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Gas Tax Hike Is Here

By Focus Staff

The hike in the gasoline tax is here and will continue rising over the next few years. This was pushed by Governor Bill Haslam and approved by the state legislature. You can expect to pay 4 cents more per gallon at the pump.

Many readers will recall the gas tax hike was retooled and labeled a tax reduction in a move to get

it through the legislature. The legislation supported by the governor increased taxes on diesel fuel, gas and increased vehicle registration fees. The administration and legislators favoring the bill hailed a 1% drop in the sales tax on food, as well as a modest reduction in the Hall Income Tax. The truth is, most Tennesseans will not see a reduction in the

taxes they pay to the State of Tennessee. Most especially hard hit will be working families. Nobody from the governor on down was ever able to explain just how everybody's taxes were lowered while the state will get 355 million new dollars annually. Overall, taxes were increased for most Tennesseans.

It remains dubious that Tennesseans will pay less

at the gasoline pump than they do at the grocery store. Of course a plethora of special interests are singing hosannas to the tax increase, folks like AAA, the Tennessee Trucking Association, the Tennessee Road Builders Association, the Tennessee Municipal League, etc. Why are they so tickled? Because much of that \$355 million spent

annually will land in their pockets.

It goes without saying one reason people distrust politicians and government is because of tactics like those used to hike our gasoline taxes. Our elected officials ought to be bold and honest enough to simply tell us the truth and not attempt to increase taxes under the guise of returning more

of our taxes to us.

In the end, hard working folks will scrimp to pay higher gas taxes to get to work while we continue to pay out for those who don't; the special interests and the wealthy need not worry, as they will get more than their fair share of the \$355 million in new tax revenue annually.

What's floating in Fountain City Lake?

By Mike Steely
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If you see a little square island floating in the waters of the Lake at Fountain City you'll probably wonder what it is and how it got there. There's a story behind it.

A few weeks ago the Spring AP Environmental Science Class at Central High School had hoped to launch a floating habitat and found that additional buoys were needed. The habitat is an experiment to see if the nutrient intake by installed plants in the little habitat that would help to remove algal growth in the lake.

Last month the floating habitat was launched again to see if the idea works, according to Ruth Anne Hanahan the Adopt A Watershed Coordinator with the University of Tennessee.

"We'll keep the Floating Habitat in for at least a month on a trial period," she told The Focus.

Hanahan said the ducks have taken to the float and already laid eggs on it.

"The intent was not exactly to support the duck population but there is certainly no way we can discriminate," she said, adding that the plants aboard the float appear to be struggling but that they may be riding too high in the



Barc Johnson and Riley Cadwell, Environmental Science students at Central High School, give a thumbs up for a successful launch of a Floating Habitat in the Fountain City Lake. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Anne Hanahan)

water for the roots and that sufficient rains might allow time for the roots to penetrate the fabric underneath.

"We will need a dry spell to see

if the plants do well. If not we'll remove the habitat and let the spring class of 2018 work on it," Manahan said.

The Environmental Science

Class is led by Jill Strating and Colleen McWilliams. Students who launched the habitat were Barc Johnson and Riley Cadwell.

Voters interact with candidates at Expo

By Ken Lay

Voters in Knoxville and Knox County voters had the chance to meet dozens of candidates running in the 2017 city and 2018 county elections Thursday night at the Knoxville Expo Center.

Five of the nine city council seats are open this year due to term limits.

Two of the four candidates seeking the First District seat were present Thursday as Rebecca Parr and Greg Knox appeared. Andrew Wilson was absent. Stephanie Welch had campaign personnel at the event but she missed it due to a prior commitment.

Knox said he was pleased that so many candidates for the city and county elections turned out to meet voters. But he was disappointed with apparent voter apathy at last week's meet-and-greet event.

"We had a good turnout with

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Go Vote! Knoxville Aims to Increase Voter Turnout

By David Klein

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero announced a new initiative Tuesday, June 27, to increase dialogue and voter turnout in this year's elections called Go Vote! Knoxville. The initiative will have six get-out-the-vote public meetings, one in each of the six city council districts. At these meetings, voters can interact with and get to know the candidates running for the five open city council positions from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

During the meetings, the City of Knoxville and local businesses will provide pizza and snacks, and there will be family games. Rogero will attend along with current



Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero announcing the Go Vote! Knoxville initiative with 2017 city council candidates at the Public Works Service Center.

council members, and The Knoxville Election Commission will also be at the meetings to register new voters,

provide information, and demonstrate how to cast ballots on voting machines.

Rogero talked about the

Go Vote! Knoxville initiative during her announcement. "We have 30 candidates running for five council seats

in the August 29 primary," Rogero said. "Today we're officially launching the Go Vote! Knoxville initiative. Go

Vote! Knoxville will be bringing the candidates to you."

City officials will recognize the council districts that have the largest percentage turnout and the largest increase in voter participation compared with the 2009 City Council election, when there were also five seats up for election. "We're challenging each district to beat their own record of 2009 and outvote the other districts," Rogero said. "After the election is over, we'll recognize in some way the council district that turned out the highest percentage of voters as well as the district that increased turnout the most from 2009."

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What Is the Lemon Law and When Does it Apply?

If you ever hear anyone complain of buying a vehicle that has problems, you always hear people say, "Well you should be protected by the lemon law!" Are you really? Is that just some



By Jedidiah McKeenan
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In order to take advantage of the lemon law protections, I would recommend reporting any problem within the first year or within the term of the warranty, whichever comes first.

made up thing? How often does the lemon law actually apply?

A "Lemon" is a motor vehicle sold or leased after January 1, 1987, that has a defect or condition that substantially impairs the motor vehicle; and the person you bought it from cannot repair the vehicle after three attempts or the vehicle is out of service for repairs for a cumulative total of 30 or more days during the term of protection. This Law is ONLY applicable if the vehicle was bought new. So the lemon law does not apply to used vehicles at all. If the above conditions apply though, the manufacturer is required to replace the motor vehicle or refund the purchase price.

"Substantially impair" means to render a motor vehicle unreliable or unsafe for normal operation, or to reduce its resale market value below the average resale value for comparable motor vehicles.

The term of protection is defined as one year from the date of original delivery or the term of the warranty, whichever comes first.

If you have a lemon, you must notify the manufacturer of the problem in writing by certified mail. The manufacturer has an additional opportunity to repair your car within 10 days. If the manufacturer cannot repair your car and the manufacturer has an informal dispute settlement procedure that complies with Federal Trade Commission regulations, the refund and replacement provisions of the Lemon Law won't apply until you submit to the procedure. You are not bound by the decision and can still seek available legal remedies, including asking a court to award a replacement vehicle or reimbursement of the purchase price (less a reasonable allowance for use), plus attorney fees and court costs.

You can file a lawsuit at anytime within one year from the date of original delivery of your car or within six months from the expiration of your expressed warranty, whichever is later. Extended warranties are not considered. Very specific provisions apply in order for you be able to take advantage of the lemon law, make sure you can check the boxes that the law require!

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Ghost Rider Metal Works is known for welding

By Mike Steely
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Steve James has a real talent for metal, whether it's building a metal staircase or cutting and stamping unique figures. The owner of Ghost Rider Metal Works, James has been professionally welding for about 40 years, ever since he served with the U. S. Army in Vietnam.

Actually his background with welding goes back to his childhood. His father was a Navy welder and James said that as a child he would weld and build mini-bikes. Referring to the art of welding James said, "I always thought it was neat!"

The North Knox County resident contracts and sub-contracts throughout our region and is certified in electric, plumbing and welding. He is also a licensed General Contractor. One of the most requested repairs James receives is to replace or repair stairs and decks.

He's worked on stairs and decks at apartments near the UT Campus, in Lenoir City, and at thirteen motels in Knoxville last year. He has even done specialized welding for an IHOP Restaurant.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Steve James of Ghost Rider Metal Works is ready to respond to you for your welding needs, whether it is repairing metal steps or customized metal work.

He said that changing building codes and aging metal stairs at businesses brings a need for metal repairs that include non-slip metal surfaces on decks and stairs.

Asked what the most unusual welding request he's had, James said a

woman brought him her son's go-cart for what she thought was a simple repair. James said he had to take the go-cart apart and totally rebuild it.

"People think that's all you have to do, just weld. But it's 50% layout, 30% prep work,

and 20% welding," he said. James explained the name of this company, "Ghost Rider," comes from having been a fan of Ghost Rider comics as a child and that's the name he goes by as a motorcycle rider.

"My wife, Patricia Hice, is the people person and Zeke Atchley is my apprentice and he has been certified on the basic level," James said.

The unique thing about Ghost Rider Metal Works is that James can fabricate metal work and can do much of the work on site.

He has also built or repaired stainless steel kitchens at restaurants, wrought iron fencing, truck and trailer repairs, and all types of Welding-MIG, TIG and Stick welding.

"If you can dream it we can build it," is the slogan of Ghost Rider Metal Works. James says that no job is too small or too large for his mobile welding.

Ghost Rider Metal Works is on the web at www.ghostridermetalworks.com or you can call James at (865) 705-0742.



County Commissioner Charles Busler speaks with citizens at the recent Candidate Expo Thursday night at the Knoxville Expo Center.

Voters interact with candidates at Expo

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our candidates," he said. "I wish we would've had more potential voters. They're expecting voter turnout to be pretty low.

"The good thing for me is that I'll be close to the top of the list, so if people are lazy, I can get their vote. We don't have a lot of voters here tonight, but I was hoping to get more voters because we're not in a presidential cycle."

Four candidates are seeking the Second

District Seat. Those seeking it include David Williams, Brandon Bruce, Wayne Christensen and Andrew Roberto.

Third District candidates include James Edward Corcoran III, Jody Mullins, Seema Singh-Perez and De'Ossie Deon Dingus.

Mullins noted that Thursday's forum played to his strengths as a candidate.

"My strong suit is interacting with people," he said. "My willingness to work with businesses and the community are the

biggest things that I bring and I have experience working with the [Knoxville Police Department] and the [Knox County Sheriff's Office]."

Candidates seeking the Fourth District Seat are: Jack Knoxville, Dan Davis, Amelia Parker, Lauren Rider and Harry Tindell.

Several candidates are in the primary election to represent the Sixth District.

Joyce Brown, John A. Butler, Maurice Clark Sr., Michael Covington, Charles Frazier, David Gillette, Zimbabwe Matavou, Gwen McKenzie, Jennifer Montgomery, Damon Rawls, Kennie Riffey Shawnee Rios and Brandy Slaybaugh.

The event was sponsored by the Graham Corporation, the Knoxville Expo Center and Moxley Carmichael.

Graham Corporation

President Tim Graham said he was pleased to host the event.

"We don't do this every year but we try to do it when we have a large number of candidates," he said. "We've done four of these over the past 10 years and it's a fun event."

"This event is important for both the attendees and the candidates. Not only do the attendees get to meet the candidates, but the candidates also can come and meet the people that they hope to represent and gain a better understanding of community concerns in their district."

Several candidates seeking county commission seats and other offices were also present. County offices, which will be contested, include Register of Deeds, Criminal Court Clerk and Circuit Court Clerk.

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Publisher's Position

School Board Needs To Slow Down Discipline Changes



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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For sometime now the Knox County School Board has been prodded to change existing discipline policies. A group of people

claiming to represent "the community" have been pushing hard to make significant changes in policies that are now in place to punish bad behavior, minor and major infractions and some even want to decriminalize certain things. They decry the notion of students being suspended for virtually anything and worry about the direct "pipeline from schools to prison."

I would certainly agree this is a very serious subject and I don't think it would hurt a thing in the world to regularly revisit the disciplinary policies. I think this is an important

conversation for the entire community and I would point out our community includes all of Knox County. I also don't believe we need to start reclassifying those who have no respect for the law as victims. I've noticed that little attention has been paid to those who really are victimized by bad behavior in classrooms --- teachers and students who are there to learn. Nor are we doing those students a favor by attempting to decriminalize anything and everything. Just what message does that send to those students for the future? Breaking the law

after dropping out of school or after graduating isn't going to get one sent to detention; more likely it will get one a jail sentence. For all the talk about "restorative practices", I wonder how one restores what might well have never been there in the first place.

The school system has made a half hearted effort to solicit the opinions of principals, several of whom either did not reply or said little or nothing. It mystifies me that the school system has not made even a token effort to solicit the opinions of those on the frontlines: the classroom teachers.

Teachers could provide much needed information about the current state of learning and discipline in our school system. In fact, I think those are the first opinions that should be solicited to ascertain just where we are currently.

The board of education is not obligated to accept the recommendation of any task force, nor should they be hurried or bullied by a group of people claiming to represent the community.

This is a topic that touches many lives throughout Knox County, as well as the quality of instruction and learning in our classrooms.

It has the potential to touch the lives of every family in this county. It is a serious topic worthy of discussion by everyone involved. It is inexplicable to me that the opinions of classroom teachers have not been sought out nor has the school system held community forums regarding discipline policies across the county.

