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Settlement agreement approved with injured Inskip principal

By Mike Steely
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A resolution on the agenda of the Knox County Commission passed recently to give some support to a special teacher but the subject wasn't discussed much publicly because of the nature of the matter.



Elisa Luna

"Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the Knox County Law Director to Negotiate Benefits Comparable to Worker's Compensation," was the agenda item requested by the school system. No further explanation was on the announced agenda that passed as a "consent" item without public discussion.

"WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 6, 2016, the Knox County Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the Knox County Law Director to negotiate benefits on its behalf with Elisa C. Luna pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-5-714" the sub language of the resolution says.

The resolution from Knox County

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RTI2 Comes to KCS High Schools

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Knox County high school students returned to school this fall to find their schedule has been revised to accommodate something called "RTI2." This year marks the final phase of the implementation of RTI, the education framework used across the country to identify students' academic needs early in their educational career.

In Tennessee, this framework is known as Response to Instruction and Intervention, or "RTI2." The key here is the two I's...Instruction and Intervention.

The Tennessee State Board of Education adopted RTI in 2013, and mandated that districts implement it beginning in the summer of 2014. Districts implemented RTI2 at the elementary school level in 2014-2015, followed by implementation in middle schools in 2015-2016, and high schools in the current 2016-2017 school year.

According to the RTI Action Network, the basis of RTI is supposed to be high-quality instruction and "universal screening" of all children in the general education classroom, through quick tests of specific skills.

Students who struggle to complete the tasks required in the screener are supposed to be provided with interventions at increasing levels of intensity, depending on their needs, in addition to receiving grade level instruction. If the student

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

An eyesore in Fountain City for much of the past two years, visitors to Fountain City Lake as well as passersby have enjoyed the beauty created by the lake's fountain in recent days.

Making a splash in Fountain City

By Steve Williams

It's amazing how much life the fountain brings to Fountain City Lake.

Turned off for most of the past two years as work has been going on in the lake, the fountain was turned on again a little over a week ago to the delight of many.

Samantha Baker, 2½ years old, was among those to see it Tuesday, Aug. 9.

"She was real excited when

she saw it," said her father Bryan Baker of Fountain City. "A 'waterfall' - that's what she called it."

Samantha soon turned her attention to the ducks and enjoyed feeding them.

"The fountain was turned back on last week as our contractor begins to wrap up their work on replacing the pump and much of the piping and infrastructure of the lake's filtration system," noted City

of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Director Joe Walsh via e-mail on Aug. 11.

"We are currently working on getting the best combination of aesthetically pleasing water flow from the fountain and enough flow to help keep the water in the lake moving around. Things are looking better, I think."

Randy Sharp and his family from Halls also were at the Fountain City Lake Tuesday

and doing some fishing, including his wife Rachel and stepsons Mason Bailey and Colton Bailey. Mason is a 7th grader at Halls Middle School and Colton is in the second grade at Halls Elementary School.

A public meeting on the Fountain City Lake project is scheduled for Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lions Club Building located at Fountain City Park, 5345 N. Broadway.

History Fair has a variety of events this Saturday



Tom and Sue Wright as Abe and Mary Lincoln will be at the East Tennessee History Fair Saturday in downtown Knoxville. They are pictured here from the event in 2014 with their grandson Kyle. (Photo courtesy of Tom Wright)

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This Saturday Knoxville will be alive with history as the area celebrates the East Tennessee History Fair. "Have a Blast with the Past" is the theme this year and Saturday's events range from a Dog Costume Contest to a celebration of Davy Crockett's Birthday.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and features historic reenactors from various times in the past, antique vendors, and more than forty historical and genealogical societies.

The East Tennessee History Museum, where the ongoing exhibit is "Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee," will not be charging admission for the day. There will also be a miniature of the 1761 Fort Loudoun battle by the Historic Gaming Club of Knoxville, a "Kid Stuff" Music Show and, at 2:15, a celebration of Crockett with Bilo Nelson.

Events outside the Museum

include the Historic Hound Dog Costume Contest at Krutch Park at 10:15, where celebrity judges will award prizes for the Best Costume and Most East Tennessee Spirit. WDVX will showcase live music at the Visitor's Center. The Friends of the Library will have a book sale in the park beginning at 10 a.m. and Mast General Store will sponsor a checkers competition. Games and crafts will also be held at the park.

At least ten authors will be present at the park offering their books including the faculty of the University of Tennessee History Department with several titles available.

Exhibitors include the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Loudoun State Historic Site, the Girl Scout Museum, Green McAdoo Cultural Center, the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable, the Knoxville History Project, Knoxville

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When are attorney's fees recoverable?

You've heard the phrase, "I want to be awarded attorney's fees," in regard to litigation. But what exactly does that mean and when does it apply?



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Generally, in the state of Tennessee, attorney's fees are not recoverable unless you have entered into a contract which states that they are recoverable. That means you are typically responsible for paying all legal fees, even if you win the court case.

What we are talking about is different from a personal injury or worker's

compensation case. Attorneys know and understand that their fee is getting paid to them at the conclusion of the case. And in those cases there isn't a separate "attorney's fee," award.

There is a lump sum award which the attorney takes a percentage of the total amount.

So, what types of situations might call for a contract to allow for attorney's fees to be recoverable? Here are a few:

- Property lease
- Business contract
- Credit card you have

signed up for (business or personal)

• Relationship with a doctor or dentist

In all of these contracts, there is typically an attorney's fee provision that states something to the effect of, "If litigation is required to enforce the terms of this agreement, attorney's fees and all reasonable and necessary costs are recoverable."

There are many more instances where attorney's fees might be included in a contract, but these are the most common.

How exactly does that work at a practical level?

If I want to sue someone I was in a contract with, a contract that includes a

provision for the recovery of attorney's fees, then I would need to hire an attorney to file the lawsuit.

That means I would have to pay the attorney's fees upfront in order to sue the person who has breached the contract.

If I win the case, I would then receive:

1. Whatever the judge awarded me for the breach of the contract, and
2. Reimbursement of the attorney's fees which I paid.

However, keep in mind that while your contract may say that you are entitled to attorney's fees, it is still up to the judge to decide whether he wants to award them to you or not.

If a judge believes that the amount of attorney's fees requested is unreasonably high, he may not award them.

If you are unclear if your contract includes the ability to recover attorney's fees, then you may want to seek your own counsel or ask questions of the other party. Don't sign a contract without being clear on what you may have to pay if someone sues to enforce the terms of the contract.

Are There Any Other Instances When Attorney's Fees Are Recoverable?

Yes, there are a few. If you sue under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, you may be able to recover attorney's fees.

In a divorce case, you can sometimes get attorney's fees awarded, but not very often. There just are not many instances in Tennessee law where they are recoverable under than those spelled out above.

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RTI2 Comes to KCS High Schools

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doesn't respond to the interventions, he or she is referred to special education.

So how does RTI2 work, and what does it mean for your child?

Jennifer Nagel, Knox County parent and educational advocate for children with dyslexia, provided the following explanation.

"Tennessee uses a three-tier RTI2 system. I want to stress that ALL students within public schools in TN are in RTI2. This is where the first "1" comes in to play: Instruction.

She adds that most students are in Tier 1, which would be considered general education classes. There is no intervention for students in Tier 1 - they may be involved in enrichment activities in grades K-8 or take additional elective classes in high school. Tier 2 is for the students who fall below the 25th percentile and Tier 3 is for the students who fall below the 10th percentile based on a universal screener and also other data, such as teacher input.

According to the RTI2 instruction manual provided by the state, RTI2 is the sole criteria by which a student may be identified as having a Specific Learning Disability (SLD) in the state of Tennessee as

of July 1, 2014.

Nagel explains, "RTI2 is used to determine whether a student has a SLD in Basic Reading Skills, Reading Comprehension, Reading Fluency, Mathematics Calculation, Mathematics Problem-Solving or Written Expression. (A few other areas may be added in the future, like behavioral concerns and listening comprehension)."

What should you, as a parent, know if your child is in Tier 2 or 3? First of all, according to Nagel, you should know that your child is indeed within one of those two tiers. A letter will be sent home, and you should also be receiving a progress report every 4.5 weeks. Accompanying the progress report should be your child's progress monitoring data.

Monitoring data is collected at different intervals, depending on whether the student is in Tier 2 or 3. This data collection does not take long - for example, in elementary school the reading assessments can last one minute, and the math assessments can take up to 10 minutes. The progress monitoring data charts can be difficult to understand at first, but, Nagel stresses, parents have every right to ask questions.

Nagel has concerns about the universal screener being used in

KCS elementary and middle schools, saying she doesn't believe the STAR Renaissance screener digs deep enough. It has no writing component, so does not test written expression, and isn't catching spelling deficiencies. Apparently, KCS agrees and is looking to replace STAR. Nagel said AIMSweb, which is being used in high schools and is more skills based, would be a better screening assessment for younger students as well.

Implementation of RTI2 in elementary schools across Knox County is fairly uniform, since most schools have similar schedules and set ups. Tier 2 lasts approximately 30 minutes and Tier 3 approximately 45 minutes each day.

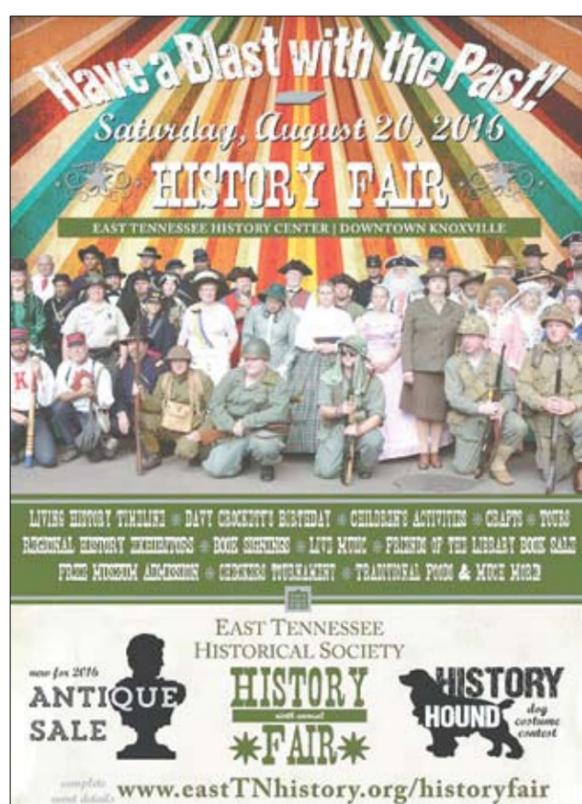
Middle and high school have more variability due to the different schedules used at different schools. For example, many high schools on block scheduling are utilizing a fifth "skinny" block of 45 minutes each day for RTI2, by reducing the four -90 minute blocks to 80 minutes each and reducing the amount of time between classes by several minutes. West High School's blocks 1, 3, and 4 meet every other day and last 90 minutes each. Block 2 is divided into two 45-minute "skinny" blocks to accommodate RTI2 and/or elective class(es) meeting every day.

It will be interesting

to see what impact the current RTI2 mandate (30 to 45 minutes per day in grades K-12), in addition to the newly passed physical activity requirements (225 minutes per week for grades K-1; 160 minutes per week for grades 2 -6; and 90 minutes per week from grades 8-12) has on the time available for actual classroom instruction and learning. Students in grades 9-12 lose about 18% of their core subject classroom instruction time to these mandates.

Nagel is coordinating with Kerry Crook, KCS RTI Program Facilitator, to schedule two parent information nights in September - one for elementary school and another for Middle/High school. She hopes to provide additional information about what RTI2 is and how and why Tennessee is using it, what the reports that should be coming home look like and how to read them, and what happens if your child is not making progress to "close the gap" within their assigned Tier.

In the meantime, Nagel highly recommends that parents ask your child's teacher, principal or school RTI2 representative any school-specific questions you may have. You can also contact her at jranagel@comcast.net



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Fires at 11:30 and Todd Steed and The Silent Stomp will perform at 2:30.

A Walking Tour will be led by Jack Neely, featuring "Old City, Irish Town and Cripple Creek." The History Fair also features a tour of the Duncan Law Library, the original city hall and former home of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and a vintage baseball game at Ramsey House Plantation.

The History Fair overlaps with the First Families of Tennessee celebration from August 19th through the 21st. The descendants of those pre-statehood settlers will have a reunion and jubilee with a genealogy conference.

Lisa Belleman, Director of Membership and Social Media for the East Tennessee Historical Society told The Focus that anyone wanting more information can go to the History Fair website at <http://www.easttnhistory.org/history-fair> but they are welcome to call 865-215-8824 or email ETHS at eths@eastTNhistory.org

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Publisher's Position

He's Gone — Let's move on



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The ballots in the recent election had barely been counted when the News Sentinel started giving the new Board of Education advice about how to pick the next superintendent. The Sentinel told the incoming Board members just what to look for in a new superintendent and even rehashed a little history.

