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Knox Whiskey Works hits a brick wall on request for larger sign

By Mike Steely
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Downtown businesses have historically used large painted signs on the sides of the buildings to advertise their buildings. In the past few weeks The Focus has been featuring some of those signs, some faded and some restored. Knox Whiskey Works on Jackson Avenue and Robin Easter wanted to emulate those large wall paintings but ran head-on into a wall of

resistance due to the city's new sign ordinances.

Easter, owner of Robin Easter Design, has her business on Jackson Avenue and came before the City Council Tuesday evening on an appeal of a Board of Zoning Appeals denial. She told the city council that the proposed 204-square foot sign was a "better fit" among the historic wall signs there and that being just up Jackson Avenue from Broadway the

sign would help attract Old City clients.

"The goal is to make it feel more like a design rather than an advertisement," she said.

The BZA has approved a smaller wall sign but Councilman Marshall Stair noted that the Downtown Review Board recommended the large sign. The Review Board is apparently looking at making recommendations to the city on signage.

Vice Mayor Duane Grieve said the larger painting "almost borders on a billboard" and noted the two years of preparation of the new sign ordinance and didn't want to make an exception. When Easter mentioned the existing wall paintings in Old City and Jackson Avenue, Grieve said those were "grandfathered in" under the new ordinance.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe asked if adding

whiskey barrels next to the smaller sign would be permitted and was told that it would not be permitted.

Councilman Nick Pavlis said that as the planning commission staff looks into the creation of entertainment districts within the city it should also look at sign ordinance exceptions with such areas.

After a discussion of the request Easter was given an option of having the request tabled until the

MPC can come back with research on developing an "Entertainment District" which could take a year or so. She opted for an up or down vote and said that when and if such a district is created the larger sign could be painted.

The council voted to deny the appeal and Easter left with permission to paint the smaller sign on the side of the building facing Broadway.

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School leaders brief community at rezoning forum



PHOTO BY LISA STARBUCK.

Knox County Schools Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas and Chief Operating Officer Russ Oaks held a public meeting last Tuesday at Gibbs Elementary School to get feedback on potential zoning changes.

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools hosted a rezoning meeting Tuesday night at Gibbs Elementary School to discuss the impact of two new middle schools.

Gibbs Middle School and Hardin Valley Middle are scheduled to open in 2018 and last week's meeting was held to get community input on possible zoning changes. It was the second of six scheduled meetings.

"We do not have a plan in place yet," said Knox County Schools interim superintendent Buzz Thomas. "We're trying to build the best school system in the south and we can't be the best school system in the south if we don't manage growth effectively."

"We will draft a proposal in February after all of the community meetings and we want to have something to take to the board of education in May," Thomas said.

A second round of rezoning meetings will be held in the spring after the board reviews the preliminary plan and before it votes on any changes.

"We'll come back in the spring with

a plan and present it to the community before the board makes a final decision," Knox County Schools controller Russ Oaks said.

People in the Gibbs Community are ready to welcome the new middle school.

"We're happy that a middle school is coming to Gibbs," said James Spears, a 1991 Gibbs High School graduate. "I was one of those who came here when Gibbs had a middle school wing. After I graduated, they took the middle school wing away and I feel like we are trying to heal wounds that are 25 years old. My wife and I and I have six kids. I will have kids in school until 2031 and I am glad they will be able to go to middle school in their own Community."

Other concerns expressed at the meeting included maintaining and enhancing all community schools as well as easing difficulties of students with special needs.

"What I hear loudly and clearly is that you want to have community schools and that you want to make things easier for students with special needs," Thomas said. "We will have a transition plan in place for those who have to transfer with special

"We're happy that a middle school is coming to Gibbs."



James Spears

needs. And we will give our best effort to keep our communities together."

"I appreciate you coming here tonight to participate in this discussion with civility. We all love our kids and I think we sent the right message to our kids tonight."

Future meetings will be held at South-Doyle Middle on January 10, Hardin Valley Elementary January 17, Holston Middle on January 24 and the final meeting will be at Vine Middle School on January 31. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and the school board has also set up an e-mail address to take public input.

Board of Education displeased with teacher evaluation system

By Pete Gawda

Policy changes and teacher evaluations dominated Wednesday's regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Education.

Board member Jennifer Owen continued in her quest to restore authority to the board that she claimed has been taken by the former superintendent. She advocated three board policies that she claimed would restore to the board authority that it had in 2008.

One of Owen's proposed policies would allow other board members to sit in on executive committee meetings but not take part in the meetings. "It allows us to observe what the executive committee is doing," Owen said.

Gloria Deathridge feared the policy change might cause problems because of gray areas.

"I think this is just a transparency issue," was the opinion of board member Tony Norman.

After some discussion the first reading of this policy change passed 7 to 1 with Deathridge voting "no."

The board then took up Owen's second proposed policy change which would require board members to approve any changes in the lines of authority made by the superintendent.

Board member Terry Hill questioned if the superintendent needed the board's permission to make changes in lines of authority. She seemed to feel that all that was necessary was for the superintendent to keep the board informed of his actions.

"Does the employer manage the superintendent or does the superintendent manage the employer?" was Owen's reply.

Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas spoke against the proposed policy change. He noted that there are 8,000 employees in Knox County Schools. "To notify the board and get approval would be difficult, if not impossible."

After some discussion the board voted 6 to 2 to delay action for 30 days in order to clarify language in the proposed policy changes. Board members Owen and Norman voted against the delay.

The next policy change proposed

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Should I let the police search my vehicle?

You've seen the dramatic car searches on the TV shows, and you might be wondering what you would do if you were asked to allow the police to search your vehicle without probable cause.



By **Jedidiah McKeehan**
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Or should you say no? You've done nothing wrong and they have no reason to search you.

Well, even if you have nothing to hide, I would strongly encourage you to say no. Remember,

they are doing this search for the sole reason of trying to find something that will give them a reason to arrest you.

You may feel like you have to say yes. We are, after all, raised to obey authority and respect police officers. But you do not have to allow them to search your

vehicle, even if you don't have anything in your car. It does not benefit you to allow them to look inside your ride. And you do not have to be rude in declining to let them search your car, simply tell them that you decline to let them search your vehicle.

Then the officer may ask you, "Well, why not? Are you hiding something?" You do not have to answer these questions. Even if you are not hiding anything, or have done nothing wrong, it is none of their business what is in your vehicle. Simply restate that you are declining to allow a search of your vehicle.

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no when they ask if they can search my vehicle, will they still search my vehicle anyway?"

Generally, if you say no, they are not able to conduct their search, however, there are exceptions to that rule. Tennessee state law requires that if you say no, they can still search your vehicle if they can get a police drug dog there within a short period of time, usually 10 - 15 minutes, and the dog must "hit" on the vehicle (typically an indication of drugs) before they can justify searching without permission. But they are not able to hold you for an unreasonable amount of time while they wait for

the dog to arrive.

I will warn you, the cops may not care about the rules and decide that they are going to hold you for an unreasonable amount of time, have a dog come and "hit" on drugs, and then arrest you, and forget having to have the dog there within a certain number of minutes. If this ends up happening, you will end up in jail for at least some period of time as well as charged with a crime, but you may have legal grounds for anything found as part of the search to be inadmissible in court because the search was done illegally.

Coming full circle back

to our original question, should you let the cops search your vehicle? No, there is absolutely no benefit to be had by agreeing to allow cops to search your vehicle. Politely decline their request, even if you have nothing to hide.

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THE CHALK BOARD

On December 16, 17, and 18th, the students in the Carter High School's musical theatre and stage tech classes will present the energetic musical *Catch Me If You Can*, a true story of a boy who runs away from home and becomes a master of deception. The show revolves around the relationship between con man Frank Abagnale, Jr. and the FBI Agent who is trying to catch him, Carl Hanratty.

Through his boyish charm and vivid imagination, Frank becomes a master con artist and forges over \$2.5 million in checks before turning 21. Frank poses as a pilot, doctor, and lawyer under multiple pseudonyms after growing up with a father who steadfastly believes in the ideology of "pinstripes are all that they see." As Hanratty works day and night to catch him, the chase begins to consume his life. Will Hanratty ever get the upper hand on this master con artist?

Come see the Carter High School students tell this exciting story on Friday, December 16th at 7:30, Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$7 for student admission, and will be sold at the door one hour before the show begins.

Children aged 4 and under are free!

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In other action the city council voted, on first reading, to dissolve the KAT advisory board and transfer its duties to the Knoxville Transit Authority. The council also honored the late Alex Harkness, who Pavlis described as "a great Knoxville" responsible for many building projects including restoring the L&N Depot.

The council also voted to amend the city codes to reflect rules for the new wheeled garbage and recycling containers, referred an ordinance back to MPC about zoning regulations updating parking regulations, and passed on first reading the closing of an alley for

Starboard Properties.

The redevelopment of the Sevier Heights Baptist Church at Wallace Drive was approved on first reading. Developer Tom Weiss is taking the complex of five former church buildings there with plans to create a brewery, entertainment center and residential space.

Councilman Pavlis praised Linda Rusk and the South Haven neighborhood for working with the developer to come to an agreement.

"It complements what's going on with the Baker Creek Preserve," Pavlis said, adding, "It's another outstanding project" for South Knoxville. The council also approved

rezoning a former bank location on Magnolia Avenue to use as an apartment complex mainly for use by Pellissippi College students. Owner Phillip Stevenson, a Pellissippi Student, sited the need for housing near the college.

The building is actually two interlinked former residential houses that has a business façade which Stevenson plans to alter to have a more "house" look. Three neighbors spoke against the project asking that the false front be totally removed so only the two houses are visible. Steven said that the façade is designed to hold up the roof and cannot be removed.

Councilman Daniel Brown said the former financial office location has been empty for at least 10 years. MPC Director Gerald Green said that, if approved, the project would need to come back to the planning commission for a public review.

A motion to postpone for two weeks failed in a 5-4 vote and approval, on first reading, passed with only Grieve voting "No." The matter will be back to the city for a second and final vote and Stevenson has promised to present a drawing of the proposed façade changes at that time.

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Publisher's Position King of the Courts



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Circuit Courts, the Civil Sessions Courts, and the Juvenile Court. Hammond has taken it into his head to snatch the Civil Sessions Courts. The word "civil" is mighty important in this context, as civil cases amount to disputes, unlike criminal proceedings. Criminal proceedings obviously involve prosecution for actual crimes. Unlike civil cases, these cases involve the District Attorney, the Public Defender, various law enforcement agencies and the like. That is very different from suing your neighbor for putting his fence on your property.

For those of us with long memories, we can recall that Shanks had both divisions of the Sessions Courts, criminal and civil. Then-Criminal Court Clerk Martha Phillips, one of the most able officeholders of our time, was having trouble generating fees in her office due to an action taken by the State of Tennessee. In its wisdom, the

Tennessee General Assembly enacted tort reform legislation that decimated Phillips' ability to collect fees. Knox County was generating more orders of protection in the Fourth Circuit Court than either Shelby or Davidson counties, quite a feat when one considers one out of four Tennesseans live in Shelby County. Most of these transactions fell under the provision of providing services for people who claimed to be indigent, meaning they could be charged nothing, not a red cent.

This was an excellent example of just precisely why many offices cannot be run like a business; as one former County Commissioner noted at the time, "What business ever had a 400% increase in the number of transactions, had to perform its work with exactly the same number of staff and couldn't charge a thing for it?" Shanks, an attorney, agreed to divide the Sessions Courts, and

supported consolidating Criminal Sessions with the Criminal Courts under Martha Phillips. That made perfect sense and was a rare example of a local officeholder working for the public good instead of personal aggrandizement and empire building.

Hammond apparently is a mighty busy fellow, with business interests outside his office. He still works with a local country music radio station and also books entertainment for various venues. Hammond must be a human dynamo tending to all those interests and holding down his day job. Yet as if all of these things are not enough for him to say grace over, he wants still more.