This is a conversation that should be discussed thoroughly and we should take whatever time we need to make sure we get it right.

Honors, Concord Park, Immigration and Appointments

By Mike Steely
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The long meeting of the Knox County Commission last week saw the members honor a local business, hear a report on the response and expense of weather damage at Concord Park and hear from several citizens concerned about the sheriff's application to enforce immigration laws.

Sixty-two items were on the agenda, 32 of which were funding requests from Knox County Schools. All but a half dozen of the agenda items were passed as "consent" items having been discussed or approved the previous week during the commission's work session.

The four open seats on the Knox County Library Advisory Board were filled with the appointments of Barbara Boulton, Linda

Jarnigan and Donna Sherwood and the reappointment of Amber Moser. The board has representatives of each county district and members serve for three-year terms, meet every other month, and advocate and support works at libraries.

Commissioner Charles Busler led the honors for Tindell's Building Materials and that local company's 125 years in business.

"We are really honored to have this kind of people in Knox County," Busler said.

Dr. Clarence Sexton of Crown College led the devotional and spoke about how invested God is with our country and added that he has been in the ministry for 50 years.

Several citizens spoke against the application by Sheriff J. J. Jones to the federal government to designate his department as

immigration enforcement agents under Resolution 287G. Speakers were Dr. Deanne Bantry, Megan Fogerty, Rev. John Gill and Allie Cohen.

Rev. Gill said his opposition is "a faith concern about what it means to be a Christian." He said that immigrants are "just seeking a better life like all of our ancestors."

The 287G program would permit county deputies to run immigration checks on people stopped for traffic violations, minor offenses, and house those arrested until the federal government takes action.

Fogerty said there is a level of mistrust among children and their parents and the policy would "drive a bigger wedge" between immigrants and law enforcement.

The commission approved a

resolution approving a two-year grant with the state for the sheriff's Community Alternatives to Prison Program. The \$1.3 million grant, matched each year by \$21,600 in county funds, authorizes the program which is funded also by collections from offenders serving a sentence.

The commission also discussed recent storm damage. They heard a report from Colin Ickes, director of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency, on the response and cost of the storm damage on May 27th at The Cove and Concord Park. Ickes said that about 75% of the county's cost in clearing storm damage and restoring the park may be covered by federal disaster funds and another 12.5 percent covered by state contributions. He also mentioned the utility restoration there by

LCUB and applauded the various local responders following the event.

Commissioner Carson Dailey asked about clearing of dead trees overhanging the roads in South Knoxville and Jim Snowden, director of Public Works, said he would have the department look at the matter.

Commissioner Brad Anders invited his fellow members to visit the Emergency Management facility for lunch to become acquainted with the operation there.

Chairman Dave Wright led a discussion on when the commission would want to hold its reorganization meeting in September and that matter was passed along to the next work session.

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Outgoing council members respond to The Focus

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Nick Della Volpe

4th District City Council

Five very active Knoxville City Council members will be leaving office this year due to term limits. The Focus has asked each member a few questions about their years on the council.

Compiled by Mike Steely.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe represents the Fourth District. He is a graduate of St. Johns University School of Law in New York and attended the University of Tennessee. For 35 years Della Volpe has handled General Business and Commercial Litigation. He is an associate of Wagner, Myers and Sanger, P.C., in Knoxville.

From 1973 until 1987 he served as an attorney with the General Counsel's Office of TVA. Della Volpe has served on various boards, Town Hall East, Downtown Civitan Club, and is involved in community development, History, Woodworking, gardening and Tai Chi. He lives in Holston Hills.

1. What is the most memorable event or vote you had on City Council?

I was proud to use my legal skills and environmental experience to help reshape the Hillside and Ridgetop Guidelines during the many public meetings. I am also proud as a Knoxvilleian that we have found a way to revitalize downtown but that has been a work-in-progress since the mid-90's. Collectively we have

all worked to help increase recycling, expand greenways, and start to confront the need for more sidewalks. Overall I think it is less about specific votes or event and more about collectively helping to focus on reshaping Knoxville's future. I hope we can continue to revitalize older parts of the community and eradicate blight. We have worked and continue working to keep our city affordable and business friendly.

2. Please comment about public participation at Council Meetings.

Participation at actual council meetings itself is often too low. It usually takes a crisis to stir folks to attend a meeting. But modern communication tools like email and blogs, as well as participation in community group meetings and the BPA's in our area, help you get the pulse of the community. You can contact and collaborate with departments and full-time city officials to help get needs properly addressed.

3. Would moving the Council Meetings to 5 p.m. help and why?

No. Most working folks would not have enough time to leave their work place or arrange for the care of their kids after school, drive downtown, park and get to the meeting to participate. Public input on controversial and sensitive issues helps assure that those issues are fully vetted before action is taken. It also fuels more vigorous debate

among council members.

4. What positions on an item have you altered your view on?

There's nothing like listening to opposing views and reasons why a certain action should be taken or not taken to help fashion sound decisions. Even when you show up believing you are fully prepared for an issue there often is an alternate side or collateral aspect that might help you alter or refine your opinion. Very few issues are black or white, you've got to keep an open mind during debates and discussions.

5. What are your possible future plans?

I hope to do more gardening and a bit of fishing and make some progress on the backlog of honey-do lists. I may do a bit of writing if time will allow.

6. What will you miss the most?

Probably the people. We don't always agree but there is a value in confronting and trying to appreciate different perspectives that your colleagues bring to the table.

7. What advice would you have for the future council member?

Do your homework, talk to neighbors, business and community groups. You represent them on council and are their spokesman. You are not the administration although hopefully you help make it more responsive. Keep an open mind. Be prepared to help plug-in individuals into the correct department or person



to address their problems and concerns. Take a deep breath, folks don't always respect your time schedules but you are their ombudsman to a sometimes complex system. And Grow up, you can never make everyone happy so try to do the best thing for the greater community. That way you will have no regrets.

8. Are you supporting a candidate in the primary election?

Not really, I believe in an engaged electorate. There are several candidates that I personally like better than others, but I prefer to leave the decision to the voters to pick who they want to manage their scarce tax dollars and the community's future direction. Different generations envision the possible future differently and former officials need to be careful we don't usurp the public's freedom and obligation to make the choice they will live with.

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"Our job is trying to give people opportunities to get to know you," Rogero said of the council candidates. "The candidates will be available at these meetings for one on one conversation with the voters," she added.

Senior Director of Communications and Government Relations for the city of Knoxville, Jesse Mayshark, talked about how the Go Vote! Knoxville initiative came to be. In planning the Go Vote! Knoxville initiative, Mayshark said that city staff employees came together and brainstormed on ways to increase turnout. He said that employees were discussing, "Let's try to do something before the election to encourage people to get engaged. Our interest is in having more people involved, more people engaged in it, more people coming out to vote because we think that the government functions better when it's more representative of more people," Mayshark added.

In addition to the public meetings, the city will also promote awareness of the upcoming city council elections. "We'll have the meetings but we'll also be active on social media," Mayshark said.

Mayshark sees an increased awareness of politics. "Coming out of the presidential election last year, there's a heightened interest in politics in general," he said.

The six public meetings last from 5:30-7 p.m., and the schedule is as follows.

Monday, July 10-1st District:

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

Monday, July 17-2nd District:

Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7400 Deane Hill Dr.

Thursday, July 20-4th District:

Milton Roberts Recreation Center, 5900 Asheville Hwy

Monday, July 24-3rd District:

Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silverhill Dr.

Tuesday, July 25-6th District:

John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

Thursday, Sept. 7-5th District:

Christenberry Community Center, 931 Oglewood Ave.

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Want to buy an old grist mill and live in it? You can now because Knox Heritage is listing three old water mills for sale including the Riverdale Grist Mill just off Thorngrove Pike.

The three historic water-powered mills are on the list offered by Knox Heritage that includes several other historic properties that the organization is helping to promote and sell.



Riverdale Mill was built in 1858 and is one of the historic water mills for sale in our region. The mill has been converted into a two bedroom-two bath home and has 1.9 acres of land with a lake, dam and stream.

Riverdale Mill

The historic Riverdale Mill, located at Wayland Road and Thorngrove Pike in Knox County, is an 1858 grist mill that's listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property has been converted for residential use and the structure has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The two-level structure is about 1,868 square feet and sits on 1.9 acres that also includes a lake, dam and stream.

Built originally by Rev. James Kennedy on land owned by Knoxville's founder, James White, the ownership changed hands over the years. By the time of the Civil War the mill was the center of the Riverdale community, which also had an active ferry crossing nearby, a post office, a general store, church, and blacksmith shop.

Riverdale Mill supplied Federal troops with grain during the Civil War although Kennedy was a slave holder. Additional information

is available on the Knox Heritage web site. If you're interested you can contact Joe Morenko at (865) 773-7411. The asking price is \$250,000.

French Mill

French Mill in Dandridge comes with a completely restored water wheel-powered, belt-driven grist mill that dates back to the year 1800 and is fully operational. A hearthstone log cabin constructed in 1998 with 6x12 logs features wide plank pine flooring and has two bedrooms and one bath and a septic access for RV. Let the sound of the creek lull you to sleep or while away hours on the porch gazing at the cascades. The creek

has 80x5 dam that feeds the mill.

Knox Heritage is listing the mill, cabin and property at \$325,000. Information is available by contacting Sandy Gammon, a realtor at Keller Williams, by calling (865) 771-9249.

Free Mill for the taking

Yes, Knox Heritage is featuring a free mill for anyone interested in taking it apart. The 1880 structure, measuring 30 by 50 feet, is available to anyone willing to take the entire building down but leaving the foundation. Liability insurance is required and a deposit to insure removal is necessary. The deposit would be returned when the entire

structure is removed.

The wood is poplar and oak and anyone interested should contact Noah Myers at Myers Brothers Holdings, (865) 675-3823. You can email him at noah@myers-bros.com. The mill is located in Farragut.

Several other properties, from rental apartments in historic downtown buildings to homes in several neighborhoods and even in the region are listed by Knox Heritage. You can find them updated often at www.knoxheritage.org/properties-for-sale. You may also contact Tod Morgan at (865) 523-8008 or find him on line at todmorgan@knoxheritage.org.

Festival on the Fourth once again lights up the skies

Families from all over East Tennessee are invited to make holiday memories at this year's Festival on the Fourth at World's Fair Park, 4-10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4.

The free event, sponsored by the City of Knoxville, begins with an afternoon of food and fun, followed by the winning combo of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and the City's largest annual fireworks display.

"Festival on the Fourth is our department's biggest one-day event, and we try to pull out all the stops," says Special Events Director Judith Foltz.

Festival on the Fourth extends across the entire park, with the North Lawn hosting a variety of food vendors and live music by The Temper Evans Band at 4 p.m., followed by Airlifter Brass, a brass quintet of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, at 6:15 p.m. Regal's Kids Zone activities include nine holes of miniature golf, Lego tables from Bricks for Kids, and saturating games of Water Wars. Bounce houses will be located in the nearby Tennessee Amphitheater, and guests are welcome to take paddleboat rides in the park's "Lazy River."

On the South Performance Lawn,

Stoney Point Bluegrass Band plays at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m., Aram Demirjian conducts the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra 33rd Annual Free Pilot Flying J Independence Day Concert, marking his one-year anniversary as KSO's Music Director. The two-hour concert will feature a mix of patriotic and Americana pieces. Highlights include "The Star-Spangled Banner," Armed Forces Salute, John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," and Aaron Copland's "Hoe-Down."

Knoxville folk duo Blond Bones will perform select songs with the KSO, and within the set, the orchestra will pay tribute to composer John Williams, who wrote the film score for "Star Wars," released 40 years ago this year. Knoxville's poet laureate R.B. Morris will perform an original work of poetry to accompany the Williams' piece "Hymn to the Fallen" from the film "Saving Private Ryan." The full symphony program will be listed on www.KnoxvilleSymphony.com.

At approximately 9:40 p.m., as the notes of the "1812 Overture" ring out, fireworks will explode in the sky. The symphony and fireworks show will be broadcast live on WBIR-TV Channel 10 and

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Brooks makes donation to four area high schools

By Ken Lay

Representative Harry Brooks had a big surprise for four local high schools last week.

Brooks, who announced that he would not seek re-election for the 19th District Seat of the Tennessee General Assembly House of representatives, donated more than \$66,000 to the four high schools that he has represented for nearly two

decades.

The Republican, who always ran unopposed for his seat, had a campaign budget surplus and he donated \$66,493 to Halls, Gibbs, Carter and South-Doyle at a ceremony Wednesday morning at Gibbs High School. Many elected officials and school board members were in attendance.

The money was donated based on the registered

voters who lived in each school district zone.

Brooks said that he never needed to finance a campaign and he wanted to give the money back to his constituents. He also had to amend legislation in order to make the donation to the schools.

"Prior to the amendment, it was not allowed," said Brooks, who has served since 2002 and sought office to improve

the Tennessee education system. "The caveat is I don't control the money.