The Sentinel didn't exactly get it right about the fact that seven of the nine members on the new Board are former teachers. When I was a member of the Board of Education, I was the ONLY member who was a businessman amongst a sea of

former school administrators. Never once do I recall the Sentinel editorializing about the need for occupational diversity on the Board back then. Eventually, the Board became so top heavy with former administrators that a friend of mine made the observation old school administrators don't go to either Heaven or Hell when they die; they get themselves elected to the Board of Education.

The Sentinel wrongly puts the past two election cycles in the context of a "teacher revolt," although they were correct that the former Board majority was wiped out due to former Superintendent Jim McIntyre. The teachers didn't elect any candidate to the Board; McIntyre, with the unflinching support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Knoxville News Sentinel, managed to turn the great majority of people in the community against him. It also turned the voting public against those members of the Board who were perceived as rubber stamps for McIntyre. If you've forgotten which candidates

those were, simply look in the archives and see who the Sentinel endorsed.

The Sentinel says McIntyre quit when it became evident he had lost his majority on the Board of Education, which is true. McIntyre blamed the "toxic atmosphere" surrounding his superintendency as being one of the reasons he was leaving, but what neither he (nor the Sentinel) ever acknowledged, was no one single person had more to do with creating that toxic atmosphere than McIntyre.

McIntyre quit about a month after seeking yet another four-year extension of his contract. McIntyre was mighty slow on the uptake, which was one of his many faults as a leader. In a weird analogy, the Sentinel attempted to excuse McIntyre's "slight" teaching experience by comparing him to David Cutcliff's lack of football playing experience. First of all, that's like comparing a cricket to a stallion. Secondly, even saying McIntyre had "slight" teaching experience is like saying

someone who looks at a lot of postcards is a world traveler. The Sentinel, which incidentally, opposed virtually every new member sitting on the Board of Education come September, is now telling those folks just what they need in a new superintendent. The Sentinel says we need someone with "vision and passion," both of which they attributed to Jim McIntyre. Basically, what the Sentinel is saying is the permanent superintendent ought to be Jim McIntyre 2.0. The Sentinel says we need a "top-notch administrator" (another trait they used to attribute to McIntyre), yet they failed to recognize McIntyre was a terrible administrator. One of McIntyre's chief failings was his tendency to rule like a tyrant. McIntyre's style was dictatorial, autocratic and imperial. That is one reason McIntyre never connected with the people, the teachers, or much of anyone outside Knoxville's wealthy elite establishment. Of course he got along with the establishment as he was handpicked by what

good ol' Georgianna Vines likes to call our "business community leaders."

The Sentinel ignores the fact since Jim McIntyre's departure, there has been a collective exhaling of breath. Buzz Thomas, has done a good job. Yet Thomas has had no difficulty in spotting those areas where the school system needed overhauling and is methodically making changes. I suppose the Sentinel would contend Buzz Thomas is merely expanding upon the good job done by McIntyre, which is a fantasy. Buzz Thomas has earned more good will for the Knox County School system in a month than Jim McIntyre did in eight years.

It seems to me the Sentinel is mighty free with its advice, especially considering it was entirely wrong about Jim McIntyre and I would remind readers the Sentinel died in the trenches with and for McIntyre. The fact is Jim McIntyre was not much of a leader and the only thing more preposterous is McIntyre running a leadership academy.

A superintendent needs to understand as many perspectives as possible, including those of teachers, students, parents, and **taxpayers**, a word you will rarely ever find in a Sentinel editorial when schools are mentioned. The new Board of Education doesn't need to be reminded it cannot represent solely teachers; any Board member who does not consider taxpayers, the folks who pay the freight, the children, the professional staff and the community ought to be replaced. If a Board member represents the teacher's union instead of the plain folks, he or she ought to be sent packing and likely will be in the next election.

Nor does the Sentinel need to remind the incoming Board members they will be held accountable, as that is precisely how they got there. Despite the Knoxville News Sentinel and the Chamber of Commerce, the voters held the McIntyre rubber stamps accountable and now they are gone and it is time to move on.

THE CHALK BOARD

Bits of News About Local Education

By Sally Absher
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Inskip Elementary Students Receive School Supplies

Enrichment Federal Credit Union's North Knoxville Branch delivered school supplies to Inskip Elementary School to make sure all students have the proper supplies for a productive and educational school year. This is the second year the credit union has assisted Inskip Elementary with supplies for students. With the help of EFCU members and the community the credit union was able to deliver 5 large boxes of supplies to the school.

Credit Unions were founded on the philosophy of "People Helping People", and this is just one small way that EFCU can reach out to our community and provide a small level of assistance. The employees at the North Knoxville Branch, located at 5201 Schubert Road, felt a need to help a school basically in their back yard.

"If we can provide one or two items to a child to ensure they have the proper supplies to assist in their education, then we have been able to assist the future of our community in a positive manner,"

said EFCU North Branch Manager Ellora Drinnen.

Tennessee Department of Education Announces Dyslexia Advisory Council

Last week Education Commissioner Candice McQueen unveiled a roster of education leaders and advocates to serve on the Dyslexia Advisory Council, a group designed to explore ways to screen students for characteristics of dyslexia and identify resources for teachers to support students with the characteristics of dyslexia.

The advisory council was established as part of the Say Dyslexia Bill, which was approved by the Tennessee General Assembly during the 2016 legislative session. In addition to establishing the Dyslexia Advisory Council, the law requires all students to be screened for the characteristics of dyslexia and provide appropriate interventions for students who are identified as having those characteristics. The bill also requires the Department to provide training on identifying and addressing dyslexia.

The advisory council will

include the following members:

- Theresa Nicholls, Director of School Psychology Services, Tennessee Department of Education
- Eileen Miller, Advocate, Decoding Dyslexia Tennessee
- Allison McAvoy, Special Education Teacher, Hamilton County Department of Education
- Melissa Miller-Benson, Elementary School Teacher, The Bodine School
- Mercedes Chartrand, Middle School Teacher, Clarksville-Montgomery County School System
- Briana Patrick, High School Teacher, Lauderdale County Schools
- Anna Thorsen, Parent
- Morgan Ashworth, Speech Language Pathologist, Loudon County School District

The council also includes three ex-officio members with expertise in dyslexia: Emily Dempster with the International Dyslexia Association; Erin Alexander, a school psychologist and assistant director for clinical services at the Tennessee Center for Dyslexia; and Susan Porter, a district lead coach of instruction with Metro Nashville Public Schools.

Area Student Scholarships Announced



Three Carter High School graduates (above) received this year's Andy Wilson Memorial Scholarship: Shelby Reynolds, daughter of Carrie and Jeremy Reynolds; Daylon Hurst, daughter of James and Angie Hurst; and Austin Harbin, son of Jeff and Kim Harbin. All three are freshmen at Carson Newman College this fall.

The scholarships are awarded each year to a male and female who have maintained a 3.0 grade point average and have participated in sports in

some capacity. Andy's family has already awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships since Andy's death. Andy was tragically killed in a car accident on January 26, 2008. He is the son of Becky Wilson and the late Roger Wilson and the grandson of Bill and Peggy Wilson.

Also, Seymour High School graduate Dailyn Davis (pictured below) received the Dolly Parton Scholarship in the amount of \$15,000 from Citizens National Bank and The

Dollywood Foundation.

Dailyn is the daughter of Dale and Kim Davis of Seymour. She will be attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to pursue her Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology.

"We congratulate Dailyn and wish her great success as she begins her college career at UT," says Chuck Godfrey, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of CNB's Seymour Branch located at 10225 Chapman Highway.



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County Commission

Tax Break for Pryor Brown Garage on County Agenda

By Mike Steely
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A \$2.7 million dollar tax increment financing (TIF) plan for the renovation of the old Pryor Brown Garage on Market and Clinch downtown is before the working session of the Knox County Commission tonight.

The skeleton of the former building is being considered for 30 residential apartments and retail store locations by developers Rick Dover and Kelly Conley and the TIF approval may be crucial for the deal to take place.

The garage was built in the early 1920s and said to be possibly the oldest parking garage in the nation. The

structure has been neglected and suffered a roof collapse. Owners of the facility requested demolition of the garage earlier but that was rejected.

Dover and Conley are planning to put more than \$9 million into renovating and converting the structure and Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons has assured the county commission that the TIF is necessary for the project to happen.

Dover is known for his renovation and use of several historic buildings in the area including current work at Old Knoxville High School and the Farragut Hotel downtown.

Since the garage is

located downtown and subject to both city and county taxes both jurisdictions are required to approve any tax break.

The commission may also discuss an agreement with Rural/Metro Corporation to continue funding fire safety positions, and adopting the Northwest Sector Plan.

Commissioner Dave Wright announced the commissioners will also honor the four members leaving that body: Sam McKenzie, Amy Broyles, Jeff Ownby and Mike Brown. He also plans to honor Tracy Sanger, Doug

Harris and Karen Carson who are leaving their seats at the Board of Education.

Cortney Piper may also be approved for appointment to the Visit Knoxville board and a yet-unnamed person may be named to complete the unfulfilled term of Jim Jennings as a member of the Sheriff's Office Merit System Council.

The group may also consider funding the county's part of resurfacing Corryton Road from Washington Pike to the county line, resurfacing East End Road from Thorngrove Pike to Asheville Highway, and Tipton Station Road from Martin Mill Pike to Chapman Highway.

A Homeland Security grant for William Cole, the District

2 Homeland Security Planner for 15 counties, may also be approved. The idea is to fund the program and enhance local and regional first responders to disasters and requires no matching local funds.

An agreement with Ijams Nature Center to provide education and outreach may be funded for about \$40,000.

Democrats to pick Armstrong replacement

By Mike Steely
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Knox County Democrats will assemble at their Morgan Street Headquarters on Thursday to select a ballot replacement for Rep. Joe Armstrong. Armstrong was convicted recently on tax evasion and, according to state law, cannot serve as the 16th District state legislator.

Party Chairman Cameron Brooks has called a meeting of the district's Board of Governors, made up of district Democratic Party officials and precinct captains. Brooks said a polling of those officials will take place at the 6 p.m. meeting and a candidate selected.

Whoever is selected as the Democrat candidate will face Independent Pete Drew on the November General Election ballot. The Republicans did not offer a primary candidate against Armstrong.

Several names have been suggested by district official including that of

City Councilman Daniel Brown, who confirmed the offer to The Focus last week. Brown served as mayor briefly when Mayor Bill Haslam was elected governor prior to Mayor Madeline Rogero's election.

Also mentioned is Rick Staples, active in the 100 Black Men of Knoxville and former candidate for county commission. Staples has also confirmed he has been contacted and is actively seeking the position.

Rep. Armstrong's wife, LaTonia, is also being mentioned as a possible candidate.

Other names may also come forth as supporters of these and other people are active in the upcoming selection. Whomever the Democrats name will apparently be elected in the heavily Democratic district that encompasses the downtown and nearby area.

Local Democrats have until September 29 to name a candidate.

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Schools to the Law Director says, "Whereas Elisa C. Luna sustained personal injury caused by a violent criminal act in the course of her employment with Knox County Schools and whereas the Knox County Board of Education does not have workers compensation coverage suitable to Mr. Luna's claim. Whereas T.C.A. 49-714 requires the Knox County Board of Education in certain specific instances to provide benefits comparable to a workers compensation program, upon injury from a violent criminal act."

"Whereas the Knox County Board of Education desires to authorize the Knox County Law Director to negotiate benefits on behalf of Elisa C. Luna," is the language of the resolution.

Ms. Luna is the former Inskip Elementary principal who was severely wounded by a fired teacher. She and assistant principal Amy Brace were shot in 2010 after a school teacher, Mark S. Foster, was fired and returned to the school to injure both of the administrators.

Both women are credited with pulling the failing school up to meet better standards. Luna is the daughter of former State Senator Jerry Cooper and Brace is the sister of David Brace, the former city's Deputy Director of Public Service.

Consider the months of recovery for Luna and Brace. Luna was in critical condition following the shooting. Brace survived her wounds and has served as principal of Lonsdale Elementary School. This year she was named principal of Sarah Moore Green Academy.

Recovery for Luna brought her to the point of being wheelchair bound but she returned to the school to resume her duties, recovering much better than expected. Luna had been honored as Principal of the Year and recognized for her successful efforts at Inskip.

In 2011 a state-wide award to outstanding principals was named for Mrs. Luna. That year both Luna and Brace received their Doctorate in Education in Leadership Services from the University of Tennessee. She later launched a fundraising campaign for the Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center.

Luna began with the school system as a special education teacher at Green Magnet School, worked as the curriculum Generalist at Sarah Moore Green Academy, Assistant Principal at Sarah Moore and served more than 9 years as Principal at Inskip Elementary.

