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## Thank you UT Veterinary Medical Center

By Steve Hunley  
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If like me, you have a pet you realize that precious creature is a part of the family. Regular readers of The Focus will recall the frequent mentions of my little Jack Russell terrier, Opie. From the time I saw him, I instantly bonded with him.

Naturally, my love for Opie has become something I get teased about regularly by my family. My son, Stephen, for whatever reason was describing the pecking order in our family once, telling my wife Kim, "I guess Dad loves you best, then us kids..." and suddenly stopped and started over. "I guess Dad loves Opie best, then you, then us kids..."

Recently, when returning from lunch with Opie, I noticed that he was doing his best not to put weight

on his right back leg. Needless to say, I was concerned and I picked him up and we were off to Tazewell Pike Animal Clinic. Opie's regular vets Dr. Joanne Hibbs, Dr. Lori Smith and Dr. Meghan Zeise did a great job in their initial examinations. Their preliminary diagnosis was a torn cruciate ligament in



Pictured at the UT Veterinary Medical Center are (Front row, left to right): Dr. Diane Hendrix, Carol Tuft, Lauren Webb (with Opie), Dawn Hickey, Jamie Stuffle, (back row) Tonya Foster, Dr. Hannah McLean, Ashley Colantoni, Jordan Neely and Dr. Marti Drum. Not pictured are orthopedic surgeons Dr. Kyle Snowden and Dr. Whitney DeGroot.

his right rear knee and he would need surgery.

At that point his regular vets recommended that I take Opie to the UT Veterinary Medical Center.

I knew the UT Veterinary Medical Center was a wonderful place from past experience, but I will confess I was still both nervous

and worried.

Opie had his knee surgery and it was very successful. I quickly established a regular pattern of visiting times. I was astonished by two things: how quickly he recovered and the care he was receiving. Opie's incision healed very quickly, he was watched

carefully for any sign of infection and immediately began to go through the doggie equivalent of rehab. There are quite a few steps in our house and I wanted to be certain Opie would have no difficulty going anywhere in his house he wanted to go.

The staff at the UT

Veterinary Medical Center is very invested in their animal patients. Over the next six weeks, it became absolutely obvious that everyone there truly cares about each and every one of the animals in their safe-keeping.

Opie's staff cuddled with him and gave him

constant attention; the doctors checked him regularly and the staffers supervising his rehab handled him both expertly and gently. Each time I visited Opie, I was given a detailed progress report. It was not merely medicine, but medicine administered with a big dollop of affection and understanding.

In all candor, Opie could not have received better care and treatment anywhere. The folks at the UT Veterinary Medical Center treat their patients just as we would if we only had the necessary skills.

I've been so impressed I've told my wife Kim that if I have to go to the hospital, I want to be taken to the UT Veterinary Medical Center. If your pet needs some very special treatment, I would tell you without hesitation to try the UT Veterinary Medical Center.

You may well think this column is an advertorial, and perhaps it is, but I can assure you, it's not for payment. It's out of repayment and pure old-fashioned gratitude.

Opie and I and our entire family thank you UT Veterinary Medical Center!

## Hardy Johnson 'keeps going' on 89th birthday

By Steve Williams

Hardy Johnson, longtime shoe cobbler in Fountain City, only stopped working for short periods of time on his 89th birthday last Wednesday.

His son Jim, who manages Custom Shoe Rebuilders at 5503 North Broadway St., would normally have been working too, but he had to take his mother-in-law to the doctor. Earlier Jim also had been gone to Michigan a few days to represent the family at the funeral of his father's brother-in-law.

The shoe repair orders had backed up.

Hardy Johnson kept going.

A lot of folks are 89 years old, but not many still work six days a week like Hardy ... or on their birthday.

Johnson's day was brightened early that afternoon when next-door neighbors from Johnson's Automotive and Alignment brought over a half-dozen chocolate cupcakes with chocolate icing and a senior coffee.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Hardy Johnson's 89th birthday wasn't all work. He received cards, cupcakes and a fitting cap.

"He's the most excellent human being I've ever encountered in my 60 years," said Vickie Henson. "He's real. He's the same every day. He's just got a smile on his face all the time. It makes you feel good to be around him."

Hardy is the third in his family's four generations of shoe cobblers. His grandfather, William Carson, was the first.

"His shop was on what used to be 2nd Avenue," said Johnson, who believes 2nd Avenue is named

Ocala Drive now. "People in the neighborhood would bring shoes by during the day, and grandpaw would fix them at night."

Hardy said his dad, Hardy Johnson Sr., didn't have a shop, and worked with

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## Council to consider short-term rental ordinance

By Mike Steely  
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The ordinance to regulate signs in the city was debated passionately for years before a final version was adopted. An ordinance to regulate short-term rentals may face the same drawn-out struggle.

The growing popularity of Airbnb and other corporate and private rentals of homes and rooms nationwide is perplexing the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Knoxville City Council. On Tuesday evening the council may actually consider a first reading of the ordinance.

The MPC passed their "no recommendation" along to the council on a split vote, 8-4. Some homeowners and neighborhood associations object to including R-1, R-1A, and R1-E neighborhoods, those areas with finer homes, in the ordinance to allow short-term rentals.

More than 300 short-

term rental homes open their doors to temporary visitors, especially during major festivals, UT home football games and holidays. Some of the upper-scale homeowners and neighborhood associations want homes in their zones excluded from permitting rentals. It is estimated that more than 8,000 people have taken advantage of the brief rentals in the city.

From the city's perspective, the short-term rentals have been operating illegally since there has been no ordinance to permit them and no way to regulate them to ensure public safety or collect taxes on the rentals as a business.

The proposal would permit but regulate short-term rentals in all zoning districts but limit to owner occupied residences in residentially zoned areas. The proposed ordinance would establish two types of rentals: Type One in residential areas

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# What Does it Actually Mean to Be Publically Intoxicated?

So you may have heard the term, "public intoxication." As many bars and restaurants there are in the world, it can be surprising that its actually a crime to be intoxicated in a public place. I thought



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public places. They are private businesses. While they may usually be open to the public, they are allowed to refuse to serve individuals, making them private places. So you cannot get

these places were trying to make me intoxicated!

Unfortunately, it is a crime, a Class C misdemeanor, which is the lowest level of crime you can commit in Tennessee and still potentially face jail time. The maximum sentence for committing such a crime is 30 days in jail and most individuals never serve near that amount of time if they are arrested for public intoxication.

The Tennessee public intoxication law can be found at Tennessee Code Annotated 39-17-310, and it states:

(a) A person commits the offense of public intoxication who appears in a public place under the influence of a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue or any other intoxicating substance to the degree that:

- (1) The offender may be endangered;
  - (2) There is endangerment to other persons or property; or
  - (3) The offender unreasonably annoys people in the vicinity.
- (b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

That's the entirety of the law on public intoxication in Tennessee. So when I read this law, a few things jump out at me.

First, you don't even have to be drunk driving to be arrested for being drunk. If you are drunk and in a public place, you have met the first criterion for possibly being arrested for public intoxication.

That's why its important to know that restaurants and bars are not actually

arrested for public intoxication if you are in a private business, and obviously you cannot get arrested while in a private residence.

However, once you walk out on the street, or are at a public park, or any other place owned by a government entity, you are fair game.

Second, you don't have to be under the influence of alcohol only. If you are under the influence of narcotics of some kind, the police can arrest you for public intoxication. Finally, you can read for yourself what a person has to be doing to violate the public intoxication law. Unreasonably annoying people in the vicinity?!?!?! That seems pretty vague. Drunk people annoy me all of the time, can I get them arrested?

The language here is very broad, "endangering themselves," "endangering others," those are broad terms that could mean almost anything and the legislators may have designed it that way to allow the police to have broad abilities to arrest individuals.

The lesson here is, if you are enjoying any kind of intoxicant, minimize your time in public places.

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## Board of Education

# Hill shuts down discussion on 'Restorative Practices' provision

By Ken Lay

Knox County Schools will soon adopt a new discipline policy which will implement restorative practices. One-third of the district's 91 schools have already completed training and the remaining schools will complete training by the end of next summer.

All schools will comply with the new policy by the 2018-19 academic year.

But schools which have completed training have already begun implementing the policy. The issue was brought up for discussion at the school board's work session on Monday, July 10 at the Andrew Johnson Building.

But the discussion was tabled when board member Terry Hill evoked personal privilege at Wednesday's meeting at the City-County Building.

Hill's action pushed the issue to August as it shut down discussion for 30 days.

"We are trying to move a mountain with a bulldozer," said Hill, who recently met with 18 high school administrators who voiced apprehension over having to implement the new policies during this school year before all teachers have finished training. "We have trained and trained all summer and done a marvelous job, but when you've got over 90 schools, it's just not something that can happen in a summer or even a six-month period.

"It will happen and this is not going away."

Hill added that she was in favor of the program but she urged her fellow board members to not vote hastily 48 hours before

asserting her privilege.

The academic year begins next month and by the time the doors open, 40 elementary schools will have completed training along with seven middle schools and eight high schools, according to Executive Director of Student Services Melissa Massey. Massey noted that the new guidelines were a result of The Disparities in Educational Outcomes Task Force, which in a report, calls for the school district to review all disciplinary policies and procedures and propose revisions that reflect restorative practices.

"It used to be that if a student did something wrong, they were suspended for three days and then they came back to school and that was pretty much it," she said. "Restorative

practices are about building relationships and positive reinforcement.

"They are meant to show the student the harm done and we work with them to make sure that the same thing doesn't happen again."

While Hill successfully slowed the process, board member Lynne Fugate made it clear that she's ready to see the new policies go into effect.

"I understand that some schools aren't ready and haven't been through the training," she said. "But we need to put a stake in the ground and say that this is what we're committed to."