"It's their decision how to use it. Hopefully more people will decide to do this in the future. I never had an opponent but you never know that until the filing deadline, so you always had to prepare for a campaign. I've had hundreds of contributors over the years and I wanted to put it back into where

they live. It's the district's money. That's how I look at it."

Gibbs principal Jason Webster received a donation of \$25,932. Carter's Angie Messer received a check for \$19,283. South-Doyle's Tim Berry picked up a check for \$10,639. School board chair Patti Bounds accepted the same amount for Halls High.

Bounds, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and

KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas all praised Brooks' commitment to public education.

"This is a very tremendous and generous gift that will help these schools continue the incredible work that they're doing," Bounds said.

Thomas said that Brooks' contribution was greatly appreciated.

"Harry Brooks is a friend

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to Knox County Schools and a long time community servant," Thomas said. "We are grateful for this generous gift and can't wait to see how the schools put the money to use."

For his part, Burchett called Brooks "a champion for education."

Webster and Berry were excited and a bit overwhelmed.

"I didn't come in and expect almost \$26,000," Webster said. "I'm still a bit awed and humbled by the generosity."

"I can assure you that it will be put to the best use for our kids."

Berry knew that South-Doyle was getting something big but didn't quite know what to expect.

"I saw Harry at graduation and he told me that he would have a surprise for me, but he wouldn't tell me what it was," Berry said. "I didn't know that it would be almost \$11,000 in a check."

"We'll use this gift to help our kids."



Representative Harry Brooks donates his surplus campaign money to four high schools Wednesday at Gibbs High School. Pictured with Brooks are school board members, local elected officials, KCS Superintendent Bob Thomas and Gibbs principal Jason Webster, South-Doyle principal Tim Berry, Carter principal Angie Messer and school board chairperson Patti Bounds, who accepted a donation on behalf of Halls High School. Photo by Justin Johnson.



Rosie's World

Did you know 'Jesus wept?'

When I was growing up I attended the Mennonite church. This kindly, conservative group of people were committed to pacifism and also adhered to the literal peaching of Christ to be "in the world" but not "of the world." They displayed this teaching by their dress, the women by covering their hair and the men by preaching the truths of God's Word. I learned a lot from them. On Sunday evenings

before the main service they had a "Children's Hour" which consisted of Bible Verse contests, Bible Book contests, etc. I don't mean to brag but, invariably I won a lot of these contests. The Mennonite parents were dismayed by this fact that I was more knowledgeable than their children but they awarded me with small New Testaments and bookmarks. One verse stood out in my memory. "Jesus Wept" can be found in the book

of John, chapter 11, Verse 35. It took quite a few years for me to realize the significance of those two words. For me to realize that Jesus was human. He could get hungry, get tired, he enjoyed friends, he ate with sinners, he loved people. There's no mention in the Bible if he laughed but I like to think he did occasionally. And he loved his friends, especially Mary and Martha and Lazarus.

I'm sure he loved many more including Mary Magdalene, whom I think he might have had thoughts of love. When his friend, Lazarus died, Jesus wept, even though it was in his power to bring him alive again. So, it's OK to weep. Physicians claim that weeping can lower blood pressure. Maybe, maybe not. I know I feel better after crying unless it's at a sad affair such as a funeral. I cry when I

watch certain movies, such as "Dr. Zhivago" or "Mr. Holland's Opus" I cry when I see children abused. I cry when young men and women are killed at war. Whatever makes you cry, do it. Jesus did. Thought for the day: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.

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The last years of Gordon Browning

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Gordon Browning was a veteran of Tennessee's turbulent and oftentimes brutal political wars. Browning had unseated a twenty-four year incumbent in his first race for Congress in 1920, although he lost the general election to a Republican. Stubborn to a fault, Browning ran again in 1922 and handily beat Lon Scott, the GOP congressman. Browning remained in Congress for twelve years before his yearning to go to the United States Senate got the better of him. Browning ran against Senator Nathan L. Bachman and began the campaign as the frontrunner, with strong support from his fellow veterans of the World War. Browning lost, but rebounded in 1936 to win election as governor of Tennessee, crushing a primary opponent who had the open support of Tennessee's powerful senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar. The 1936 Democratic gubernatorial primary saw McKellar and his personal friend and political partner, E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County machine, parted ways. Crump, likely believing Browning was going to win in any event, cast his lot with Gordon Browning. Crump's Shelby County produced a whopping majority for Browning, as expected, but the Memphis Boss's intuition had been correct; Browning would have won without the totals from Shelby County.

The alliance between Browning and Crump did not last long. A bitter spilt erupted between the two men and brought Crump and McKellar together closer than ever. Senator Bachman had died and Governor Browning appointed labor leader George L. Berry to fill the vacancy in the Senate. Browning declared all out war on the Crump machine and the Memphis Boss and Senator McKellar joined together to eliminate the governor and Senator Berry completely in the 1938 primaries. McKellar and Crump were successful; Browning had been badly beaten by Prentice Cooper and after a defiant burst in his farewell address, quietly returned to practice law in his hometown of Huntingdon, Tennessee. Browning continued to practice law until he received a summons from former governor Tom C. Rye, who was the Chancellor of the Eighth Judicial District. Rye told Browning he intended to retire and urged the younger man to run to succeed him. Browning agreed and was elected without opposition.

Browning desperately wanted to get back into

the armed services with the outbreak of World War II, but felt he was being thwarted by Senator McKellar. Eventually, Browning entered the Army at his old rank of Captain and remained in Europe past the 1946 election despite being a candidate for governor. Browning lost to incumbent Jim Nance McCord, but ran again in 1948. McCord was considerably weaker, especially after having introduced the sales tax to Tennessee. Crump had also wounded the machine he and Senator McKellar had used to dominate Volunteer State politics for almost two decades by refusing to support Senator Tom Stewart for reelection. Gordon Browning allied himself with insurgent Congressman Estes Kefauver and both won.

Browning won yet another term as governor in 1950, although there were signs his political strength was ebbing. An obscure state senator from Nashville had run a surprisingly close race inside the Democratic primary. Browning had decided to seek a third consecutive term in 1952 when he was challenged by Frank Clement. The governor was surprised by his defeat. Senator K. D. McKellar lost to Congressman Albert Gore that same year and for the next fifteen years, Clement, Gore and Estes Kefauver would represent a new era in Tennessee politics.

The race between Governor Browning and Frank Clement had been exceedingly bitter. Browning went back to Huntingdon and smoldered. Despite virtually every friend urging him not to run again in 1954, Gordon Browning announced his bid to reclaim the governorship from Clement. Browning was competing for the first four-year term granted a Tennessee governor following the constitutional convention in 1953.

Charismatic, an eloquent stump speaker, and youthful with an attractive family, Frank Clement was a sharp contrast to the sixty-four year old Browning.

Clement's reelection campaign was lavishly funded, while Browning had difficulty attracting contributions. Still, the former governor campaigned gamely all across the state. If anything, the 1954 campaign was just as bitter. Clement described Browning's campaign as one of "hate, vilification and vituperation."

Despite raising questions over a Cadillac delivered to Governor Clement on the day of his inauguration in January of 1953, Browning was thrashed in the primary. Frank Clement carried every county in the



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(From left to right) Former Tennessee governors Gordon Browning, Prentice Cooper and Jim McCord in 1964.

state of Tennessee save for Browning's home county of Carroll. Gordon Browning's political career of more than thirty years had finally come to an end with jarring finality. The Nashville Tennessean, which had strongly supported Gordon Browning through the years, concluded, the people of Tennessee obviously wanted "fresher faces and younger blood" in 1954. Browning, perhaps realizing his star had set, promised the 1954 gubernatorial campaign would be his last. The magnitude of his defeat ensured that it would indeed be Gordon Browning's last campaign for public office.

Clearly disappointed, Gordon Browning returned to Huntingdon and worked for several hours in his law office and told a reporter he would spend the weekend resting at his home. After leaving the governor's office in 1953, Browning had built a new home for his wife, Ida, which was paneled with woods from trees native to Tennessee. Ida Leach Browning was a retiring woman, uncomfortable in the spotlight and she disliked politics. Mrs. Browning was happiest in her home and surrounded by her friends in Carroll County and was clearly contented with retirement. Gordon Browning's retirement from politics had been forced but he would retain his interest for the rest of his long life.

Aside from his law practice, Gordon Browning kept himself busy as the Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Life Insurance Company. The former governor supported his friend Estes Kefauver for the Democratic nomination for president in 1956 and campaigned on behalf of the ticket when Kefauver won the vice presidential nomination instead. As the campaign drew to a close, Browning spoke to crowds in Trezevant and Bolivar, Tennessee. Browning was also active in the Democratic primary for governor in 1958. After six years in office, Frank Clement was ineligible to succeed himself as governor of Tennessee. A fierce primary was fought by Buford Ellington, Commissioner of Agriculture under Clement, Edmund Orgill, the former mayor of Memphis, and Judge Andrew "Tip" Taylor

of Jackson, Tennessee, who had been elected to a term on the Public Service Commission in 1946. Browning backed Taylor and traveled much of Tennessee on behalf of Judge Taylor. Browning visited Johnson City when Taylor opened his campaign headquarters in May of 1958. Browning was not the only former governor working hard for "Tip" Taylor. In July of 1956, both Gordon Browning and Jim Nance McCord were on hand in Greeneville when Taylor campaigned there. Both former governors made predictions that Taylor would be the next governor of Tennessee. The 1958 Democratic primary was a free for all and the election results were close enough to give many Tennessee Democrats ulcers. Ellington won, but only barely, polling 213,415 votes. "Tip" Taylor was right behind Ellington with 204,629 votes; only a few hundred votes separated Taylor and Edmund Orgill, as the former Memphis mayor won 204,382 votes.

Buford Ellington was hardly the universal choice of Tennessee Democrats and the seventy-nine year old Jim McCord launched a bid for the governorship in the general election as an "Independent." As both Gordon Browning and Jim McCord had strongly supported Andrew Taylor in the heated 1958 primary campaign, rumors began to circulate one of the two former governors would run in the general election as an Independent. Apparently, Browning and McCord met privately to discuss the idea.

Despite having been opponents during the 1948 campaign, Gordon Browning chose to back McCord's quixotic bid rather than Ellington. Browning did not hold back, saying, "I'm going to support him every way I can and request all my friends to support him." When queried if he would actually campaign for Jim McCord, Browning was somewhat more vague. "I don't know. But I'm in his army and I'll do anything he wants."

Former governor Jim Nance McCord, in making his announcement he would run in the fall election, addressed the most obvious burden he carried, his age. "My age, which is

no secret, will undoubtedly be discussed during this campaign," McCord acknowledged. "I am proud of every year I have lived. I feel fully qualified, fully competent - - - both mentally and physically - - - to be of further service to my native state."

McCord had served as Commissioner of Conservation in the Cabinet of Governor Frank Clement from 1953 - 1958, yet he did not hesitate to criticize Clement's administration. McCord's stepdaughter, Christine Reynolds, had been the Commissioner of Welfare under Clement and had joined him in resigning her post to support Andrew "Tip" Taylor for governor.

In a television address to the people of Tennessee, the former governor promised to "tighten the purse strings of the state government to eliminate the great, wanton and willful waste that has crept in during the past six years." As McCord spoke over television, Gordon Browning was stumping Middle Tennessee for his former rival. Evidently Browning and McCord had put aside their differences and become quite friendly as members of the special fraternity reserved for former governors. Neither man was happy with the backing Ellington had received from Governor Clement. Both Browning and McCord grumbled about Clement having "hand-picked" Ellington, which they believed meant four more years of the Clement administration. Browning spoke at the Fentress County Courthouse in Jamestown and denounced Buford Ellington as "the hatchet man of a corrupt administration" and derided Ellington as the "Crown Prince" of the Clement regime. "We said in the 1953 constitutional convention no governor should control this state for more than four years at a time," Browning bellowed. "But the present governor is trying to project himself through the gap and control it for four more years."

"That's more power than a good governor would want and more than a crooked governor should have," Browning snapped. "If any state was ever saturated with fraud and deceit and falsification, Tennessee has been for the past six

years."

With Ellington running as the regular nominee, both Gordon Browning and Jim McCord stoutly maintained they were not leaving the Democratic Party. The former governor was obviously enjoying himself and while in Jamestown, lunched with old friends and supporters, who included relatives of the late Secretary of State Cordell Hull. After leaving Jamestown, Browning drove to Pallmall, Tennessee where he enjoyed a visit with Sergeant Alvin York. Browning, along with former Knoxville mayor George Dempster, headlined a five-county rally in Dayton, Tennessee on behalf of Jim McCord's candidacy. Browning flew from Dayton to Selmer, Tennessee to appear beside McCord at an evening rally.