In 2014 she was named Principal Support Specialist and Community Schools Liaison. She apparently continued to recover from her wounds, handling her duties from her wheelchair. Knox County Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas told The Focus last week that Mrs. Luna remained on the roll as a school system employee until June 30th.

The Knoxville Focus learned last week that a settlement has been reached with an agreement in Circuit Court. Mrs. Luna will receive a lump-sum settlement of \$76,100 and \$11,450 in past sick leave she had accumulated when she was injured. The school system will pay her \$693.65 per week until she reaches retirement age. The court agreement also specifies that the county school system will continue to pay for her future "reasonable" medical care expenses for the remainder of her life.

Law Director Bud Armstrong said that with the monthly payment, comparable to "workers compensation" that Mrs. Luna would also draw from Social Security Disability and her Tennessee Teacher's disability and that should be comparable to what she would be earning in salary were she to still be employed.

What is a Gaga Pit?

Among the 49 items on the Knox County Commission's work session agenda today are several school system requests. The school system's requests normally go through without any discussion and are voted on as "consent" items.

One of those school system requests reads: Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a request from Cedar Bluff Middle School to receive donated materials and labor from The Church of Knoxville with the approximate value of \$550 for the installation of a Gaga Pit at the paved outdoor area."

While the request will no doubt pass without a discussion there's little chance the commissioners really know what a Gaga Pit is.

So, what is a Gaga Pit?

Gaga Ball is a variant of dodgeball and uses only one ball. The game combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the object of being the last person standing. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands, and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the knee.

The game is played by a group of individual players or with teams, as well as in one-on-one matches.

The word "Gaga" comes from the Hebrew language meaning touch-touch. The game is played in a Gaga Pit and many children learn to play the game while in summer camps.

The pit is a structure with eight sides, low walls, and one or two entrances. Often the pits have a sand floor.





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Our Neighborhoods

Bow Wow in the Park

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If you've recently moved to Knoxville or if you just got your first dog you may be wondering where you can take it and let it play. If you're lucky enough to have a fenced back yard then you can at least let the animal loose there.

House animals need to be outdoors at least part of the time and that's especially true for dogs. They are curious and active beings that like to roam and venture. Even if you have a fenced yard you will learn that dogs also like to play with their owners and other dogs.

"No person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park or upon the property of another."

That's the law in Knoxville.

So, where is there in our area that permits active play and lets dogs run without a leash?

How about a public park with large, fenced-in open spaces for dogs and benches for owners? Interested?

Knox County have seven Dog Parks that feature the open spaces where your dog can run and water fountains and benches for you. Some even have separate areas for small and large breeds and all but one of these canine-friendly parks are within existing people parks except one.

Tommy Shumpert Dog Park is located in North Knoxville next to the Sterchi Hills subdivisions. The section of the large park reserved for dogs has two fenced sections. The large dog area has a mulched walking trail and a large pond with a dock where your dog can swim. The main park has a walking trail where you can walk your leashed dog and the trail connects with the Sterchi Hills Greenway.

Victor Ashe Park is located between Pleasant Ridge Road and Western Avenue. The park is just off Bradshaw Road. It features one acre with hardwood trees and your dog can enjoy ramps, tunnels and jumps there. On leash you and your pet can enjoy the 120 acres there along a 1.5 mile natural trail.

PetSafe Village Dog Park, Knoxville's first such park, is a one-acre space that is

on-leash but also has off-leash hours in the evenings when the park is staffed. The park has a natural pond, a full set of agility equipment, walking trails and picnic tables. The facility is located off Dutchtown Road, on Cogdill Road.

Concord Park has one of the newest dog parks in the area. The dog area has almost four acres and features a dock with access to the water plus a dog shower. Paved and natural surface walking areas invite you to bring your pet. The park is located behind the tennis courts by the Concord Mountain Bike Trails.

The PetSafe Charter Doyle Dog Park is located on West Millertown Pike off Chapman Highway. It has two areas for large and small dogs. There are also trails for on-leash walking.

The PetSafe Downtown Dog Park is primarily for downtown dog owners and their pets. It also has two sections for large or small dogs, water fountains for both you and your dog, and a variety of fun play stations. It is located at 200 South Central.

Holston River's Dog Park is located at 3300 Holston Hills and features a one-

acre dog area and two sections for the size of the dogs. You can leash your pet and enjoy a walk along the river as it winds its way along the park.

All the parks have dog waste stations and a courteous pet owner should always clean up after their pets. All of the Knoxville and Knox County Parks and Greenways are open to leashed dogs. The Tennessee Izaak Walton League has partnered with the parks to place the waste stations here and there as needed. You can sponsor a waste station by calling the League at (865)414-5590.

PetSafe is a subsidiary of Radio Systems Corporation off Cogdill Road at 1-427 PetSafe Way. The corporation is the largest manufacturer of electronic pet training products in the nation and has sales in 52 countries. They manufacture a variety of products including invisible fencing, pet drinking fountains, Premier Pet Products and Innotek training products. In Knoxville the corporation has partnered with the city, county, and other concerns to fund the dog parks.

PetSafe supports not



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Beth-Ann McDonald pauses at the entrance to the PetSafe Dog Park at Tommy Shumpert Park with her two year old daughter Callie Grace and Jaya, their mixed breed Lab. The new pet owner visits the park often and it's a great break for exercise and fitness for all three.

only dog parks but rescue missions, adoption services and many other efforts. Employees at PetSafe may bring their dogs to work with them. In 2011 Dog Fancy Magazine named Knoxville the "Dog Town USA City" for the Southeast.

Allied Services Unlimited provides solutions



Don Burke of Allied Services Unlimited.

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Don Burke is a man with a great sense for innovation and cutting edge technology. He has 40 years of diverse business experience, but the most significant times in his career were connected with his work in a biotechnological company dealing with hydrocarbons treatment. Recently he has started a new endeavor - a company, which is also connected with environmental protection.

Burke has never had professional education in the field of biotechnology and remediation, but has always been quick to learn and grasp the latest trends in technology. His business career started in Alaska. "Part of the success in business comes when you meet the right people at the right time," said Burke. His business thrill and entrepreneurial spirit have always helped him in his work.

In Anchorage he started a firm called Biotech Services Inc., which specialized in cleaning oil spills. Together with colleagues from Europe, he managed to bring to the United States bacteria, which were aimed at cleaning areas polluted with petroleum and was harmless to the environment. This technology made him known in the business.

The business career of Don Burke spreads from Alaska to California. Now he lives in Knoxville, where he moved in 1998. His entrepreneurial spirit always made him dream of new business projects. He started with a small tree cutting firm and was happy to help people in the neighborhood. However, after restoring his ties with a business partner from Europe, he decided to set up a company, Allied Services Unlimited.

Burke's company primarily deals with

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Working hard to please

I've become a millennial! It happened without my knowing what was happening. My reason for saying this is that I'm changing part time jobs again. After almost a year at Toyota of



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Knoxville, my body is aching from the walking on concrete all day long. If I could survive that one thing, no change would be necessary. My time at the place has certainly showed me that the service department employees work hard to please.

Nothing is any better than getting reacquainted with a best friend. Billy Hayes is the Director of Service at Toyota of Knoxville, and as I've discussed many times before, we coached our sons in baseball for years and developed a strong friendship through it. The best part of my job there was spending time with him as we laughed, fussed, and sometimes cussed.

I knew Billy was a good body shop business man. What I witnessed firsthand is that he simply has exceptional skills that make him one of the strongest business leaders around. He works to keep employees happy. He is a member of management, but Billy is never afraid to jump in to help porters, service advisers, or body shop technicians. On more than one occasion, he's rolled up his white shirt sleeves and fixed a vehicle problem.

I also learned that the folks who work in the service center are some of the hardest working individuals in any business. Service advisers spend much of their time

writing up orders and answering customers' questions and complaints. Oil techs and mechanics work tirelessly to provide services that please customers and to diagnose and fix

problems with vehicles. The mechanics attend classes to earn certification in multiple areas. A car owner can feel a bit more at ease that his or her car is under the care of someone who has the experience and skills to solve problems.

I worked as a porter, a fancy name for a car mover. My buddies and I began work around 7 a.m. and worked long hours. The job doesn't sound that difficult, does it? You're right...to a degree. However, porters move cars to different areas of the property for work, then they move them to the car wash, and then they bring them out for waiting customers. By the end of the day, a porter who works hard can walk as much as twelve miles without ever leaving the Toyota lot.

Another surprise concerned customers. Many are kind folks who are patient with the staff and find ways to occupy themselves as services are being completed. An astonishing number of customers arrive at the center in a bad mood, and that negative attitude grows while they wait. I've watched too many people verbally attack employees over prolonged waiting time, even though the vast majority of complainers didn't have appointments. Some irate individuals accuse workers

of stealing possessions in their cars and maintain those accusatory tones even after video proof contradicts their statements.

Dealerships are driven by surveys. Called CSI's (customer service index), these surveys are sent to folks who have visited the dealership for service. The kicker with these tools is that they aren't fair at all. If a person finishes his visit at the center, thinks he's received average service, and gives a score in the 70's or 80's, he has unwittingly assigned a failing score. Anything below a 90 is a terrible grade, and most of the time, an acceptable CSI score to management in the company is 100. Try to remember that the next time you grade a dealership's service department.

I know that mistakes happen when car services are provided. That comes when humans are working. However, a customer who loses his temper is making a bad situation worse. A better approach would be to talk with the service department manager and to come to some kind of understanding. Maybe a better solution would be for the customer to go to a different dealer.

All in all, I've gained a healthy respect for the folks who take care of cars. They work hard and try to provide excellent service. From now on, I'll be much more patient and understanding of what is going on at the places where I shop. As for the workers in the Toyota of Knoxville service center, I salute them and the work they do and say thanks for your kindness to me. I'll miss you guys.

City looks to regulate Short Term Rentals

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The City of Knoxville is floating plans to regulate short-term, Airbnb-type rentals of homes and began that effort Wednesday in a presentation before the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

The city administration had three representatives at the meeting and Bill Lyons, Deputy Mayor, opened the presentation by saying they want to include the neighborhoods in the process.

"They are operating here now," Lyons said of the short-term rentals, "completely outside regulations." He said the city is looking at regulating the rentals in a manner similar to the food truck regulations, in order to control where they might operate and what taxes, licenses and permits would be required.

He said the city is just in the beginning stages of getting public input to "come up with the best possible ordinance."

Short-term rentals would probably include renting of rooms in a house, the entire house, outside dwellings on a property and even garage apartments. Knoxville is seeing a growing number of this type of rentals as people come to the city for special and sporting events, conventions, etc. The cost to visitors for a few days of occupancy in private homes is often much less than renting a hotel or motel room.

Currently unregulated, there is no standard as to what can be rented or where the rentals can take place. There's also the loss of revenue to not only the commercial lodging facilities but to city tax coffers.

Christa Cuccaro of the City Law Department went through a PowerPoint presentation with the neighborhood representatives to illustrate possible ways to regulate the rentals. She said that the rentals to non-residents can also pose parking and public safety problems in neighborhoods. She also said the city

is looking to see how short-term rentals might affect affordable housing.

Cuccaro separated the short-term rentals from traditional Bed and Breakfast homes and Boarding Houses. She said that last year some 8,000 visitors stayed in short-term rentals in the city.

The city is looking to similar regulations adopted in other cities, including Nashville and Asheville, N.C., and may limit the Knoxville rentals to owner occupied residential homes, prohibiting commercial firms who rent several houses from the service.

She also said that the city may hire an employee to enforce whatever regulations are adopted by the city council. Another idea to regulate the housing might be an annual questionnaire required from those homeowners. The city is also looking to require insurance, a business license, a plan for parking at the rentals, and a special permit.

The short-term housing permit, Cuccaro suggested, might cost \$100 per year and then be reduced in following years. She also suggested that the rentals should be regulated in areas zoned strictly for residential housing.

The city plans several public hearings on the issue and a city council work session before the plans are adopted. The city is also proposing imposing the hotel-motel occupancy tax on the private home rentals.

Lyons, Cuccaro and Jesse Mayfield, Director of Communications, took several questions and comments during the meeting including comments that the \$100 fee might be too large or too small, how it could be enforced, how many occupants would be permitted in each rental, and one comment that residential neighborhoods should be banned from such rentals.

Commenting on the proposal to regulate the short-term rentals Lyons said, "The only other option is to ignore it."

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The Other "Boss"

Hilary Howse of Nashville

Pages from the Past



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When one thinks of bossism in Tennessee politics, Edward Hull Crump of Memphis leaps to mind. Much has been written about the Crump machine, but Hilary Howse of Nashville headed an equally potent and thriving political machine in Davidson County.

There are numerous similarities between the two urban political machines.