While the restorative practices provision was tabled the board did approve disciplinary policies on bullying, suspensions and zero-tolerance offenses.

# IB program to continue at Bearden Middle School

By Ken Lay

The Knox County Board of Education assured that one of its most popular and highly praised programs would continue Wednesday night.

By a 7-2 margin, the school board voted to make the International Baccalaureate Program continue at Bearden Middle School.

The Bearden program serves as the inaugural phase of the Middle Years Program, which covers grades six through 10. Bearden is one of the feeder schools for West High, the county's lone IB high school. International Baccalaureate students can pursue an IB diploma or certificate at West.

Both are inner-city schools but proponents of the program believe that it has improved morale and educational opportunities at both schools. Furthermore, supporters say that it is keeping students in public schools.

"More students are choosing to stay in Bearden and I think that speaks volumes. I think we can agree that is something to be built upon," said board member Lynne Fugate,

who represents the two schools.

Fugate made her comments at the board's work session meeting on Monday. The board, parents, teachers and students all speak highly of the program, which is overseen by a non-profit organization in Switzerland.

But the KCS Deputy Law Director Gary Dupler expressed concerns about the potential of litigating in a foreign country.

Board Vice Chair Amber Rountree said she was concerned that the program might be seen as exclusive because Bearden Middle is overcrowded and has no room for transfers.

"We could be signing on to continue this program for however many years and having those teachers that no other school has," Rountree said at last week's work session. "The concern now is there are no transfer students that going to be accepted at Bearden Middle so we have a program that's only accepting students zoned for that school."

While Fugate agreed that overcrowding at Bearden is a concern, she said she

felt that it could be alleviated.

"If that's the only problem, that we can't take transfers, we can increase the capacity for transfers," she said. "There's plenty of grass at Bearden, so there's plenty of room for portable classrooms at Bearden Middle."

Bearden principal Michael Toth agreed.

"The transfer numbers, I think, are set by the administration but I know that we can make room for more students," Toth said. "Will it be a strain? Yes.

"But I'm committed to opening our doors to more of these students who are being denied transfers."

The teachers enjoy teaching in the program as well.

"This program is inspiring to teachers. It lights a fire in us," said Arielle Street, who teaches English in the program at West. "It enlightens students and makes them more active and engaged citizens."

Bearden Middle School student Anne Eddins said that the program has made a difference in her life.

"It's nice to open my mind to bigger aspects of

the world, learning about civilizations and parts of the world," Eddins said.

Superintendent Bob Thomas also voiced support for the program when board members solicited his opinion.

"I've been the superintendent for three months but for five months, I've been talking about building a culture, providing educational opportunities and eliminating disparities," he said. "This program does all of those things, so I support this program and I think we all should support it.

"It's great to see all of our teachers, students and community passionate about education."

The program was intended to be instituted as a magnet program, but it is not. Rountree, who passed on the final vote, proposed an amendment to make it such a program. That was defeated 7-2. Mike McMillan sided with Rountree on her proposal and was the member who opposed making the program permanent at Bearden.

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"We will be one of the largest antique and vendor malls in America, right here in Knoxville, Tennessee," said Donald Jenkins. He and his wife, Crissie, have opened Mega Peddler's Mart of Knoxville in the former Kmart location at 4434 North Broadway in the Northgate Plaza Shopping Center.

The Jenkins family has leased the entire 111,000 plus square feet store, just south of Interstate 640, and opened about four weeks ago. Already there are about 70 spaces rented and a potential of 600+ being built in the future. "We have an additional 20,000 square feet upstairs, so we can add 200 more booths if we rent out the main sales floor. This would bring the total available booths for rent to 850," Jenkins said.

Jenkins told The Focus that he wants to do something for the people of Knoxville. "This is an opportunity for the average person to rent space in a high-traffic storefront that they may not

be able to afford by themselves. By setting up and selling in our store, you can keep your full-time, day to day job. The income you make selling at our store is supplemental income. It's like creating 400 or more part time jobs. Anyone can be a vendor," Jenkins said. He operates the store with his wife and eight-year-old daughter.

"We are blessed to have eight years of total experience in flea markets and vendor malls. For this store to be successful, we have to have vendors. We need more vendors. It's the essence of what we are, Jenkins explained.

The mart is currently open Monday- Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. He told The Focus that with growth, the mart may begin opening on Sundays. "Our plans are to have a concession stand and possibly even a restaurant," Jenkins said.

What makes Mega Peddler's Mart different?

"We're not just an antique or flea market," he said and a tour of the mart backed

his words, showing a good mix of furniture, clothing, collectibles, toys, and much more. Each vendor space is neatly designed with pegboard and vendors can design their space anyway they wish.

Jenkins said that unlike a flea market being open every day gives more opportunity for vendors to sell more merchandise. Each item is tagged and all vendors have to do is display the item and the store will sell their items for them. Monthly rent is \$150—basically \$5 a day.

"We have a low commission that sets us apart from other stores similar to ours. It is a standard low of only 5%. This means the more stuff that vendors sell, the more money they can keep.

Jenkins added that vendors could realize a full-time or part-time income potential with no contract or lease for space.

"We feel like we have the best location in Knoxville. No matter whom we talk to, when we say our store is in



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Donald and Crissie Jenkins welcome you to the new Mega Peddler's Mart located in the former Kmart building on Broadway near I-640. The large facility has vendor space available and there's plenty of room for your sales items. The Jenkins take care of all the sales and have the lowest commission in the area.

the former Kmart building on Broadway everyone knows exactly where we are located. This is key when driving traffic and business to the center. Using billboards and our easy access to I-640 makes it ideal to drive out of state tourism from I-75, to North Broadway at exit 6. Making it a

perfect place for shoppers and vendors," he said.

"Rent Space, Sell Merchandise, Make Money," is the motto.

"We will work hard to sell your stuff for you. Vendors are encouraged to book now while Prime Space is still available," the Jenkins said.

You can get more information about becoming a Mega Peddler's Mart vendor by calling (865) 337-7230 or emailing megapeddlersmart@gmail.com. You can also find the business online at www.megapeddlersmart.com and on Facebook @megapeddlersmart.

## Council to consider short-term rental ordinance

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where only one residence could be rented and Type Two on non-residential districts where two residences could be rented. There may also be a limit placed on the number of visitors permitted in one residence.

Aside from those who simply oppose the regulation of the growing business others have voiced objections that the ordinance could not be enforced, that it "guts" the R-1 zones and disrupts single family neighborhoods.

The ordinance calls for owners of homes to obtain a business license, pay the hotel-motel occupancy tax, have safety equipment such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, provide information about the owner and a local contact person, file a site and floor plan, hold the city harmless, and obtain an operating permit.

The annual fee for the Type One would be \$70 and require proof of a property. Type Two, for non-residential districts, would pay \$120 per year.

In other actions the council will consider an agreement with the Public Building Authority to operate the Riverwalk Parking Garage and parking at the former Baptist Hospital site at

2011 Kay Street.

The council will also consider contracting with SEI, Inc., for security at the city recreation centers and also for special events. The two agreements come to \$81,000.

The Police Department is asking for an additional \$12,000 for a mental health provider through funds from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police from the U. S. Department of Justice.

They may also vote on the removal of an asbestos-containing curtain at the Civic Auditorium in a contract with Environmental Consulting & Testing not to exceed \$26,836 and also allocate funds to the Community Action Committee for its Emergency and Minor Home Repairs Program. Neighborhood Housing Inc. may get \$139,000 in funding to also support home repairs through the "Operation Backyard" program.

The late Deputy Police Chief, Rudy G. Bradley, Sr., will be honored along with Rex L. Davis.

Wastewater System, Water System Revenue, Gas System and Electric System Bonds may be authorized for issue, totaling \$92 million.

## Mayshark talks Short-Term Rentals

**By Mike Steely**  
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Jesse Mayshark, Knoxville's Director of Communications, spoke at the Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory Council Wednesday afternoon and said there may be amendments offered to the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Noting that temporary rental of homes is illegal now he said that Airbnb, the largest national firm offering local rentals in Knoxville with about 90% of the business, favors local regulations. He said "It's time to move out of the shadows," and said the

ordinance would protect neighborhoods and preserve the housing stock as the city has an issue with available affordable housing.

"This will probably make everyone a little unhappy," he said referring to the proposed ordinance.

Mayshark said that after adoption if a problem comes up the city can come back to the ordinance and change it.

"We come back and revisit ordinances all the time," he said.

He fielded several questions and noted

the opposition by some individuals and neighborhood groups. He also said that although there are no plans to add to the city staff to oversee short-term rentals, it is not out of the question in the future.

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# Diversity, Historic Zoning, and the 6th District Council race

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It was somewhat of a surprise that all 13 candidates for Knoxville's 6th District Commission seat showed up last week for a forum at the Communication Works of America headquarters. The event, hosted by the Central City Democrats, had earlier heard that Republican Michael Covington had a conflict and would not be attending.

Yet, shortly after the well-attended event began, Covington arrived to face a large crowd in the mostly Democratic district.

Moderated by Rev. Harold Middlebrooks, the forum began with giving each candidate had two minutes to introduce themselves and give a brief pitch.

Joyce Brown said she has always been a "king and queen maker" and it was

time to step out and "be the community we were at one time."

"God called me to offer myself to you," said Rev. John Butler, who called for neighborhood enrichment, empowerment, and commercial development.

Kennie Riffey said the residents of East Knoxville need to have a voice and someone who understands downtown as well as the community.

Maurice Clark said that replacing businesses and vacant lots in the district take too long and mentioned working with Rep. Rick Staples and Commissioner Evelyn Gill.

Charles Frazier called for a stop of the violence, promoting economic development and said the city must do a better job in redeveloping Magnolia Avenue.