Once again, those of us with long memories recall Mike Hammond's service on the last Charter Commission. At the time, Hammond didn't even believe his own office should be elected; Hammond thought most every office

in the courthouse should be appointed. Approximately 74% of the people of Knox County vigorously disagreed, defeating the proposed amendment overwhelmingly. Evidently, Hammond changed his mind about the office being appointed and ran for it and won. Now he says he will approach the Knox County Legislative delegation to seek legislation to take over the remaining slice of the Civil Sessions Court.

Hammond has always been excellent at self-promotion and recently asked the County Commission to return some \$350,000 of money he "found" to be spent on technology. What many Commissioners did not seem to know was Hammond had \$600,000 in an account collected from fees that by state law can be spent on nothing but technology-related expenses. Either he intends to spend roughly \$1 million on technology, or simply

wanted some of the money back. Shanks, on the other hand, has scraped together \$167,000 and has been speeding along with technological improvements, all collected from fees without asking for a dime from the Commission.

Just why the Knox County Legislative delegation would want to get involved is anybody's guess, but it is quite probably very bad politics. If Mike Hammond so desperately wishes to be Clerk of the Civil Sessions Court, he can run for it in 2018, especially as Cathy Shanks has announced after twenty years of service, she's stepping aside. Hammond could run for Clerk of the Circuit, Civil Sessions and Juvenile Courts and allow someone else to run for Criminal Court Clerk. Instead, it appears Hammond wants to style himself as "Clerk of the Courts". This amounts to little more than an attempt to crown himself "King of the Courts."

Board of Education displeased with teacher evaluation system

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by Owen would require the board to approve any positions created or any changes in qualifications for positions made by the superintendent.

"Are we going to take over things we have directed the superintendent to do? Are we trying to take back responsibility for all 8,000 employees?" asked Deathridge.

Hill expressed the opinion that it should only be necessary for the superintendent to keep the board informed of new positions created.

"The real issue is how we view the superintendent," said board Chair Patti Lou Bounds. She felt the school board was elected to oversee the superintendent.

"These policies will put in place checks and balances," commented board member Susan Horn.

The first reading of this proposal passed 7 to 1 with Deathridge again voting "No"

Since these proposals are board policy changes, they must all pass a second reading before

they can be enacted.

The subject of teacher evaluation evoked public comment and a proposed resolution by a board member.

Three members of the public spoke citing flaws in the evaluation system. One of them, Steve Rodgers, a former band director for Knox County schools said he was penalized by an evaluator because his students did not do enough writing in marching band.

After these comments Norman proposed a resolution that Knoxville schools suspend the use of team evaluation scores for hiring, firing or adjusting the compensation of teachers. He explained that the supporting material used to derive those numbers could be used, but not the numbers themselves.

"We want a new system that recognizes the fallacy in this system," was the opinion of Horn.

After some changes in wording, the resolution passed 5 to 2 with Deathridge and Mike McMillan voting "No."

School board divided on teacher evaluations

By Pete Gawda

Passionate discussion of teacher evaluations and proposed changes in board policies marked Monday's work session of the Knox County Board of Education.

Jim Porter, graduation coach at Powell High School, reporting on the Teacher Advisory Committee, stated the committee will be examining the current teacher evaluation system and exploring options which must be approved by the state.

"The evaluation system is a disaster, it is a shameful disaster," board member Tony Norman asserted concerning the present teacher evaluation system which he called "fundamentally flawed." He went on to say, "It is certainly driving some of our good teachers from the system. My perspective is that it is extremely damaging." He claimed that the numbers from a flawed evaluation system can affect teacher employment. Norman advocated bringing all stakeholders together to come up with a plan acceptable to most teachers.

"We need a better system. We need to make some changes," agreed board member Amber Roundtree. However, she added, "I don't want the public to get the

impression that our teachers don't want to be evaluated."

A more moderate view than Norman's was held by board member Gloria Deathridge. She said the evaluation system did help by showing points of improvement. "It is not as shameful or bad as you have portrayed it to be. It's not perfect. If it's not meeting our needs let's make it better." Board member Mike McMillan expressed concern that some type of evaluation system was necessary. He advocated seeking an alternative system acceptable to all parties.

Board member Susan Horn lamented the way teaching has changed because of the evaluation system.

Dr. Rodney Russell, Director of Human Capital and coordinator for coming up with an evaluation system based on the Advisory Committee's recommendation, advocated a system that takes the emphasis off of numbers and on to growth.

In other business, board member Jennifer Owen defended her proposed changes to board policy that she feels would restore management authority to the school board. She wanted to return four board policies

to the way they had been before the last superintendent. The proposed change that received the most discussion would restore the right to the school board to approve lines of authority.

"They delegate away our authority to manage," she asserted.

"We don't have to micro-manage, we can delegate," countered Deathridge.

"We are tasked by law to manage and control," responded Owen.

"These are things that might stifle what we are trying to do," Deathridge stated. "We need to trust our administrator."

In his report Interim Superintendent Buzz Thomas announced changes in school principal positions. Shay Siler, currently principal at Carter Elementary School will be moved to Karns Elementary School. He will be replaced by Jessica Birdsong who is now principal at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School. Sandra Roach, currently elementary staff manager for the school system will replace Birdsong. These changes will be effective in January.

The interim superintendent went on to say that Teacher Week was held November 14 - 18. Principal for a Day was held November

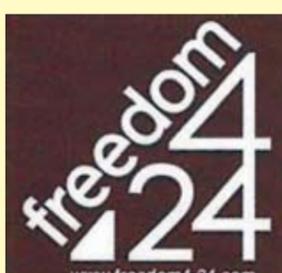
15 with 95 guest principals. Another rezoning meeting was to be held the following night at Gibbs Elementary School. Additional rezoning meetings will be held January 10 at South-Doyle Middle School, January 17 at Hardin Valley Elementary School, January 24 at Holston Middle School and January 31 at Vine Middle School. All meetings will be at 6 p.m.

Roundtree reported that a lot had been accomplished at the first Superintendent Search Committee meeting. An advertisement was drafted and would be sent out in print and online. She called this a pioneering effort since most school systems farm out their search for a superintendent. The deadline for receiving applications is January 13 and applications received will be reviewed at the committee's January 17 meeting.

In his report on the Teacher Advisory Committee Porter also said the committee was looking at funds allotted for textbooks and seeking ways to increase that funding. He also said teachers were evaluating summer programs to see which ones were most effective.

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Smart parking meters to be activated

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Moving people in and out of downtown Knoxville is the idea behind the city's new "smart" parking meters. The city announced last week that over the next few weeks people parking at the new parking meters will notice a change.

The 900 new meters have the convenience of accepting credit and debit cards or coins but your time at any parking space with a new meter is going to be limited to a total of two hours. The new meters are being activated to detect cars arriving and leaving the space. You'll get about five minutes of free time if you just need to run in and out of a business and five minutes beyond your paid time to leave. All of the new meters should be activated by Christmas Day.

Once you leave the space the parking meter will automatically reset for the next car. Meters will not accept payment from

the same person that's parked there beyond the two hour limit. Depending on the location of the smart meter some will only accept payment for one hour but most have two hour limits.

The new meters are there to ensure a steady turnover in short term parking and encourage longer term parking take place in the city garages, where the cost is \$1 per hour. Any vehicle parked in the garages beyond 7 p.m. are not charged and the driver may leave the garages without paying.

Parking is free downtown after 6 p.m. If you park before 6 p.m., pay the new meter, and the vehicle remains there overnight, at 8 a.m. the credit card or cash will not be accepted. The parking space will only be available after the overnight car leaves.

More information is available about parking in Knoxville at www.knoxville.tn.gov/parking.

Downtown Residents Parking Deal To End

The cost of one hour of parking on most downtown streets will be \$1.50 and city parking garages remain at \$1 per hour, but the deal on street parking that downtown residents have been getting will soon end.

In a resolution passed by City Council on first reading Tuesday evening downtown residential street parking permits will be repealed. About 60 residents currently get a break in certain residential zones and have been paying only \$125 per year. They also pay only one half of the monthly rate for garages and city parking lots and about 400 downtown residents currently take advantage of that policy.

The City is citing the resurgence of downtown development and past construction of garages since the original deal with downtown residents; the resolution says, "This program is no longer needed."

Rick Emmett, Downtown Coordinator, told The Focus that monthly permits for garages will be available and the rate could be \$50 to \$80 depending on the lot or garage. Downtown residents would apply at the Public Building Authority on Clinch Avenue for a monthly program and would be issued a card to be used when leaving the garage or lot.

Emmett said the best deal is at the Coliseum Parking Garage which is only \$15 per month and residents can catch the free trolley there. There's also free parking at different locations around the city including west Jackson Avenue between Gay Street and Broadway.

Committee hears rezoning proposals

By Pete Gawda

A discussion of rezoning was the highlight of the Tuesday meeting of the Farragut/Knox County Schools Education Relations Committee.

Farragut Alderman Louise Povlin addressed the committee concerning school rezoning. A proposed new Hardin Valley Middle School could affect students living in Farragut.

One of the committee members expressed a belief that students should face a smooth transition as they advance from one school to another.

The committee was also addressed by Mary Lin, a technology teacher at Farragut High School and a Farragut parent. She expressed hope that Farragut High School would soon have an electronic sign. She said that the school has 360 computers for 1800 students, a ratio she called terrible. She proposed a needs assessment for different classes to see what technological devices they would require. She also stated that there is no screen or projector in the Farragut High School auditorium. Lin also mentioned that the library needed to be updated with the latest technology.

The committee approved a letter to the Town of Farragut expressing thanks for the town's support of quality education as evidenced by the recent grant money presented to the principals of Farragut Primary School, Farragut Intermediate School, Farragut Middle School and Hardin Valley Academy. The letter was to be hand delivered at the next meeting of the board of aldermen.

A Veterans Home, Victim Advocate and Dog Park

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Funds from a Community Development Block Grant for a multi-family rental housing unit for homeless veterans may be discussed Monday when the Knox County Commission meets in a work session. The commissioners are being asked by Community Development to allocate \$800,000 for the acquisition, demolition and reconstruction of ten units at 3720 Middlebrook Pike in an agreement with Helen Ross McNabb Center.

The commission is also being asked to approve a Victim Advocate Services Contract and to approve an agreement with the City of Knoxville for a compliance officer for the Fourth Circuit Court. The \$21,248 would be added to the funding and the grant would help fund enforcement of the protection order program.

The Rules Committee is asking the commission to consider changing the handling of acceptance of new county roads and altering the language regarding applicant attendance

at rezoning requests and appeals. In one instance an applicant has failed to appear several times to address a request and the commission could change the language so that, on a third failure to appear, the application would be dismissed rather than carried on to the following month.

The commission may also consider closing a portion of Lovelace Road at Melton Hill Lake. About 1300 feet of the dead-end road would be closed to the public following a request from the residents living along the route because

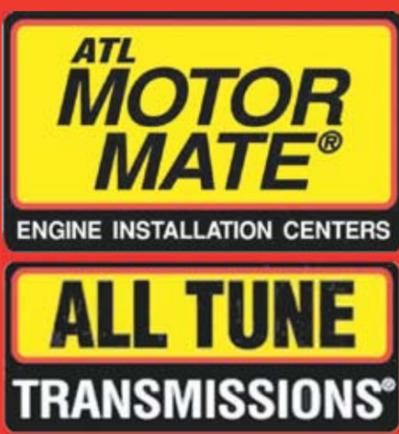
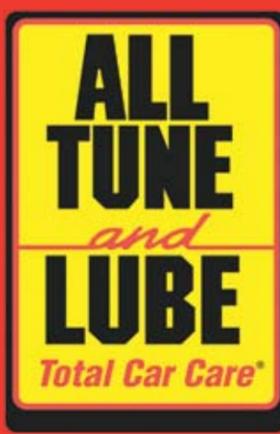
of criminal activity and disruptions there.