Like Crump, Howse was colorful and larger than life; but unlike Crump, Howse did not prefer working behind the scenes. Howse was Mayor of Nashville from 1909 until 1915. Driven from office in 1915 when the business establishment exerted control over Nashville's city government, Hilary Howse bided his time. He intended to wage a successful comeback and expand his political machine.

Born in 1866 near Murfreesboro, Howse moved to Nashville in 1884 and by the turn of the century owned a successful business in partnership with his brother Kai. Deeply interested in local politics, Hilary Howse climbed the ladder, winning election to the Davidson County Court and eventually the Tennessee State Senate.

Howse campaigned for mayor in 1909, promising quite openly that he would ignore state law requiring the closure of saloons. Not surprisingly, Howse was well funded by the liquor interests. Howse was hardly secretive about his views; according to Don Doyle of Vanderbilt University, the mayor, when asked if he protected saloons from the existing prohibition laws, loudly exclaimed, "Protect them? I do better than that. I patronize 'em."

Like Crump in Memphis, Hilary Howse understood the importance of black voters. Howse recognized a black vote counted every bit as much as a white vote at a time when it was considered heresy for Democratic politicians to seek the votes of African-Americans. Indeed, the Democratic primary was frequently considered the "white man's primary".

Howse actively courted black votes and when he sought reelection as mayor in 1911, he slated Solomon P. Harris to run with him. Harris was the first African-American to serve on Nashville's City Council since the early 1880s, according to Don Doyle.

Again, like the Memphis machine, Mayor Hilary Howse extended services to the black community, providing a park, a hospital, a library and schools for the African-American community. The Howse machine incorporated many of the poorer citizens and when someone was in need, the

machine responded with coal to keep homes warm. When families were hungry, the Howse machine delivered food. Those voters remembered Hilary Howse at election time and supported the mayor and his favored candidates.

The poll tax was designed to keep the illiterate, the poor and working class citizens from voting in elections. The "better" elements and businessmen felt that elections should be the private preserve of their own class. The poll tax would provide a more intelligent class of voter.

The urban machines run by E. H. Crump and Hilary Howse destroyed that notion by collecting large campaign chests and part of that money was used to pay the poll taxes of loyal, albeit poor, voters. Those same loyal followers were rewarded with favors and jobs.

Naturally, the business elite found Hilary Howse not only common, but also a genuine threat to what they perceived to be "good government". In 1913 they struck back, proposing a commission form of government, which was supposed to remove "politics" from local government. Much to their dismay, Hilary Howse won a third term as mayor that same year.

The business leaders tried another avenue to drive Howse out of office, pouncing on a financial scandal brought about by grafters inside the mayor's administration. Business leaders were also becoming increasingly alarmed by Nashville's burgeoning debt. To their collective horror, Mayor Howse proposed to increase that debt when he proposed a massive bond issue in 1915. The businessmen demanded Nashville's books be audited by an independent auditor, a notion the mayor resisted. Finally, having no choice, Howse agreed to allow an auditor to go over the city's books after the businessmen had agreed to pay all the costs of the audit.

As the auditor boarded a train headed toward Nashville, Mayor Howse reluctantly confessed some of the accounting records and ledgers were inexplicably missing. Some said Howse had sent the records to the bottom of the Cumberland River; others claimed the possibly incriminating record books had been incinerated. Whatever their eventual fate, they were most certainly missing.

Infuriated, businessmen demanded Howse be removed from office. The mayor adamantly insisted he was completely innocent of any wrongdoing. Still, the pressure and outcry by citizens caused Howse to



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Mayor Hilary Howse of Nashville.

surrender his office by the end of July of 1915.

Howse caused a sensation when he appeared at the judicial hearing for the ouster suit and demanded to be put on the witness stand. Howse freely admitted he had purchased liquor in supposedly dry Nashville, which positively shocked prosecutors. The admission should have been damaging, but it took the wind out of the sails of his opponents.

Fully in control of the city government, the business leaders reigned supreme until 1923. Even with politics supposedly removed from Nashville government, there was bitter factionalism and little real leadership. Voters grew restive and nobody was more aware of that fact than Hilary Howse.

Howse's absence from the mayor's office was well spent; he found the time to marry Jennie May Wheeler. For the rest of his life, Howse was prone to say, "The best thing I ever did in my life was when I got married."

Hilary Howse also took the time to reinvent himself politically.

Renouncing his drinking and carousing, Howse presented himself as a sober, serious leader fully capable of running the local government. His reputation was further burnished by the fact a grand jury looking into the case of the missing ledgers had exonerated him. He also campaigned as, of all things, a reformer, much to the fury of business leaders and the Chamber of Commerce.

In spite of determined opposition from business leaders and the Chamber of Commerce, Hilary Howse made a triumphant return as mayor in 1923. Howse would remake his machine and it would become stronger than ever. Howse would remain as mayor until he died in office.

Howse's political resurrection was aided by strong support from many newly enfranchised women voters

who liked the story of the former mayor's redemption, as well as his devotion to his wife. Women flocked to the polls in droves to cast their ballots for Hilary Howse in 1923.

Once again installed as mayor, Howse returned to his program of bigger government and expanding social services for the working class and the poor. And despite his claims of having reformed his own ways, Nashville was a booming place for businesses, legal and illegal. Gambling establishments operated without interference from local law enforcement and bootlegging abounded. The average voter cared less about the mayor's questionable personal and political morality than his progressive program of building hospitals, clearing out slums, and improving health care for citizens.

The tottering instability of local government during the reign of the Chamber of Commerce rule in Nashville all but evaporated when Hilary Howse returned to office. There was no lack of leadership and Nashville grew rapidly during the first several years of Howse's administration. Nashville grew in part due to Howse annexing some neighborhoods into the city; other, more wealthy suburbs he avoided for obvious political reasons. Hilary Howse did not propose to add more Chamber of Commerce adherents to the voter rolls.

Mayor Howse allied himself with the Crump machine in some statewide races.

When Governor Austin Peay distributed state money in the rural counties, with the urban counties bearing the brunt of the taxation, Howse objected loudly. Howse and Crump supported the gubernatorial candidacy of State Treasurer Hill McAlister against Governor Peay in 1926. McAlister fared well and ran strong in Tennessee's more urban areas, but Peay won heavy majorities in rural Tennessee, barely

surviving the challenge. Peay died the next year and was succeeded by Henry H. Horton, Speaker of the State Senate.

Horton continued many of Peay's policies, in spite of being himself a rural Tennessean. The power in the Horton administration was Luke Lea, former U. S. senator and publisher and owner of the Nashville Tennessean. Howse and Crump once again joined hands to support McAlister in 1928 when they unsuccessfully tried to dislodge Horton when he sought a term in his own right. Once again, the primary election was very close and McAlister won huge majorities in Davidson and Shelby Counties.

Unable to elect their man to the governorship, they grudgingly made an uneasy truce with the Horton administration following the 1928 election. Neither Mayor Howse nor E. H. Crump supported a candidate to oppose Henry Horton in 1930, but the governor was politically and personally destroyed with the failure of Caldwell and Company.

Caldwell and Company was the largest bank in the South and held almost \$7 million in deposits from the State of Tennessee. Rogers Caldwell was a personal friend and business partner of Colonel Luke Lea. Caldwell and Company was considered "too big to fail" and when it closed its doors just after the 1930 general election, the impact was devastating and instantaneous. It caused other banks in Tennessee to fail, frightened depositors who hurried to withdraw their own savings and further imperiled the stability of many more banks.

The urban machines roared back to life; Crump and Mayor Howse called for and supported the impeachment of Governor Horton. The governor was beset with troubles on all sides and only through the most brutal use of his office and powers was Henry

Horton to narrowly escape being impeached. Horton could have run for another term in 1932, but chose not to, realizing he could not be nominated again. Luke Lea's publishing empire came crumbling down and he eventually found himself confined to a North Carolina penitentiary.

The Great Depression did not diminish the popularity of Mayor Hilary Howse. Howse avidly sought federal help for Nashville and Tennessee's senior U. S. senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, delivered results for Tennessee. During the first eighteen months of the New Deal, some \$300,000,000 poured into Tennessee. Howse continued his expansion of Nashville. It should come as no surprise Mayor Howse was a strong supporter of Senator McKellar.

Shortly before his death, Howse said in an interview, "There's nothing in the world in politics except to serve the people. The people will deal with you exactly as you deal with them. If you are honest and straight and clean and truthful with the people, they'll be honest and straight and clean and truthful with you."

Mayor Howse admitted he was well off financially, but was quick to point to his furniture business in downtown Nashville.

"No man can live in politics except to lose money by doing it," Howse opined. "I've made a lot of money since I've been here, but I couldn't have done what I've done unless I'd been in business."

The machine headed by Hilary Howse in Davidson County was formidable. Howse only lost one mayoral election in his long career and occupied the office for an astonishing twenty-one years. Unlike the Crump machine in Memphis, the Howse machine did not control every aspect of Davidson County's own politics, but it quite nearly did.

Hilary Howse began ailing before the New Year arrived in 1938. Seventy-one years old, Mayor Howse was taken to the hospital complaining about an aching stomach. His illness was publicly referred to as an "intestinal disorder," but Howse soon developed pneumonia. He died around noon on January 2, 1938.

The whiff of scandal and corruption was never far from Hilary Howse, but he remained highly popular with the people of Nashville.

Like the Crump machine in Memphis, the machine so carefully built by Hilary Howse did not long survive him.

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Suppose a county group was scheduled to meet, people showed up, but the group's members didn't? That's what happened Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the City-County Building.

The quarterly meeting of the Knox County Ethics Committee was on the county's website, on the CTV schedule, and on the electronic sign inside the building. But when the time came for the meeting, with four citizens present to speak to the members, no members or county officials showed up.

Some of the citizens wanted to speak about the new rules involving how an ethical violation complaint is processed. The rule change makes it a bit harder to have a complaint heard publically by the Ethics members. A complaint that comes to the

county involving unethical behavior of an official or county employee now goes to the Law Department for review. If the complaint is judged to have some merit it goes then to the Ethics Committee.

Once the Ethics Committee hears the issue in a public hearing a ruling can be made but that goes back to the Law Department for consideration.

David Buuck, Chief Deputy Law Director, told The Focus that the committee meeting was cancelled because there was nothing on the agenda. He apologized for not informing The Focus of the cancellation and said there have been no ethical complaints filed or considered during the past three months.

Michael Sullivan and his attorney, Van. R. Irion, were at the empty assembly room for the meeting

apparently to address the new complaint procedures. Sullivan has sued an animal control officer and the Knox County Sheriff's Office in federal court and Sullivan is charged with animal cruelty in local court.

Sullivan said he may address the County Commission's Work Session this evening on the issue. The new procedure says that any complaint filed that also involves litigation in court cannot be heard until the court case is resolved.

He also said that the Fraud Hotline has "kind of displaced" the Ethics Committee's role.

In the Sullivan case Buuck said the county was "hamstrung" and couldn't respond when only hearing "one side of the story."

Commissioner Mike Brown, a non-voting member of the Ethics Committee, is

leaving office and the new commission will be naming a commissioner to replace him. Other members of the Ethics Committee include people appointed by the Sheriff, the County Mayor, a Commission appointee, a liaison from the Sheriff's Department, and a mayor's liaison member.

The committee members currently are Barbara Chandler, Raj Patel, B. DeWitt Bursleson, Mae Killebrew-Mosley, Bob Barker, Gina Oster, Roy Kruse, Garrett Swartwood and Jonathan Cooper. Non-voting members include Capt. James Carson and Dean Rice.

All of the committee members serve overlapping terms and none of the terms expire this year. The next expiration of terms is in October of 2017.



Rosie's
World

My Cats

Traditionally, historians tend to think ancient Egypt was the site of cat domestication, owing to the clear depictions of house cats in Egyptian paintings about 3600 years ago. However, in 2004, a grave excavated in Cyprus, contained the skeletons, laid close together, of both a human and a cat, estimated to be 9500 years old. Cats are revered by the Muslims. According to myth in many cultures, cats have multiple lives, mostly nine lives. The myth is attributed to the natural suppleness and swiftness cats exhibit to escape life-threatening situations.

And that's certainly true of my cats. I do not let them roam around outside, which they dearly love to do, so that when I open a door, their swiftness is astronomical, like a flash of light. But it doesn't happen often and when it does, I can tempt them inside with "cat treats."

When I first got them about three years ago I thought they were females. But I found out later they are one of each and brother and sister. Their personalities are as different as night and day. Miss Kitty is lovable, cuddly, and sits by my side wherever I sit. When I get up to go into another room, she goes right along with me. Mister Cat is very independent, not caring where I'm at or what I'm up to, as long as he's fed. Once in a great while he will jump on my lap and let me caress his cheeks and under his chin for a few minutes like he's doing me a big favor, not the other way around.