Browning and McCord were tilting at windmills, as virtually every important Democrat in Tennessee lined up behind the party ticket and Buford Ellington. Congressmen Robert "Fats" Everett and J. Carleton Loser of Nashville dutifully announced they were supporting Ellington, as did Senator Estes Kefauver. Still, Gordon Browning was a stubborn man and he joined McCord in Columbia, Tennessee to kick off the general election campaign. McCord, considered one of the most eloquent speakers in the state, wore a big grin and a bowtie, as he lambasted Buford Ellington. The two former governors were photographed together smiling.

Browning introduced McCord at the McNairy County courthouse in nippy 40-degree weather. "I don't like Frank Clement," Browning roared. "I don't know whether you do or not. I think he's the biggest crook I ever saw. I don't like the way he and his pappy have administered the government of Tennessee." The former governor's remarks were greeted with applause, laughter and cheers from the crowd.

Gordon Browning kept up a hectic pace during the final days of the campaign, speaking in Camden, Paris and Ripley, Tennessee. Like an old fire-horse sniffing the cinders in the air, Gordon Browning pawed at the ground and took off running.

Happy 4th of July!

The day is celebrated with parades and fireworks, picnics and cookouts, barbeque and watermelon! It is America's birthday and one of the most important days in our nation's history.



By Ralphine Major
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The patriotic holiday is known as Independence Day or the Fourth of July. The year was 1776 when America gained her independence---241 years ago!
The United States of America has come a long way during those years and accomplished much, making her the greatest nation on earth. Electricity, telephones, cars, computers and so many other inventions have improved our quality of life. I often wonder what

our forefathers would think of America today. They worked tirelessly to lay the foundation for future generations. What foresight they showed when creating the Declaration

of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and other important documents. Two hundred, forty-one years later, our country is strong and successful; yet, it is often battered with violence and hostility.

On July 4, 2017, enjoy the festivities with red, white and blue flags flying high. Take a moment to reflect on the many in service who have protected our freedom, serving this great country on the mainland and around the

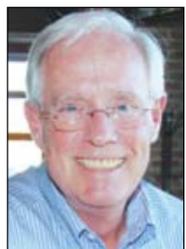
world to keep her free. I am reminded of the seven brave United States Navy sailors in recent news who gave their life serving America. Pray for peace throughout our nation and other countries. America is great, but she will only remain great if her people keep their focus on a higher power. The magnitude of the message in a scripture I often reference seems more important these days than ever before. In these turbulent and dangerous times, it bears repeating: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV). Happy Birthday, America!! God bless!



Picture of a festive sight on the 4th of July in New York City, courtesy of Norma Daniel.

Broken Shells

One of the best things about the beach is hunting seashells. Over the years, I collected enough to make a table that weighs just slightly under a ton and a bedside lamp that is much lighter. Bags of the things are tucked away in cabinets and boxes both inside the house and in our storage building. Amy has threatened me with legal action if I dare to bring home one more thing that the ocean has regurgitated onto the sands of our vacation destination.



By Joe Rector
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I just can't help myself. Something about shells fascinates me. I love the shapes of them, the colors on both sides, and their delicacy. On our 25th anniversary, Amy and I traveled to Hollywood Beach, Florida, and I dug out a small conch shell that sits prominently on a shelf in my office. By the way, that was one shell that Amy allowed me to haul back to Knoxville without even a frown.

What I never collect are shells with broken edges. Neither am I a fan of the bits of shells that wash up from the ocean after they've been pummeled. Doing so would require too much effort to collect enough to fill a lamp or design a table top. More than likely, Amy would have refused to pack a bag of scraps with our luggage that would be beaten and banged by airlines or knocked cock-eyed as I tried to fit all of our items into the car. So, I ignore the little fragments and continue to look for the real prizes that might lie just a few feet down the beach.

That made me think of how too many of us, and yes, I include myself, treat other humans. We spend our time looking for the right folks who will make our lives perfect. You know what I mean. Too often, we turn our heads away or our noses up when we encounter individuals less fortunate. They are

trying to survive, just like the rest of us. However, times might have been hard or mistakes might have taken them down different roads, ones that lead to homelessness, loneliness, or complete despair.

Just like those broken pieces of shells lying on the beach, some of us overlook people or walk around them and pursue something more appropriate. We all want the best for ourselves and our families. However, that doesn't mean we have to turn our backs on those in the world who are broken or imperfect in our opinions.

We can afford to ignore the "crumbs" of shells on the beach, but that isn't so in our dealings with fellow humans. The good lord who placed all of us on this planet expects much more. Our helping others is demanded, and scripture tells of when we do it for the least of these that we do it for the Him.

The other things to remember is that each of us is in some way broken. If that is so, then others can turn from us in the same way we shun folks. This world, right now, this very minute, demands of us to open our arms to all people. If we don't, I'm afraid that the future is bleak for the human race. Perhaps we who are older won't see the negative effects of snubbing the broken, but our children and grandchildren certainly will. That's not a legacy I want to leave behind.

From now on, I think I might just take a bit more time looking at the beauty of those broken pieces of shells that are scattered along the sand. At the same time, I'll try to do a better job of understanding and accepting those people who are broken in some way. With a little luck, doing so might make the world a better place for the entire human race.

Festival on the Fourth once again lights up the skies

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Free parking is available in the 11th Street, Locust Street, Walnut Street, State Street and Market Square garages, as well as the City's Blackstock lots on Grand Avenue. ADA parking is available at the Fort Kid parking lot. Bring your own chairs and blankets, but no alcohol, tents or pets will be allowed.

This annual event happens near or shine. Visit www.knoxville.gov/4th/ for additional information.

Meanwhile, emergency officials advise everyone to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals - if you like fireworks displays, come to Festival on the Fourth.

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Pilot Rocky Top League to crown champion tonight

By Ken Lay

Throughout the 11-year history of the Pilot Rocky Top Basketball League, Commissioner Andre Whitehead has been thrust into role of basketball coach.

Family commitments and vacations sometimes trump basketball for the league's coaches in summer. And from time to time, Whitehead has coached and won championship games.

But he's hoping not to be on the bench for tonight's championship at Catholic High School. He coached Wednesday night in place of Rice Buick GMC coach Chad Smith. Smith was on vacation last week.

But Whitehead said that he expected the coach to return in time for the 2017 title game tonight (July 3) when Rice takes on Tillman Companies at 7:30.

"Chad should be back," Whitehead said after he guided Rice to a 106-95 victory over Garza Law Firm. "I hope he's back because I really don't like [coaching]."

Tillman, coached by first-year Pilot Rocky Top League head coach and former Tennessee basketball player Steve Ray, clinched its spot with a 116-98 victory over the previously undefeated Knoxville News-Sentinel squad.

The loss sent coach Zane Duncan's team into a free fall and Knoxville News-Sentinel (4-1) will play against Smithbilt Homes in the third-place game at 6 p.m. Three teams (Knoxville News-Sentinel, Tillman and Rice all finished the season with four wins) Smithbilt will also be in tonight's consolation game. DeRoyal Industries and Garza were eliminated after the final night of the regular season.

Ray said that he was pleased to see his team make it to the title game tonight.

"All you have to do is mention championship and a light goes on in these guy's head," Ray said. "This was a great game tonight [against Knoxville News-

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Eddie Courtney talks to his team during Farragut's 2016 state championship season. He is the recipient of the inaugural East Tennessee Careacter Star Head Football Coach of the Year Award. "Coach Courtney is the epitome of careacter -- with all capital letters," said Dave Moore, founder of the Careacter Star Athlete and Care 365 programs.

Courtney gets East Tennessee award based on character

By Steve Williams

A star for a long time has been the symbol of Farragut High football, just like good character is often mentioned when talking about Eddie Courtney, the Admirals' veteran coach. So it's fitting the first-ever East Tennessee CAREacter Star Head Coach of the Year Award will go to Courtney.

Dave Moore, founder of the CAREacter Star Athlete and CARE 365 programs, released information last week on the inaugural East Tennessee awards that are going to be presented to Courtney and four others in three additional categories.

"Coach Courtney is one of the greatest men I know," said Farragut Athletic Director Donald Dodgen. "He is a great teacher and a great coach. His character is of the highest standard. Anyone you talk with in the state of Tennessee says great things about Eddie."

Courtney guided Farragut to the TSSAA Class 5A state championship last fall with a 45-35 win over Independence that saw the Admirals come back from a

28-point deficit.

"Coach Courtney's award is based on his character, not for the state title," said Moore. "Coming back like they did is character."

Gregg Bostick of Grace Christian Academy and Alcoa High's Peggy Bratt are the CAREacter Star Support Persons of the Year.

Winston Russell of Oak Ridge High is the Assistant Football Coach of the Year and Clinton's Ken Buchanan of the Clinch Valley Football Officials Association was selected the Referee of the Year.

The awards were voted on by head football coaches and officials from Kingsport to Sweetwater, said Moore, plus some members (board of directors) of the CARE team and athletic directors.

The honorees will be presented plaques at home games during the upcoming season along with other prizes, said Moore, who wants to present similar awards in basketball, baseball and softball next school year.

"In football, we teach integrity, trust, self-determination, respect and visionary goal setting," said Courtney.

Bostick has volunteered to be Director of Football Operations at GCA the past three seasons.

"Gregg is a tireless worker that does so much for the Grace football program," said Rusty Bradley, the Rams' new head coach. "The amount of work he takes on is unbelievable and will definitely make my job a lot easier. He is involved for the right reasons; he loves the school and he loves the kids."

Bratt is not only the head athletic trainer at Alcoa, she also supervises athletic trainers at six area high schools.

"She means as much to our staff and is as valuable as any coach," said Alcoa Head Coach Gary Rankin.

Russell became head football coach at Robertsville Junior High in 1966 and joined Joe Gaddis' staff at Oak Ridge High in 1989.

"What strikes me most about Winston is the rapport he develops with the players he coaches,"

said Gaddis. "He takes a special interest in every player and the players obviously feel it. He is a great role model for every player around him."

After his many years of teaching and coaching, a phrase that's frequently heard around Robertsville and Oak Ridge is: "Coach Russell has to be the coolest old person alive."

Oak Ridge Athletic Director Mike Mullins adds: "Coach Russell's longevity is a testament to his commitment to the profession and is a rarity these days."

Buchanan will be going into his 38th year with the Clinch Valley Officials Association and his seventh season as supervisor.

"Ken heads up getting all the officials every year at the end of the season for the CAREacter Star Community Service Games at Grace," said Moore. "He and all the officials do these games every year for free to help out whatever cause we are having to raise money for, either an injured player or a child with a life-threatening illness."



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Care for a ride?

Tribute Truckster now cruising summer style

By Steve Williams

The Family Truckster is all decked out for a summer vacation.

The Christmas tree, roots and all, that was tied down atop of her during the holidays is long gone.

Now known as Knoxville's Tribute Truckster, the brainstorm of longtime Chevy Chase fan and movie watcher Dave Moore, she won't be going to Walley World, but instead will be running the roads in the Knoxville area, giving free rides to those who want one and putting smiles on the faces of drivers who might pull up beside her at a red light.

"We knew what it was the minute we drove up," said Dick Frost, after pulling into Weigel's on Kingston Pike near Papermill, where the Truckster was parked last Wednesday afternoon. "I said I be darn, look at that."

Frost said he had seen the National Lampoon's "Vacation," a 1983 movie, many times, and his foster daughter, Jesse Boots, who graduated this year at South-Doyle High and was celebrating her 18th birthday, said she had seen it three times on VCR.

"He (Moore) is doing



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Sisters Madisen and Rheagan Buckner and Jesse Boots take pictures of the Knoxville Tribute Truckster, which is the spittin' image of the Family Truckster from the 1983 National Lampoon Vacation movie starring Chevy Chase.

great things with what he's doing (with the Truckster)," said Frost. "I would recommend anybody to see the car, because he is a gentleman. I'm as impressed with him as I am the car,

because it's taken a lot of work to make the car this nice.

"I have a son who lives here in Knoxville and has seen that movie 50 times and loves it. I took pictures

of the car to send to him and I'm going to order him a T-shirt."

Moore, a former high school football coach and teacher, who is the founder of the Care 365 program,

a non-profit organization, is now taking orders for T-shirts, which is adorned with a colorful picture of the Tribute Truckster. One dollar out of each \$10 T-shirt will go for gas.

Keri Mantooth and Xan Lemons from White Pine in Jefferson County, and in town to do some shopping, were the first on the scene to start taking pictures of the Truckster.

"That's one of my dad's favorite movies and I've seen it many times," said Keri. "I think the car is perfect. We recognized it immediately. It looks great."

Ken Sparks, one of the all-time winningest college football coaches at Carson-Newman who died in March, is the latest addition to the tribute list that is posted on the Truckster's windshield.

Moore also has added a lot more stuffed animals for young children to enjoy – and he often gives away one – and Marty the Moose also is aboard. Yep, you can hear the movie's theme song, too.

Moore will be taking the Truckster to a Vacation Bible School for kids to enjoy the third week of this month.

If you have an event for the Truckster to show up for or are interested in a free ride some summer day or evening, call Coach Moore at 865-966-CARE.