The acceptance of \$100,000 from PetSafe may be approved for the construction of a new dog park at Plumb Creek Park. The funding would be accepted through the Legacy Parks Foundation.

The commission may also learn which commissioner will be appointed to sit on the Arena Use Committee and New Harvest Park's Farmers Market may be granted \$1,000 from a state Agricultural Enhancement Program grant.

The county-elected commissioners will set the agenda, including the zoning changes, for their regular monthly meeting on December 19 and that meeting could consider 69 different items. Most of the items will probably be on the "consent" list and passed on one vote after a summary reading of the topics.

The commission's Audit Committee will meet at 2 p.m. prior to the work session today and hear reports from the external and internal auditors.



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Ijam's River Cleanup Ongoing

By Mike Steely
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You may have seen him as he slowly boated up and down both shores with buckets and bags in the boat and a long dip net. Who is that guy out in the boat on the Tennessee River and what's he doing?

Depending on the day the guy in the boat is probably Jake Hudson of Ijams Nature Center, patrolling the Tennessee River from Forks of the River to Sequoyah Park. The boat might also be operated by Lauren Parker, an AmeriCorps Volunteer.

"We're out four days a week," Hudson said. Having run the boat for the Isaac Walton League and then the Fort Loudon Lake Association, he jumped at the chance when he was asked if he would run it for Ijams. A city retiree Hudson said the boat belongs to the city and Ijams leases it for a dollar a year.

"We clean out the booms and the mouth of First, Second and Third Creeks," he explains. Organic matter

like leaves and twigs can be released back to the river but the other things Hudson or Parker find can be surprising.

"Plastic bottles and cans and often drug needles," he listed as examples. Occasionally they also find dead animals including cows.

"I found 13 syringe needles one day," Hudson told The Focus.

On one occasion Hudson found a dead human body.

The bottles, cans and other items are netted from the water and placed in garbage bags. Hudson said the bags are taken to under South Knoxville Bridge where the city picks it up for disposal.

When asked what he finds most of the time, he answered, "Styrofoam and plastic."

He said he also finds some glass objects and expects that to increase with the new city policy about not allowing glass in household trash.

"Recycling everything makes a big difference,"



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Jake Hudson patrols the river from Forks of the River to Sequoyah Park, cleaning up the water along the banks. It's part of the Ijams Nature Center's contact with the city, UT and KUB to keep debris out of the water.

Hudson said.

In his annual report on the Ijams Water Quality Service Contract Hudson reported that from June 2015 to June 2016, 748 land hours and 1126 water hours were spent working

on the "No Trash Zone." The effort was assisted by volunteers. More than 760 bags of trash, 310 logs and 60 miscellaneous large objects were recovered.

"The main areas of concern were Ned McWherter

Park, Volunteer Landing, the Vol Navy Docks, the KUB Water Intake, Kuwahee Boat Ramp, the Third Creek Bike Trail and the trash booms at First, Second and Third Creeks," he reported.

For a week in July Hudson advised the city on the clean up of homeless camps on Second Creek. In August he provided a safety boat for the Dragon Boat Races. Hudson and Parker manned the Water Quality Forum booth at the Home and Garden Show.

Back in April the Annual River Rescue, along with 634 volunteers, 55 tires, dozens of large objects and 1116 bags of debris were removed from the river.

Other events, including EarthFest, kept the pair busy.

Next time you look out over the river and see the little aluminum boat with the UT and Ijams Flag you might thank Jake Hudson and Lauren Parker for their devotion and efforts to keep the river cleaner.

You can contact Jake Hudson at Ijams Nature Center by calling (865)577-4717 or get more information online at www.ijams.org.

East Towne group looking to draw members

By Mike Steely
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Big plans are being proposed for the East Towne Business Alliance and becoming more involved in the local community depends on raising more funds through membership fees.

Mike Davis, president of the business group, is appealing to current, past and future members to get involved and pay a \$50 membership. Past meetings at New Harvest Park on Washington Pike have drawn crowds but most of those attending, even on a regular basis, are not members.

"We are planning on adopting some of our local schools to provide

teachers and students with gifts they need," he said, adding, "We are also planning an after-hours awards party to recognize outstanding members of our community."

Other possible involvement for the group could include working with a local church to adopt a family in need.

"We haven't done a good job of getting involved with our community," Davis told The Focus.

Last year the mall, which has suffered from neglect and dwindling shoppers, was sold to Knoxville Partners, LLC. with a promise to revitalize the center, even changing the name from "Knoxville Center"

back to the original "East Towne." New leadership was elected by the business group and a growing number of city and county officials and department representatives have been attending the monthly meetings.

Originally the East Towne group was organized with the hopes of getting the big box stores and other businesses inside and outside the mall to join. Some did but most did not. Over time the group has gone through a name change from "East Towne Business and Professional Association." The mall opened in 1984 and was, for several years, the shopping destination for East and North Knox

County as well as drawing shoppers from Jefferson, Sevier, and Hamblen Counties. Today more than 30% of the stores are vacant. The new owners have announced they are trying to buy the abandoned Dillard's Department Store there to repurpose it for a new tenant and have said that mall representatives are visiting other large retailers to lure them to the facility.

Davis is encouraging those who attend the meetings to renew or sign on as members and pay the \$50 annual dues with the idea of using the funds for those projects proposed by the group. The dues would

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Dolly Parton to perform in Smoky Mountains Rise telethon tomorrow

Dolly Parton and a number of her friends including Reba McEntire, Kenny Rogers and Alison Krauss are set to perform during Smoky Mountains Rise: A Benefit for the My People Fund 8 p.m. ET Tuesday, Dec. 13 on Great American Country.

The Telethon will also be aired via live streams on USAToday.com and the USA Today National Network; Tennessean.com; Knoxnews.com; Commercialappeal.com; Jacksonsun.com; Theleafchronicle.com; and Dnj.com.

The nationally-broadcast, three-hour telethon seeks to raise money for the Dollywood Foundation My People Fund, established by Parton, The Dollywood Company



Dolly Parton

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will remove the straw and put presents in and around the shoes. French is the main language in Haiti so Merry Christmas is "Joyeux Noel."

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I am going to include the customs of Germany and Ireland because both of my great-great grandparents immigrated from those countries, one from Dublin and the other from Berlin.

Christmas in Ireland is much the same way in England and the United States. For the Irish people, who are Catholics, Christmas lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of Epiphany on January 6th, which some Irish call "Little Christmas". There is an old tradition that in some Irish houses people put a tall, thick candle on the sill of the largest window after sunset on Christmas Eve.

The candle is left to burn all night and represents a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph.

Christmas food in Ireland includes a round cake, full of caraway seeds. One is traditionally made for each person in the house but now it's more common to have a Christmas Cake which is a rich fruit cake covered with marzipan and decorated with icing.

A big part of Christmas celebrations in Germany is Advent. Several different types of Advent calendars are used in German homes. As well as the traditional one made of card that are used in many countries, there are ones made out of a wreath of fir tree branches with 24 decorated boxes or bags hanging from it. Each box or bag has a little present in it. Another type is called a "Advent Kranz" and is a ring of fir branches that has four candles on it. This is like the Advent candles that are sometimes used in churches. One candle is lit at the beginning of each week in Advent.

Christmas trees are very

important in Germany. If there are young children in the house, the trees are usually secretly decorated by the mother of the family.

Christmas Eve is the main day when Germans exchange presents with their families.

There are many traditions in most of all the countries of the world and many are similar to our country. Whether they celebrate Christ's birthday is inconsequential but I rejoice that I live in a country that makes His birthday the reason for the season. Yes, we decorate, buy gifts, bake cookies and cakes, but the main thought is endeavoring to bring peace to mankind and to give thanks to the Babe who was born on Christmas morn.

Thought for the day: Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. Thomas S. Monson, current president of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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

East Towne group looking to draw members

Cont. from page 1 — cover one representative of a business, association, or other organization for one person to attend and take part in meetings.

Membership applications and renewal forms are available online and Davis is asking that the dues be paid at the January meeting or emailed to him at mike@mikedavisagency.com. More information is available from Davis by calling 865-637-8616 or 865-850-8140.

"For the past four years we've run on a shoestring budget and unable to make the community difference as we desired," he said.

"Other BPAs have very generous reserves in their bank accounts, which they use for scholarships, sports uniforms

for schools, community beautification projects, etc. Unfortunately we don't have the money to do these sort of things... yet!" Davis said.

The Business Alliance president said that the group is reaching out beyond the mall and seeking membership from the other business and professional organizations, groups, businesses in East and North Knoxville or even downtown. He said that the Knoxville Police Department would be exempt from dues because the department would be providing a service to the group by attending the meetings.

"I'm really excited and determined to take the ETBA to the next level and hope you are on board," Davis concluded.

Dolly Parton to perform in Smoky Mountains Rise telethon tomorrow

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and Parton's dinner theaters in the wake of recent wildfires in the entertainment icon's home area of Sevier County, Tennessee. Smoky Mountains Rise also will be simulcast across multiple radio chains, including iHeart Media's digital and select on-air platforms, Cumulus Media's NASH Nights LIVE, Tuneln's Country Roads channel, and several other platforms which

are set to be announced shortly. Additionally, other celebrities joining Smoky Mountains Rise will be announced in the coming days.

"My home in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee is some place special," Parton said. "Wildfires have affected many of the people—my people—who live in those beautiful mountains. We want to provide a hand up to those families

who have lost everything in the fires. I know it has been a trying time for my people and this assistance will help get them back on their feet."

The My People Fund will provide \$1,000 each month to Sevier County families whose homes are uninhabitable or were completely destroyed in the recent Smoky Mountain wildfires. Any family who lost their primary residence

(renters and homeowners) due to the wildfires in Sevier County will be eligible. A pre-application for those affected is available at dollywoodfoundation.org.

During the telethon, viewers will be asked to call 1-866-CARE MORE to donate to the My People Fund.

Anyone who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the

My People Fund may visit dollywoodfoundation.org. For those wishing to send donations via mail, those contributions should be sent to: My People Fund, c/o Dollywood Foundation, 111 Dollywood Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

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Senator Howard Baker PART TEN

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator Howard Baker had seen several election cycles diminish Republican gains in 1974 and 1976. Democrats were optimistic about continued success and Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Ned Ray McWherter was asked by President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale to run against the Minority Leader when Baker came up for reelection in 1978. In fact, there were rumors Carter had written McWherter, urging him to make the race.

McWherter did not seem to seriously consider the idea, especially as he had his eyes firmly set on becoming governor. When queried about a possible challenge from McWherter, Senator Baker replied, "I am certain Ned Ray McWherter can make up his own mind about whether to run without being cajoled by the President or vice president."

Baker pointedly added, "And I would remind the President and the vice president that the people of Tennessee have long resented outside intervention in Tennessee politics." For his part, McWherter privately described Baker as "the most popular, powerful politician in the state."

Carter was uneasy about Baker, who had indicated he might very well run against the President in 1980 and the Tennessean had been giving the chief executive a hard time in the Senate. As early as 1977, Jimmy Carter and his White House staff were certain Howard Baker would be the GOP nominee. Carter liked the idea of removing his competition by defeating Baker, or at the very least, forcing him to wage an expensive and bloody campaign against the popular House Speaker.

Jim Sasser, who had defeated Senator Bill Brock in 1976, confirmed he had been asked about the possibility of McWherter running against Senator Baker by Carter aide Hamilton Jordan. Still, Senator Sasser dismissed the idea of the White House recruiting candidates for the United States Senate.