"It's time for a change," David Gillette told the audience, adding, "Everybody is

sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Zimbabwe U. Matavou said efforts by the city to redevelop should start from the neighborhoods and work out rather than from the downtown out.

Gwen McKenzie said the 6th is an eclectic district with a lot of the sections underserved and called for "community policing."

Jennifer Montgomery called for better development planning.

Damon Rawls mentioned equality among schools and said the city needs to target the "hotspots" of drug activity and get rid of the criminals.

Revitalization without gentrification and to "preserve, promote and protect" the neighborhood was the theme of Shawnee Rios' brief two-minute talk.

Brandy Slaybaugh said the 6th District is "the heart and

soul of the city."

Michael Covington said the area is a "tragically divided district" and promised to bring the community leaders together to resolve problems.

During questions from the audience read by Rev. Middlebrook, candidate Matavou called for an end to Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes and Tax Increment Financing programs downtown and for the creation of a task force to end gentrification.

Covington said that gentrification is "naturally going to come" and people will be displaced and said those residents in danger should be watched and helped. Riffey said that establishing a Historic District in Parkridge would "speed up" displacement of people and called for "No Historic Overlays."

Brown said, "It's all about money" and mentioned the "WILL BUY HOUSES" signs in

the district and the number of boarded-up homes there.

Montgomery said that a Historic Overlay is a tool and that neighborhoods so designated "become popular."

Rios called for an effort to help renters buy their homes rather than displacing the residents.

When asked about the "loss of diversity on city council," several candidates responded.

Riffey said it's not a matter of electing an African American but selecting a person who would be the best representative.

McKenzie called the topic "the elephant in the room" and said that East Knoxville is a "multi-cultural district" and asked the voters to elect someone to represent the whole area.

Rios mentioned that there is currently only one woman on the city council and noted that there are six women

seeking the District 6 seat.

Slaybaugh said that "one person of color (on the council) is not diversity."

On the matter of public transportation, Covington said the city should talk to the county and expand the service. Rev. Butler said a town hall meeting is needed and people who use the system should be consulted.

Clark, a KAT driver, said that people over the age of 62 should ride the buses for free.

"We've tried to be impartial," Rev. Middlebrook said in ending the session. He said there were about 16 questions submitted and some questions were combined. He noted that early voting begins August 9.

"Please make sure you vote for the person who will represent Knoxville and not for the outside forces coming in to influence the vote," he said.

# Hardy Johnson 'keeps going' on 89th birthday

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someone else. "I started out with him. There was a real good uptown shop, and my dad got sick, so I took off up there and got a good job."

Eventually, Johnson bought a shop, and in 1953 established his business, which was located between Knox Road and Maple Drive and near where McDonald's is today in Fountain City. He moved the business to its present location eight years ago.

"I can set my clock to Hardy every morning at 7:15 when he pulls into the parking lot," said Steven

Henson, who is in his 15th year as owner of the automotive shop next door. "He's the best neighbor I've ever had. He's a great guy. They're good people."

The two "just swap back and forth." Johnson's 1999 blue Ford, with only 86,000 miles on it, gets free brake jobs and oil changes from Henson. And Steve gets free repair work on shoes and pocketbooks or anything else.

While Johnson spent much of his birthday working, there were moments of celebration throughout the week.

JD Lambert, Central

High athletic director, hustled down to the shoe shop Monday afternoon and presented Johnson with a Central Bobcats cap and shirts.

On the wall at his shop are birthday cards, including a homemade one from a customer's young daughter that is signed by Paige and Kelli. James sent a card wishing Hardy a happy "90th" birthday. Oops, but it's on the wall and appreciated just the same.

Dr. Fred Hurst of Halls brought by a box of doughnuts Wednesday morning.

"There were several phone calls and

several came by to visit," said Jim.

Dr. McCampbell, a retired veterinarian from Lenoir City, gave Hardy a cap with the inscription "Model 1928."

A family supper get-together, including Jim and his wife Teresa and grandson Justin and his fiancée Amanda, was being planned for Thursday night.

Johnson said he's "thankful" he's still able to go and do what he does.

"You've got your aches and pains, stuff like that," he said. "My knee is worn out. But I keep going."

And that, he says, is his secret for a long life.

"Just keep at it. Don't give up. Keep going. Even though you feel bad or anything, keep going."

Johnson has a good sense of humor, too.

For instance, when asked if his dog, Shilo, an 8-year-old tan Yorkie he's had since a puppy, was his buddy, he replied, "Oh yeah ... but I should call him Meanness," he laughs lovingly.

"He sleeps right beside me and snores."

Hardy said he takes Shilo outside about five times a day.

"He really likes to go to the fence and talk with the neighbors' dog. They talk about Obama or what's going on in Washington. He's a democrat."

Johnson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. The Optimist Club of Knoxville honored him as Grand Marshall of the Fountain City Optimist Christmas Parade in 2011 and he was named Fountain City Town Hall Man of the Year in 2015.

He'll probably be the man who works on his 90th birthday, too.

Let's hope so.

## OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

### Waiting on Officers and shooting at Stukas, Italian bombers and Kamikazis

By Randall Baxter

On July 10, 1943, the Allies begin their invasion of Axis-controlled Europe with landings on the island of Sicily, off mainland Italy. Encountering little resistance from the demoralized Sicilian troops, the British 8th Army under Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery came ashore on the southeast of the island, while the U.S. 7th Army under General George S. Patton landed on Sicily's south coast. Within three days, 150,000 Allied troops were ashore.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, James Julian was already in the Navy. He would up with a world tour. What did a black man before World War II have in common with Rodney Dangerfield? They didn't get no respect! In June 1940 the Navy had 4,007 black personnel, 2.3 percent of its nearly 170,000-man total. All were enlisted men, and with the exception of six regular rated seamen, lone survivors of the exclusion clause, all were steward's mates, labeled by the black press "seagoing bellhops."

James Julian joined the Navy and stayed on a ship that was like a dormitory just for black men, and most of them were stewards for men that were officers in the United States Navy. He trained for a couple of years, and he wound up, when the war started, going to Greenland on his first mission.

Not only was James Julian a steward on the ship, but he was also trained to be an anti-aircraft gunner on that ship, and after his trip to Greenland, he wound up in the Mediterranean Sea at the invasion of Sicily.

During that invasion, Mr. Julian was

not acting as an officer's steward. He was manning an anti-aircraft 20 mm gun. After the invasion of Sicily, it was out into the Atlantic, turn left, head south, and around Africa, and back up to a country we know today as Yemen—but back then, it was called Oran, and Julian's ship picked up German prisoners of war from the Battle of Africa, and then turned back around and took them all the way to South Carolina, to the prisoner of war camps.

After dropping off the prisoners of war, it was down to the Panama Canal, up to San Francisco, over to the Philippines, and up to, on Easter morning, the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. After that, it was Tokyo Bay for the end of the war. Eventually, he wound up fighting German Stukas, Italian dive bombers and Kamikazees. When the Battle of Okinawa was over, he arrived in Tokyo Bay, on the USS Teton. That ship served as the communication ship of the Supreme Allied Commander, Douglas MacArthur. The USS Teton relayed the very first message telling the free world that the Japanese had surrendered.

A servant when no one was shooting at his ship and a 20 mm gunner when things got hot. The big guns on the ships fought the enemy planes when they were approaching over the horizon. The 40 mm guns kicked in when the enemy planes got under the effective range of the larger guns. The 20 mm guns took over when the planes were nearby.

For me, I liked the poems he wrote and the love letters I saw 50 years later.

It was an honor to know him.

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett chats with Sgt. Amanda Bunch prior to his talk before the Fountain City Business and Professional Association Wednesday.

## Burchett speaks to FCBPA

By Mike Steely  
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Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett spoke Wednesday at the monthly meeting of the Fountain City Business and Professional Association. He brought two staff members with him and several other state and local politicians were present along with members and visitors of the active professional group. Also present were candidates R. Larry Smith, who has announced he is seeking an at-large seat on county commission, Lauren Rider, a candidate for city council in the 4th District, and Representative Roger Kane who is seeking the office of County Court Clerk.

The mayor spoke about his family, his childhood, his father's service during World War II, and talked a bit about his recently approved county budget. Then he took questions and comments from the audience.

When asked about his future plans Burchett said, "I love public service. I've prayed about it and asked God, I'll let you know."

Other questions included his opinion on selling

the Sears Building, the Andrew Johnson Building, and what to do with the old Rule High School. He said, before or after he leaves the mayor's office, he'd like to see the creation of a vocational school for students who don't plan on attending college.

Other comments Burchett made during the meeting included that government should not be in competition with business, governments should not spend what they don't have, and affirmed his support for veterans.

He told a tale of encountering a custodian in the City-County Building when he was first elected county mayor who wasn't sure how to address him. "Call me Tim," he recalled telling the janitor.

"If I don't show up for work nobody misses me. But if you don't show up then nothing gets done," he added.

At the end of the meeting B&P President John Fugate, whom Burchett recently named to the E-911 Board, described the mayor as "always honest and forthright and straight up."