Missing Pat Summitt

By Alex Norman

We don't expect our heroes to be fallible.

But unfortunately they are made of the same flesh and bone as the rest of us.

Last week marked the one year anniversary of the death of Pat Summitt and Tennessee is not the same without her. I'm not just talking about things that happen on the basketball court. Pat was the ultimate ambassador not only for the University of Tennessee, but for the state of Tennessee as well.

Born in Clarksville and schooled in Henrietta, Pat played her college basketball at UT-Martin. This was before Title IX. Her parents had to pay her way for school, even though she was an All-American that would

eventually helped the USA win the silver medal at the 1976 Summer Olympics.

Even in her early 20s, Pat was representing the state of Tennessee on an international stage.

For nearly 40 years, Summitt served as the head coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols. She won 1098 career games, 16 regular season SEC championships, 16 SEC tournament titles and 8 national championships. And every player that stayed with Summitt for four years earned their bachelor's degree.

In that time Summitt became a celebrity. In the off season she would give speeches to Fortune 500 companies. A small town Tennessee farm girl recognized by captains of industry. But her ability to connect with Lady

Vols fans is why they revere her to this day.

In August 2011, Summitt revealed that she was suffering from early on-set Alzheimer's. This was the cruelest blow during what truly has been the dark period of Tennessee athletics.

Starting with the firing of football coach Phillip Fulmer in November 2008, there was one Tennessee athletics misstep and mistake after another. The hiring of Lane Kiffin. The hiring of Derek Dooley. The Bruce Pearl BBQ. The hiring of Dave Hart. The decision to eliminate the Lady Vols nickname except for basketball. The Title IX lawsuits.

The first signs of this awful disease were present in Summitt years before her announcement,

even if we couldn't put two and two together at the time. One can only wonder if Summitt, who had a major influence on campus, would have been able to limit some of those errors in judgment by people in power if she wasn't getting sick.

New Tennessee athletic director John Currie has made some popular moves in his short time back on campus. He has yet to directly address the Lady Vols name change situation.

Bringing that name... and that Lady Vols brand back to its rightful place would be perhaps the best way to honor Pat Summitt.

June 28th was her birthday.

Happy birthday, Pat. We miss you.

Leaders tee up transition, drive change at The First Tee of Greater Knoxville

After 12 successful years, Diondre Jackson is stepping down as executive director of The First Tee of Greater Knoxville to launch an independent non-profit organization.

The First Tee of Greater Knoxville founding board member Archie Ellis will serve as interim executive director.

The First Tee of Greater Knoxville is committed to impacting the lives of young people under the age of 18 by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Expanding on this mission, Jackson is forming a new nonprofit organization called Penultimate Development, which includes a 10-month leadership and career development Penult Leadership Program designed to transform

at-risk youth by nurturing their spiritual, personal and professional development. The organization will complement The First Tee, providing young adults ages 18-24 with the tools and skills for success. "Diondre's leadership and dedication have benefited not only our organization and its participants but also the larger community we serve," said Alan Gibb, board chairman of The First Tee of Greater Knoxville. "While we will miss having him at the helm, he has our full support. Penultimate Development is a needed outgrowth of our youth programs and a natural evolution of the services we have provided to the community."

Under Jackson's leadership, The First Tee of Greater Knoxville expanded from 200 kids to reaching more kids in more schools

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Pilot Rocky Top League to crown champion tonight

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Sentinel], that is what this league is all about.

"We're excited about making it to the title game and we all knew that the red team [Knoxville News-Sentinel] was

the best team in the league. We'll be missing a couple of guys because [summer] school is out. We'll play and it will be fun. But tonight was the championship game as far as I'm concerned."

Longtime KIL coach Chris Lindsay did it his way

By Steve Williams

When Chris Lindsay was the basketball coach at West High, he did it his way, and it was a way he thought would be best for the players and team.

Once it meant losing one of the top players in town to another school. The player wouldn't follow team rules. And Coach Lindsay wouldn't bend them.

After having coached on both the Class AAA level and in one of the state's toughest Class AA districts at West, Lindsay got back into coaching at Class A Berean Christian School in 2011-12.

Lindsay didn't let the school's enrollment of 110 students stop him from doing what he thought was best for the team here either. He put his Eagles on the court against teams from bigger schools.

He had Berean playing a challenging schedule, going against the likes of Carter, a team that went to the Class AA state tournament back-to-back seasons, and Gibbs, Heritage, Pigeon Forge and Union County.

Berean Christian also played Pickett County, one of the state's top Class A programs, and Class AA Bledsoe County, in addition to Cosby, always the team to beat in Berean's own District 2-A.

Lindsay also hosted a

Christmas tournament at Berean and got his Eagles in the Tennova Healthcare Tipoff Classic at Thompson-Boling Arena, playing Catholic and Central the past three years.

"My guys needed to see what real basketball is," said Lindsay, recalling his start at Berean. "Some parents got mad."

Lindsay did it his way. "I had to open their eyes," he said. "You've got to get out there and compete."

"It was a building process. We can't hide. It took two years to get the players' mentality to where it needed to be."

Berean Christian went 18-10 in 2014-15. The Eagles had an 85-72 record overall in six seasons under Lindsay and advanced to the Region 1-A tournament each of the past four years.

Berean graduate Nathan Hastings will be a 6-9 sophomore at Milligan College next season. Andrew Mee, another BCS product, also played small college basketball at a Christian school.

Lindsay, 63 years old and the dean of KIL basketball coaches, has had to "step away" from coaching after 41 years for "family reasons."

The 1972 West High graduate played two years of baseball at Roane State

Community College as a first baseman and third baseman. He broke his same ankle two years in row, which limited his basketball playing at Roane State to just a handful of games.

Lindsay had a baseball scholarship to ETSU but decided instead to continue his education at UT.

He started his coaching career at Northwest Junior High as JV coach in 1976.

Lindsay was at West from 1980 to 2008.

During his career, Lindsay coached 770 high school varsity basketball games. That does not include one season he filled in as freshmen basketball coach and one season as junior varsity coach.

Lindsay also coached 467 varsity baseball games over 18 seasons, including the first two years at Northwest and the remaining 16 seasons as the Rebels' skipper at West.

He also has served as athletic director at West, Powell and Berean.

Lindsay has played men's softball for years and continues to play shortstop in a Knox County Senior League at the Sports Park in Karns.

He hasn't ruled out coaching again in the future.

"I'm like a bad penny," he laughs. "I keep showing up somewhere."

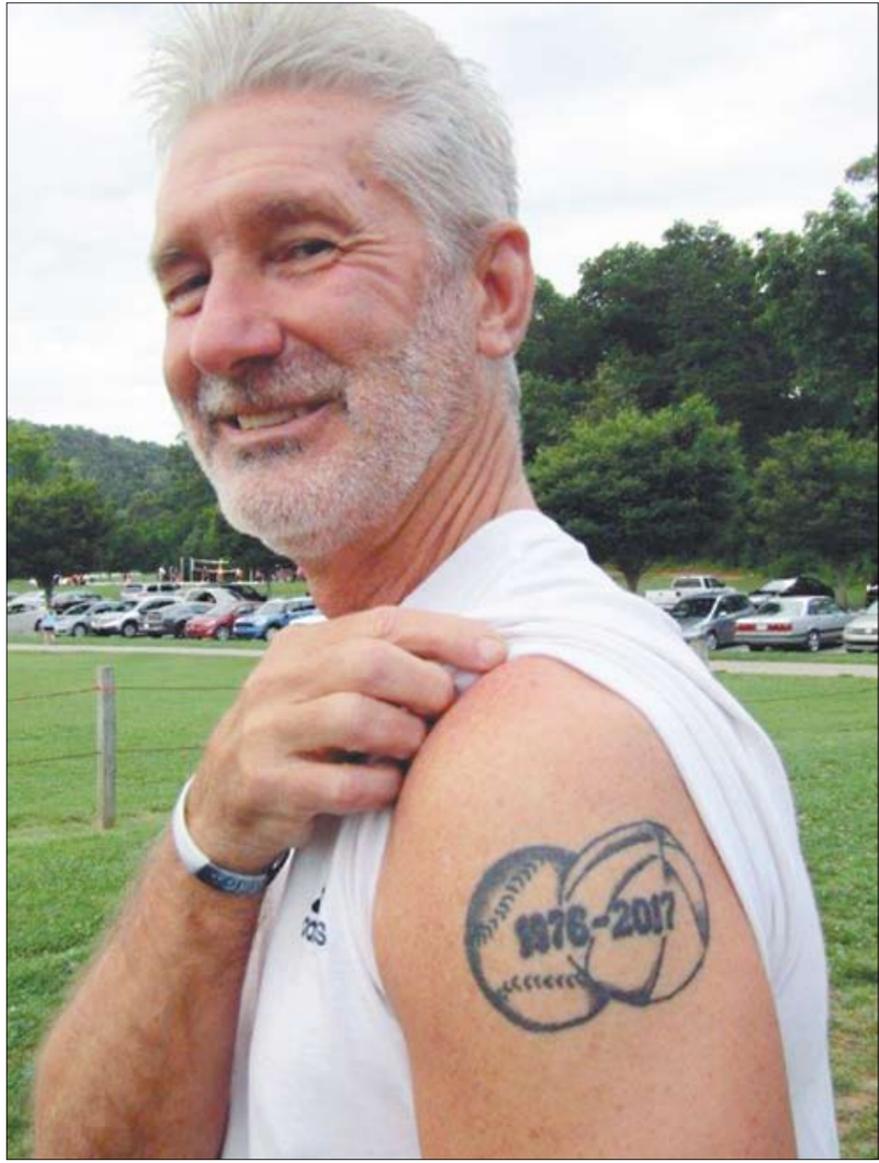


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Chris Lindsay shows off his new tattoo that commemorates his 41 years (1976-2017) of coaching basketball and baseball on the junior high and high school level in Knoxville.

Page takes his golf game to Future Masters

By Ken Lay

Cam Page has had a passion for golf since he first picked up a club. His love for the game began when he was eight years old.

"I began playing golf when I was eight years old and I always liked it," said Page, who recently played in the Press Thornton Future Masters Tournament in Dothan, Alabama. "I have a lot of friends who play golf and one day, I hope to be able to make a living with it."

The tournament, which was held June 22-24 at the par-70 course at Dothan Country Club, is one of the top youth tournaments in the

world. Many PGA legends have played and won there.

Such greats at Ben Curtis, Larry Mize, Bob Tway, Bubba Watson, Jerry Pate, Hubert Green and Shaun Micheel have all participated in and won the event. And all went on to win major championships in their illustrious pro careers.

Page, a rising 17-year old senior at Farragut High School and member of the Admirals boys golf team, had a rough stay in Alabama. He shot an 8-over 78 in the opening round on Thursday, June 22. He rebounded to fire a 74 the following day. But his two-round total of 152 came just two

strokes short of making the cut.

Page was, however, grateful for the chance to play on one of youth golf's grand stages.

"I'm just happy for the opportunity and the experience," he said.

He said that the practice rounds leading up to the tournament were a bit tough.

"It's been a little nerve-racking but it's a chance to play with some of the best," he said. "The fairways are nice and the greens are definitely pretty quick," Page said. "The course was definitely old-style."

Page has lived in the Knoxville Area for approximately a year. He moved to West

Knox County from Florida with his family. Since coming to East Tennessee, he has the opportunity to play on some of the state's top courses.

"The courses here are definitely different than the ones in Florida," said Page, who was a baseball player early in life.

"The layouts are definitely different than the ones in Florida. The hillier ones have challenged me to play a bit differently."

He hasn't decided where he will continue playing in college. But he plans on playing the TPC Sawgrass Course in Florida later this year.

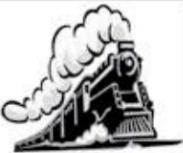
Golf can be an addictive

and humbling game and that's what keeps Page returning to the course whenever he can.

"You're always trying to beat your score and 80 percent of the game is all in your head," he said. "You can always be better at the game but you're never going to be perfect at it."

Away from the game, Page enjoys spending time with his friends. In Florida, he loved to go to the beach. Of course, that has changed.

"I always loved the beach but you can't go to the beach," he said.



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Remembering Lou Gehrig on America's birthday

As we celebrate America's birthday this week, I would like to share some famous sports events that occurred on July 4th over the years.



By Steve Williams

Although it happened before most of us were alive, many sports fans have heard and seen the replay of Lou Gehrig's famous farewell speech at Yankee Stadium in 1939. Thanks to Ken Burns' outstanding documentary on "Baseball," I have watched excerpts of Gehrig's emotional good-bye countless times, but I had forgotten it happened on a Fourth of July.

It is one of the most

moving moments in the history of all sports.

"Fans, for the past two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got," he began. "Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of this earth."

Gehrig, who batted behind Babe Ruth in the lineup, had been stricken with a disease that gradually weakened his body. That year in spring training he and his teammates noticed the effects of it and were stunned.