Senator Baker had already begun to organize his reelection campaign and told reporters, "You should assume that I'll run for reelection for the Senate." Asked by a reporter about some fretting on the part of professional staff irritated by a fundraising letter sent out to raise money for the Tennessee Republican Party as he organized his own efforts, Baker replied, "Staff members usually get upset over letters. Nobody else much does." Senator Baker said his relations with President Jimmy Carter had been "cordial" and denied any responsibility for sinking the nomination of Ted Sorensen, a Kennedy family intimate, to serve as Director of the CIA. Baker claimed he had not gone to the trouble to solicit votes against Sorensen, but did tell President Carter

there was growing opposition to Sorensen's nomination inside the Senate.

It soon became clear Tennessee Democrats intended to do all they could to defeat Howard Baker. Secretary of State Gentry Crowell flatly said, "Howard Baker will have formidable Democratic opposition in November - - he can count on it." Crowell was considered a potential candidate himself, a fact he readily acknowledged. "I certainly haven't ruled it out at this point," the Secretary of State said. "Howard Baker is certainly vulnerable. He is beatable. He hasn't represented the people of Tennessee." Crowell went on to say, "I think I could do a better job than Howard Baker's doing. At least I'd stay home and tend to business. And if I decide to run against him, I'm going to beat him."

For all of Crowell's bluster, Democrats were having a difficult time finding a credible candidate willing to run against Senator Baker. Tennessee Democrats were also beginning to have problems of their own with the administration of Governor Ray Blanton mired in corruption. Republicans discounted Democratic chest thumping and believed with Baker heading the GOP ticket, there was a very good possibility of electing a Republican governor. Some political writers believed the Democrats were worried about Baker's popularity and hoped the senator would agree not to back a strong GOP contender for governor. If Tennessee Democrats were hoping Baker would only help himself, they were sorely disappointed.

By February of 1978 Democrats were still searching for a candidate while Senator Baker made campaign swings through Knoxville and the Tri-Cities, followed by a trip to Chattanooga. As Senator Baker was beginning his reelection campaign, he was helping to pass the Panama Canal Treaty in the United States Senate. Baker frankly admitted approving the treaty was a "minus" for him politically, but did not believe it would impair any bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1980.

Baker quickly set out to raise money for his reelection campaign and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger headlined an event at Opryland Hotel in March of 1978. More than five hundred Republicans paid \$250 each to hear Kissinger speak. Kissinger said, "There is enormous moral support to know there are men in Washington who go beyond self-interest to stand for the national interest, and Senator Baker has always been such a man." Henry Kissinger told the audience his support for Baker was only the second time in his life that he had campaigned for a candidate.

As Baker kept up his



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Senator Howard Baker and his wife, Joy Dirksen Baker.

appearances around Tennessee and raised money for his reelection bid, one Democrat began testing the waters to take on the veteran senator. Jane Eskind announced she was thinking of running for the United States Senate. "I don't know of any politician who isn't vulnerable somewhere, and I think Howard Baker is beatable this year," she said. Mrs. Eskind was the first Democrat to make a move to run against Senator Baker. Mrs. Eskind said she would begin traveling across the state to discuss her candidacy with party leaders. Eskind said she had been surprised when she received support for the Senate during a straw poll taken during a recent convention of Young Democrats. Mrs. Eskind noted any campaign would need strong financial support especially in "combatting Howard Baker's presidential fund." Eskind was also critical of Baker's vote on the Panama Canal Treaty, saying, "It is obvious that Baker and the citizens of Tennessee differ on the Panama Canal, and people feel that they weren't represented. I don't think Baker would have taken the posture he did if he hadn't been running for president."

After the disastrous elections of 1974 and 1976, Tennessee Republicans were expectant in 1978. Lamar Alexander was running once again for governor and with Senator Baker on the ticket, Republicans had reason to believe their fortunes would improve. That much was evident when Republicans gathered in Nashville for the annual Statesman's Dinner. Former senator Bill Brock, now Republican National Chairman, joined Senator Baker, Congressmen John Duncan, Jimmy Quillen, and Robin Beard as well as former governor Winfield Dunn. It was Governor Dunn who brought the enthusiastic crowd of eight hundred Republicans to howling laughter when he said, "I personally owe a great deal to Ray Blanton. He's made me look damn good."

In May of 1978, Senator Baker drew his first official challenger for reelection. Bill Bruce, a former state senator from Memphis, announced his candidacy in a series of press conferences across Tennessee. Baker would also have a challenge from the right when Tom Anderson, an ultra conservative publisher, also announced he would run as an Independent

in the fall election. Anderson had been affiliated with the 1968 presidential campaign of Alabama governor George Wallace and was the American party's vice presidential nominee in 1972 and its presidential nominee in 1976. Baker made his own announcement that he was running for reelection on May 21, 1978.

One week later another major political announcement came from the governor's mansion. Tennessee's Constitution had been amended and approved by the voters and Ray Blanton became the first governor eligible to seek a second consecutive four-year term. Claiming he knew he could be reelected, Governor Blanton declared he had decided to leave public life, which he confessed was a wrenching personal decision. Irrespective of what Ray Blanton said publicly, it is highly doubtful he believed he could win a second four-year term. The burgeoning scandal of his administration would undermine the candidacies of Tennessee Democrats in the fall.

As the filing deadline closed, nine Democrats filed qualifying petitions to oppose Senator Howard Baker for reelection. None was an especially strong candidate. Then came a bombshell when the Tennessee Election Commission refused to place Howard Baker's name on the Republican primary ballot. The two Democrats of the three member Election Commission said they believed Senator Baker's signature on his qualifying petition had been "forged." The lone Republican on the

Election Commission, James Harpster, hurriedly telephoned Senator Baker, who told him that he had personally signed the document "in front of a raft of people." Fred Thompson, then practicing law in Nashville, angrily said that "appropriate action will be taken" to ensure Howard Baker's name would be on the ballot. Eventually, Baker's name was placed on the ballot and the Baker campaign issued campaign buttons bearing his signature.

Jane Eskind emerged as the winner of the Democratic primary and immediately said she would invade traditionally Republican East Tennessee to unseat Senator Baker. "I will start campaigning in the morning in East Tennessee, at all the traditional campaign stops." Mrs. Eskind, wife of a wealthy stockbroker, was willing to invest family money in her campaign and declared, "For months I have been saying Howard Baker had lost touch with Tennesseans, and the voters have agreed with me." It was an odd statement for Eskind to make, as Baker has just won his own primary in a landslide. Two weeks after the primaries, Jane Eskind faced the first of several defections from party ranks when attorney Henry Hooker, brother of John Jay Hooker, announced he was supporting Senator Baker.

Governor Ray Blanton created yet another headache for Tennessee Democrats when he declared the polls were wrong in assessing President Jimmy Carter's dwindling popularity in Tennessee. The governor had been furious with White House staffers when he had been excluded from the

presidential limousine when President Carter had visited Tennessee earlier in the year. Blanton's rage was increased when he learned that senators Howard Baker and Jim Sasser accompanied Carter in the presidential limousine. Blanton said it was readily apparent Carter's staff was "inept." The governor, asked by reporters about Lamar Alexander campaign against his administration instead of opponent Jake Butcher brought a snort from Blanton. "Well, just let me give you an example on the positive side," Blanton sneered. "Bill Brock tried that, and I figure it will do him the same amount of good it did Bill Brock."

Howard Baker entered the general election as a popular senator, having a significant fundraising advantage over his challenger. Most of Eskind's campaign financing during the primary came from her own pocket; she secured a bank loan of \$250,000 and contributed \$100,000 to her senatorial campaign and spent \$369,000.

Much of the attention of the general election campaign was focused not on the senatorial race, as few people believed Jane Eskind could beat Howard Baker, but rather on the heated gubernatorial race between Lamar Alexander and Jake Butcher. Eskind tried touting a poll indicating Senator Baker's approval rating was 48%, with 46% of Tennesseans disapproving of his job performance. Baker calmly replied Mrs. Eskind's poll was "starkly at variance" with his own campaign's polling data. Senator Baker also benefitted from his post as Minority Leader and while not a member of the majority party in Congress, Jimmy Carter's popularity was sinking steadily.

Eskind tried to take advantage of Baker's support for the Panama Canal Treaty by saying had she been a senator, she would have voted against it. Ed Blank, a Democratic state senator from Columbia who was supporting Baker, caused a minor stir when he produced minutes from a meeting of the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee showing Eskind had made a motion to support the treaty. A somewhat embarrassed Mrs. Eskind dismissed her actions as a parliamentary maneuver and claimed she was out of the room when the resolution was adopted.

The fall campaign was nearly over and Tennesseans would decide whether to give Howard Baker a third term in the United States Senate.



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A Smoother Journey

The older I grow, the more I come to realize that life resembles a ride on the biggest roller coaster in existence, and it's a ride that travels much too fast for my taste. Those rides that make stomachs



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rise to throats and frazzle nerves aren't things I find particularly fun; more my style is a slow moving boat on a waterway that flows through an amusement park's grounds. Nevertheless, as long as folks take breath on this planet, they'll encounter the highs and lows that come with each day. The ways they handle those lows that come determine what kind of lives they will

we are unrealistic about life. Dreaming is not a bad thing. Thoreau stated, "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be." He then added, "Now put the foundations under them." Too often we skip that second part and then wonder why things didn't work out.

Sometimes our disappointments are the end results of losses. We might

have.

We all will face disappointments in life. They occur when events don't match expectations. Yep, we often set ourselves up for disappointments when

lose jobs that provided us with the security we need in life. We go from the happiness of employment and the benefits it brings to the fear of uncertainty. Maybe we lost the job because of re-organization of a company. It might have occurred due to poor performance, or perhaps office politics lowered the boom as a higher-up chose us to take the fall for his incompetence.

The loss of a loved one through death or divorce can drop us to our knees. We wonder what could have been done to stop our partners from leaving. We punish ourselves for not spending enough time with the person who has passed. Many people cry out in anger and simply ask "Why?" The height of

frustration swallows us when no answer comes.

One action during the down times is to make every effort to correct problems. An individual can look to himself for answers of how he contributed to the situation. That self-examination might lead to the discovery that actions or attitudes contributed to the negative results. If that's the case, he must decide if a personal change is worthwhile.

Sometimes, a person investigates those downturns in life too much. He wonders why things happen; he worries that something wrong within himself has caused the problem. Fretting over disappointments or events in uncontrollable situations accomplishes nothing. At

some point, beating up oneself is unproductive and excessive.

The truth of the matter is that at times there is nothing any of us can do to "fix it." Our abilities to heal, mend, or understand run out. It is at those moments that we can look outside ourselves. We can call on a power greater than we are. Yes, our prayers go up for help or understanding. Then we turn loose of those things completely. That's the hard part. We just can't stand not being in control, even if we can do nothing to change things. But if we step out and take that leap of faith, we might just be surprised how things turn out.

The good lord wants the best for all his children. He will shoulder the

unbearable; He will take on the worry; He will lay out a new path that is better. Our jobs are to simply get out of His way. That means waiting for His time, not our own. Doing so might be the most difficult task. When that brick wall of conflict appears, we surely can't run through it, so why not let it go?

No, I don't mean to preach. It's just that in the last few years, I've faced such things, and I've eventually asked for help with them. It came in ways that I didn't expect, and I'm grateful. My roller coaster ride then became a smoother journey.

Where's Rudolph?

The look on her face was one of pain and distress. Her hands clutched her stomach. We thought she was ill.

Many years ago, mother and I had nursery duty during worship service. The group of three-year-old children looked

adorable in their Christmas outfits and eyes full of wonderment. The class had just begun when we noticed a little girl who seemed to be in extreme pain. "What's wrong?" we asked as she struggled to walk.

"It's food for Rudolph,"



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she answered compassionately. Little hands cupped below her stomach represented the heavy load of food.

"Where is Rudolph?" I asked.

The look on her face was serious. "He's stuck in the mud!" she exclaimed.

Relieved that she was not sick, we played along as she gave nourishment to Rudolph. In a couple of minutes, Rudolph had recovered!