# Meet the 'Good Folks of Lennox Valley'

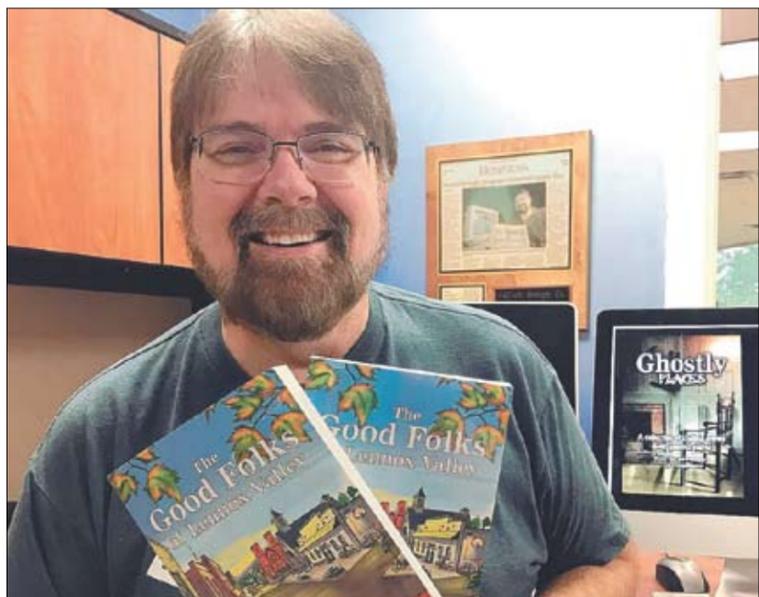
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"It was no coincidence, being the first Sunday with a new minister, coupled with that minister being a woman, the sanctuary of the old Methodist church was as full as it had been since a brief charismatic period following the release of 'The Cross and the Switchblade' back in 1970."

And so Knoxville's Kevin Slimp begins a chapter in his book about a small town and the people who live there.

For several years Slimp has been writing a column that has appeared in hundreds of newspapers across the country, introducing readers to the people in the imaginary small town of Lennox Valley. Slimp has taken the stories and published "The Good Folks of Lennox Valley" and it's now available from Market Square Publishing of Knoxville.

"Good Folks" reminds some readers of the popular "Big Stone



Kevin Slimp's "Good Folks of Lennox Valley" captures the characters and events in an imaginary small town and spins the tale in an enjoyable and readable way.

Gap" book series. Both introduce characters and follow the happenings around the community. Some of the events Slimp writes about actually happened but, as the TV

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The staff at Tennova Hospice provides comfort and support to patients and their families. Pictured are Teri Atwater, Shelly Haley, Lisa Collier, Amanda Madson, Wendy Woodward, Ruthie Burner, Estelle Taylor, Autumn Grubb, Kathy Miller, Pat Green, Donna Cunningham, Sherry Williams, Savannah Sutton and Gayle Chittum. (Photo courtesy of Tennova Hospice)

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# What is it?



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Picture of six baby skunks, by Caroline McGinnis

At first glance, it is difficult to see where the picture begins or ends. The black and white ball of fur on a bed of leaves shows a glimpse of nature few people would ever stumble across. The rare photo was taken by Caroline McGinnis and shared with me by her father-in-law, Perry McGinnis. "She was working in her garden when she found a family of six baby skunks at the edge of the woods, all asleep and in a tight ball," Perry wrote.

Skunks are interesting to observe from a distance. As babies, they may appear cute. But, as they grow older, skunks will often use their defense mechanism

that releases a terrible odor to protect themselves. They usually walk slowly. Their big, bushy tail gives them a proud presence as if they own the world. I have seen them walk among raccoons and cats without incident. I have also seen a little crippled skunk that moved at a slower pace, never giving up. Though usually found in rural areas, occasionally skunks may be seen in the city. Despite the sickening odor they release, skunks are beautiful animals.

Some have markings that are nearly all white, while some have only a touch of white on their black coat. Recently, we saw a family of young skunks emerge from the woods. It was amazing to see one after the other appear, all marching in a single line behind their mother. We counted seven or eight before quickly leaving the area.

The wonders of nature! They are all around for us to enjoy.



Rosie's  
World

I don't go to movies any more but I do watch them on TV and it's surprising how many wonderful movies are derived from wonderful books. Alas, so many movies today are full of violence, murder, and mayhem, with just a sprinkling of love thrown in sometimes. I am now reading "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"—just started it. So far, it is a mesmerizing tale. But I have not seen the movie. I am enamored with books that have an intriguing plot with interesting characters, such as spy novels and mysteries. However, my favorite is, of course, movies (and books) that contain a love story.

Do you remember "Love Story" produced in the year 1970? A tear-jerker, if there ever was one. Today, we

## Books and Movies

have two such love stories, both by Nicholas Sparks. These two movies come on TV regularly every few weeks or so. I'm talking about "The Notebook" and "A Walk to Remember," which was the story of two teenagers who fall in love with dire consequences. I've read both books and the films were pretty consistent with the writer's manuscripts. There are many other movies that contain love stories, but these are two of my favorites. Then there is the sizzling love story that will make your tears flow, "Splendor In The Grass" which is a line from the poem by William Wadsworth. A beautiful movie with a surprising ending.

Let's go way, way back. The 1955 movie "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing" is a story of an widowed doctor of Chinese and European descent who falls in love with a married American

reporter. Jennifer Jones and William Holden star in this captivating story. In 1958, Ingrid Bergman starred in a beautiful movie, "The Inn of Sixth Happiness." This is the story of an English missionary who goes to China, meets the love of her life and rescues Chinese children from a Japanese invasion. Both of these movies are "must-sees," no matter how old they are. AND, they were fabulous novels.

Reading is the best way to visit other people's lives and other countries. To see them come alive in a movie is an added bonus. Try to "read" and "see." That's a great experience.

Thought for the day: I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow.

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Thank you.

# Homemaker Program offers homes, lots

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The city of Knoxville recently sold a home on East Fifth Avenue to Knox Heritage for \$10,000 under a program which hopes to resale publically-owned homes and lots. Almost anyone, non-profits, businesses or individuals, can qualify to purchase the properties with certain conditions applied.

Most of the homes and lots are acquired in an effort to remove blight, redevelop neighborhoods and provide affordable housing. The Homemakers Program has a committee that

acts on applications.

All proposed plans for the property's use are reviewed for compatibility with the neighborhood. If a vacant lot cannot be used for a home, other uses, such as combining with neighboring lots or use as a community garden, would be considered.

The Homemaker Committee meets the last Wednesday of each month. Applications are reviewed about 15 days before the meeting.

If approved an applicant and the city would enter into an agreement on the price and a development plan. The buyer must submit plans within 90 days of the agreement for new construction, rehabilitation, etc.

Construction must begin within 180 days of the transfer of the deed.

One home being offered in the Homemaker Program currently is a 2-3 bedroom home with 2.5 baths, a living room and kitchen, den with fireplace and laundry room. The home, at 2701 Amelia Road, has hardwood and vinyl flooring, a partially finished basement with outside entry, central heat and air, an open front porch, screened back porch and an attached one-car garage.

The city's target price is \$95,000.

A list of available homes and lots are listed by Googling "Homemaker Program, Knoxville, Tn" and selecting "Available

Home Lots." The list gives the location of the home or lot, a description, an asking price, and other information.

You can also call Becky Wade, Community Development Director, at (865)215-2865.

Current vacant lots and homes are available on South Chestnut (5 lots), Louise Avenue (2), Texas Avenue (4), Thomas Street (3) and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue (4). Single listings of lots and homes include McCalla Ave., Parham Street, Selma Ave., Wilson Ave, Bishop Street, Amelia Road, Virginia Ave., Glenwood Ave., Fern Street, and Sunset Ave.

## Tennova Hospice focuses on the patient and the family

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which not only include the patient's physical pain but also emotional discomfort and spiritual/social concerns. Hospice focuses on both the patient and the family by offering a variety of bereavement and support services before and after a patient's death.

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Tennova Hospice has a legacy of providing quality, depth of in-home care that originated the Sisters of Mercy of Saint Mary's Hospital. The Hospice believes a patient can enjoy a quality of life at the most critical time in their home, which is a place families gather to celebrate milestones and support one another in times of need.

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# When Two Congressmen Collide

Part One

Pages from the Past



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Every ten years legislative and Congressional districts must undergo some changes; redistricting always poses a danger to incumbents. It is not uncommon for a sitting congressman to run for higher office when faced with the elimination of his district. Congressman Albert Gore's district was carved up in 1952, but he was already off and running for the United States Senate, making the job of the Tennessee General Assembly in redistricting the congressional districts much easier. In March of 1931, the state legislature completed its redistricting bill and headlines in the Kingsport Times blared "Rep. J. Ridley Mitchell Legislated Out of Office..."

The General Assembly had moved freshman Congressman Ridley Mitchell's home county of Cumberland into the heavily Republican Second District. Tennessee had gone from ten congressional districts to nine following redistricting. State Representative W. Y. Boswell claimed the changes had been made to protect Congressman Ewin L. Davis of Tullahoma and at the expense of J. Ridley Mitchell.

Boswell had attempted to amend the bill to keep Morgan and Cumberland counties in the new Fourth Congressional district. "I don't know of any reason to take Cumberland out of the Fourth district, except political reasons," Boswell thundered. Boswell had asked his colleagues to put Cumberland County into the new Fourth District and "leave Ridley Mitchell and Judge Davis in the same district and let them fight it out." Boswell was indignant as a colleague, Representative Maysilles, had frankly stated he wanted to see Cumberland County removed from the new Congressional district "to protect my congressman, Ewin L. Davis."

W. Y. Boswell raised the specter that Ridley Mitchell, deprived of his seat in Congress, might become a candidate for higher office. Boswell shouted, "In sacrificing Ridley Mitchell you may make him governor of the state." Republican legislator J. Tom Taylor laconically replied, "I think the Democrats are going to need a good candidate like Ridley Mitchell."

Davis had served for almost fourteen years in Congress. Like Ridley Mitchell, Ewin L. Davis was a former judge. Davis was stately and dignified and looked the part of a congressman with a head of gray hair. The Tennessee legislature believed it had given Davis a favorable district and some were surprised when Ridley Mitchell moved into the new Fourth District and announced he was seeking reelection to Congress. Davis had

already declared for another term and most political observers felt the veteran congressman would be impossible to beat within the newly configured Fourth District. A third candidate said he would enter the Democratic primary as well; J. P. Owen, was a former state senator who had run for Congress in 1930, but had been beaten by J. Ridley Mitchell. Like Mitchell, Owen moved from his home in Trousdale County to Rutherford County to make the race.