Lou had earned the nickname "Iron Horse" and played in 2,130 consecutive major league games

before taking himself out of the lineup about a month into that season. He underwent medical tests and got the news.

A huge, sad crowd had packed Yankee Stadium for "Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day" that Fourth of July, paying tribute to their beloved hero.

Gehrig was too moved to speak at first as he choked back tears. But he composed himself and was assisted to microphone stand by Manager Joe McCarthy.

Why did he consider himself a lucky man?

Well, he told us as he continued his speech. He acknowledged the fans for their encouragement and kindness over 17 years, the

great men he had played with and were coached by and led by in the Yankees' organization.

He even mentioned the rival New York Giants sending him a gift. He spoke of the groundskeepers where he played remembering him.

And he had a family to be thankful for, saying even his mother-in-law sometimes took his side in squabbles he had with her own daughter. "That's something," he said.

Gehrig spoke of his father and mother and their support being a blessing in his life and his wife being "a tower of strength" and courageous for him.

"So, I close in saying that I might have been given a

bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for."

A standing ovation lasting two minutes followed. Ruth hugged him.

Gehrig died two years later of what now is called "Lou Gehrig's disease."

RICHARD PETTY, the King of motor racing, won his 200th and last race on July 4th, 1984 at the Firecracker 400 in Daytona, and soon as it was over went to shake the hand of Ronald Reagan, who was the first sitting president to ever attend a NASCAR race.

TIM MCCARVER of the St. Louis Cardinals did something no other major league baseball player has

ever done on our country's Bicentennial birthday in 1976. He hit a game-winning grand slam home run in Pittsburgh, but it didn't count because he passed teammate Gary Maddux as he was rounding the bases.

Umpires scratched their heads and awarded McCarver a "grand slam single." How did such a thing happen?

"Sheer speed," answered Tim, who went on to become a well-known national broadcaster.

JOE LOUIS made his pro boxing debut in Chicago on Independence Day in 1934 and earned \$59 for his first-round knockout.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

Second Saturday Concert series continues this weekend

Knox County's Second Saturday Concert series continues in a little under two weeks with classic rockers Kitty Wampus taking the stage at The Cove and fan favorites Wild Blue Yonder playing tunes over at New Harvest Park. The live entertainment, which is free and open to the public, runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, at each location.

Knoxville-based classic rock and cover band Kitty Wampus is a regular at the concert series. For years, the quartet has touted the slogans: "Never tame, lame or same old same" and

"We're wall to wall, having' a ball, in the groove, on the move, dancin', clappin' and makin' it happen!"

East Tennessee-based Wild Blue Yonder, which has two top-selling CDs, has performed its "Appalachian Americana" throughout the Southeast since 2001. The band features a healthy dose of mountain tunes and energetic grassy classics.

The Second Saturday Concert series continues through August 12 with Vinyl Tap (The Cove) and Crawdaddy Jones (New Harvest)

The public is encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and food.

Please note that no alcohol is allowed.

"These family-friendly events are always fun and we're happy to be able to bring a band back to The Cove after canceling the June concert because of the storms," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "And so far the expansion of the series to New Harvest Park has been successful; we had a good turnout in June and hope to have an even bigger one for July."

The Cove at Concord Park is located at 11808 Northshore Drive. The park features several other summertime amenities, including

a beach, playground, sand volleyball court, walking trail and fishing areas. River Sports also rents canoes and kayaks at this location.

New Harvest Park is located at 4775 New Harvest Lane and The Cove at Concord Park is located at 11808 Northshore Drive. More information about these and other Knox County Parks & Recreation facilities can be found at <http://www.knoxcounty.org/parks>.

If any concert has to be canceled due to inclement weather, a

notification will be posted to the Knox County Parks & Rec Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knoxcountyparks/> and the park's Twitter

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Leaders tee up transition, drive change at The First Tee of Greater Knoxville

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than ever before, thus impacting the lives of 17,000 young people in Knox, Sevier and Loudon counties. He also created an after-school program that impacts more than 100 kids within East Knoxville and helped Williams Creek Golf Course become one of the best Par 3 golf courses in the country and ranked fourth in the state. Additionally, he has served as a coach, mentor and friend and has inspired and uplifted countless youth.

"I have loved every minute of my 12 years at The First Tee and Williams Creek Golf Course helping young people reach their full potential in life," Jackson said. "I view this transition not as a departure but as an extension of what we've accomplished. As The First Tee of Greater Knoxville continues to impact the lives of our youth, I will be expanding those efforts for Knoxville's young adults. And, thanks to an initial group of funders who see the need as I do, Penultimate Development is quickly getting off the ground."

Utilizing the Falls Church Fellows Program based in Virginia as an inspiration, and leveraging Jackson's experience in the

development of young people through The First Tee and Young Life, Penultimate Development aims to provide a continuum of services in the community. It will offer support and transition assistance and help develop young leaders in Knoxville.

"I was a high jumper at the University of Tennessee, and all students of the high jump understand that the second-to-last step – the penultimate – is the most important before takeoff," Jackson said. "For the penultimate step, the jumpers lower their center of gravity, converting horizontal momentum into vertical force and launching into the air. In the Penult Leadership Program, participants focus on the personal, spiritual and professional skills they need to exalt themselves to new heights. It's the last step from high school to adulthood and will help shape how far they can soar. The primary goal of the program is to create leaders within our inner-city communities to achieve lasting change."

Jackson's last day as executive director is June 30, and he has been working with Ellis in preparation for a smooth transition.

In his role as interim

executive director, Ellis will work with the board to determine the future leadership and direction of the organization and build upon the growth and success achieved under Jackson. In his capacity as a consultant over the past 40 years in East Tennessee, Ellis has specialized in public relations, government relations, branding, marketing and fundraising with a large number of for-profit and non-profit entities. He also has served in a senior staff role with local and regional companies and organizations such as the Bijou Theater, Maryville College, Partners, Lawler Wood, Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation and Knoxville Habitat for Humanity.

"Archie is a trusted advisor and zealous advocate for The First Tee of Greater Knoxville," Gibb said. "His leadership is invaluable as we build on the foundation established by Diondre and position our organization for the future."

To learn more about The First Tee of Greater Knoxville, visit www.thefirstteegreaterknoxville.org. For more information about the Penultimate Development, go to www.penultimatedevelopment.com.

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

What difference does it make?

By Randall Baxter

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

This statement set the standard for our nation to grow, develop and improve the lot of the American people as a whole.

It is true, that many people in America were excluded from coverage initially, but as time progressed so did our country.

Not always fair and equal, but even today progress in the pursuit of life, liberty and the happiness is still evolving. This is as it should be.

The Declaration of Independence, legitimized the American Military. Professional soldiers and militia and yes, even Sunshine Patriots formed to defend this Declaration. As loosely developed as this Confederation of Colonies was at the start, the process had begun.

Life could be won or lost in a moment. Especially west of the Appalachians.

These western settlers and hunters and explorers were also seeking Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. There was a mixture of Tory and Patriot on the wild side of these great mountains. They were almost entirely militia. They had to fight for their Liberties and Pursuits of Happiness at the expense of their Lives, and the lives of their families from British led Indian attacks that even including paying for the scalps of these settlers, and their wives and children. Even then, Government Induced terror existed for political reasons.

Even when the Over Mountain Men decided to go do something about the threats from a British officer to come over the mountains, and burn their farms and hang their leaders, they had to leave some militia behind to

protect the families from Indian attacks.

Of the three reasons for the Declaration: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

To me, Liberty is the most important issue. It is the definition of LIBERTY that puts Life and the Pursuit of Happiness at issue. As I have grown older in life, and weighed the mistakes I have made in life, and the accomplishments, and the incursions of other people on my Liberties, I have come to the conclusion that MY LIBERTY STOPS! WHEN IT INTERFERES WITH THE LIBERTY OF OTHER PEOPLE. Most of our historical conflicts seem to center around this issue.

This week, I hope we can all contemplate the issues of Liberty, and then ask ourselves what was the revolution all about.

The French Revolution DEPOSED the French monarchy.

The Russian revolution DEPOSED the Russian Monarchy

The many revolutions in Africa and South America all DEPOSED existing governments.

The American Revolution did not seek to overthrow the British government. Americans fought to separate from that government, and to establish the right to represent ourselves, and to free our country from the tyranny of colonial rule.

The success at York Town did not end the battle for liberty in America.

It set the stage to let freedom ring. The liberties of all were not established, and many more battles needed to be fought in places like New Orleans, Gettysburg, Normandy, and more. Even in our Supreme Court!

It is LIBERTY that makes the difference. You can thank our veterans for that right.



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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

'Now I lay me down to sleep...'

I never know what I'm going to write about. I used to fret about my publishing deadline. However, after writing a half million words, I don't search for storylines anymore, I just wait for stories to find me. And sometimes I don't know where my thoughts or writing will take me.

You may find it peculiar, but I like to read several books at once. I'm currently reading two books by the same author, Philip Yancey, who is one of my favorites. Yancey was trained as a journalist, but took the high road and, instead, became a writer to express his creative talents. In his book "Soul Survivor" Yancey asks the question of himself, "How do I know what I think or feel unless I...begin to write about it?" Bingo, Mr. Yancey! I feel the same way. In fact, my email signature line comes from a fortune cookie and reads, "Keep writing, the answers

will come."

It seems that local advertising is calling our attention to drug addiction and treatment facilities, venues and medications for ED (erectile dysfunction), and sleep apnea diagnosis and its treatment. Of course these are important issues, but they are first world problems because in second and third world, addiction, erections and sleep are far less important than food and safe water.

The phrase sleep apnea derives from inadequate breathing associated with sleep. To the best of my knowledge, I've never written about the sleep apnea syndrome and its complications, so take a deep breath and read on.

My first introduction to sleep apnea was through Charles Dickens' first novel, "The Pickwick Papers." In medical school I learned about Joe the gluttonous and sleepy

Fat Boy in Dickens novel who suffered from the modern medical moniker, Pickwickian Syndrome. This form of sleep apnea is associated with obesity, somnolence and a poor respiratory drive, thought to be related to a central nervous system defect in the brain.

We take for granted bodily functions such as the regulation of blood pressure, digestion and breathing. In fact, thinking about breathing is problematic when the brain stem regulatory processes are overridden by our thoughtful frontal lobe. Have you ever wondered why humans are thoughtful and your cat is seemingly less so? It's because the cat doesn't have a large frontal lobe, the brain area above your eyebrows. It is the site where reason and logic occur. Cats are, of course, smart for cats, but felines don't contemplate their origin or their place in the universe. If you doubt my philosophical and anatomical observations of cats, stroke your cat's head and note that Whiskers doesn't have the high forehead - and large frontal lobe - of a human being.

When you count sheep to get to sleep - I recite psalms - the controlling and reasoning area of the brain is distracted, allowing the brainstem to do its work and produce sleep.

Science has shown that restorative sleep is integral to health. During sleep we are cut off from the world and depend upon our brain stem to control heartbeats, blood pressure and even our breathing. As a kid I learned the bedtime prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." A few years ago I read that the words of this childhood prayer were considered disturbing to some snowflake parents. As I awaken each morning and reboot the computer that sits atop my shoulders, I thank God that I have returned from that netherworld of sleep and afforded another day of life on earth.

In the deeper stages of sleep our muscles become flaccid. Most of us have observed children whom you can lay across the back of a chair and not awaken them from their deep slumber. When we sleep the muscles of our throat also relax. We've all seen our spouses sleeping. The lower jaw becomes flaccid and the tongue falls backwards in the throat. And even a pretty wife can snore like a freight train! A friend of mine tells the story of a German woman who wagged her finger at him as he started to take a picture of his wife dozing on a train. It's not a pretty picture for any of us.

We are designed to maintain an open airway even when we sleep. Tone

persists in the throat muscles to maintain the air passage even as inspiration generates negative pressures which tend to collapse the airway. Obesity is rampant in our country and is associated with fatty deposits not only around your midsection and on your derrière, but also in your throat and neck. As a result the airway may become physically constricted and obstruction may ensue as muscles relax during sleep especially as we lie on our backs.

The symptoms of the increasingly common obstructive sleep apnea syndrome are snoring, snorting and periods of not breathing (apnea). Also frequent awakening with breathlessness, fatigue due to poor sleep and daytime hypersomnolence (excessive sleepiness) are common. I remember an obese colleague who would always fall asleep during even non-boring medical lectures. And in more extreme cases, nocturnal seizures, edema, bedwetting and atrial fibrillation can occur.

I once saw a video of a patient during an overnight sleep study to evaluate sleep apnea. The patient was wired with numerous monitors and EKG electrodes and was fitted with what might be best described as a Hannibal Lecter mask. Despite all

these accoutrements, the lady rolled all over the bed, walked around and even turned somersaults without ever awakening. This was obviously jumpy legs syndrome on steroids!

