIT
IN RE: CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC v. FRANK L. FOLSOM, JR.
NO. 189128-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendants FR

Hannah Delk, Talented Young Artist

She is nineteen years old, but already talented beyond her years. She is a native of North Knoxville and attended Inskip Elementary, Gresham Middle, and Central High Schools. She specializes in drawing portraits of people. It could be said that Hannah Delk gets her artistic ability from her



By **Ralphine Major**
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mother, Denise, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Berea College. While Denise had some of her artwork published in college and even wrote some children's books, she put her dream on hold to raise her family. Hannah is now paving her own way in the artistic world.

Hannah was recently accepted as a member into the Fountain City Art Guild and has participated in a juried show. For her first art show, she entered two drawings and received Honorable Mention on one! It was a portrait she had drawn of Steve Carell for her mother. This young artist already

realizes the importance of giving back to her community by doing a display for the Knox County Fountain City Library. A very accomplished clay artist, Hannah makes miniature figures and scenes out of oven baked clay. She has entered the "Decorate a Pumpkin Contest" at Fountain City Library

for the past four years and won in her age category every year! The contest requirements were to decorate a pumpkin based on a book using anything besides actually carving the pumpkin. The first year Hannah won by making all the characters in "James and the Giant Peach" out of clay and arranging them on a small pumpkin she had painted to resemble a peach. Subsequent years she depicted "Matilda," "Harry Potter," and "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2."

Hannah also has done art projects for her church. In an online contest, she drew Katie Perry's cat which resulted in "Kitty Purry." Family is also important to Hannah, and she has drawn many pieces and given to family

members as gifts. Hannah gave one drawing to her grandmother that featured her father and his brother. She gave another drawing to her mother that featured Hannah and her siblings.

Hannah hopes to continue her formal training in the field of art and is currently working at a day-care facility to help finance her education. Hannah charges \$10 an hour for pictures and can draw people, pets, and various other subjects in 5x7, 8x10, and 11x14 sizes. You may contact Hannah about her artwork by e-mail at hannah_delk@yahoo.com or by messaging Facebook under Hannah Catherine Delk or under "Art Is A Part." She can also be reached by calling (865)689-5235.

Book Time

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sometimes cruel off-stage. This book shows a side of Johnny that not many people saw. The adulteries, Mob ties, and insecurities in his family life are described with clarity in this book. It unveils not only the hidden Carson but also the raucous, star-studded world he ruled.

I'm pretty certain that most of my readers have seen the movie, "The Notebook" or read the book by Nicholas Sparks. Well, he has done it again. It's gratifying to read a book with an old-fashioned love story and Mr. Sparks is noted for that. "See Me" is set in modern times and tells the story of two young people and is rich in emotion and fueled with suspense. It reminds us that love is sometimes forged in the crises that threaten to shatter us.....and that those who see us for who we truly are may not always be the ones easiest to recognize.

This is a thrilling novel, but I don't think it will surpass "The Notebook." To spend time reading a book is not wasted time!

Thought for the day: The fireside is the tulip bed of a winter day. Persian proverb

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

City wants input about Fort Dickerson improvements

By **Mike Steely**
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For many years it's been a tight turn for visitors to exit off of Chapman Highway and visit Fort Dickerson Park. The city's been working on a new approach to the historic Civil War fort and is planning to hold a public meeting on the recent road alignment and future improvements this Wednesday.

Along with the Aslan Foundation, which acquired the former G &

R Automotive property in 2014 to make way for the new entrance road, the city is now ready to move forward on additional construction including landscaping, signage, a new transit stop and a decorative veneer for the 30-foot high retaining wall.

The new entrance is aligned with Woodlawn Pike and includes 475 feet of a new two-lane road and sidewalk access.

The Fort Dickerson Park includes 85 acres of

green space, hiking and mountain trails, the fort, the overlook and a quarry lake.

The fort, built by Union Forces to protect the city from shelling by the Confederate Army during their attempt to recapture Knoxville, is one of the best known landmarks in South Knoxville.

The fort was named for its first commander, U.S.

Army Captain Jonathan C. Dickerson of the 112th Illinois Volunteer Mounted Infantry. A 30-year-old carpenter, he played a significant role in Knoxville during the siege of the city in 1863. The fort is one of 16 earthen forts and battery positions that protected Knoxville during the war.

The city is also planning to use \$275,000 to

fund improved access to the quarry lake and overlook there and is asking citizens to speak up on entrance and park improvements and also provide updates on management of the quarry lake later this spring.

The public meeting will be held at 5:30 Wednesday at Flenniken Landing at 115 Flenniken Avenue.

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