When the legislature had redistricted J. Ridley Mitchell out of his own Congressional district, he had been in Congress only a matter of days. Tall, bald and portly, J. Ridley Mitchell was not easily deterred. Mitchell, a bachelor, moved from Crossville to Cookeville, which was in the new Fourth District, a clear signal he intended to run against Ewin L. Davis for the right to remain in Congress. Mitchell also announced he would be opening a law office in the Herald Building in Cookeville.

While Ewin L. Davis was dignified and looked the part of a congressman, J. Ridley Mitchell was described as "Tennessee's back-slapping, handshaking, joke-cracking" representative. When Mitchell first ran for Congress in 1930, some criticized him for his gregarious nature and personal contact with voters.

Mitchell retorted, "My only regret is that I don't have four hands instead of two with which to shake your hands and slap your backs."

Mitchell's friends pointed out the congressman might be friendly, but he also possessed a serious side to his personality, pointing to his relentless nature while serving as a prosecutor and his shrewd business acumen as a banker. Mitchell also proved to be a mighty shrewd politician and in December of 1931, he announced he had selected Murfreesboro attorney John V. "Todd" Elrod to serve as his secretary or Chief of Staff.

Murfreesboro, in Rutherford County, was rich in votes in any primary election and had been a stronghold for Congressman Ewin L. Davis. Mitchell also knew how to promote himself through the newspapers and even the Tennessee General Assembly passed a resolution praising Senator Cordell Hull and Ridley Mitchell for their efforts in sponsoring legislation for a new veterans' hospital for Middle Tennessee that same December. Mitchell also announced he was sponsoring a bill to provide for "village delivery" of the mail to Crossville and Lafayette, Tennessee. Congressman Mitchell pointed out his



Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell of Tennessee, 1938.

bill would not only provide better delivery of the mail, but it was also an "unemployment relief measure" as it would create four new postal positions in each community, an important point during the depths of the Great Depression. Ridley Mitchell was positively relentless in placing a flurry of legislation into the hopper, all with an eye toward the folks back home and less on passing any particular bill. Mitchell won praise from the Nashville Tennessean for a bill to appropriate \$1 million per state for the "improvement of farm to market routes and rural post roads over which rural carriers travel." The Tennessean gushed, "If he can get it passed this sturdy congressman will have built a monument to himself in many stout rural hearts, for such lowly roads are often neglected." Whether intentional or not, the Tennessean also reminded its readers Ridley Mitchell's Congressional district had been eliminated through the efforts of "city bosses", meaning the machine of E. H. Crump in Memphis and that of Hilary Howse and "Kit" McConnico of Nashville.

While Congressman Ewin L. Davis remained relatively quiet, J. Ridley Mitchell proved to be single-minded in his pursuit of votes for the coming primary election. Yet another prominent Tennessean found a job through the auspices of Congressman J. Ridley Mitchell. Ed Goad, a commander in the local American Legion in Lebanon, Tennessee, won a post as clerk for a national committee through Mitchell's efforts, which doubtless pleased Goad's friends in Wilson County. Congressman Mitchell got more publicity from the Tennessean when Prentice Cooper, a politically ambitious state commander of the American Legion, headed a delegation to Washington in support of Mitchell's efforts to locate a veterans' hospital in Middle Tennessee. The Tennessean described Mitchell as "untiring" in his efforts to push the veterans' hospital.

Ridley Mitchell overlooked not a single opportunity to curry favor with voters and the Congressman sent a telegram announcing the Federal Land Bank of Louisville, Kentucky "has funds available for loans throughout the Fourth

congressional district of Tennessee." Congressman Mitchell pointed out these loans would be quite helpful to those farmers in need of refinancing or new loans. During the Depression, many farmers did need such loans, badly.

Ridley Mitchell's keen sense of just what topics might move the public was again demonstrated when he introduced a bill to prohibit members of Congress from hiring their relatives. It was news in Tennessee when Mitchell was informed his bill would get a hearing from a House committee to discuss his bill. Doubtless Ridley Mitchell knew his bill would get nowhere, but after declaring he would continue to pursue the legislation until he was successful, the congressman was well aware it would continue to provide him with much favorable publicity. It would also prove to be an effective tool in his coming campaign against Congressman Ewin L. Davis. During a time when jobs were scarce, especially good jobs, many voters bitterly resented congressmen and senators giving high paying positions to their own kinfolk. Mitchell's bill resonated with many Tennesseans as well, which is precisely what the congressman intended.

While Ridley Mitchell made the most of his seat in Congress, despite being a freshman legislator, Ewin L. Davis was preoccupied with his chairmanship of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The committee was not well named, as it also had jurisdiction over radio, an ever-growing enterprise in the country at the time. Davis was carefully charting a course to charge each radio station in the country a licensing fee. While the government needed the additional revenue, it was hardly the sort of topic to move the hearts and minds of the average citizen, nor did many Tennesseans have much interest in the merchant marine. Davis had expressed the opinion advertising took up too much time on the airwaves and intended to "curb too many sales talks" over the radio. While Ewin L. Davis was routinely mentioned in the pages of newspapers across the nation, Ridley Mitchell's own name was regularly appearing in Tennessee newspapers. A bigger difference was the

fact Ridley Mitchell was promoting legislation that appealed to Tennesseans while Ewin L. Davis was working hard on bills of national significance, although perhaps of far less interest to the people of Tennessee. Nor did Ewin L. Davis have Ridley Mitchell's flair for publicity. Congressman Davis likely knew few, if any, of Ridley Mitchell's bills would pass Congress, but he miscalculated on the popularity of many of those same measures with Tennesseans. The contest between Ridley Mitchell and Ewin L. Davis came down to that of a "workhorse" congressman against a "show horse" legislator.

While Ridley Mitchell was pushing a new veterans' hospital for Middle Tennessee, Ewin L. Davis was introducing two bills to eliminate unfair competition from foreign countries in shipping. Davis released a lengthy and mind numbing statement about "foreign vessels", customs duties, and the like. Doubtless the legislation likely would aid American interests in shipping, but it almost surely seemed far less important to many Tennesseans than the bills being promoted by Ridley Mitchell.

Congressman Mitchell was hardly the only member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation beating the bushes for a new veterans' hospital to be located in Middle Tennessee; in fact, virtually every member of Congress from Tennessee was working hard for the veterans. The Congressional delegation made a direct appeal to the Veterans' Bureau, led by Senators Cordell Hull and K. D. McKellar. Senator McKellar detailed the great distance between Johnson City and Memphis, making it difficult for many veterans residing in Middle Tennessee to travel to either location. McKellar also pointed out it was nearly impossible to find beds at either location for those veterans suffering from mental issues, forcing those unfortunates to go to remote places in other states for treatment.

Arguing the need for citing a veterans' hospital in Tennessee was left to McKellar and the House members, as Hull confined himself largely to introducing the congressmen, after noting he believed the Volunteer State had "the ablest delegation in the

House of Representatives." Even J. Will Taylor, the Republican congressman from East Tennessee, strongly supported locating a new veterans' hospital in Middle Tennessee.

Congressman Ewin L. Davis did not miss an opportunity to speak out on behalf of his people. Davis, like McKellar, presented a myriad of reasons for the need of a new veterans' hospital in Middle Tennessee. Congressman Davis pointed to "the rapid growth" of cases requiring treatment. Davis said in 1924 there were 2,160 "mental type cases" in the nine state region, which included Tennessee; by 1931, the number had grown to 3,812. Yet Ridley Mitchell was not to be outdone by his rival.

While Ewin L. Davis had presented an excellent legal brief, Congressman Mitchell "spoke eloquently" on behalf of the veterans of his district. "I am proud to have the honor to represent a people like Judge Lovette (the congressman from Tennessee's First District) has just described. I know of no man whose distress should be more appealing to us than the man who went through the hardships of war and as a result is dethroned of his reason. It should not be necessary to transport a soldier 500 miles in this condition." Mitchell went on to paint a pitiful picture of the suffering of "wives, children and other members of a veteran's family" having to make excruciatingly long trips to see their loved one.

Although still considered the underdog to keep his seat in Congress, Ridley Mitchell appeared to be more than a match for veteran Congressman Ewin L. Davis.

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# Ridiculous Behavior

Well, it appears that July 4th fireworks took on a new meaning in Lonsdale. Officers were attacked when they tried to stop individuals who thought firing the explosives at cars passing by would be more entertaining. According to reports, the fireworks weren't the traditional firecrackers or sparklers or even cherry bombs. These were the ones that are used to light up a celebratory sky.

**By Joe Rector**  
joerector@comcast.net

Now, before anyone takes offense that I wrote disparagingly about Lonsdale, read on. My dad worked at Southern Extract from the time he got out of the army until he died some 30 years later. His parents lived on Louisiana Avenue for years. My grandmother later moved to a house on Minnesota Avenue, and then she even lived in an apartment in College Homes. I spent hours walking the sidewalks in Lonsdale, a treat for a young'un from the country, and about once every month, Daddy loaded us boys into the car for a trip to Cooper and Baldwin's Barbershop on Tennessee Avenue for a buzz cut. (He always told us he "didn't like anyone with long hair and dirty shoes.")

So, I do have fond memories of the community, although I know it has drastically changed over the past few years. Many factors have caused those downturns, but the government hasn't been the only contributing agent. I don't pretend to understand the problems of inner-city living and poverty; I've been blessed with a good life.

What has my blood boiling is the behaviors of those in the crowd on July 4th who attacked others. Then some of the morons, yes, I mean "morons," attacked an officer who was attempting to apprehend one of the perpetrators. Folks cry for help in protecting their neighborhoods, but then turn on the very ones who are trying to do so. What gives?