It is wonderful to know that Rudolph is still a favorite of many small children, and Gene Autry's "Rudolph,

the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is still one of the most popular Christmas songs today. As I think back on the little girl with so much imagination and compassion, it has become one of my favorite memories at Christmas and always brings a smile to my face. "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord . . ." Psalm 127:3 (New American Standard).

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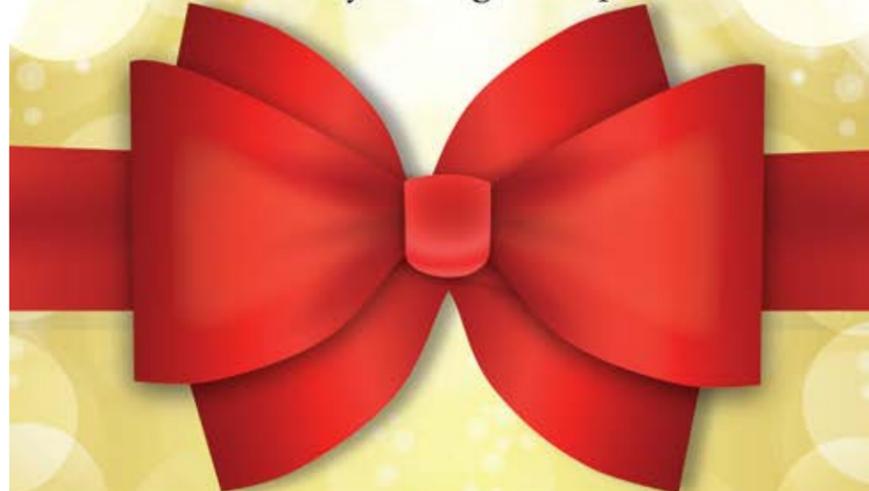
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Elkins announces presence in Halls wrestling wins

By Ken Lay

Brandon Elkins couldn't help but feel a sense of satisfaction after his work Thursday night.

Elkins, Halls High School's freshman 220-pound wrestler announced his arrival to varsity wrestling. He also got some revenge and atoned for a sub-par debut at the recent Catholic Invitational.

It took Elkins less than a week to avenge a loss to Bearden's Andrew Wilkins when the Red Devils and Bulldogs tangled in a non-district dual meet at Halls.

Elkins pinned Wilkins in 2 minutes, 35 seconds in the Red Devils' 75-6 victory

over Bearden.

"This feels really good," said Elkins, who also pinned Hardin Valley Academy's Brailyn Jackson in Halls High's 59-18 win over the Hawks in another dual. "I wrestled in middle school and I learned that middle school wrestling is different. I learned that you have to do what you know and not just go out there and try something new."

"I honestly don't know what happened [against Wilkins at Catholic]. That was my first varsity match and it was my first real high school match. But I learned that you have to pace yourself and do stuff

that works."

Halls coach Shannon Sayne was pleased with Elkins' performance and the way that his young grappler responded to a challenge that the coach and his staff issued to the rookie.

"Brandon wrestled in our middle school program and he went out there at Catholic and things just didn't go well for him," Sayne said. "We came back and we got on him pretty hard. We told him that this wasn't middle school. It's different."

"We told him that he had to have a different mentality. It's like a boy
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PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Bearden's Kaleb Salek attempts to escape the grasps of Hunter Hunley. Hunley scored a third-period pin in the Red Devils' 75-6 victory over the Bulldogs.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

With University of Tennessee female cheerleaders in front and male cheerleaders in the back, Knoxville Sports Challenger players pose for a photo after playing an exhibition game at halftime of the Vols' game against Presbyterian. Notice that one of the cheerleaders is missing her pom poms. Joey McMahan of the Red team behind her is waving them, while a Blue team player behind him gives a thumb's up.

Challenger Sports teams entertain crowd and 'help' Vols, too

By Steve Williams

Chris Sanders believed the Knoxville Challenger Sports teams gave the Tennessee Vols some motivation.

"I think we helped them get cured up and get going," said Sanders, who was watching the Vols blister Presbyterian in the second half of their 90-50 win last week at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Sanders was sitting between Marty Myers and Randy Branson. Chris and Marty had played for the Red team and Randy the Blue team as Knoxville Challenger Sports teams divided up and played at halftime of the UT game.

Knoxville Challenger Sports, Inc. is a non-profit organization created to give opportunities to children and young adults with

special needs. It began 20 years ago with Little League Challenger baseball at Lakeshore Park and has grown to include basketball, golf, swimming and bowling.

Sanders, who wore No. 22 for the Red team, said he liked "just getting out there and putting on a good show for the crowd."

His teammate Marty, No. 25, added, "It was fun

going out there and playing like the real guys."

Marty said he didn't score, but "almost ... it bounced right off the rim."

What Marty enjoyed the most, he said, was "just coming out and having fun. It doesn't matter if you win or lose. You're just here to have fun."

Randy, who wore No. 1 on the Blue team, said "I
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Q&A with Jeff Pearlman, author of 'Gunslinger'

By Alex Norman

Recently we had the opportunity to ask a few questions to New York Times best-selling author Jeff Pearlman, who has a new book out called "Gunslinger: The Remarkable, Improbable, Iconic Life of Brett Favre."

The Knoxville Focus: You interviewed 573 people for this book, including many of Brett's family members, but Brett wouldn't be a part of the project. Did that make the book more challenging to write? Or does it just make the book "different" than it would have been had he agreed to talk?

Jeff Pearlman: Doesn't make it more challenging, just changes the approach. To be blunt, when someone says, "I won't talk to you" you sort of turn into the gunslinger. "OK, fine, you won't talk—well, I'm going to call absolutely everyone and dig harder than you can imagine and make heads spin with my intensity, doggedness, etc." You have this void, and you fill it. Also, if you look at the great biographies, I'd say 80 percent were written without cooperation—either because the person wouldn't talk or because the person is dead. So it is what it is.

KF: How did Favre's lack of attention from college scouts, and fact that he didn't play in a pass happy offense in high school shape him as he continued at Southern Miss and then in the pros?

JP: Like many superstars in all fields, he used slights as fuel. He remembered them, burned them, and utilized them as the "nobody believes in me" motivational tool that takes someone from one level to a higher level. I also think, technically, it helped him immensely. Favre wasn't groomed or nurtured. He didn't have tutors, 100 coaches, specialists. What you saw—the instinctive, unorthodox approach—was largely self-generated. That's greatness at its most natural.

KF: Brett's addictions were no secret, but I'm not sure I realized the extent of his reliance on pills to compete. Certainly that is not ideal, but how did that willingness to do whatever it took endear him in the locker room?

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Warriors snap Farragut's hockey winning streak 3-2

By Ken Lay

Streaks are made to be broken and on Wednesday night, the Farragut High School hockey club had a long Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association High School League winning streak snapped.

Entering their most recent game against the Knoxville Warriors, the Admirals had won 14 consecutive league games dating back to the 2015-16 season when they went a perfect 10-0 in league play. Farragut, which lost a game in the 2016 Moore Cup Tournament and came up short at the State Tournament, also dropped a pair of games in the 2016 Hockey Hoop Down.

But when it came to league play, the Admirals have been dominant over the last two seasons.

But Farragut is undefeated no more. The Warriors used a big third period to down the Admirals 4-2 in a league game at the Icearium.

Knoxville was obviously jubilant after the big victory but a key person was missing Wednesday night as coach Dave Roulier was under the weather at home.

"He's sick tonight but he'll be back soon," said assistant coach Ed Mackle, who ran the team in Roulier's absence. "We'll be sure that we send him a text and let him know what

happened.

"This was a great game. It was an exciting game and we had a good crowd and the crowd saw an exciting game.

Knoxville and Farragut are now in a first-place tie with identical 4-1 records.

The Warriors struggled to score early but Knoxville goaltender Alex Glaza kept the Admirals at bay and the two teams were locked in a scoreless tie at first period's end. Glaza made eight saves in the opening frame.

He kept Farragut off the scoreboard until Davis Eichelberger broke a scoreless tie with 10:20 remaining in the second stanza. Eichelberger's marker gave

the Admirals a 1-0 lead and was assisted by Anthony Ragone.

"Alex did a great job for us," Coach Mackle said. "We got behind but the kids kept working hard and they really hung in there."

The Warriors, who struggled through some growing pains last season, pulled even when Joe Walker scored a little more than three minutes into the third period. Pete Bunch picked up an assist on the equalizer.

Nick Mackle gave the Warriors a 2-1 lead when he scored with 8:54 remaining in the contest.

Kenny Richter answered for the Admirals and made it 2-2 off an assist from

Eichelberger a short time later.

The Warriors took the lead for good when Bunch tallied a power play marker with 3:27 left. They would get an insurance goal in the waning seconds when Nick Mackle scored an empty netter.

Nick Mackle said the win was huge for the Warriors and it represented a team effort.

"We worked together and we played as a team and we got the 'W,'" Nick said, "Our goal coming in [to the season] was to beat the Knights and Bearden.

"But our big goal was to beat Farragut. They're a great team."

Bunch agreed.

"We just came to play and we worked together," he said.

Farragut coach Jeff Lindsay said he hoped that the loss will serve as a wake-up call for the Admirals.

"We got outworked and we got beat by a hungrier team tonight," Lindsay said. "Our boys have been complacent and we got lucky [on Nov. 30] against Bearden and tonight, our luck just ran out.

"We came in and we were overconfident tonight. Hopefully this will get our boys back to reality. The Warriors played well tonight and they deserve what they got."

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becoming a man. If you don't come out here and wrestle like a man somebody's going to tear your head off. Tonight, he beat two very good opponents on two very good teams and for young upper weight wrestlers, that's really hard. We're all proud of Brandon. Tonight, he went from a boy to a man."

Elkins wasn't the only Halls athlete to have a little fun Thursday night against the Bulldogs.

Chase Brown (138 pounds), Hunter Hunley (145), Zack Kennedy (152), Brent Buckman (182), Isaac Wilson (285), Christian Lay (113), Ian Morgan (120) and Tolliver Justice (132) also all recorded pins for the Red Devils, who opened a 69-0 lead.

The Bulldogs pulled to within 69-6 when Kyle Burns pinned Chris Nielsen in 3 minutes, 58 seconds in the 126-pound weight division.

In the bout of the match, Colton McMahan recorded a 7-3 victory over Bearden's Max Grayson in the 170-pound class.

Michel Lowe (106), Blake Hunter (160) and Luke Harp won via forfeit for the Red Devils, the defending

District 3-AAA Champions.

Halls then took on Hardin Valley (the defending District 4-AAA Champion) and again, the Red Devils prevailed in impressive fashion.

After that match, Sayne had some words of wisdom.

"Those teams are the top two teams in that other district again this year," he said. "I know that we'll see them again in the postseason and I know that we simply can't afford to take anything for granted."

The Red Devils took a 3-0 lead when Hunley scored an 8-5 decision over Chase Matlack.

The Hawks bounced back to win by pin in the next two bouts. At 152, Josh Pletanla stuck Kennedy in 5:38. At 160, Brandon Dougherty downed Hunter in 2:21.

Halls stormed back to take control of the match as McMahan, Buckner, Harp, Elkins and Morgan all scored pins.

HVA's Keenan Sloan picked up six team points as he pinned Wilson in the 285-pound class.

Lowe, Lay and Wilson all won by forfeit while Brown and Justice scored major decisions.

Freshman goalie helps Ice Dawgs salvage 1-1 tie against Knights

By Ken Lay

When the Bearden Ice Dawgs opened the 2016-17 high school hockey season coach Aaron Barnes knew that his team had a huge void to fill and that opening was between the goalposts.