It is said that cats sleep seventeen hours a day. Well, it's no wonder—all they do is eat, play and sleep. The seven hours they're awake, they are busy grooming their lovely coats of fur. It is estimated that there are seventy-three breeds of cats in the world. I can only surmise how full Noah's Ark must have been if there were seventy-three breeds of males and females. Then again, seventy-three breeds probably were not known in his time.

Cats are very intelligent. My cats know the meaning of the word, "no" but "yes" is incomprehensible to them. They can't shake hands with their paws, or rollover, or do many tricks that dogs do. However, if one has a lot of patience and perseverance they can be taught some things.

I taught my cats not to come in my bedroom at night (if I did, they would keep me awake all night). I keep the bedroom door closed. Miss Kitty, however, will try to sneak into the room whenever she can. When they do manage to sneak in, it's cat treat time again. I buy cat toys for them which they will play with for a few days, then they'll ignore them and want new toys again.

I love my cats although I could do without the cat hair. They help keep my blood pressure down!

Thought for the day: "If one is going to live amicably with a cat, and if both parties are going to get the best out of the partnership, a good deal of patience and a certain amount of discipline is necessary on both sides." Philip Brown, from "The Cat That Came In From The Cold"

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It's No. 76 for The Knisleys!

They moved from Union County to Knox County in 1912 and joined Fairview Baptist Church in Corryton, Tennessee. The Knisley family began a long association



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with the church and community. Since that time, there have been children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren who have continuously attended Fairview Baptist. Today, the Knisley family numbers

into the thousands; and many live across the country far from East Tennessee.

It is a well-known tradition for the entire Knisley family to worship together at Fairview Baptist Church

during their annual family reunion, which has been held the second weekend in August for 76 years! Though the original Knisley siblings have passed on, the younger generations continue the reunions that

emphasize family, faith, food, and fun! The familiar fish fries have been modernized, according to Carroll Bales. "But we still have the iron kettles that were used for over 50 years," Carroll said.

Last year marked a milestone with the Knisley Family's 75th reunion at the Corryton Senior Center where over 200 families were represented! Deloris Bales shared that the service at Fairview was truly special with over four pews filled with the Knisley Family. Victory in Jesus, a beloved hymn and favorite

of many family members was sung in their honor. This year the tradition continued with a gathering for Reunion No. 76!!

What a wonderful way to celebrate another year of life—getting together on a beautiful summer evening with family, remembering those family members who have passed on, and attending church together on a Sunday morning. Those original family members would be so proud of the legacy they have left. Family reunions — they are truly the American way of life! (To be continued.)

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Football season kicks off with Jamboree

By Ken Lay
 Area high school football teams have had two long hot weeks of preseason camp in 2016.
 The hot weather stuck around Thursday night but camps officially came to an end Thursday night as eight area teams played the first night of the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic Kick-Off Classic at Hardin Valley Academy.
 The sultry night certainly didn't dampen the spirits of local fans as the four one-quarter games were played before a near-capacity crowd.
 "It's been a long camp," Hardin Valley coach Wes Jones said. "This was great for a lot of our kids because this was

their first time to play in that Friday night atmosphere."
 Austin-East head coach Jeff Phillips agreed despite seeing his squad manage just eight yards of total offense in a 0-0 tie against Gibbs (which had just 55 yards in 12 minutes).
 "Any time you get a chance to put on the game jerseys and walk through the halls; that's a good thing," said Phillips who will begin his fourth season as coach at his alma mater when the Roadrunners open their 2016 campaign at home Friday night against Scott. "It's good to get out here and play in a game."
 "It's been a long summer for all of us."
In other games: Central 7, Hardin Valley 7: Jones had to

like what he saw from the host Hawks Thursday night.
 HVA, which went 5-6 last season, darted to an early lead against the Bobcats when Gavin Greens threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Thomas Clay.
 For Jones and Greene, it was more than just a mere short scoring strike. Greene didn't get to play in the jamboree last season. He suffered a season-ending broken leg in a scrimmage just days before the 2015 event.
 "It's great to have him back," Jones said of Greene. "He's the one person that I wanted to go out on the field and give a hug [after the touchdown] because he got
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Austin-East wide receiver Kevin Andrews (13) battles for the ball with Gibbs High's Bryson Lane in Thursday's action at the KOC Kick-Off Classic at Hardin Valley Academy. The Roadrunners and Eagles both open the season this week and each squad made the playoffs in 2015. Photo by Dan Andrews.

TENNESSEE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2016

With player numbers up, Vikings eye Mason-Dixon title

By Steve Williams
 An increase of 10 players on its 2016 squad is the best preseason news for Tennessee School for the Deaf's football program.
 "We have 18 players on our roster now," said TSD head coach Barry Swafford through interpreter and assistant coach Jordan Cooper following last Wednesday's third practice day. "That's good."
 Now with a roster size that can easily work for the 8-man game, TSD has set its sights on winning another Mason-Dixon Conference championship.
 "We have four upperclassmen, including three seniors," added Swafford, who is beginning his fourth season as head coach. "More than half of our players are freshmen and 8th graders."
 The Vikings will start practice in full pads today (Aug. 15). They play their first game Saturday, Aug. 27, at Georgia School for the Deaf.
 Last season, due to a lack of players, TSD had to forfeit two games in 8-man football and finished with a 1-2 record, while it had a 2-2 record in 6-man football.
 Six players return from

last year's squad, with junior Marcus Jones heading the list. The 5-10, 160-pounder will play his first season at quarterback and free safety or linebacker on defense.
 "He's our franchise player right now," said Swafford. "His footwork is wonderful and his hips are awesome."
 "He's a complete player. He can lead the offense and read the defense."
 Other returnees are senior center and nose-man Clarence Cunningham, senior guard and defensive back Cornelius Johnson, sophomore tight end and linebacker Matthew Neely, sophomore running back/wide receiver and cornerback DeSean Freeman and sophomore tight end/running back and linebacker Jacob Johnson.
 "I also have a few prospects I think can help us a lot," said Swafford.
 Tristen Davidson is a freshman lineman with good size (5-10, 190) and a good frame. Lorenzo Currie is a swift eighth grade running back.
 "He's very fast," said Swafford. "We look forward to having him the next five years."
 The Vikings made a good first impression on their

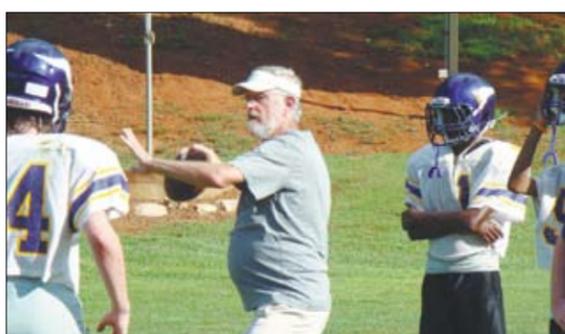


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Barry Swafford prepares to throw a pass against the TSD defense during practice last week. Swafford was a senior quarterback for the Vikings in the fall of 1970.

coach.
 "I found them to be very motivated and willing to learn," recalled Swafford. "They cooperate with each other and don't complain. They're very coachable."
 "I know we have very little experience. They need a lot of learning time. Each time we play we'll get better. I know we will."
 "They have a lot of athletic skills, but they're just very raw. They need polishing."
 "TSD always has been well known for speed, and that will carry us through this season."
 The Vikings won Mason-Dixon Conference titles in 2011, 2012 and 2014. They captured the national deaf championship for 8-man teams under former coach

Dick Henley in 2011 and were national deaf runners-up under Swafford's direction in 2014.
 Swafford expects Mississippi School for the Deaf to be his team's chief challenger for this season's Mason-Dixon title. Mississippi will be TSD's homecoming game opponent this season on Oct. 1.
 The Vikings are scheduled to play their first home game at Chambers Field against South Carolina School for the Deaf on Sept. 22.
 Ethan Swafford, former TSD quarterback (Class of 2013), has been assisting his dad as a volunteer coach and will continue in that role until he returns to Gallaudet University in about three weeks for his senior year.

King's Academy Returns Starters and Experience

By David Klein

KING'S ACADEMY 2016

The King's Academy Lions are coming off their first football playoff berth from 2015. The Division 2, Class A team returns eight starters on offense and five on defense. "It's a great problem to have," Head Coach Matt Lowe said.
 One key to the returning offensive starters, Lowe said, is returning four offensive linemen. Justin Adkins, Cody Blazer, Cole Lusby, Shawn Hamilton all return on the line. "That's a huge asset," Lowe said.
 "Most of us know what to do," Adkins said of the offensive line.
 Jake Weekly and Isaiah Jeffers return at wide receiver. In addition, junior quarterback Brandon Burgess returns. He has started every game of his career. "He's grown a little bit," Lowe said. "We're expecting big things out of him. He has the potential and ability to have a big year."
 Since training camp and fall practice began, the Lions' players have named four captains. Players selected senior defensive back and wide receiver Jeffers, Adkins, Burgess, and junior linebacker and tight

end Jonathan Atchley as captains. "The players are the ones who decide that stuff more than anything else," Lowe said.
 Jeffers has great play-making ability and has started on both sides of the ball since his freshman year. "He can play any position," Lowe said. "He's going to be counted on very heavily. Offensively, he's a guy that needs five to 10 touches a game. Defensively, he's a difference maker. For our team to have a lot of success, he needs to have a big year for us."
 King's Academy runs a spread offense. "We do a lot of three receiver sets, sometimes we run four receiver sets," Lowe explained. "We try to be as balanced as possible throwing and running."
 "Coach believes in running the ball to win, passing to score," Jeffers added.
 Senior running back Philip Sellers is also back and set the single season
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Next footstep for Josh Kerr is a season-opening challenge

By Steve Williams

Josh Kerr and Clinton High's football coaching staff have had the entire off-season to get ready for Thursday night's game against visiting Oak Ridge and Tee Higgins, one of the nation's top rated wide receivers. It's a scenario that's right down Kerr's alley, too.

"One piece of advice that my dad told me that I always remember and try to use is 'don't let them outwork you,'" said Josh via e-mail. "(The opponent) might be better in other areas, but they will not outwork us."

That priority produced winning results through the years for Larry Kerr, Josh's father. At the top of his list of accomplishments is coaching Halls to the Class AAA state championship in 1986. The upcoming season marks the 30-year anniversary of that title.

"There are so many things looking back that I take

away from watching him, playing for him and working for him," added Josh. "He's been a great role model for me growing up and also to work hard to try to become."

Larry Kerr became one of the winningest coaches in the area over the years, starting out at Lake City High (1975 to 1980), and then going to Halls (1981 to 1992) before returning to Anderson County, which consolidated Lake City and Norris high schools, where he coached the longest (1993 to 2008).

That's a total of 33 seasons and close to 250 wins, noted Josh Kerr.

"Another thing my dad was great at was understanding his players and how to motivate them," pointed out Josh. "He had a knack for getting the most out of his players and developing great relationships with them."

"He was hard on them,

demanding, but they knew he cared about them. That's one of the most important lessons he taught me in becoming a coach."

As he follows in his father's footsteps, Kerr is early in his career. He's entering his sixth season as head coach at Clinton. Prior to that, he directed the White County High program in Sparta for two seasons.

Josh was a youngster during the 1986 season when Halls beat Germantown 17-15 in the finals. At that time, Class AAA was one of only three classifications in Tennessee and the state's largest.

That same year Austin-East brought home the Class AA state crown after defeating Brentwood Academy 28-20.

Kerr was an offensive lineman for his dad at Anderson County. He went to Georgia to start his collegiate career and later transferred to ETSU.

CLINTON HIGH 2016

Kerr was 3-17 in his two years at White County. His record at Clinton is 17-35. The Dragons qualified for the playoffs out of Region 3-5A last season.

HEADLINERS: Week 1 attractions involving local teams on Friday night will include Karns at Bearden, The King's Academy at Seymour, Greeneville at Anderson County, Halls at Carter, Campbell County at Gibbs, Jefferson County at Grace Christian Academy, Maryville at Heritage, Hardin Valley at West, Powell at Farragut and Alcoa at Webb School.

A Saturday doubleheader at Burke-Toney Stadium in Morristown pits Catholic vs. Morristown West and Fulton vs. Morristown East.

Talented veterans look to make impact for Central

By Ken Lay

CENTRAL HIGH 2016

Bryson Rosser isn't quite sure what the 2016 season has in store for his Central High School Bobcats football team.

"I just want my guys to become more consistent," said Rosser, who will begin his third season with the Bobcats when they take the field Friday night at South-Doyle in the first of two consecutive road games to open the campaign. "We have solid leadership from our seniors. I don't know where we'll finish."

"But we want to send them off the best way we can. They've worked really hard and they deserve that."