Formal sleep studies are often recommended as part of the diagnostic regimen for people suspected of having disordered sleeping or obstructions of their airway. It has always amazed me that patients can sleep with all of these monitoring attachments. And the acid test of obstructive sleep apnea is that patients feel refreshed after sleeping with a CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) mask. The device works by constantly blowing air through the mouth or the nasal passages to keep the airways from collapsing like a balloon.

The passage from Genesis 2:7 resonates with me. It speaks of the "breath of life" which completes a human being. I think of this as ensoulment, a process that tethers us to a higher reality. This sublime theological and philosophical process is profound. It makes us more than the sum of our parts and trumps all of man's medical knowledge and his CPAP tools.

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

New Destiny throwing huge concert Saturday

New Destiny Productions once again is bringing the best of Christian music to the city of Knoxville on Saturday, July 8, at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. Russ Woolard, President of New Destiny Productions says that this is the most powerful concert lineup to be seen in East Tennessee concert events in some time with two Dove award winning groups on stage.

Brian Free is undeniably the most recognizable southern gospel tenor of our generation. Since 1982, he has been at the forefront of southern gospel music since first joining Gold City Quartet, then moving on to form

his own group, Brian Free and Assurance. Southern Gospel music has always been Brian's first love, and fans have responded to his music by honoring him and the group at the Dove Awards for Southern Gospel Performance of the Year, "Say Amen," in 2014 as well as "Long As I Got King Jesus" in 2006. In the summer of 2014, BFA was chosen by BBC to represent Elvis Presley's love of Gospel Music on That's Alright Mama, a Tribute to Elvis Presley with his arrangement of Peace In The Valley.

These accolades show the consistent response to BFA's music, how God has used them, and how

he will continue to use them. While the guys all come from different backgrounds, they all agree on one thing, and that is to use their God-given abilities to take the message of Jesus Christ to everyone they can. The mission of Brian Free and Assurance is to lift up Jesus Christ through their music, see souls come to know the Lord as Savior and be an encouragement to Believers across the nation and abroad. They believe in helping others grow in their walk with the Lord by forming exhorting relationships with their fans and investing in them at concerts. Everything is done

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Karen Peck and New River will be performing at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church Saturday.



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Hobo Celebrates Independence Day

Hobo the Wonder Dog celebrates Independence Day with few worries. Although Hobo declares his independence he eagerly accepts his role as the official guard of the grill—quickly scarfing up any tidbits of barbeque or scrap. I celebrate the holidays with Hobo by including him in the festivities. However, the 4th of July poses a few more challenges for making the celebration fun and safe. Here are my suggestions for making your Independence Day celebration fun and safe for your trusted friend.

Fireworks:
Although fireworks do not



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

seem to stress Hobo, they do scare the other members of his pack. Hobo and I avoid fireworks celebrations all together. Make sure your dog is microchipped, wearing identification, and have recent photographs of your dog in case you are separated. Most dogs loath fireworks and can become scared, disoriented, and flee. Know how your dog will react to fireworks before attending events where fireworks are displayed.

Food:
Grilling is always a main attraction at our 4th of July celebrations and though Hobo the Wonder Dog is discouraged from partaking

in foods of the day I always have a special treat for them. Barbeque does not always agree with a dog's digestive system and there is nothing worse at a party than Fido with an upset stomach. Some grill masters (my brother included) always likes to see how hot they can make some special dish—these scraps and drippings can bring your celebration with your dog to a halt. Keep an eye on your pooch and do not allow others to feed your dog human food. I always keep Hobo's approved treats handy for those who want to give him a treat.

Apparel:
Hobo always wears a festive bandana but is never tied. Bandanas are secured with a rubber band so they pop-off easily if they

snag on something. Make sure your pet is safe when dressing them for festivities and remember keep it "cool" in every sense of the word. July is hot weather be mindful of the temperatures and keep your pet cool.

When celebrating with friends and family outside your home, make sure Fido is welcome and be on his best behavior. Remember



to keep your pets safe and comfortable this holiday and every holiday. Make sure your pet's identification is up to date, keep them cool in both temperature and apparel, and discourage treats from the grill. Celebrate your Independence Day with your pooch!

Independence is better with a dog—woof!

Hobo's Cool Pea-Nana Doggy Treats:

Ingredients:

- 12 oz. Plain Yogurt
- 6 oz. Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 medium Banana

Instructions:

1. Mash banana with a fork until smooth
2. Mix ingredients together with a fork until well blended
3. Transfer mixture into festive ice cube trays. Make sure to remove air pockets in ice trays as the mixture can be thick.
4. Freeze for at least 2 hours

Notes:

These treats are a great way to cool your pup down on a hot day. Enjoy!

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 30, 1999, executed by MITZI F. FIX, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 6, 1999, in Deed Book 3569, Page 204;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on August 3, 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 THE FIRST (1ST) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 13TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, E.L. MILLER SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 117-A (MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 20), KNOX COUNTY REGISTERS OFFICE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERN LINE OF HOLSTON DRIVE WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF MEADOW VIEW DRIVE; THENCE EASTWARDLY ALONG THE SOUTHERN LINE OF HOLSTON DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 72.4 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEG. 30 MIN. EAST, 175.9 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE NORTH LINE OF LOT NO. 2 IN SAID ADDITION; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF LOT 2, SOUTH 71 DEG. 50 MIN. WEST 37.7 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EASTERN LINE OF MEADOW VIEW DRIVE; THENCE NORTH 32 DEG. 5 MIN. WEST, 75 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE EASTERN LINE OF MEADOW VIEW DRIVE; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF MEADOW VIEW DRIVE; NORTH 27 DEG. 15 MIN. WEST, 124.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID: 071PFD01
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 4558 HOLSTON DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37914. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): Estate and/or heirs-at-law of Mitzi Fix

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Willie Mae Howard executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, Lender and A & R Title Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated May 22, 2003 and recorded on June 4, 2003 in Instrument No. 20030306040111938, Knox County, Tennessee

Register of Deeds.
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) there 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 July 25, 2017, 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 Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 30th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lots 2 and 3, Holston Heights Subdivision, Unit 2, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 19, page 111, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Willie Mae Howard, unmarried from Walton D. Morris, Jr. single by Warranty Deed dated September 19, 1986, of record in Deed Book 1942, page 0785, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This Conveyance is subject to any and all applicable restrictions, building setback lines, and any easements which may be of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 083B J 008.00
Address/Description: 4600 Plymouth Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914.

Current Owner(s): Willie Mae Howard.

Other Interested Party(ies): City of Knoxville.

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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 18, 1998, executed by SANDRA MOORE, GILBERT MOORE, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded June 26, 1998, in Deed Book 3419, Page 580at Instrument Number 88009;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SC1 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 August 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF FRANCIS ROAD AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHWESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF FRANCIS ROAD SAID IRON PIN BEING 388 FEET, MORE OR LESS, SOUTHWEST OF THE POINT

OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF FRANCIS ROAD AND THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF AMHEARST ROAD; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT AND ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF FRANCIS ROAD, SOUTH 54 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 100.0 FEET TO A MARBLE MARKER; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ADA MCCLAIN (DEED BOOK 1035, PAGE 95), 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 July 25, 2017, 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:

Parcel ID: 106CA005/45

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 1813 FRANCIS RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37909. 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): JOHNNY D. MOORE

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, John E. Ross executed a Deed of Trust to Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee 1, LLC, Lender and K. Hayes, Trustee(s), which was dated August 29, 2005 and recorded on September 8, 2005 in Instrument No. 200509080022789, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) there 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 July 25, 2017, 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:

LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF KNOXVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, AND STATE OF TENNESSEE AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 01/13/98 AND RECORDED 01/15/98 IN BOOK 2273 PAGE 1004, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) (FORMERLY 8TH DISTRICT) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 46TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4, WEST HILLS PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 26, PAGE 146, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY LYING AND BEING SITUATED AT THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF WEST PARK DRIVE AND FRANCIS ROAD, AND BEING MORE

PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN BY RECORDED MAP OF SAID UNIT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD AFORESAID, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF N. B. LACK, ENGINEER, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, DATED APRIL 5, 1961.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHN E. ROSS FROM MATTIE K. ROSS, WIDOW, IN DEED DATED 1/13/1998 AND RECORDED 1/15/1998, IN BOOK 2273, PAGE 1004, KNOX COUNTY RECORDS.

Parcel ID: 106JE010
Parcel ID Number: 106JE010
Address/Description: 1001 Francis Road, Knoxville, TN 37909.

Current Owner(s): John E. Ross.
Other Interested Parties: Citifinancial, Inc.; LVNV Funding, LLC; Lakewood Capital, LLC assignee of Credit One Bank, N.A.; and LVNV Funding, LLC as successor in interest to Citifinancial, Inc.

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 that 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
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 16-16438 FC02

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
WHEREAS, Dustin Dills & Brandy Dills, husband and wife executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, Lender and Southeast Title & Escrow, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated January 6, 2015 and recorded on January 7, 2015 in Instrument No. 201501070036541, 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, Primary Capital Mortgage LLC, (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 July 25, 2017, 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 No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 84, Unit 1, Wolf Lair Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 58-S, Page 30 (Map Cabinet E, Slide 111 C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Dustin Dills and wife, Brandy Dills from Joseph M. Andrews and wife, Jordan Andrews by Deed dated January 6, 2015, and of record in Instrument 201501070036540 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 019PD008
Address/Description: 8409 San Marcos Drive, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Current Owner(s): Dustin Dills and wife Brandy Dills.

Other Interested Party(ies): Republic Finance, 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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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File No.: 17-08546 FC01

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 November 7, 2006, executed by VERA M COOPER, JOHN E WILLIAMS, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE PARTNERS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 17, 2006, at Instrument Number 200611170042640; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF1 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 August 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 34TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 8R-1 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 8 IN BEVERLY PLACE, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET N, SLIDE 196A, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 059HC00402PPROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 3923 OAKLAND DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): Estate and/or heirs-at-law of Vera M Cooper

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, Re-Invest, Inc. The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2014, in Instrument 201404240060496, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, Chris e. Ertter and wife Kimberly Ertter, did convey in trust to Trustee, the hereinafter described real property to secure payment of an indebtedness described therein; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness, the same being now past due and the entire amount thereof having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the Trustee having been called upon to foreclose said Deed of Trust, in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real property in satisfaction thereof; and

WHEREAS, Heather A. Quinn-Bader was appointed Successor Trustee by Instrument of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, in accordance with the Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Deed of Trust, I will on July 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (local time), offer for sale and sell, inside the Main Street entrance to the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand paid, the following described real estate, located on 3212 Light Spring Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37917 (the address is believed to be correct but is not part of the legal description) (also shown as tax parcel 059NH-004, and described as:

SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 33rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 21, Corrected Plat, Laurel Place Subdivision, Unit 8, as shown on the map of same of record in Instrument 199906150204912, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Other interest parties: Jeff Kear dba Kip Property Management, LLC; Knox County Trustee, City of Knoxville Trustee

Said sale will be free from the right and equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions, the same having been waived in the Deed of Trust. Said property will be sold subject to all unpaid real estate taxes and any and all other prior encumbrances, including but not limited to easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants, liens and mortgages. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day certain without further publication and in accordance with the law upon announcement of such adjournment on the day and at the time and place of sale set forth above.

Trustee reserves the right to extend the period within which the successful bidder is to make full settlement, to keep the bidding open for any length of time, to award the sale to the next highest bidder in the event the successful bidder defaults.

This notice shall be published on July 3, 2017, July 10, 2017, and July 17, 2017.

Heather A. Quinn-Bader, Successor Trustee
(865) 386-6580

105 Westview Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37828

located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN NINTH CIVIL DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT NO 020546 ID# 158-02119, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1-R IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1, STOCK CREEK FARM SUBDIVISION UNIT FOUR, FILED IN CABINET L SLIDE 88C. Parcel ID: 158 02119PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 2873 STOCKCREEK RD, 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): HUELLEN DILLINGER, RONNIE DILLINGER 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

The Power of the Gospel Romans 1:1-17

We, as Americans, have been fascinated with the planet Mars, our closest planet in our solar system. We have sent a number of probes to Mars in order to find out more about this planet. Mars is over one hundred million miles away. In fact, NASA is working currently on a new rocket, in cooperation with Boeing, to eventually send a manned flight to Mars. The first manned flight with this new rocket is slated



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

for 2021, but they are not sure when an actual mission to Mars would take place. There are many challenges due to the distance.

To understand the opening verses of Romans, we need to view Romans not as a planet like Mars, but as a rocket. This book of Romans is designed to take us on a long journey and we will need much along the way to get to our destination. But the first thing a rocket needs

before it even takes off is a well-designed launching pad. You can't just set the rocket up in an open field and hope it will lift off successfully. This opening passage in Romans is the carefully constructed launching pad.