Barnes assumed that Braden Ross, the top goaltender in the Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association's high school league during his tenure. But Ross didn't return. He was given the opportunity to play in an advanced developmental league in Colorado,

So it was next man or men up for the Ice Dawgs. And early on, Bearden has had a pair of freshmen split time between the pipes. Those freshmen are Blaine Moyers and Mathieu Senechal.

"We have two great freshmen goal tenders and we have a lot of confidence in both of them," Barnes said.

When the Ice Dawgs took the ice Wednesday night against the Knoxville Knights, it was Senechal's turn to start and his performance was stellar.

Senechal made 18 saves and helped Bearden earn its first

point of the season as the Ice Dawgs and Knights played to a 1-1 tie in a KAHA league tilt at the Icearium.

"At least we didn't lose and it was nice for us to get a point in the standings tonight," Barnes said. "Mathieu was just amazing tonight.

"I'm so proud of both of our freshman goalies. With any one of those guys in the net, we have a great deal of confidence.

Bearden (0-4-1) is beginning to find its way on offense as well.

"It's nice not to lose," Barnes said. "We're all competitive guys and we all want to win. But [as coaches] we look for 20 things to happen and if 18 of those 20 things happen, I can live with that, especially if we continue to improve.

Barnes had to like what he saw early as his squad darted out to a 1-0 lead when David Raleigh scored a power play goal with 8 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Bearden had just two shots in the frame as Knoxville's defense stiffened. But Senechal kept the Knights (1-3-1) at bay as he

stopped for shots over the first 13 minutes.

While Knoxville coach Greg Maine was impressed with Senechal's performance in the net, he couldn't say that he was surprised.

"He's a solid player and a great goaltender," Maine said. "I've coached him on our under-14 travel team."

The Knights pulled even in the second period when Nickoli Saethre beat Senechal with a shot to make the make the score 1-1 with 9:33 left in the second stanza.

From there, the offense was nonexistent as Senechal and Knoxville netminder Brad Walker took control of the contest.

Walker, who finished the game with 14 stops, saved the game in the second period when he turned away Bearden's Jake Foard at the 5:30

mark of the frame.

"Brad had a great game too," Maine said. "That save there was the game for us tonight. This was a great game by both teams tonight.

"I was proud of our effort. We had some penalties late."

One of those penalties was against Isaiah Maine, who was whistled for charging and also picked up a 10-minute misconduct.

"We can't have Isaiah in the penalty box late. We have to have him on the ice because he's a playmaker."

For his part, Senechal said he relishes the pressure of being a goaltender.

"I knew that I had big shoes to fill," he said. "But I love this.

"The stronger the [other] team is, the better this whole thing feels."



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Central High's football "family" gets together for a team shot at Tucker Stadium in Cookeville on Saturday, Dec. 3, after the Bobcats played in their first state championship game since 1999.

Central's magic carpet ride ends one win short of gold

By Steve Williams

Central's football team proved to be human after all. They had an off day.

After many magic moments led to an 11-game winning streak and their first berth in the TSSAA state finals in 17 seasons, the Bobcats couldn't get in the end zone and Memphis East pulled away for a 27-3 win in the Class 4A title game Saturday, Dec. 3, at Tennessee Tech's Tucker Stadium.

Central became the first East Tennessee team in seven years to return from the BlueCross Bowl with the silver football. Since 2010, Greenville (twice), Fulton (three times) and Catholic wore out a path hauling back gold from Cookeville.

But the Bobcats far exceeded expectations. Back in August, nobody picked them to have such a season. They earned respect.

"We didn't take advantage of some opportunities we had early," said Bryson Rosser, who took Central to the state in just his third season as head coach. "Our defense was playing really well, but we couldn't get the momentum."

"In the second half, we were still looking for that spark to start our magic so to say. We couldn't get it going. We didn't have a lot of consistency on both sides of the ball."

"We just didn't play our best ball and that happens, especially in high school ball and really on any level."

"It's still a historic run by this team," added Rosser. "They'll go down as one of the best teams in Central High School history."

Memphis East (13-2) also



defeated Central 20-14 in the 1999 finals - the Bobcats' only other state title appearance in the classification era, which began in 1969. To commemorate the rematch, some fans put up a sign that read, "Let's Party Like it's 1999 Again!"

The Bobcats (12-3), however, couldn't give their fans much to party about.

Central drove to the Mustangs' 8-yard line on its first possession of the game but came away empty as Elijah Holbert missed a 26-yard field goal.

Timothy Taylor staked East to a 7-0 lead with a 9-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter.

Jadarius Sackie blocked an East punt and Layton Wade recovered the ball at the Mustangs' 36 with 8:15 to go in the second quarter. Trey Mitchell immediately hit Rondrow Peebles Jr. with a 24-yard pass to the 12. A 3-yard run by Sackie made it third-and-seven at the 9. But a delay of game penalty and a 5-yard sack by East defensive leader Zechariah Zolicoffer forced Central to settle for Holbert's 36-yard field goal.

Tyler Davies forced a fumble and Xavier Washington returned it 23 yards to stop an East threat later in the quarter. Central also drove to the Mustangs' 31 as time ran out in the first half.



Jadarius Sackie, one of Central's top all-around players, appears to have sad eyes as he speaks to the media after Memphis East denied the Bobcats their first state championship in the classification era.

After intermission, the Bobcats reached the East 38 but Mitchell was intercepted by Andrew Murphy on a fourth-and-six situation.

The Mustangs struck for a pair of touchdowns late in the third quarter, the first on Justin Lynn's 66-yard pass to Tarique Barnes. Taylor ran in from the 5 on the last play of the third quarter and Ntirengany Karamba's PAT kick made it 21-3.

Lynn added a 22-yard scoring pass to Jaylon Burrus in the fourth quarter.

Offensively for Central, Sackie rushed 20 times for 105 yards, Mitchell was 14-27-1 for 112 passing yards and Tony Reeves had seven catches for 44 yards.

Defensively, Sackie had five solo stops and four assists, including 2½ tackles for loss. Jahvere Weste made five tackles and one assist, with one TFL and a forced fumble. Washington's night included five solos, one assist and a quarterback hurry. Davies had four tackles, two assists and two tackles for

loss.

Central's season started getting very exciting when Sackie blocked a punt for a safety with 26 seconds to go for a 43-42 win at Carter.

The following week at Morristown West, the Bobcats erased a 17-point deficit in the second half and stunned the Trojans 25-24 when Mitchell hit Sackie in the end zone with no time left on the clock.

After holding off Fulton 21-19 in the regular season finale, Central shocked previously unbeaten Greenville 16-14 in a second-

round game on the road when Louis McNair caught a 43-yard Hail Mary from Mitchell with 6.8 seconds to go.

The Bobcats eliminated Fulton 20-6 in what was billed the Battle of Broadway Part II.

And then there was the 31-24 semifinal win at Marshall County after Central trailed 21-3.

"I couldn't be more proud of the players, the coaches and the community and school for all the support they gave us," said Coach Rosser. "It was still an unbelievable year and gives us a



Central High head coach Bryson Rosser puts an arm around Tony Reeves late in the Bobcats' state title loss to Memphis East.

lot of momentum with the younger guys. It also gives them a taste of what it's like to make it that far.

"My hat goes off to the seniors. They were the blood, sweat and tears of this program. They were with me almost their whole time in high school and they were all in to everything that I've tried to instill in the foundation. You saw that all season long. They never stopped playing. They never quit. Even in the state championship game, they played all the way through."

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Cory leaves his walker to take a shot as Knoxville Challenger Sports teams played at halftime of UT's basketball game against Presbyterian on Dec. 6 at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Challenger Sports teams entertain crowd and 'help' Vols, too

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liked everything really" about the experience.

The two Challenger teams consisted of about eight players each and all played at the same time due to a limited amount of time. That made for a crowded court. Wayne Norton was the referee, but not a single foul or violation was seen called.

No score was kept either, but 6-foot-9-inch Nick Ferris stood out for the Red team and made some baskets inside. Cory used a walker to get up and down the court for the Blue team and fired up at least one shot.

Nic Arning, Chairman of the Board and founder of the Knoxville Challenger Sports program, said the organization accepts youngsters starting at age 5 and "depending on their disability, we'll keep them up into their 30s."

The Challenger team started playing the UT baseball team six years ago and has played the Lady Vols softball team the past four years. The Challenger team is unbeaten, too!

This was its first opportunity to play at a UT basketball game. Haydn Tanner, a Christian Academy of Knoxville student who has been assisting the Challenger Sports program as a community service project, set up the basketball game at UT.

"Those were the older kids that we had out there tonight, giving them the first chance to play basketball at UT," said Arning. "Hopefully, we'll get

to do this again and we'll go with the younger kids next time."

The UT fans were pulling for both teams on the floor and gave the Challenger players a standing ovation at the end.

"Everytime we'd take a shot I heard a groan or a cheer," said Arning. "That's what we want our kids to hear. They don't get to do a whole lot in public. When we play the UT baseball and softball teams, there's not much of a crowd. We had a big crowd tonight and this will live in their memories from now on.

They're happy, so I'm happy."

The Challenger team also plays games against some high school teams in the Knoxville area.

Arning said the Challenger program has about 120 to 140 kids from one sport to the next.

"We also have cheerleading because we weren't getting enough girls to play basketball," he added.

"We're real big on safety because we don't want any of them to get hurt. We've gone 20 years without any serious accident. We have a lot of adult supervision.

"We've had kids who are blind playing baseball."

Cost is only \$10 to play a sport per participant and "scholarships" also are available if needed, said Arning.

For more information on the Knoxville Challenger Sports program, call Arning at 865-414-3000 or e-mail kchallengersports@comcast.net.

TSSAA unveils football leagues to kick off in 2017

By Ken Lay

Now that the 2016 high school football season is in the rear view mirror, players and coaches may take a short break. But the rest won't be long and preparations will begin in earnest for the new season.

When the 2017 campaign begins, many area schools will have new regional opponents as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association announced its conference line-ups for the four-year cycle which begins next fall.

Many of Knoxville Area Schools will compete in Class 5A next season. Several of those teams have opted to move up to that classification in order to avoid long trips that would've awaited them in Class 4A.

Fourteen local teams will compete in three different regions. Region 2-5A will include Carter, Gibbs, Central, Halls, Seymour and South-Doyle. They will be joined by Sevier County. The Hornets, the Eagles, the Bobcats, the Red Devils and the Cherokees all made the playoffs in 2016. Seymour, meanwhile, narrowly missed the postseason, but did earn a CAREacter Bowl victory over Cocke County to close things out on a positive note.

Region 3-5A will be home to Clinton, Fulton, Karns, Oak Ridge, Powell and West. Campbell County will remain in that region.

Catholic, the 2015 Class 4A State Champion, will be in Region 4-5A with

Lenoir City, Rhea County, Soddy-Daisy and Walker Valley.

Anderson County will be the only area school to remain in Class 4A. The Mavericks will compete in Region 1-4A and many of their opponents will hail from the Chattanooga Area, including Chattanooga Central, East Hamilton, East Ridge, Hixson, The Howard Academy and Sequoyah,

Alcoa flirted with moving up to Class 4A but the Tornados will remain in Class 3A and will have Austin-East as a Region 2-3A rival. The Roadrunners spent the last cycle in Class 2A.

In Class 6A, area teams will be in one of two leagues. Region 1-6A will feature Bearden, Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, Jefferson County, Science Hill and Morristown West. Region 2 will be home to Maryville, Heritage, William Blount, Cleveland, McMinn County and Ooltewah.

The King's Academy will play in Division II-A along with Concord Christian School, which moves from Division I. The Lions played their first two varsity football seasons in Region 1-A.

Grace Christian Academy and Christian Academy of Knoxville will now compete in Division II-AA after long successful tenures in Division I. The Rams have made several long playoff runs in recent years while the Warriors won back-to-back state titles in 2011 and 2012. They were also Alcoa's biggest league rivalry game for years in Class 3A.