After playing the Cherokees (who went 0-10 in 2015) the Bobcats face another tough road tilt when they travel to Jacksboro to tangle with one-time District 3-AAA rival Campbell County.

Central (which went 9-3 in 2015) finally comes home to Dan Y. Boring Stadium on Sept. 2. They will, however, face a tough test against defending Class 4A State Champion Catholic. The Irish will definitely be looking for revenge since Central won last year's showdown at Blaine Stadium.

Rosser speaks highly of his senior class in Fountain City but he adds that the Bobcats are strong and talented across the board.

"Our seniors played under another regime before I got here," he said. "But they respect me and they believe in me and what we're doing."

"We have a good group of juniors and we have some good sophomores and some good freshmen."

Central will look for strong play from both the offensive and defensive lines.

"Our strength will be our play on the line of scrimmage," Rosser said. "We've

got a lot of people returning up front, and we're bigger up front than we've been," Rosser said.

Senior Isaac Buell will be the anchor up front as he returns for his senior season.

Key returners include: Trey Mitchell (a senior quarterback who had 15 touchdown tosses in 2015); Buell (who will play both offense and defense); Jadarius Sackie (senior, running back/linebacker); Rondrow Peebles (senior, running back/linebacker); Jarod Richardson (senior, wide receiver/linebacker) and Xavier Washington (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back).

Teakok Stanley, a senior, will also provide depth at the running back position. Sophomore Ja'Kobi Troutman and junior Alex Hinton will look to emerge as a pair of top players up front in 2016.

Central won a playoff game in 2015 and has had some tough times. Last year's win total was the most since 2005 (when the Bobcats went 11-2). Last season also represented just the school's third winning season in 10 years.

Rosser has established a firm foundation as he looks to return a one-time powerhouse program to its glory days.

But things won't be easy as the Bobcats play in Region 2-4A, a league that features Fulton, which is now a football dynasty, and Catholic, which has recaptured its past glory under Coach Steve Matthews, who is a one-time NFL player.

Carter and Anderson County also boast two of the state's most competitive Class 4A programs.

HVA has higher gridiron expectations in 2016

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy will soon begin its eighth season playing varsity football and in their brief history, the Hawks have written quite a story.

Under Coach Wes Jones, Knox County's newest public high school football team won its first-ever varsity game. And after suffering nine consecutive games in 2008, the Hawks have made the playoffs five times over the next six years. HVA also played in a bowl game in 2013.

Hardin Valley, which went 5-6 in 2015, has won some big games. One win, however, continues to elude the Hawks.

They've never won a playoff game.

"That continues to be a goal and expectation for us," Jones said. "I think we were a little disappointed last year."

"I've told the kids that they just can't be happy just to get there [to the playoffs]."

Jones, the only coach in HVA's short football history, is looking for more in 2016.

"It's been a long camp," he said after his Hawks played Central to a 7-7 tie

at Thursday night's Knoxville Orthopaedic Kick-Off Classic Thursday night. "We've raised the expectations and we've really worked these kids hard."

"It was different this year. We've really put pressure on our kids and I've ridden them hard. Most of them in [the locker room] probably can't stand me right now, because I've been so hard on them."

Hardin Valley battled its share of adversity in 2015. And it all started about two weeks before the Hawks played their first game when quarterback Gavin Greene broke his leg in a scrimmage just days before his team's season opener. The Hawks were ravaged by injuries but still managed to win five games against a difficult Region 1-6A schedule

"[Class] 6A football is 6A football." Jones said. "If you ask [coach] Eddie Courtney at Farragut about the difference in 6A and 5A football, where he's at now, he'll tell you there's a difference."

"In 5A, you'll have at least one game where you play a team that you're more physical than. In 6A, every team you play is just as physical as you are or anybody else

is."

Camp has been a bit tough on the Hawks in 2016.

"We're a little nicked up and banged up right now, but I think we'll have everybody ready to go," Jones said. "I'm hoping that we can get those guys cleared [to practice] early in the week so we can get some work in with those guys."

Greene, now a senior, is back and he's slated to start Friday night when the Hawks travel to West High for the season opener for both schools Friday night.

He threw a touchdown pass against Central Thursday night in a 7-7 tie.

He looks to lead a potent and speedy attack full of fast skill players.

"One of our strengths is team speed and I think we have the fastest team that we've had at Hardin Valley," Jones said. "We also have some good running backs. These may be the best running backs that we've had and, you know, that we've had some good ones."

One area of concern for Jones and the Hawks is depth. This is especially the case on the offensive and defensive fronts.

"Depth is an area of

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concern for us this year at Hardin Valley because we play 6A football," Jones said. "We have to continue to build depth. We especially have to continue to build depth on the offensive line. We have a lot of those kids playing both ways."

Key players for the Hawks include: Greene, Braden Cloyd (senior, quarterback/defensive back); Thomas Clay (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Aaron Dykes (junior, running back/defensive back); Rook Landers (senior, wide receiver/linebacker); Tim Frizzell (senior, running back/linebacker); Andrew Foster (senior, kicker); Colton Burns (senior, running back/linebacker); Seth Leary (junior, running back/defensive back); Ellis Chapman (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Andrew Merritt (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) Elijah Jones (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman) and Jeremiah Russell (senior, running back/linebacker).

Football season kicks off with Jamboree

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hit on that touchdown and that was the first time that he's really been stuck since he got hurt last year.

"He got bumped a little before that, but that was the first time he really got stuck because we've literally not let him get hit."

Contact with Greene was off limits during preseason workouts after he had a long road back.

He's the projected starter when the Hawks travel to Marble City to play West High Friday night at Bill Wilson Field.

Also for the Hawks, senior running back Tim Frizzell rushed for 30 yards on two carries. Frizzell, who also plays linebacker for Hardin Valley, missed the final

three games last season after he sustained a concussion.

Central pulled even late when freshman backup quarterback Eli Sharp threw a scoring strike to Louis McNair.

The Bobcats, who won nine games last season, open next week at South-Doyle. The Cherokees endured a winless 2015 campaign after making a deep playoff run in 2014.

Carter 7, The King's Academy 7: Hornets quarterback Dakota Fawver threw a two-yard touchdown toss to Caleb Wolfe to give his squad the lead midway through the frame.

The Lions answered late when their field general, Brandon Burgess, lofted

a 70-yard scoring strike to Thomas Coleman.

Carter will host Halls Friday night while TKA will travel to face in-county foe Seymour. The Eagles went 7-4 and made the playoffs under Coach Jerry Cooper.

Anderson County 14, Powell 14: the Mavericks and panthers both featured potent aerial attacks in Thursday night's opener. ACHS sophomore Stanton Martin threw a pair of touchdown passes. He connected with Ryan Moog from 23 yards out.

Martin was 6-for-9 with 90 yards and he later connected with Thashad Thrasher on a 24-yard scoring strike for the Mavs, who host Greeneville this week. ACHS went 3-7 and missed

the playoffs last year

Powell quarterback Shawn Shrieve also threw two touchdown passes for the Panthers (1-9 in 2015), including a 9-yard toss to Nick Moore as time expired.

Shrieve also threw a 58-yard scoring strike to Brandon Smith.

The Panthers open their 2016 season against Farragut at Bill Clabo Field on Friday. The Admirals routed Powell 49-6 en route to going 10-2 and winning the Region 3-5A Championship last season.

The Kick-Off Classic continued with five games at West High Friday night. Results were not available at press time.

King's Academy Returns Starters and Experience

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King's Academy record for rushing yards last year with over 1100 yards. "For a small guy, he's a very strong guy. Has a lot of natural ability and speed," Lowe said.

Many of the Lions' players play both offense and defense. Jeffers said he likes playing defense more than offense. For him, defense is "flying around, making that play, giving the ball back to the offense."

Alongside Jeffers, defensive starters returning include defensive lineman Kyler Collins, Lusby at middle linebacker, Hamilton at defensive end, and Sellers in the secondary.

"Defensively, we're a 4-4 team (four linemen and four linebackers)," Lowe said. "You're always going to have certain packages. You're essentially putting eight people in the box. You're committed to stopping the run."

After two scrimmages, Lowe said the defensive front is doing a great job in defending the run. "We've got to be good at stopping the run and running the

ball," he emphasized.

The Mountain Lions play in Division 2A East/Middle No. 1. There are four other teams in their district which are Webb, Friendship Christian School, Donelson Christian Academy and Mount Juliet Christian. Four of five make the playoffs.

"Last year we went 5-5," Lowe said. "It was a lot of excitement. You want to see how many weeks you can add on to your season."

Jeffers said, "With all the experience and returning starters we have, it will definitely help us. Now we know what it's like to be in the playoffs."

Adkins said last year was a little overwhelming because it was the first time the Lions visited the playoffs.

However, this year, Adkins said, "I feel like with all the experience we gained last year and with all the coaches helping us out during the practices I feel like we have a very good chance this year."

The King's Academy opens its season August 19 at Seymour.

Gillum believes his quarterback can be 'one of the best'

By Steve Williams

Don't call him Stanton Football, but Anderson County High quarterback Stanton Martin is the "real deal," says head coach Davey Gillum.

"I think he's a Johnny Manziel without all the negatives on the field. Stanton's not going to run backwards 30 yards to make a play. He's not going to put our offense in bad positions.

"But I think he has the potential to be one of the best to play around here."

Martin, a 5-9, 175-pound sophomore, missed most of his freshman campaign because of injury. He stood out with a pair of touchdown passes against Powell in last

week's jamboree. The lights come on for real this Friday night.

"He's cerebral, has a great arm and he's accurate," said Gillum. "He can run too but we can't take the chance of him getting beat up. When he does run, he runs smart and knows how to protect himself."

The schedule ahead for Anderson County is again daunting, but Gillum believes if his Mavericks get through it they should be good enough to have a "puncher's chance" in the playoffs.

Last year AC didn't get to throw any haymakers. After a midseason win over county rival Clinton, the Mavs lost their last four

games, finished 3-7 and failed to qualify for postseason play for the first time in nine years.

"We've got to be a mentally tougher team than we have been and not fold if things don't go our way," said Gillum, a two-time all-state running back for AC in the mid-1990s and the school's head coach since 2009.

Anderson County returns 11 players who were starters at one time or another in 2015.

"We have a ton of skill players," said Gillum, "and 12 wide receivers that can all play. Our linemen have potential.

"As for the defense, we'll be playing kids both ways.

But the back end covers well and the front four can get to the football.

"We have to be dynamic and explosive on offense and we've got to create turnovers on defense," summed up Gillum.

In addition to Martin, AC has all-star candidates in sophomore DE-TE Ryan Moog, junior OL Thomas Roberts (6-3, 285), sophomore DL-OL Trey Noe (6-1, 235), junior RB Mason Phillips, senior WR Thyshad Thrasher and junior CB Dalton Wilson.

Top returnees also are Thrasher at cornerback, senior WR Everett Dews and sophomore WR Michael Carroll.

When the Mavericks run the football, look for Phillips to carry the load. He can be a workhorse. Last season at Clinton, Phillips rushed 43 times for 292 yards and five touchdowns to lead a dramatic comeback win.

Key defensive linemen include Roberts, senior Doug Stooksbury (5-10, 245) and senior K.C. Harber (5-10, 215).

Sophomore linebacker Marquise Gallahar also is being counted on and Gillum said senior Caleb Bethel is a "big weapon" as a kicker and punter.

Others expected to contribute significantly this fall include senior WR Riley Sexton, versatile junior Chris

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Powell and sophomore offensive lineman Blake Chapman (6-0, 220).

Also joining the team last week was Max Wahl, a junior WR-DB who is a foreign exchange student from Austria.

Anderson County will face a tough test right off the bat when it hosts Region 1-4A champion Greeneville. The Mavs' rugged four-game start also has road trips to Heritage and Oak Ridge sandwiched around a home game against Fulton.

Lady Bulldogs have some extra motivation in 2016

By Ken Lay

Many members of the Bearden High School girls soccer team were on hand in May when the boys claimed the Class AAA State Championship in Murfreesboro and coach Ryan Radcliffe (who coaches both teams) is hoping that the Lady Bulldogs will enter the 2016 campaign with a little extra motivation.

"A lot of the girls were there at the state tournament," said Radcliffe, who opens his third season at this alma mater and has won a state title as both a player and coach at Bearden. "They saw all of the excitement at those games and I think that will serve as a little extra motivational factor for the girls.

"The girls saw our [boys'] state championship shirts at school and they know that's there's another soccer team here."

The Lady Bulldogs, who

went 15-3-2 in 2015 and won the District 4-AAA regular-season championship (but failed to reach the Region 2-AAA Tournament when they were eliminated by Maryville in the district tournament semifinals), have won state titles in the past but it's been a while since Bearden won it all.

The Lady Bulldogs last hoisted a championship plaque in 2007.