I'm also blown away at the lack of respect for law enforcement officers who place themselves in life-threatening situations to make communities safer places. Yes, officers do sometimes make mistakes, but overall, police officers do wonderful, heroic jobs that deserve our appreciation and admiration.

Our country suffers right now from a lack of respect. Too many of our countrymen don't understand what the word means. It is an act of showing acceptance and thanks and admiration to others who have put something bigger than themselves first. Respect also deals with appreciating the sacrifices that individuals make in order to protect the weaker of us.

Respect also has much to do with self. Self-respect comes from hard work on reaching lofty goals that bring individuals and others up. It comes from empathy for those in different situations. Self-respect also is a product of self-control, the restraining ourselves from doing or participating in things that we know are hurtful, harmful, or just plain wrong.

The time has come for all of us to show some respect to the civil servants who work so hard to protect us from a myriad of bad things. We all can work on improving. Today, however, I am calling out the residents of Lonsdale. I'm asking if they have the courage to turn their community around. Are they ready to get rid of the individuals who prey on others? Are they ready to demand that the violence end and that new relationships between community and police begins? I hope so because I am ashamed of the recent ridiculous behavior that has taken place there.

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# Eight Reasons Why A Dog is Better than Santa Claus

You might be wondering why in the world I would be thinking of Santa Claus in July—we are only about one hundred and forty days till Christmas. Dogs need loving year round and they give you love and affection every single day of the year. July is one of the busiest months for shelters—meaning shelters have a high inventory of awesome dogs and cats needing homes. Santa Claus or a Dog—Santa is great but Hobo the Wonder Dog is my pick for joy and smiles every day of the year!

Most of us—if not all of us have sung "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and according to the research your dog may be better than any Santa Claus. Dog owners do not need a research study to prove their dog has an automatic trigger reflex that matches their emotional state. If you're happy your dog is happy and of course your dog knows if you are sad or upset. They know when we are sleeping they know when we're awake, and as the song goes they know when we are bad or good.

A friend of mine told a story last week of being around a therapy dog that would not leave her alone.



**By Howard Baker, RN BSN**

When the dog's owner inquired if my friend was stressed, the owner told her the dog can sense when people are stressed and knows who needs their attention. My friend who is not

the biggest dog lover in the world had to agree that yes she has been stressed and the dog was spot on. I am sure this will not convince my friend that she needs a dog but, I think it opens a window of insight previously not there.

## 8 Reasons A Dog is Better Than Santa Claus

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6. If you pout they will give you 100 reasons to laugh
7. Their squeaky toys are better and cheaper than rooty toot toots and rummy tum tums
8. Your dog will never forsake you

You may ask—how could



**Hobo at Christmas**

you possibly compare a dog to Santa Claus? I am glad you asked. While reading a research article on the empathic response of dogs, it occurred to me that anyone with a dog already knows this stuff. Dogs and humans have shared a symbiotic bond for at least 15,000 years and dog lovers already know dog ownership is better than Santa Claus. If you believe in the magic of Christmas and the meaning of the holiday, then you know your dog delivers daily on its true meaning.

Dogs give and show us unconditional love and acceptance, which in turn teaches by example the true value and meaning of love. You will soon realize, a dog gives far more than they receive and we get more than we usually deserve. Some of my fondest childhood memories of my grandfather are of him running and greeting every

one of us with such excitement and enthusiasm that it made us all feel special and accepted. Just as a dog runs to us excited to see we are back even if we were in the other room—the best part is they cherish every pet, pat, hug, and minute we share with them.

My friend learned a dog could sense if she was stressed and how petting the dog lessened her load. I could write about the health benefits dogs have on us from now till Christmas. If you don't have a dog in your home please consider adopting a new pet from your local shelter or breed specific rescue, you will never regret it—trust me, it will be the most meaningful day in your heart today and every day. Woof Woof Woof Merry Christmas in the middle of July!

Life is better with a dog—woof!

# Meet the 'Good Folks of Lennox Valley'

**Cont. from page 1** series "Dragnet" used to say, the names have been changed to protect the innocent. Slimp creates a history of the small town, tells a firsthand account of events there, and views the people as a native-born citizens with a writer's perspective.

Slimp is a writer, speaker, journalist and consultant. Last year he created Market Square Publishing, LLC. He published the first book, "Unafraid and Unashamed" by Will Cantrell. The book reached number one on Amazon in its second week on the market.

He got the idea for "Lennox Valley" while

visiting a friend in Lennox, South Dakota a few years ago and patterned his storytelling style on that of the late Lewis Gizzard who wrote about his small town in Georgia.

Slimp, a Johnson City native, has been involved in writing some way or another since his aunt gave him a newspaper printing kit for his 7th birthday. He was a newspaper carrier, went to ETSU and later Texas A&M. He moved to Knoxville in 1991 and has been a communications director, owner of an advertising agency, and is now a book publisher and media consultant to more than 60 publications around the nation.

He's also served as director of UT's Press Service Institute of Newspaper Technology. Slimp is a supporter of Bearden High School and the Bearden Band.

He's working on his next book "Ghostly Places" about just that, chilling stories of haunted places in Tennessee assembled from various stories submitted by local newspapers. Slimp said he hopes to release the ghost story book in August or early September.

"I began writing the weekly newspaper column as an experiment to see if people would buy or pick up a paper just to read a

particular weekly story. I hear from readers all over the country who tell me they do just that," Slimp told The Focus.

He's working on several other book projects and hopes, in the fall of next year, to have volume two of "Good Folks" as a follow up book. Another project includes "A Teenager's Guide to Surviving High School" that he's writing along with Ashley Connor.

"The Good Folks of Lennox Valley" is available for \$16.95 by contacting Slimp at books@marketsquarebooks.com and at Barnes & Noble on Kingston Pike.



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Central's girls soccer team gets after it under the watchful eye of Head Coach Bill Mize.

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**Twelve freshmen give Central girls soccer its biggest class**

By Steve Williams

Central High School's football team was at camp at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City last week, but there was still plenty of activity on the turf field at CHS.

The TSSAA's two-week dead period ended July 9 and Central's girls soccer team began unrestricted summer workouts last Monday.

Bill Mize is in his third season back as the Lady Bobcats' head coach and fourth overall. His team went 16-0-1 in the regular season last year before bowing to Oak Ridge 1-0 in the semifinals of the district tournament.

"Twenty of our 28 players are here practicing," said Mize on Tuesday. "We have 12 freshmen - our biggest class."

The first official day of practice for fall sports teams is Monday, July 24. After four days of practice, team rosters are frozen.

Mize's Lady Bobcats will play in the preseason jamboree July 29 at the Emerald Youth Sansom Sports Complex.

Regular season play will officially begin for the Central girls Monday, Aug. 14, when they play at Clinton in a non-district game. The day after on Tuesday, Aug. 15, the Lady Bobcats will host Fulton in their District 4-AA opener.

Besides Central and Fulton, other District 4-AA members in the TSSAA's new classification alignment are Carter and Knoxville Catholic.

In Class A, District 2 members in girls soccer this season will be Alcoa, Austin-East and Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Bearden, Morristown West and West will comprise District 2 teams in Class AAA. District 3-AAA members are Halls and Powell. District 4-AAA will have Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Heritage, Lenoir City and Maryville.

The Division II-A East Region will include Christian Academy of Knoxville, First Baptist Academy and Webb.



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Bill Mize, Central girls soccer head coach, instructs his players during a summer workout July 11. Following a 16-0-1 record in the regular season last year, a freshmen class of 12 players have joined the program.



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# Vols at SEC Media Days

**By Alex Norman**

It is the unofficial start of college football season... the return of SEC Media Days to the Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover, Alabama.

It is a people-watching paradise, especially the hundreds of Alabama fans that converge on the small lobby of the hotel, standing around for hours just for a glimpse of their heroes.

There is no greater comedy than the look on the face of known curmudgeon Nick Saban as he takes the escalator to radio row, which is a stone's throw from those adoring fans. Saban isn't exactly the most warm and fuzzy guy, and would rather jump into a cauldron of fire than shake hands with the fans that love him unconditionally.

But I digress...

On the first day (Monday, July 10) of the festivities the Tennessee Volunteers made the trip to Hoover, and head coach Butch Jones got many Tennessee fans riled up when he was asked if he viewed last season as a disappointment.

The Vols were the preseason choice to win the SEC East. They beat Florida and Georgia in 2016 but somehow still managed to miss a trip to Atlanta.

"I don't view it as a

disappointment," said Jones. "The way I view it is we didn't accomplish everything we set ourselves out to do. And, again, our goal every year is to win a championship and compete to win a championship. So, was it a disappointment? No. Did we not accomplish some of the things we set out to do? Absolutely. We have to learn from the things that went wrong that we could have done better."

Jones added, "I told our football team this. The lessons you learned from last year, the resolve, the resiliency, are going to serve you for many years down the road in life. And that football team went through a lot of things... I knew where we were at as a program, and still needing that competitive depth across the board, and we have some position groups where we couldn't afford to have injuries. But, again, this is a results-oriented business and we fell short of our goals. But I don't like to use the term 'disappointment,' because when you still look at it, it's hard to win in this conference."

This doesn't sit well with a substantial chunk of the Tennessee fan base, which has been waiting since 2007 for the Vols to win a division title and since 1998 for an SEC championship to return to Knoxville.

Those words ring louder than all the success Jones has had here. Sometimes fans forget about how low the program was in 2012, after the inept Derek Dooley was fired. Still, to some fans and media alike, Jones is on the proverbial hot seat entering the 2017 season, fair or not.