Q&A with Jeff Pearlman, author of 'Gunslinger'

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JP: Well, that and the power of a magnetic personality. The guy was a very unique player and person, in that he crossed racial lines, age lines, offense-defense lines. He was a guy's guy; but also a guy's guy who knew hip-hop, country, rock; who could mimic movie lines perfectly; who had this cutting sense of humor. Throw that in with the toughness and refusal to let his teammates down. Magical.

KF: Brett Favre's final season in Minnesota was a nightmare, but as stated by family members, he perhaps needed to bottom out to realize the run was over. Why do so many great athletes (Johnny Unitas, Willie Mays, Mohammed Ali, etc.) struggle with retirement and hang on too long?

JP: Because it's all they've known forever and ever. I mean, Brett was a football player from boyhood. It was his identity. Not dad, not husband, not businessman. Football player. Quarterback. Hero. And you're making tons of money, and

you're beloved by millions, and you're famous, and you're iconic. This is who you are. It's what you are. Then, one day at a fairly young age, it's yanked away—and suddenly you're just a guy telling stories about the glory days. The movie I think of in this area is Superman II... the sequence where Superman gives up his powers because he loves Lois Lane, and he can't be with a human as the Man of Steel. So he goes to a restaurant as Clark Kent, and someone kicks his butt. And he's on the ground, bleeding, in disbelief, and he can't believe this is what he's become. That's what it is to be an ex-athlete.

KF: Favre's off the field transgressions were largely ignored by the local media. In that case, is Favre fortunate he ended up playing most of his years in a market like Green Bay and not in a place, say like Philly?

JP: Oh, yeah. This doesn't work if he stays in Atlanta, or is drafted by the Jets instead of the Falcons, as he nearly was. He needed to be in a Green Bay or Buffalo or Jacksonville. A smallish market where you don't

have two dozen outlets fighting for headlines and stories. He's also lucky he didn't play during the main era of iPhones. It would not have gone well...

KF: Deanna Favre's love for her husband truly must have known no bounds, considering all she put up with. What does Brett Favre become without that stability?

JP: He becomes dead Brett Favre, drinking or drugging himself to an early grave. I'm not exaggerating. She wasn't just a wife. She was his savior.

KF: Now that his playing days are done it appears that Brett Favre has grown up. Do you feel that is the case and that he has finally matured to become a good Dad, grandpa, husband, etc.?

JP: Yes, times 100. I love the Brett Favre life journey, because it ends well. He's financially secure, he's a fabulous dad and grandfather, he's in good health. He and Deanna seem as close as ever. He goes to church every week. He's the product of all the highs and lows of a fascinating, rocky journey.

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Dads

Sometimes I don't have a lot to say. This may come as a surprise because I've been cobbling 1000 word stories together every week for ten years. Some of my detractors may even welcome the prospect of my silence.

It has been my modus operandi to wait for stories to find me, but as I begin this essay on December 6, 2016, nothing has surfaced. This happened once before many years ago. I remember beginning that essay without a theme. My English teachers would cringe at that admission.

I don't think I'm suffering from what some have called writer's block. I could always write about some arcane medical issue. However, none currently interests me. I subscribe to an online medical textbook/compendium of medical knowledge that is now the standard reference. I even scanned their

section, "What's New," but nothing captivated me.

So what should I do? Like many of you, I've lately been consumed by politics, but I'm sick of politics. I will say that the positive comments of my recent columns have outweighed the naysayers five to one.

As I mentioned some weeks ago, I've seriously considered retiring from this weekly column. However, after a lot of soul searching, I finally came to the conclusion that it was my duty to carry on because so many others (soldiers, police, firefighters) do so much more than me. When I graduated from high school in 1969 I registered for the draft, but I was never called. That was a time when our military was winding down after the Vietnam war. As a result, I never served our country, at least not until I got a gig at The Knoxville Focus.

Some years ago, my daughter told me of a fortune she received from a fortune cookie. It read, "Start writing; the answers will come." I have this subscription verbiage below my signature on emails. As I reflected on this, my story began. Perhaps the Spirit does "intercede with groans too deep for words."

Seventy-five years ago my dad was a naval aviator aboard the aircraft carrier, Yorktown. His ship was three days out from Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched their sneak attack on our forces in Hawaii. The Japanese were looking for carriers, but had to settle for the Arizona and other battle ships because all the carriers were at sea. I'm sure if the Yorktown had been in Pearl Harbor, it would have been attacked and my Dad would have probably been killed, and I would never have been born. As a result, December 7, "a day of infamy," is more important for me than is D-Day (June 6th, 1944) or even 9-11 (2001).

This is the Christmas Season, though some demand we ban the "reason for the season" and His name. The politically correct and minority crowd demand that we use the term Happy Holiday or Winter Holiday. I say, "No," and then wish them a Merry Christmas. I refuse to omit Christ's name

or allow the tail to wag the dog. Some say we should be sensitive and not hurt some snowflakes' feelings. Well, what about hurting my feelings or the Christ's? To paraphrase Jesus, if you are ashamed of me, then I'll be ashamed of you (Luke 9:26).

Actually, I don't think anyone can "hurt" the feelings of God/Christ/Spirit. Anthropomorphism is the term of ascribing human characteristics and feelings to something non human or the Deity. The word is of Greek origin and translates as "human form." Attaching human characteristics to God is considered "an innate tendency of human psychology." After all, what else can we do, but describe things in terms of what we know or can conceive?

As a Christian I believe God made himself more knowable by taking human form 2000 years ago. How this came about is told in the first two chapters of Matthew's and Luke's Gospels. The notion that Jesus was born and lived as a man, and at the same time was Divine, is complicated. It took the Church three hundred years to comprehend and reconcile this mystery. The Nicene Council was convened by the Roman Emperor, Constantine, and was given a mandate to wrestle with and codify orthodox

Christian beliefs. The resulting Nicene Creed in 325 and then the Apostle's Creed in 390 AD continue to describe the mystery and majesty of God and Christ.

My wife Becky has a crèche which is special. She got a "real deal" on this beautiful terra cotta manger scene, but then we discovered why: there was no Joseph. Every year seeing this creche makes me think of fathers and dads. We usually consider these two male descriptors as synonyms, but I see nuanced differences. Fathers can be defined in a paternity suit as the male donor of DNA to a child. However, my go-to definition of "fathers" is the traditional one of raising and nurturing their kids. This definition coincides with the word "dad" as someone present to support the family and their kids. This nuanced definition defines Jesus' father, Joseph. He was there for Jesus and helped him "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52).

The mystery of Jesus' paternity flummoxes many. As a science guy I could demand a DNA analysis, but genetics wasn't a science until Gregor Mendel began studying peas in the 1850s. After much study and contemplation, I've concluded there are things I don't know and may never know. As a result I look at the big picture

more than the minutiae. Paul, no shoddy philosopher, said the same thing in

1 Corinthians 13:12. Joseph was Jesus' dad/father from birth until at least his 12th birthday. Joseph then disappears from the pages of history, but not without leaving his mark on Jesus, the most influential person in all of history. And we know of Joseph by seeing the virtue of Jesus.

Christmas is a time of secular fun and religious solemnity. It's not either/or; it's both, just as our reality is defined by both science and religion.

I say the Apostle's Creed with conviction. I celebrate fathers who give of themselves to their children and the next generation. I hope to meet my Dad, the author of tough love and honor, again someday. Until then I thank him for his gifts to me and I praise the Father who gave himself to us all.

If you liked this essay, try my book of essays, "Well... What Did the Doctor Say?" It is available online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble, and is a great stocking stuffer!

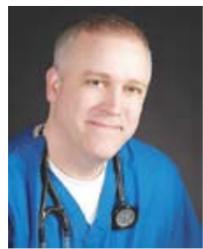
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Secondhand smoke affects pets

I do not have a vivid memory of my grandmother without a nasal cannula delivering oxygen to help her breathe. My grandmother smoked for a short time during her teenage years before the

risk and dangers of cigarette smoking were well-known. In my grandmother's case she developed emphysema a disease that eventually caused her slow debilitating death. The memories of my grandmother with her oxygen tanks and tubing struggling for every breath she took affected me in a significant way. I never considered smoking and avoided secondhand smoke whenever possible.

Working with pulmonary patient populations I witness



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

the devastation smoking has on patients and their families. My grandfather had black lung and my grandmother emphysema. I lived the devastation lung disease can bring to individuals and their families. Most people who smoke know and understand how devastating the habit is to their own health—but do they realize the harmful effects secondhand and third-hand smoke has on children and pets.

Secondhand smoke is smoke that lingers in the air and your pet inhales the smoke. Third-hand smoke is the residue of harmful nicotine left on skin, clothes, furniture, carpets, and other surfaces in the environment or habitat of the

smoker. The smoke residue is easily transferred to your pet by licking their fur and paws. Airborne smoke and the nicotine residue left behind expose your pets to twice the risk.

Facts about Pets and Smoking:

- The length of a dog's nose and how smoke affects their health. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the nose works as a filter and the longer the nose the more particles filtered out. Sounds good right? Not so fast—longer noses filter more particles decreasing the affect smoke has on the lungs but doubles the risk of nose cancer. Therefore, shorter nosed breeds like Pugs, Bulldogs, and Beagles have a higher risk of lung cancer.

- Cats are creatures of constant grooming. Third-hand smoke attaches to

their fur, flooring, furniture, and their environment. According to the FDA, cats living in households with smokers are up to four times more likely to develop an aggressive type of oral cancer called squamous cell carcinoma. Studies have shown even with aggressive treatment options cats that develop oral squamous cell carcinoma less than 10% survive one year after diagnosis.

I learned at an early age that cigarette smoking affects the smoker and their family. I was robbed of excursions my grandmother would have loved to have taken. Don't rob yourself of all life has to offer you and your family. Stop smoking if not for yourself—for the pet who counts on you to protect and do what is best for them.

Christmas in Nature, Part 1



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

It's hard to believe that December is upon us, that the Christmas season is here and that 2016

is nearing the end and a new year will be beginning. I wanted to take a look at the Christmas season from a nature standpoint—to look at what is blooming in the garden at this time, at the various evergreens that we associate with Christmas in the garden, that are used for decorations both outdoors and in our homes, at the evergreens that are even used as

Christmas trees, plants bearing berries, even herbs that are associated with Christmas. So come explore the Christmas garden with me.

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Owner of Debt: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-SC1

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BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHN D. HUMPHREY AND WIFE, HELEN B. HUMPHREY ON 06/21/88, BY DEED FROM DANIEL AWAYNE COLLIER AND WIFE, JACKIE DIANA COLLIER, FILED FOR RECORD ON 06/21/88, IN BOOK 1949, PAGE 759, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 062 26403

Current Owner(s) of Property: JOHN HUMPHREY AND HELEN BEATRICE HUMPHREY AND HELEN B HUMPHREY

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This sale 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 liens) of record in the original amount of \$2,587.59 as Instrument No. 20100326006078292,306.02 as Instrument No. 20070222006811395,626.61 as Instrument No. 20130816001200339,072.73 as Instrument No. 2005031100715618,142.02 as Instrument No. 201603070051427 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee and re-filed as Instrument No. 201609190018342 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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MWZM File No. 16-000679-670

Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by NANCY JO LATSHA AND ROBERT RALPH LATSHA, TO TITLE PROFESSIONALS, INC., Trustee, on December 20, 2006, as Instrument No. 200612270052382 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2007 MASTR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007.HE1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007.HE1

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SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 33, WESTBROOKE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET N, SLIDE 249-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT OR RECORD IN OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2160, PAGE 1142, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SEE ALSO INST. NO. 199910260032687

DESCRIPTION CONTAINED HEREIN WAS TAKEN FROM A PRIOR DEED AND WITHOUT

THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W5

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:

LAND IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING LOT NO. 17, BLOCK K, ON THE PLAN OF COLONIAL VILLAGE ADDITION SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 5, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MICHAEL E. GROOMS AND LAURIE A. CURETON IN INSTRUMENT NO.200103210062293 DATED 03/21/2001, IN REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 123LN006

Current Owner(s) of Property: MICHAEL E. GROOMS AND LAURIE A. GROOMS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **304 CANTERBURY DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**, 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: MERS AND WESTBROOK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 sale 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 liens) of record in the original amount of \$2,587.59 as Instrument No. 20100326006078292,306.02 as Instrument No. 20070222006811395,626.61 as Instrument No. 20130816001200339,072.73 as Instrument No. 2005031100715618,142.02 as Instrument No. 201603070051427 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee and re-filed as Instrument No. 201609190018342 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. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 16-002839-670

MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C., Substitute Trustee(s) PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404 5217 MARYLAND WAY BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027 PHONE: (615) 238-3630 EMAIL: tnsales@mwzmlaw.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 3, 2017** 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 SARAH B THOMAS, TO WESLEY D. TURNER, Trustee, on July 20, 2004, as Instrument No. 200408020009518 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-R9

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 NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 33, WESTBROOKE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET N, SLIDE 249-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT OR RECORD IN OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 2160, PAGE 1142, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SEE ALSO INST. NO. 199910260032687

DESCRIPTION CONTAINED HEREIN WAS TAKEN FROM A PRIOR DEED AND WITHOUT

BENEFIT OF AN UPDATED SURVEY. PREPARER MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE ACCURACY OF SAID DESCRIPTION.