But Radcliffe said that he has a formula for success and he watched last spring as his boys side executed that formula.

"With the boys, we talked about winning your district first and we talked about winning the region," Radcliffe said. "Then, you have to win that sub-state elimination game and then you get to state and you enjoy it.

"We've talked about that with the girls and the first thing you have to do is win

your district first. And our district is extremely competitive, especially with the girls. It doesn't matter if you're the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 or No. 4 seed. You can win the [district] tournament."

Bearden and Farragut were both eliminated in the district semis and both lost their final matches at home.

Hardin Valley Academy (No. 3) made it to the state tournament for the second consecutive season last year.

Bearden made it to the state sectionals in 2014 and they upset Maryville in the district semis only to see the Lady Rebels return the favor last season.

Bearden may have lost Casey Riemer to graduation but the Bulldogs have some young talent and some veteran players.

Key returners include: Taylor Frizen (a senior

forward and three-year starter); Clarity Voy (a senior who is one of the area's top defenders); Ashtyn Glover (junior, midfielder) and Emily Carlevato (sophomore, defender).

Radcliffe admits that Bearden will be young and small but he said that Frizen, who is one of the county's top athletes, has emerged as a leader and that Voy's toughness will be handy in the team's crucial district games.

"Taylor is just a freak of an athlete. She's one of the best athletes that I've ever had or been around," Radcliffe said. "Clarity will give us that force that we'll need against teams like Hardin Valley and Maryville."

The Lady Bulldogs will open their season at home against Maryville Tuesday night at Bruce Allender Field. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. in this key early-season league tilt.

Lady Spartans will continue to chase elusive state berth

By Ken Lay

Webb School of Knoxville's girls soccer team will begin its 2016 season today (Aug. 15) and the Lady Spartans will open with a tough match out of the gate when they invade the Farragut Soccer Stadium to tangle with the Lady Admirals.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Webb won 16 games last season and came up just short of making the Division II-A State Tournament last season for the second year in a row. The Lady Spartans have been successful in recent years but they haven't made it to the state tournament.

"We were 16-3-1 last year and that was the best record that we've ever had," Webb coach Sonny Trotter said. "Getting to state is always our goal and we're sure going to give it a try this year.

"We've made the final eight each of the last two years so we've been really close. I think we were a little closer last year than we were the year before."

The Lady Spartans will have to replace some players who graduated following the 2015 season but they do have some battle-tested veterans.

Top returners, according to Trotter, include: Lexi Reeves (senior, forward); Maya Reeves (senior, defender); Avery Catlett (sophomore, midfielder); Darby Bauman (a junior forward who led the Lady Spartans in scoring last season); Ellie Mamantov (senior, defender); Abby Bailey (senior, midfielder); Lauren Kentfield (senior, defender); Madalyn Mead (sophomore, goalkeeper); Reagan Taylor (sophomore, midfielder); Virginia Sances (sophomore, midfielder) and Kaitlin Ladha (junior, midfielder).

That talented crop of savvy players will be joined by newcomers and incoming freshmen Sarah Satterfield in the midfield and Julianna Everting on defense.

Trotter said that he expects Webb to score goals thanks to some experience forwards and midfielders.

The Lady Spartans, however, must play well together in order to make a deep postseason run according to their third-year head coach.

"We lost some people," Trotter said. "But I think we will be a pretty good goal scoring team and we'll have a decent center midfield.

"Our strengths will be our ability to score and our ability in the center midfield. We will have to learn how to play well together. We'll have to work well and continue to learn to play well together."

Tee Higgins picks Clemson over Vols

By Alex Norman

Most college football coaches love to talk about the importance of recruiting their home state, the whole "put up a wall around the borders" thing...

Tennessee head coach Butch Jones has made recruiting the Volunteer state a priority since he arrived in Knoxville in December of 2012. Getting players like Nashville's Derek Barnett, Hendersonville's Jalen Hurd, Gallatin's Josh Malone and Knoxville's Todd Kelly Jr. were huge gets from a program that needed players of that caliber desperately.

But it's getting tougher to keep the 4 and 5 star guys from looking elsewhere.

Tee Higgins, the top prospect in the Class of 2017 in Tennessee, is a 5-star recruit from nearby Oak Ridge High School. He was at one time a Vols commit, but he de-committed and back in July told Clemson had he would be a Tiger.

"The family feel they gave me just made you feel like family," said Higgins. "I really liked that so that is why I chose Clemson."

And while the perception

might be that Higgins would be stressed out about the decision to leave East Tennessee for a small town in South Carolina, it doesn't sound like Higgins was too worried about making this call regarding his future.

"A lot of Vol fans wanted me to commit to Tennessee but I felt no pressure," said Higgins. "Because it is my decision. It is just me and my Mom so..."

Higgins, who also considered Ole Miss, Ohio State and Florida State, won the Mr. Football Award in Class 5A for Backs last season. He caught 52 passes for 941 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2015.

He is currently listed as the 4th best wide receiver and the 20th best overall player in the nation.

"As a wide receiver he has all the tools. He really doesn't have a weakness," said Oak Ridge head coach Joe Gaddis. "He can run fast, he can jump, he has great hands... he's a good blocker, he's a great route runner... honestly he can score anytime he touches the ball. He doesn't have a downside. That's what makes him special. I think

he can be a special one at the next level and the level after that. He's that good and we are fortunate to have him right here with us right now."

Players like Barnett and Hurd were wooed to Tennessee in part with the understanding that early playing time was a strong possibility, and they each saw significant action as true freshmen. But now that Jones has built depth on the roster, it isn't as easy to use that as a recruiting tool. The price of recruiting success is that one of those advantages you had is now gone.

Tee Higgins knew that getting on the field at the next level will take effort at any of the top programs he was looking at, and he sounds ready for the challenge.

"Every freshman is going to have to go in and have to work," said Higgins. "You don't have a position automatically. I have a good work ethic so it isn't like I'm going in and have a starting position so I'm gonna have to work for it."

One other note concerning Higgins. He's not only

a standout at football, but he is one of the top high school basketball players in the state as well. However, once he gets to college, all of his athletic pursuits will be centered on football. And that should do nothing but help him going forward.

"It's gonna improve my game a lot because with me playing basketball I didn't have much time to get in the weight room and get big, so that's gonna improve a lot," said Higgins.

"The only weakness he has as a high school football player is that he is in football, then basketball, and then spring football. He misses the weight room," said Gaddis. "The one month he is in the weight room he works hard, but he will transform from a young man to a really well developed man here in a couple of years. He will get in weight room training table and he will go from 190 pounds to 220 pounds and all muscle and he'll get faster and be a different guy."



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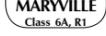
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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Probiotics

For thousands or millions of years - depending on your interpretation of science and scripture - mankind has had a symbiotic relationship with bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract or "gut." In fact, a depletion or eradication of bacteria with antibiotics often causes disease. An example is "antibiotic colitis" which results from an overgrowth of an organism called clostridium difficile. This bacterium is normally held in check because it must compete with billions of other bacteria in the gut, at least until these bacteria are depleted by antibiotics and the resistant clostridia species proliferates and releases toxins which produce diarrhea and colitis (inflamed colon). In a medical career spanning four decades I've attended a lot of medical conferences and lectures. However, the most memorable and entertaining medical lecture was given by a self-described

"flatologist." This gastroenterologist's specialty and area of research was colonic gas. Imagine a career spent collecting and analyzing gaseous emissions of the colon. I don't mean to be crass, but we all produce flatus, or as I was taught in grammar school, we all fart. And we've heard of people who are able to ignite the gas expelled from their lower regions. Methane is the principal component of natural gas which heats our homes and cooks our food more efficiently than electricity. Cows produce lots of methane from the vegetable matter they eat. The methane is then expelled in due course and is a major greenhouse gas. Some of us also expel flammable methane. I learned from the erudite professor that about 15% of humans produce methane which can be used by those so "gifted" at fraternity parties, though with the risk of fire and explosion! In fact,

one reason colon preps are ordered by your doctor is to prevent explosions which have occurred when electrocautery used to remove polyps ignites methane which remains without adequate purging. In humans methane is produced when certain strains of bacteria act on vegetable matter. It turns out that if you are among the 15% that possess the methane producing bacteria, your gut was colonized with that strain when you were a newborn infant and you received the colonizing strain from your mother - God love her! The "Gas Expert" further enlightened me with his research demonstrating that humans on an average pass gas seven to fifteen times per twenty four hours. Women dispute this research, but men use it as a defense when "indiscretions" occur. The flatologist's lecture concluded with a historical piece de resistance. It seems a "gifted" performer in the late 1800s at the Folies Bergere in Paris was able to control his expelled gas sufficiently to play the Marseillaise, the French National Anthem! I have not been able to corroborate this factoid, but a friend of mine maintains you should never spoil a good story with facts. We usually get along with the bacteria in our gut unless we become

"poisoned" with tainted or spoiled food. Thirty years later, I still remember the oyster that didn't quite taste right and led to a night of misery as I struggled to decide which way to address the toilet. Scientists know that we carry billions of bacteria in our guts, but now they are asking why we are so designed or have evolved to require foreign organisms in our colon for health. A recent article in the NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine) alluding to a relationship between gut bacteria and heart attacks caught my eye and raised the issue of symbiosis and "probiotics." In addition to antibiotics, the gut's bacterial ecology can be modified through dietary components known as PREbiotics which promote growth and metabolism of beneficial bacteria. You can also affect the fecal ecology by adding bacteria to the gut with agents known as PRObiotics. Lastly, as strange as it sounds, researchers have even isolated bacteria from the feces of others, and transplanted these into the colon of patients suffering from colitis to help restore a more balanced fecal flora and treat disease not responding to standard treatments! The science of certain dietary elements known as prebiotics is described

in the June 23rd New England Journal of Medicine. These nutrients (carnitine, choline and phosphatidylcholine) are processed by gut bacteria to produce TMA (trimethylamine). TMA has been shown to produce cholesterol rich cells in the walls of blood vessels which accumulate as plaque which can rupture. Oxidized TMA also makes platelets "sticky" and promotes clotting in a ruptured cholesterol plaque causing a heart attack. While these associations are intriguing, we are not ready to jump on this bandwagon and alter our diets! Probiotics are "microorganisms [having] beneficial properties for the host," and are increasingly being used as medicinal agents. Science has been able to demonstrate beneficial effects of probiotics in some conditions, most notably inflammatory bowel diseases like ulcerative colitis and Crohn's Disease. There is less good data to support the use of probiotics in irritable bowel syndrome and a host of other gastrointestinal conditions. There has even been experimental models showing benefits of probiotics and immune system recognition of cancer cells. The problem is that probiotics are diverse in formulation and as dietary supplements they are not regulated by the FDA. People often ask

me about yogurt to reconstitute normal bowel flora. Unfortunately, the bacteria in yogurt often don't survive the acidic stomach and are not therapeutically useful. Too often we take health for granted. The longer we live the more impressed am with the majesty, intricacy and the mystery of Creation. The materialist holds that if he can't experience something (see, touch, understand or measure) it doesn't exist in his world view. In my experience that is hubris (arrogant pride) and foolishness. The Apostle Paul, no shoddy philosopher, spoke to our imperfect understanding and vision in I Corinthians 13:12. How interesting that western science is increasingly embracing the concept that health is a balance (yin and yang?). We are learning that there is also balance in the gut involving bacteria, the protective lining of the intestinal tract and the underlying immune system's destruction or tolerance of foreign agents (bacteria). Yes, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made," sang the Psalmist 3000 years ago. It is still true today.