"It's a little disrespectful," said

Tennessee defensive lineman Kendal Vickers. "When I got here, we were 5-7 and I was redshirted. Things were bad. For us to win three straight bowl games, us being 9-4, we haven't won every game and we go out there to win every game. He's changed this program so much, and he's done everything he's possibly been able to do to change the culture at Tennessee. So yeah, I think it's a little disrespectful, but we don't worry about that in the locker room."

"We aren't really paying much attention to the outside noise, but as far as Coach Jones goes, he really appreciates all of the things we're doing day in and day out," said Tennessee offensive lineman Jashon Robertson. "We feel the same way about him... We're one of three teams who have had back to work 9 win seasons. Also we won three consecutive bowl games, and that hadn't been done at the University of Tennessee in 20 years. There are a lot of positives."

"We don't really worry about that," said Tennessee cornerback Emmanuel Moseley. "We only focus on what we can control, and that's summer workouts, on the field workout, and just trying to have a successful season."

Tennessee lost a lot of talent to the NFL, including six draft picks. So this could be a rebuilding year for the Vols.

We'll find out if Jones can keep Tennessee at the level he has brought them to.

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# Young Bobcat squad impressive at camp

By Steve Williams

A young cheerleading squad from Central High, which has 10 freshmen and sophomores combined among its 14 members, returned with numerous awards from a Universal Cheerleading Association camp June 18-20.

"We won dance, cheer and the Game Day championship," said Coach Jackie Raley last week. "And the best thing is we won the leadership award that is voted on by peers. To be such a young team, that's huge."

Raley has six freshmen and four sophomores, and only two seniors and two juniors.

The UCA event was held at the Gatlinburg Park Vista Hotel.

Raley is coaching her eighth team at CHS. The squad has totaled over 160 community service hours since it was selected in April. Those hours were accumulated by passing out "Central Pride, Fountain City Strong" stickers to businesses in an effort to keep Shannondale Elementary School in the Central school zone.

"We're shooting for 500 hours this school year," said Raley.

Meanwhile, perhaps the top priority for the Central cheerleaders currently is meeting the physical requirement of running a mile in 8½ minutes. Those who meet the requirement will be allowed to cheer in the KOC Kickoff Classic Aug. 10 and 11. Those who don't will have to meet the requirement before they are allowed to cheer at any games.

Only two of the 14 cheerleaders - first place finisher Elaine Shedd and junior co-captain Rylie Compton - met the requirement in a practice run last Tuesday.

With Halls High having a new track installed this summer, there has been some discussion about inviting the Halls cheerleaders over to run against the Central cheerleaders on Aug.



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Practicing for the mile run, McKenzie England, senior captain for the Central High cheerleaders, is flanked by freshman Morgan McSwain (left) and freshman Maddy Dishner (right) as they approach the finish line.



Central cheerleaders are exhausted after running the mile last Tuesday. They have to cover the distance in 8 minutes, 30 seconds before they can root for the Bobcats.

4, with the rivalry providing extra motivation for members of both squads to meet

their required times.

Halls cheerleader Maggie Beeler, accompanied by

her grandfather Charlie Durham, came to the Central track last Tuesday for a

run and said she thought the proposed race against the Bobcat cheerleaders was a

good idea.

Cheri Duncan is Halls' cheer coach.

## Mayor Burchett to host Eclipse Viewing Party

### August Event Set for the Cove and Concord Park

WHAT: Eclipse viewing party in West Knox County  
WHEN: Monday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
WHERE: The Cove and Concord Park

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett is hosting an eclipse viewing party at the Cove at Concord Park. The

event, which is free and open to the public, takes place on Aug. 21. It marks the first total solar eclipse in the continental United States in 38 years.

"This is going to be a fun opportunity for the community to experience a rare event," said Mayor Burchett. "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Cove and to enjoying good music and good food."

A limited number of "eclipse glasses" will be

available to aide in safely viewing the eclipse.

Tootsie Truck will be on hand selling food, and Knoxville-based RMS, a veteran rock band, will play a wide variety of music that will include classic rock and R&B from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Attendees can also bring their own food

to the event.

The Cove is located at 11808 S. Northshore Drive.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those in attendance should see the total eclipse for about 1 minute and 30 seconds beginning at 2:33 p.m.

Parking will be available

at the Cove and across the street. Other areas of Concord Park will provide good viewing opportunities if no parking is available near

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Information about the eclipse can be found at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-101>.

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# Five Girl Scouts receive Gold Awards

By Mike Steely  
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Five members of Troop 21069, Chapman South, Seymour Service Unit, received Gold Awards in ceremonies recently, Commissioner Carson Dailey told The Focus. Dailey said it was the highest award given by the Girl Scouts and the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' "Eagle Scout" designation.

The award and recognition to the young women came after various contributions they made to the community.

Megan Dunn worked with the Young-Williams Animal Shelter's Toys for Pups program and built a shed to store the toys. She also created instructions on how to make the toys.

Holland Jerrolds focused on encouraging the desire to be a reader and provide programs to improve reading skills. She worked with local literacy groups to

create packets for people looking to improve their reading skills.

Morgan Lewelling came up with bigger white boards for the Young-Williams Animal Shelter hallways. She also created organizational stations so that gloves, snacks, brooms and mops could be consolidated.

Hannah LeVan collected stories from Senior Citizens in Maryville through interviews. She wrote their stories and placed them around the Morning View building and in their Library. She left blank pages in the book so other residents could write their stories.

Hannah Mayfield worked with the East Tennessee Epilepsy Foundation and area schools to spread seizure information and awareness. Her mother and brother have seizures. She introduced a video showing various seizures and how to administer care.



Commissioner Carson Dailey poses with the five Gold Award winners. Left to right is Megan Dunn, Holland Jerrolds, Morgan Lewelling, Hanna LeVan and Hannah Mayfield. Photo courtesy of Carson Dailey.



Five local Tae Kwon Do students competed at the USCDKA tournament in Louisville, KY on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Between them they received 11 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze. All are enrolled at Chung Do Black Belt Academy in Karns. Pictured above are: Josh Parrott, A.J. Parrott, Bobby Slattery, Mason Sievers, Garrett Swartz and Master Chad Bube. For more information about USCDKA, call (865)470-0908.

## Farragut's Bihlmeyer named to NHSSCA's all-south squad

By Ken Lay

Austin Bihlmeyer helped the Farragut High School boys soccer team make a trip to the Class AAA State Tournament in May.

It was the Admirals' first trip to the grand stage since 2014 and the recent Farragut graduate was named to the National High School Soccer Coaches Association's all-South Region 1 Team.

"It feels amazing," said Bihlmeyer, who was one of the area's top scorers in 2017. "It's quite an honor to get this."

It was the latest in a long string of awards for Bihlmeyer, who played soccer for the Admirals for three seasons after spending his freshman year on the Farragut track team.

He was named the team's Most Valuable Player twice. He was also a two-time all-District 4-AAA performer and a two-time all-Region 2-AAA standout. He was also recently selected to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Class AAA team.

Bihlmeyer, who will continue his soccer career at East Tennessee State University, scored 20 goals and dished out 30 assists during his time with the Admirals and Farragut coach Ray Dover said that Bihlmeyer was a natural leader.

"He has a 1000-watt personality and his attitude and work ethic is what you want to see from the other guys," Dover said. "During his junior year, he was a defender for me. He was a forward as a senior and he accounted for 25 percent of our scoring during the regular season.

"We had a meeting during the playoffs and I told the guys to please get him the soccer ball."

Farragut won 18 games in 2017 and claimed the district tournament title as the event's third seed. En route to

the district championship, the Admirals notched postseason road victories over top-seeded Maryville and rival Bearden.

The Rebels and Bulldogs both defeated Farragut in their annual regular-season meetings. The Admirals earned shut out victories in the rematches and that brought Bihlmeyer great joy.

"Those were great games," he said. "We beat Bearden 1-0 and we beat Maryville 6-0 and that was a great feeling. We won the region, but when we got to state, Houston scored on us with a free kick and we just weren't able to recover."

The Mustangs, who hail from Germantown, ended the Admirals' magical run with a 1-0 win over Farragut in the state quarterfinals.

Bihlmeyer is a competitor but his love for the game is what sets him apart according to Dover.

"He takes care of his business on the field," Dover said. "But he also has fun with everything that he does."

"He's achieved the balance of competing and having fun."

For his part, Bihlmeyer says that the game must be fun.

"If you're not having fun, you shouldn't be playing," he said. "It's fun to win too."

"But at the end of the day, it's about playing a game with your friends and it's all about having fun."

Bihlmeyer will soon take his talents to Johnson City, but he'll also have a big rooting interest in West Knox County next spring.

His younger brother Dillon is a rising junior at Farragut and he received some significant playing time with the Admirals as a sophomore.

"I will be watching next year and I think my brother and these guys can go all the way," Austin said.

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**The Doctor is in**

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**Communication**

Communication is a delicate art, and unfortunately, too often taken for granted. Do words adequately convey our thoughts? You can read my words, but they are, at best, a reflection of my thoughts. Plato's illusion of the cave comes to mind.

Direct conversation is better than the written word because the additional dimensions of hearing nuanced spoken words and observing body language are added. And though conversation affords a closer approximation of another's thoughts, there are perhaps greater risks if you choose the wrong word or convey incivility by indelicate tone inflection or body language.

I once read that direct conversation with another person stimulates more areas of the brain than a crossword puzzle and certainly more than a TV program. I suspect this is true

because dialogue requires hearing, seeing, memory retrieval, speech patterns, muscle coordination and modifying social graces.

Each year I am required to attend a conference for medical malpractice prevention. The skeptic might say that the purpose is to protect doctors from lawsuits. Actually, the conference is designed to protect patients as well as doctors by promoting good communication. No rational person wants to be injured or resort to a medical malpractice lawsuit. And no doctor sets out to cause harm to his patients.