Paul begins, like most ancient letters, by saying who he is and who this letter is intended for. This opening could be summarized as: Paul, a slave of King Jesus; to all in Rome who love God; grace to you and peace. Paul wants to focus on the good news or the gospel. The gospel claims the whole

world for King Jesus, and that includes the Christians in Rome. Keep in mind that Rome is the greatest city in the world at the time of this writing. It is home to the most powerful man in the world, Emperor Nero, whose official titles included "son of God." His birthday was hailed as "good news." Paul knows what he is doing here. Jesus is the true king, the world's rightful Lord. The Christians in Rome need to be reminded of this fact. Jesus is the true "son of God." He comes from a royal line longer than anything Rome can claim: a

thousand years back to the time of David.

There were many different ideas floating around within first-century Judaism about a king who might come to rule over Israel and rescue the nation from foreign oppression (in Paul's day this was Rome). The good news happened; King Jesus came, went to the cross, and rose from the grave - the gospel. The good news is something that has happened to us. It is about what God has done through Jesus, the Messiah, Israel's true king.

The gospel is the power of

God for salvation. Salvation is a present reality and a future hope. When salvation comes to someone's life, it becomes an event in the past you can look back at, an event in the present you are experiencing, and an event for the future where its full glory will be seen. This message is for everyone who believes. The gospel message is that Jesus was crucified, he rose from the grave, and he is now Lord of the world. It is something to be believed and it will take the rest of the letter, now launched like a rocket, to show what this means.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 25, 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 **TIM WILHOIT AND SHANNON WILHOIT AND TIM WILHOIT**, to **DWIGHT B. GRIZZELL**, Trustee, on October 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 200511010039667 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee and re-filed as Instrument No. 200601270063712 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest cash bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) (FORMERLY EIGHT (8)) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ONE (1) TRACTS OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE AND 50' R/W LINE OF BROCK ROAD, BEING APPROXIMATELY 3842' FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BROCK ROAD AND TEXAS VALLEY ROAD; THENCE 1 CALL WITH D.B. 2187 PG.499, N 31 DEG 56' 31" W 887.99' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE INTERSECTION, PASSING A 12" MAPLE AT 296.08', AND THE CENTER OF T.V.A. HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AT 433.73'; THENCE 7 CALLS WITH D.B. 0-6 PG. 383 (UNION COUNTY) N 30 DEG. 47' 12" E 190.38' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 16 DEG. 57' 24" E 220.91' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 36 DEG. 29' 31" E 83.35' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 54 DEG. 06' 28" E 185.93' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 46 DEG. 29' 41" E 87.37' TO A 22" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 28 DEG. 29' 52" E 150.46' TO A 9" SOURWOOD AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N. 22 DEG. 50' 55" E. 161.67 TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF SUCK STONE CREEK, PASSING A 12" POPLAR IN FENCE LINE AT 147.59'; THENCE 5 CALLS WITH D.B. M-4 PG.39 (UNION COUNTY) N 60 DEG. 24' 49" E 323.09' TO A 12" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 69 DEG. 44' 49" E 174.89' TO A 24" MAPLE AT FENCE BEND; THENCE N 80 DEG. 06' 00" E 149.49' TO A 10" OAK AT FENCE BEND; THEN N 70 DEG. 29' 19" E 86.36' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE S 73 DEG. 54' 48" E 248.13' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AT FENCE BEND; THENCE 2 CALLS WITH D.B. 0-3 PG. 37 (UNION COUNTY) S. 44 DEG. 40' 34" E. 494.47' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND IN FENCE; THENCE S 45 DEG. 13' 52" E 355.98' TO AN IRON PIN FOUND IN FENCE AND IN THE 50' R/W OF BROCK ROAD; THENCE 11 CALLS WITH R/W, S. 48 DEG. 17' 34" W. 333.82' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, R=500.00' L=99.54' CH=S 53 DEG. 59' 46" W 99.38' TO A POINT; THENCE S 59 DEG. 41' 59" W 334.79' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE LEFT, R=200.00' L=40.94' CH=S 53 DEG. 50' 06" W 40.87' TO A POINT; THENCE S. 47 DEG 58' 14" W. 154.74' TO A POINT, THENCE A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, R=150.00' L=40.28' CH=S 55 DEG. 39' 46" W 40.16' TO A POINT; THENCE S 63 DEG. 21' 18" W 217.20' TO A POINT; THENCE A CURVE TO THE LEFT, R=750.00' L= 277.48' CH=S 52 DEG 45' 21" W 275.90' TO A POINT; THENCE S 42 DEG. 09' 25" W 257.17' TO A POINT PASSING THE CENTER OF T.V.A. HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AT 180.71'; THENCE A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, R=1000.00' L= 134.20' CH=S 46 DEG. 00' 06" W 134.10' TO A POINT; THENCE S 49 DEG. 50' 47" W 157.14' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 47.221 ACRES AS PER SURVEY OF JAMES L. NICHOLS, RLS # 2452, 2122 WAYLAND ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914, DATED OCTOBER 19, 2005.

Tax ID: N/A

Current Owner(s) of Property: **TIM WILHOIT AND SHANNON WILHOIT AND TIM WILHOIT**

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9211 BROCK ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938**, 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 TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BANK AND HALLSDALE POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT AND OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. AND HALLSDALE POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT

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. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, 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. 367-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 13-005263-670
MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C., Substitute Trustee(s)
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, **Jeffery Holbert**, Unmarried executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, Lender and Southeast Title & Escrow, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated April 24, 2015 and recorded on April 27, 2015 in Instrument No. 201504270057872, 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, Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, ("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 **July 18, 2017, 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 No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 28, Unit 2, Fairview Village Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 78-S, Page 28 (Map Cabinet F, Slide 75C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to **Jeffery Holbert**, unmarried of Secretary of Veterans Affairs by Deed dated March 24, 2015, and of record in Instrument 201504270057871, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 021B-028
Address/Description: **7425 Maverick Lane, Corryton, TN 37721.**

Current Owner(s): The Estate of **Jeffery Holbert.**

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; 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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 11, 2011, executed by **VERNON L. BISHOP, JR., PATRICIA E. BISHOP**, conveying certain real property therein described to **GLENN BALLETO**, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 18, 2011, at Instrument Number 201105180066799;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to **FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION** who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, **Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC**, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **July 6, 2017 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-County Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 1, EVANS GATE CONDOMINIUMS, A TENNESSEE HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME, AS ESTABLISHED BY MASTER DEED OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200804070074922 AND AMENDMENTS BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200905210075754 AND INSTRUMENT NO. 200912160041134 AND REGIME PLAT OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200710160031957, ALL IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION; TOGETHER WITH A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF SUCH GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS ARE APPURTENANT THERETO.

Parcel ID: 057FJ00100A
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **700 SYDNEY BEAN WAY, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): **VERNON L. BISHOP, JR., PATRICIA E. BISHOP**

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

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

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COURT NOTICES NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

DOCKET NO: 14-000052 IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Return Custody of Cassie Marie Wilkerson, DOB: April 20, 2002 BY: REBECCA MARIE ADAMS CARL T. ADAMS MISY MARIE HILLBOURNE vs LYNN O'CONNOR

In this cause, it appearing from the original file and the Agreed Petition and Motion heretofore filed by the Petitioner, **Rebecca Marie Adams**, that the Respondent, **Lynn O'Conner** is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or his whereabouts cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is Ordered that said Respondent file an Answer with the Juvenile Court of Sevier County, Tennessee, and a copy with Petitioner, **Rebecca Marie Adams**, attorney, **R. Brandon White**, whose address is 216 Phoenix Court, Suite D, Seymour, Tennessee 37865, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, exclusive of the day of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. Further for the purpose of hearing the matter to be heard on the August 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as this cause can be heard in the Juvenile Courtroom, Sevier County Courthouse, Sevierville, TN; further, that failure to answer before or appear on that date will result in the judgment being taken against him and entry of a Final Order. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) successive weeks.

This the ___ day of _____, 2017.

Sevier County Juvenile Court Clerk

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, **Jeffery Holbert**, Unmarried executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, Lender and Southeast Title & Escrow, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated April 24, 2015 and recorded on April 27, 2015 in Instrument No. 201504270057872, 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, Primary Capital Mortgage, LLC, ("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 **July 18, 2017, 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 No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 28, Unit 2, Fairview Village Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 78-S, Page 28 (Map Cabinet F, Slide 75C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to **Jeffery Holbert**, unmarried of Secretary of Veterans Affairs by Deed dated March 24, 2015, and of record in Instrument 201504270057871, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 021B-028
Address/Description: **7425 Maverick Lane, Corryton, TN 37721.**

Current Owner(s): The Estate of **Jeffery Holbert.**

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; 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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

WHOSE ADDRESS IS 312 S. GAY ST. SUITE 204 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, AND IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU ON THE THIRTIETH (30TH) DAY AFTER THE FOURTH (4TH) PUBLICATION. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

THIS THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2017

MIKE HAMMOND CLERK
KATHY LEWIS DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN** DOCKET NUMBER 79067-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of JUNE 2017, letters administration in respect of the Estate of

NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN

who died Mar 29, 2017, 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 to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF **NANCY ELIZABETH MAPLES BROWN** PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **JAMES W. BROWN**; ADMINISTRATOR 2207 SOUTHERN SHADE BLVD., KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER** DOCKET NUMBER 79091-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER

who died May 29, 2017, 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 to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 21ST day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF **JAMES ARTHUR CHANDLER** PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **PHYLLIS JUNE CHANDLER FANSLER**; EXECUTRIX 5238 MOUNTAIN CREST DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37918 6/26/17 & 7/3/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **JOHN EDWARD GASTON** DOCKET NUMBER 79056-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JOHN EDWARD GASTON

who died Apr 13, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 13TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF **JOHN EDWARD GASTON** PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **PHYLLIS JUNE CHANDLER FANSLER**; EXECUTRIX 5238 MOUNTAIN CREST DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37918 6/26/17 & 7/3/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **JOHN EDWARD GASTON** DOCKET NUMBER 79056-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of

JOHN EDWARD GASTON

who died Nov 21, 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 13TH day of JUNE, 2017.

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This the 13TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF **JOHN EDWARD GASTON** PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **WILLIE MAE LAREW GASTON**; EXECUTRIX 2233 HILLSBORO HEIGHTS, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920

JON G. ROACH ATTORNEY-AT-LAW P.O. BOX 131, KNOXVILLE, TN 37901

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF **FRANCES BEATRICE MCAMIS** DOCKET NUMBER 79038-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH day of J



HAM TAHITIAN SUPPER

- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. vinegar
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 green pepper, cut into strips
- 15 1/4 - oz. can pineapple chunks with syrup
- 1 ½ -2 cups cubed ham
- 1 cup water
- 3 cups cooked hot rice

Combine brown sugar and cornstarch in pan. Add drained pineapple syrup, water and vinegar. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly until clear and thick. Stir in pineapple, green pepper and ham. Cook until hot, 10 minutes and serve over hot cooked rice.

HEARTY LENTIL SOUP

- 2 ½ cups (1 lb.) dried lentils
- ¼ cup catsup
- 12 cups water, divided
- 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 tsp. browning sauce
- 2 cups celery
- 1 cup potatoes, diced
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 cups carrots, thinly sliced
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 lb. frankfurters, cut in ¼-inch slices
- 1 tbsp. salt

Wash and drain lentils. Place in stockpot. Add 6 cups water. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer 45 minutes. Saute onion and celery in butter in saucepan. Add cooked vegetables, 6 cups water, cubes, salt, catsup, tomato sauce and browning sauce to lentils. Bring to boil. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer covered until vegetables are tender (about 30 minutes). Serves 10 (about 16 cups).

New Destiny throwing huge concert Saturday

Continued from page 1 — for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brian, Bill and Mike are passionate about their calling and they are unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Karen Peck and New River is a 4-time Grammy Award Nominated and 6-time GMA Dove Award Winning Southern Gospel Group. They have had over 18 number one hits. Karen's flawless, delightful soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of Gospel Music lovers across the country and garnered an unprecedented 11 Favorite Soprano Fan Awards from the readers of The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. They have also received many awards from other magazine publications and Internet publications. They have just released a new project, "Hope for all Nations". In addition, the 2015 album "Pray Now" featured the #1 song for October 2015

and garnered the Dove Award for Album of the Year. Also from that album "I Choose Christ" is currently number one this month. Their previous album, REVIVAL, has had two consecutive #1 songs with "Revival" and "Finish Well." "Revival" won the 2014 GMA Dove Award for Southern Gospel Song of the Year, Song of the Year for the 2014 SGN Diamond Awards, Song of the Year and Progressive Song of the Year for the 2014 Absolutely Gospel Music Awards, and the album REVIVAL won Album of the Year for both the Diamond Awards and the Absolutely Gospel Music Awards.

In 2010 "Four Days Late" was chosen by the Singing News Magazine as Song of the Decade as well as "I Wanna Know How It Feels," being selected as #10 Song of the Decade. Their album "Pray Now" has won two Dove awards in 2016.

Additionally, the group's Number One hit, "Four Days Late", was also

named Song of the Year by readers of The Singing New Magazine in 2001 and the SGMA Awards and continues to be a favorite among audiences.

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