Tax ID: 104KJ-033

Current Owner(s) of Property: SARAH B THOMAS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9912 OAKLEDGE WAY , KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**, 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: MERS AND WESTBROOK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 16-002890-670

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2012, executed by CARRIE WALKER, DAVID C. WALKER, conveying certain real property therein described to RADIANT TITLE LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 3, 2012, at Instrument Number 201208030007433;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC, who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 27TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 27, MOUNTAIN STONE, UNIT II, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 75-S, PAGE 14, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WADE B. NANCE, SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1997, BEARING DRAWING NO.A-17571. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES.

TAX AND PARCEL ID: 123MG027 COMMON ADDRESS: 216 MT. DAVID DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, KNOX COUNTY

Parcel ID: 123MG027

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **216 MOUNT DAVID DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CARRIE WALKER, DAVID C. WALKER

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

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

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 22, 2016** on or about **10:00AM** local time, at the North Side Entrance, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by KEVIN LAWSON AND KRISTY LAWSON, TO GLENN BALLETTTO, Trustee, on November 23, 2015, as Instrument No. 201512220037707 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Pacific Union Financial 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 the City of Powell, County of Knox, State of Tennessee.

Situated in District 6 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 18, Emerald Court Subdivision, as shown by map of the same of record in Plat Cabinet N, Slide 106-D, Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Benchmark Surveying, Inc., Benjamin J Mooreman, Surveyor, dated May 11, 1995, and bearing Drawing No. 95-117.

This being the same property conveyed to Kevin Lawson from Christopher A Ahlers, single by deed dated 06/20/2012 and recorded 07/02/2012 in the office of the ROD for Knox County in Instrument Number 201207020074806

Also known as 2757 Elston Brae Drive, Powell, TN 37849

Parcel ID# 067FA-018 Tax ID: 067FA-018

Current Owner(s) of Property: KEVIN LAWSON AND KRISTY LAWSON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **2757 Elston Brae Dr., Powell, TN 37849**, 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

Christmas in Nature

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business. Because of its thick green foliage, beautiful shape, fragrance and needles that are retained unusually well. Fraser fir is unequaled as a Christmas tree. It is also used widely as an ornamental yard tree.

C is for Camellias. I speak of Camellias often. They are such a beautiful flowering shrub. There are spring-blooming and fall-blooming shrubs. And then, of course, there is the winter-blooming 'Yuletide', which is one of my favorites. It is an evergreen shrub with shiny, glossy leaves that blooms in early winter with a beautiful red, fragrant flower. (Note: As a landscape photographer, one of my favorite photos taken in my garden is of a beautifully blooming 'Yuletide' camellia covered in snow!)

H is for Hemlocks. Hemlocks exude Christmas and winter. The Eastern hemlock is a graceful native evergreen tree. They are easily grown in well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. They are a long-lived tree and also rank high for ornamental planting. Its evergreen needles are dark-green with silvery undersides. The bottom limbs generally droop downward. This tree is a haven for songbirds and deer as they provide shelter and forage and oil-rich seeds (found in their cones) for the birds. They can be used in decorations but tend to dry out and the needles drop more rapidly than some other evergreens.

I is for Ilex. Ilex is better known as the common

name, Hollies. Hollies are synonymous with Christmas as they are grown for their beautiful glossy foliage and berries and make a popular and beautiful Christmas decoration. The English Holly and American Holly are probably the most popular and have bright red winter berries. The red berries contrast the starkness of winter and provide food for the birds. Gathering holly and greenery seems to be a part of Christmas preparations and decorations. Holly can be used for wreaths, centerpieces or many other uses.

M is for Mistletoe. Mistletoe is an evergreen parasitic plant, growing on the branches of trees. Mistletoe is popular at Christmas to be used as a kissing ball-Kissing under the mistletoe. It is often used as a symbol of renewal because it stays green all winter. The plant also is important to wildlife. Trees infested with mistletoe die early because of the parasitic growth, producing dead trees useful to nesting birds and mammals. A variety of birds nest in mature mistletoes which grow into thick rounded masses of branches and stems until they look like baskets, sometimes referred to as witches' brooms, which can reach 5 feet wide and weight 50 pounds. Some of the species of birds which nest there are house wrens, chickadees, mourning doves and pygmy nuthatches. Also spotted owls and Cooper's hawks nest there as well as tree squirrels.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Hiep Tran executed a Deed of Trust to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Lender and Wesley D. Turner, Trustee(s), which was dated December 14, 2004 and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Instrument No. 200412150049003, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 20, 2016, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 40, of the MIDDLEBROOK RIDGE Subdivision, as the same appears of record at Instrument No. 200403160086001, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which Map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same properly conveyed to Hiep Tran, Unmarried, by Deed dated December 14, 2004, of record at Instrument No. 2004121500049002, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 090MB 040
Address/Description: **8501 Antler Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.**
Current Owner(s): Hiep Tran.
Other Interested Parties: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Bank of America; and Certified Capital, LLC.

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

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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
Brentwood, TN 37027
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484
File No.: 16-11686 F01

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 19, 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 GREGORY BALLARD, to NETCO, INC., Trustee, on August 25, 2012, as Instrument No. 201209040014569 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, 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 THE NORTH 8TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOTS NOS. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, AND 43, BLOCK E IN THE INGLE ADDITION TO CASWELL, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN UPON MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 98, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOTS 38 THROUGH 42 HAVE A FRONTAGE OF 50 FEET EACH ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, WHILE LOT 43 HAS A FRONTAGE OF 49.4 FEET ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, AND SAID LOTS LIE ADJACENT FORMING ONE BOUNDARY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET, AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, 299.4 FEET TO A POINT, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 37 AND 38, BLOCK E, IN THE INGLE ADDITION TO CASWELL, TENNESSEE; THENCE RUNNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE FIRST ALLEY SOUTH OF CEDAR STREET, 150 FEET TO A POINT; COMMON CORNER TO SAID LOTS 37 AND 38 IN SAID BLOCK IN SAID ADDITION; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, 309.4 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 43 AND 44 IN SAID BLOCK IN SAID ADDITION; THENCE WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CEDAR STREET IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 147.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY OR A PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GREGORY BALLARD UNMARRIED BY INSTRUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 FROM GEORGIA LEE ALLEN FILED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 200809120018260 IN THE KNOX COUNTY RECORDS.

Tax ID: 060KA006
Current Owner(s) of Property: GREGORY BALLARD

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **6012 Darby Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922**, 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: MERS
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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. §67-1-1433.

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. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney.
MWZM File No. 16-000103-390

MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C., Substitute Trustee(s)
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COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ABRAHAM Z. POTTS
IN RE: MARIANA R. POTTS
V. ABRAHAM Z. POTTS
NO: 192722-1
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, it is ordered that said defendant, ABRAHAM Z. POTTS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knoxville, Tennessee and with CURTIS W. ISABELL, an Attorney whose address is 251 SHORT STREET, CLINTON, TN 37716, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgement by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-parte as to

you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main St. Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) weeks.
This 5th day of December, 2016 .
Clerk & Master
Howard G. Hogan

NOTICE

Cause No. 192663-2
In the Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee
Adoption of Bella Joy Gene Kirkland, DOB: August 27, 2008 and Jazmyin Marissa Kirkland, DOB: October 23, 2006

By: Susan Patricia Kirkland and Terry Gene Kirkland, Petitioners

Tiffany Nicole Kirkland, Co-Petitioner v. Rafael Perez Martinez, Respondent

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the residence of the Respondent, Rafael Perez Martinez, is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knoxville, TN, notifying Respondent Rafael Perez Martinez to file an answer with this court and a copy to Plaintiff's attorney, Virginia L. Couch, whose address is 11907 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, Tennessee 37934, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of last day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to said Respondent. If there is no answer, a hearing on Petitioners' motion for default judgment shall be heard on to be set, 2016. Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of Respondent's parental rights to the children referenced above.

This 18th day of November 2016.
/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

Published 12/5; 12/12; 12/19; 12/26/2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of JACK ESCHMAN
Docket Number 78299-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK ESCHMAN, who died OCTOBER 18, 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.
(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016
Estate of IRENE LAWSON BROWN

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016

Estate of JACK ESCHMAN
JERRY ESCHMAN; EXECUTOR
1025 BUCKTHORN DR.;
KNOXVILLE, TN 37912

Dates Published: 12/05/16 & 12/12/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of ELWANA JUSTICE
Docket Number 78265-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ELWANA JUSTICE, who died SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.
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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER
Estate of ELWANA JUSTICE
ARTHUR JUSTICE; EXECUTOR
5718 KATE AVE
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Dates Published: 12/05/16 & 12/12/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of IRENE LAWSON BROWN
Docket Number 78293-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IRENE LAWSON BROWN, who died AUGUST 25, 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 the 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016
Estate of IRENE LAWSON BROWN

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016
Estate of IRENE LAWSON BROWN

GREGORY LAWSON; EXECUTOR
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KNOXVILLE, TN 37918

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

Dates Published: 12/05/16 & 12/12/16

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: HUSEYIN CAKMAK

IN RE: BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TENNESSEE, Plaintiff vs. HUSEYIN CAKMAK, Defendant
192592-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, and the Motion for Publication of Non-Resident Notice and Affidavit in support thereof, that the Defendant, HUSEYIN CAKMAK, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant file an Answer or other responsive pleadings with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knoxville, TN 37902, and with Stewart M. Crane, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 577 Pickle Road, Loudon, TN 37774 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
This 31st day of October 2016

/s/ Howard G. Hogan
Clerk and Master

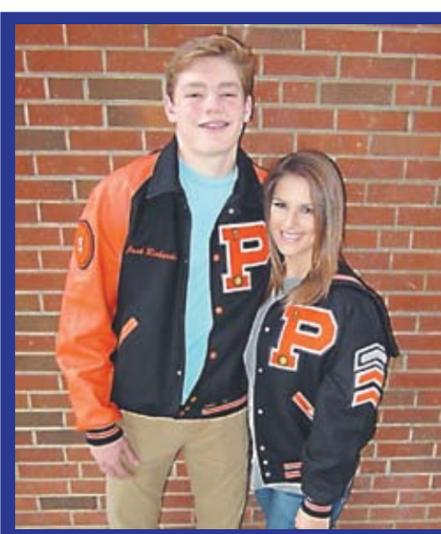
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MISC. NOTICES

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