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KCHD seeking parental feedback on its in-school influenza vaccination program

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is asking parents for feedback on how best to proceed with its in-school flu vaccination program. The organization has decided, based on new evidence, to offer the injectable flu vaccine or flu shot instead of the nasal spray vaccine (FluMist). To gather feedback, KCHD is asking parents to complete a short, online survey available at knoxcounty.org/health by Friday, Aug. 19. The organization will use the feedback to design this year's program. "To keep vaccination rates high, we know we need to make getting the flu vaccination as easy as possible. For many parents, simply sending their child to school with a consent form is much more convenient than taking time off work and scheduling an appointment," said KCHD Clinical Services Director Dr. Kelly Cooper. "Changing the vaccine from a nasal spray to a shot, however, changes the game a bit. Many parents

may want to be present for a shot, for example. So we're exploring offering clinics before school, after school or on the weekends, but we want to make those decisions by partnering with parents." FluMist is an intranasal influenza vaccine that was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in children as young as 2. Previous data showed that the nasal spray and the injectable vaccine were equally effective. However, in June 2016, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a group of medical and public health experts on the use of vaccines who advise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), made a recommendation not to use the intranasal or nasal spray flu vaccine during the 2016-2017 flu season due to a decline in effectiveness over time. "It is important to remember this is **Continued on page 3**

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Join Hobo the Wonder Dog Saturday August 20, in The Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Hobo continues celebrating and promoting the National Park Service's centennial year with a short hike with Park Superintendent Cassius Cash. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park has limited trails available for hiking with Hobo and his four-legged friends. Join Hobo the Wonder Dog and join in the fun by taking a hike with Superintendent Cash. The Smoky Mountain National Park has challenged others to get out



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

and celebrate the Park with the Hike 100 Challenge. Hikers who complete the challenge will be awarded a commemorative Hike 100 pin and be recognized during a special ceremony with Superintendent Cash on December 6th. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get out and enjoy the Great Smoky Mountain National Park along a trail that will inspire you and encourage you to enjoy more of our national treasures. Hobo the Wonder Dog will hike with Superintendent Cash on August 20th

and learn how he and his four-legged friends can enjoy more of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Please remember, there are only two trails in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park available for you and your dog to enjoy together. In the coming weeks we will write about how to enjoy the Smoky Mountains with Fido with a list of do's and don'ts. For more information on the Hike 100 Challenge and to download a free Hike 100 log sheet please visit www.nps.gov/grsm. If you are interested in joining Hobo on this adventure please comment on Hobo's Facebook page Hobo the Wonder Dog. Life is better with a dog! Woof!

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and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust II who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin 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.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **12417 MARSHALL GROVE LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922**. 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 K. PARKER, MICHAEL R. PARKER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., Department of Justice (TN), Internal Revenue Service (TN), Montgomery Cove Homeowners Association, Regions Bank The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in Instrument Number 201301110045843. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF 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 November 30, 2012, and recorded as Instrument No. 201212040035953 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Harry H. Mabry Sr and wife Inez O. Mabry, ("Grantor") conveyed in trust to David A. 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 **September 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the City-County Building, outside the large assembly room, Knox County, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

Situate in District 6 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being part of Lot 25-R, Revised Property of C. H. Butcher, Jr., as shown by the map recorded in Map Book 83-S, pages 32 and 33, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an old iron rod in the South line of Copper Valley Road, a joint permanent easement, distant easterly 1,275.15 feet from the point of intersection with Highway 33; thence with the South line of Copper Valley Road North 67 degrees 21 minutes

East 227.33 feet to an old iron rod, corner to Lot 24; thence with the line of Lot 24 South 22 degrees 39 minutes East 969.05 feet to an old iron rod in the line of property of M. Jorgenson (1930/1228); thence with said line South 68 degrees 03 minutes West 227.35 feet to an old iron rod; thence North 22 degrees 39 minutes West 966.27 feet to the beginning, containing 5.0475 acres, as surveyed by Michael E. Luethke, R. L. S. #242, Luethke Surveying Company, 6538 Rintge Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37921, on September 29, 2003, Drawing Number 03120; being the same property conveyed to Delmer Lee Henderson and wife, Yong Suk Henderson on July 20, 1989, by the deed recorded in Deed Book 1998, page 1120, in the Register's Office for Knox County,

Tennessee; together with all appurtenant right, title and interest in the joint permanent easement for access and utility and drainage purposes shown on the map aforesaid subject, however, to the rights of others therein; subject to the Restrictions in Deed Book 1767, page 645, and to the 5' and 10' drainage and utility easements and the easement for construction of a water tank and access to tank on the rear 100 feet of the property as shown on the recorded map and the survey.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY conveyed to Henry H. Mabry, Sr., single by Quitclaim Deed form Inez O. Royston, formerly Inez O. Mabry, single, dated April 9, 2015, as recorded as Instrument No. 201504230057448 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.

Notice provided for the foreclosure sale of **9120 Copper Valley Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37938** by:

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

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 June 23, 2010, executed by ROBERT JEARL CRUMLEY and JR. Karen L. Crumley, conveying certain real property therein described to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded July 1, 2010, at Instrument Number 201007100000053;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Embrace Home Loans, Inc who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin 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, Rubin 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 **September 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE IN DEED INSTRUMENT 2008071804454 AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATE IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 16R-1 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 16 IN W.D. JONES THIRD SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 14, PAGE 36 AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF EDDIE R. GARRETT DATED APRIL 13, 1990, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTH LINE OF MYNATT ROAD DISTANT 612.02 FEET IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF MYNATT ROAD WITH RIFLE RANGE ROAD, SAID POINT ALSO BEING DISTANT 35 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF MYNATT ROAD; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT AND RUNNING WITH THE NEW NORTH LINE OF MYNATT ROAD, NORTH 29 DEG. 44 MIN. 32 SEC. WEST, 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH LOT 17, NORTH 56 DEG. 50 MIN. EAST, 109.62 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO PROPERTY OF GARY L. HUNLEY, ET UX. OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2012, PAGE 152 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE; THENCE WITH THE SAID GARY L. HUNLEY PROPERTY, SOUTH 30 DEG. 38 MIN. 24 SEC. EAST, 87.91 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHWEST LINE OF A TWELVE FOOT JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT; THENCE WITH SAID JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT, SOUTH 56 DEG. 50 MIN. WEST, 111 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THERE IS ALSO CONVEYED HERewith AN EASEMENT TWELVE FEET IN WIDTH ADJOINING THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT, SAID JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN DEED BOOK 864, PAGE 285 AND IS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM MYNATT ROAD AND THE INSTALLATION OF NECESSARY UTILITIES, SUBJECT TO AN EXISTING SANITARY SEWER. LINE CONVEYED TO KNOX COUNTY WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN THE TWELVE FOOT JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT HEREINABOVE REFERRED TO.

Parcel ID: 0480-A-037.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2252 MYNATT RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ROBERT JEARL CRUMLEY and JR, Karen L. Crumley

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 25, 2005, executed by WILLIAM EDWARD HOOPER, JANELLE TURNER, conveying certain real property therein described to EMMETT JAMES HOUSE OR BILL R. MCCLAUGHLIN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 29, 2005, at Instrument Number 200508290019042;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin 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, Rubin 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 **September 8, 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 THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE THIRTY-EIGHTH (38TH) WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 4 IN BLACK OAK CREST REVISED SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 16, PAGE 139, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE, AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR. SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 31, 1976. SAID PROPERTY BEARS THE STREET ADDRESS OF 5722 SANFORD ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

Parcel ID: 068D0C04
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5722 SANFORD RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): WILLIAM EDWARD HOOPER, JANELLE TURNER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CAPITAL ONE BANK, Tennessee Housing Development Agency 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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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **September 26, 2016 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL DOANE AND JENNIFER DOANE, to DOC MOR TITLE, Trustee, on October 3, 2011, as Instrument No. 201110200021450 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (2) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 16TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 295, FAIRMONT PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 82, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF TROTTER AND MCCLELLAN, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 17, 1989.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MORANDMAX PROPERTIES, INC. BY QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM SCOTT LUMPKIN, UNMARRIED AND AVERY MORGAN, UNMARRIED, AS JOINT TENANTS, DATED 2-19-09, RECORDED 2-20-09, INSTRUMENT NO. 200902200051895, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SCOTT LUMPKIN AND AVERY MORGAN AS JOINT TENANTS, BY CASH DEED FROM ALPHONSO JACKSON, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DATED APRIL 16, 2007 AND RECORDED INSTRUMENT NO. 200704230086497, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS PROPERTY IS NOT A MARITAL

RESIDENCE OF SCOTT LUMPKIN AND AVERY MORGAN AND AS SUCH IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY HOMESTEAD, DOWER OR OTHER MARITAL INTEREST AS CONTEMPLATED BY T.C.A. 260-2-307, OR OTHER SIMILAR STATUTE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES.

Tax ID: 069MD-018
Current Owner(s) of Property: MICHAEL DOANE AND JENNIFER DOANE
The street address of the above described property is believed to be **1924 SYDMOUR AVE., KNOXVILLE, TN 37917**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE
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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead 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.

THIS IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$20,427.76 as Instrument No. 201412300035377 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 567-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time.

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IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID.

What are you worshipping?

When we think of idols, we picture statues from ancient cultures and religions.

We often think of natural objects like trees or rocks, or something carved to represent the object that is being worshipped. If I were to ask if you practiced idolatry today, you likely



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

would say, "Are you kidding? I don't worship any idol nor do I know someone who worships an idol."

God said, "So do not corrupt yourselves by making an idol in any form—whether of a man or a woman, an animal on the ground, a bird in the sky, a small animal that scurries

along the ground, or a fish in the deepest sea. And when you look up into the sky and see the sun, moon, and stars—all the forces of heaven—don't be seduced into worshipping them" (Deut. 4:16-19).

God speaks these words through Moses when the children of Israel are about to enter into the Promised Land. They would be tempted with worshipping the idols of the Canaanites, much like they were tempted to worship the various idols of Egypt when they were enslaved.

Idolatry is a major issue in the Bible. In fact, more than fifty books are aimed at this

issue. In all of Judaism, it was one of only four sins in which the death penalty was attached.

When we read this passage today, these things seem silly to us because they have no bearing on the world we live in. Or do they?

An idol is anything that battles for a place of control in our lives. Idolatry is taking anything and making it more important than it should be. A.B. Simpson said, "As long as you want anything very much, especially more than you want God, it is an idol." What if idols take forms that are so ordinary that we don't recognize them as gods at all? What if we do our "kneeling" and our "bowing" with our checkbooks, our calendars, or our social media?

What is it that you need to make you happy? Many people think it is a relationship. For others it is having the right car or living in the right neighborhood. It could be an impressive job or title. It might be a certain amount

of money in the bank. This thing you wish and desire is likely taking the place of God in your life.

Are you possibly placing too much value on something that is not that important? Are we worshipping something besides God?

Is there anything worth more than having a growing passion for our loving God?

No, there is not. God said, "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them" (Exodus 20:3-5).

God wants to be first in our lives, above all else. So if there is something in your life that is pushing God out, remove it.

Once idols are torn down, you are ready for God to come into your life and you will develop a strong passion for Him. Fill your hungry soul up with God in worship (Psalm 107:9).

KCHD seeking parental feedback on its in-school influenza vaccination program

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only a recommendation regarding the nasal spray vaccine; the injectable flu vaccine or flu shot continues to demonstrate effectiveness in preventing flu," added Dr. Cooper. "Our decision to offer only the flu shot is based on this new evidence because we want to offer the most effective option."

For more than 10 years, KCHD has partnered with Knox County elementary and middle schools, private schools, Head Starts, and child care facilities to offer flu vaccination to eligible children in the school setting. On average, KCHD has vaccinated approximately 45 percent of Knox County's school-aged children each year. This program is a national model for community flu prevention. Importantly, evidence supports vaccinating children as a way to protect the entire community from influenza.

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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, IN RE: AVA MARIE THORNTON NO. 192031-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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

It is Ordered that said Defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joseph Della-Rodolfa, an attorney whose address is 120 Suburban Road, Ste. 203, Knoxville, TN 37923 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of July, 2016.
/s/HOWARD G. HOGAN
Clerk and Master

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **KIMBERLY RENEE GRUBB**
Docket Number 77927-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of

August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **KIMBERLY RENEE GRUBB**, who died May 8, 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 2nd day of August, 2016
Estate of **KIMBERLY RENEE GRUBB**
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **MARK ALLEN MCKINNEY**
Docket Number 77952-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **MARK ALLEN MCKINNEY**, who died Feb 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 4th day of August, 2016
Estate of **MARK ALLEN MCKINNEY**
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MATTHEW MCKINNEY, Co-Administrator
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Nashville, TN 37217

JESSICA L. MCKINNEY, Co-Administrator
904 Enclave Circle
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **GERALD OSTRO MCPHETRIDGE**
Docket Number 77955-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **GERALD OSTRO MCPHETRIDGE**, who died Dec 1, 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 3rd day of August, 2016
Estate of **GERALD OSTRO MCPHETRIDGE**
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **BRUCE E. WEBB, JR.**
Docket Number 77949-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **BRUCE E. WEBB, JR.**, who died May 4, 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 2nd day of August, 2016
Estate of **BRUCE E. WEBB, JR.**
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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PUBLISH: 8/15/2016 and 8/22/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of **THELMA JUANITA WOLFE**
Docket Number 77971-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of August, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of **THELMA JUANITA WOLFE**, who died Jun 26, 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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This 9th day of August, 2016
Estate of **THELMA JUANITA WOLFE**
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94
Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
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RFP 2431, Cultural Competency Training, due 08-31-16;
Bid 2432, Presort Mailing Services, due 08-30-16

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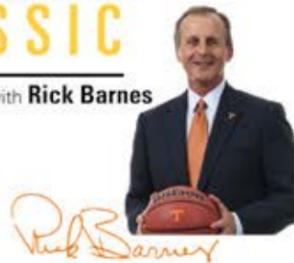
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