Simply defined, malpractice is said to have occurred when there is a violation of medical standards of care and the patient comes to harm as a result. It is a tragedy for the patient and also for the doctor because winners are hard to find in a court of law.

I have never been sued

for malpractice, and this is unusual after more than forty years of medical practice. Perhaps I've been lucky. Perhaps I have communicated with my patients that I'm competent yet human and fallible. Perhaps I've conveyed that I genuinely care for their well being and work hard to provide their medical care.

I see medical practice as 50% science and 50% the artful application of that science. It boils down to a combination of competence and compassion. At one time in my career I viewed competence as more important than compassion. No patient would see a doctor who was incompetent. I now view compassion as equal to if not more important than my medical expertise.

In medical school and training I was taught the art of taking a medical history. It was said that 90% of diagnoses are made by talking to the patient, augmented by a careful examination. Later I learned that patients would "tell" you what was wrong with them if you would just ask them what they thought was wrong or just listen carefully.

There are exceptions to every rule. I once had a patient who came to me for a consultation. After a careful history and physical examination I told Mrs.

Jones that I was quite sure of her diagnosis. She then told me that she agreed with me, and that my diagnosis was the same as Dr. Smith's. I asked her why she did not tell me she had seen Dr. Smith and of his conclusion. She replied, "I wanted to see if you could find it (the diagnosis)." As in the movie Cool Hand Luke, what we had was a "failure to communicate."

It is my belief that doctors do a better job when you tell them where to look. However, that supposes they're listening and that they are not so high minded that they discount the layman's perspective. Perhaps because I am a doctor my doctors listen to me and take time to answer my questions. You should insist on no less. In fact, poor communication is dangerous to patients and to doctors.

At its most basic level, communication is an act of love. To listen you must suspend your own desires and give to another your precious time and attention. Doctors and spouses who don't understand this suffer the consequences.

In a book I'm reading the author makes the point that few people are persuaded by your argument, no matter how logical or correct your position. However, people sense your concern for them when you listen

and consider their perspectives. This does not occur in TV panel discussions on politics. In fact, I now bristle at the word "conversation" because it is anything but.

I prefer the term dialogue between people. Perhaps I prefer this term because Plato's introduction of "dialectics" or debate 2,500 years ago. Plato described back-and-forth discussions between Socrates and various interlocutors through which higher planes of understanding resulted. The 19th century German philosopher Hegel furthered the dialectical method introducing the notion of a thesis or position, countered by an antithesis. Eventually this interplay arrived at a synthesis of a higher order. Hegel envisioned the synthesis producing another thesis and then another round of dialogue evoking higher levels of truth.

The problem in our modern polis - where we derive the word politic - is that all sides are prejudiced and fundamentally opposed to each other. There is no respect, no listening and no thoughtful consideration of opposing views. Therefore, there is no communication or possibility of synthesis and higher orders of rational thinking.

I then pose the antithesis: is communication or

debate even possible or rational when confronting evil? Of course this would presuppose you acknowledge the existence of evil as the antithesis of good. I admit that I am a theist and an absolutist because I think of God as being the absolute standard of good. We moderns might measure a door with the the standard yardstick or meter stick. I am just shy of 5'8" in the morning (though weighed down by the events of the day a bit shorter by evening).

So, would you, in a courteous and loving fashion listen to views opposed to your own? Would you reach across the aisle to what you perceived as horribly wrong? Did Jesus cross the aisle and compromise with the Pharisees or with Herod? No, he didn't, but we are not Christ. We don't have all the answers and as a result we should be respectful of other's opinion even when we consider them blatantly wrong.

Someone needs to explain this to college snowflakes who demand safe zones or riot when confronted by perspectives which challenge the dogmatic indoctrination they received from their professors.

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**All desperate for the same gospel**

In the book of Romans, Paul is laying out a platform for unity among the believers (Jews and Gentile believers). In Romans 2:12-16, Paul shows that the Gentiles have access to the law written on their hearts. It wasn't as if God didn't care about anyone but the Jews. Not only that, but the Jews didn't keep the law anyway. Paul says that it is those who obey the law that will be declared righteous. This passage also shows that



By **Mark Brackney**, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

the future judgment will take place on the basis of the entire life a person has led. Some have suggested that what Paul is saying is that God would like to be able to judge people according to how they behave, but nobody would pass that test for none are perfect and good enough to save themselves. No one is righteous (Romans 3:10).

We do know God will judge impartially at the future day of judgment.

God will judge everyone according to where they are, not according to where they are not. Those outside the law (Gentiles, in other words) will be judged this way; those inside (Jews) will be judged by the law they possess. What matters, after all, is doing the law, not just possessing it. What then will happen to the Gentiles who don't have or know the law? What about people today who have never had an opportunity to hear the gospel? Paul on one hand seems to be saying that some Gentiles, by following their own consciences,

really do keep some of what the Jewish law.

However, Paul might be hinting at something quite different, something he will return to later in the chapter (verses 26-29) and elsewhere in the letter: that a new category of Gentiles is being created by the gospel itself. This is a category of Gentiles who have God's law written on their hearts by the Holy Spirit and are thus coming to know in a new way what the law requires - Gentile Christians.

While these verses can be challenging, the main point of this passage is not

in question. The world is not in the hands of blind chance, or of a capricious God who likes to play favorites. With God you will find true justice through the Messiah. This is good news for a world in which true justice is hard to find.

In Romans 2:17-24, Paul anticipates the rebuttal from Jewish believers that God doesn't play favorites. The Jews thought they had the inside track in regards to having a relationship with God. They had the law. They were guides to the blind. They were a light to the dark nations.

They were instructors of the foolish and teachers of children. But Israel had failed completely as God's messenger.

So what is God to do? The nations have not received the right message, and the message they did receive is that the God of Israel is a bad god, one to be ridiculed and blasphemed. But God will provide a faithful Israelite who will carry out the commission as planned. The Messiah is the messenger who delivers the message. Despite our failures and sin, God has saved us through the gospel.



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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 7, 2006, executed by HUELLEN DILLINGER, RONNIE DILLINGER, conveying certain real property therein described to RHONDA M BADGER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 13, 2006, at Instrument Number 200603130075961; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company 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), NORTH 51 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 241.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY CHARLES MERRIMAN (BOOK 1498, PAGE 804), NORTH 41 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST, 84.44 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED, BY A MERRIMAN (BOOK 692, PAGE 352), SOUTH 58 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 145.14 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE OF A MERRIMAN, SOUTH 47 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 121.63 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHWESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF FRANCIS ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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WHEREAS, on April 18, 2014, in Instrument 201404240060496, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, Chris e. Etters and wife Kimberly Etters, 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

vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on August 17, 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:

SITUATE IN THE EIGHT (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS TRACT 10, LAURELWOOD FARMS, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 69-S, PAGE 2, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO ANY PORTION OF JOINT PERMANENT NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TRANSVERSING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID.

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CURRENT OWNER(S): LOUIE A. BENDER, SHARON K. BENDER

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

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, Malinda Ann Miller executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. As Nominee For Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated September 30, 2005 and recorded on October 4, 2005 in Instrument No. 200510040030433, 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, CitiiMortgage, Inc., (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 August 3, 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 Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 133, Final Plat of "Lexi Landing Phase One", as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 200311060051276, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

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

BEING the same property conveyed to First Party, by Warranty Deed dated September 28, 2005, recorded as Instrument No. 200510040030432, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and building set back lines.

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Address/Description: 6334 Hugh Willis Road, Powell, TN 37849.

Current Owner(s): Malinda Ann Miller, Trustee, or successor Trustee, U/D/T Dated June 1, 1998, F/B/O Malinda Ann Miller.

Other Interested Parties(s): Bank of America, N.A.

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

## NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

DUSTIN KEITH WEBB - VS- CYNTHIA MARIE WEBB  
DOCKET #139743

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE COMPLAINT FILED, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE DEFENDANT CYNTHIA MARIE WEBB IS A NON-RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OR WHOSE WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY, SO THAT THE ORDINARY PROCESS OF LAW CANNOT BE SERVED UPON CYNTHIA MARIE WEBB.

IT IS ORDERED THAT SAID DEFENDANT FILE AN ANSWER TO AN ACTION OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED BY DUSTIN KEITH WEBB, PLAINTIFF HEREIN, WITH THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND WITH L. CLAY WHITE, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WHOSE ADDRESS IS 312 S. GAY ST. SUITE 204 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902 WITHIN 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 WILLIAM J. KISSANE, III  
DOCKET NUMBER 79116-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM J. KISSANE, III who died May 28, 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 28TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. KISSANE, III  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
NICOLE KISSANE LEE; EXECUTRIX  
1608 SAINT PETERSBURG RD.,  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH E. COBB KUHLO  
DOCKET NUMBER 79131-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH E. COBB KUHLO who died May 15, 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 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

Claims filed with the Clerk are subject to applicable defenses and limitations that may be asserted.

This the 5TH day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF RUTH E. COBB KUHLO  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BETTY BRASFIELD; EXECUTRIX  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOAN E. MOORE  
DOCKET NUMBER 79135-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH day of JULY 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOAN E. MOORE who died May 24, 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:

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(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 5TH day of JULY, 2017.

ESTATE OF JOAN E. MOORE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
STEVEN C. MOORE; EXECUTOR  
10017 WESTLAND DR.,  
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K. RAY PINKSTAFF ATTORNEY-  
AT-LAW P.O. BOX 31408,  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37930

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MICHAEL K. MESSER  
DOCKET NUMBER 79093-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JUNE 2017, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of MICHAEL K. MESSER who died Apr 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:

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

This the 30th day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF MICHAEL K. MESSER  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
SHARI L. MESSER; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA  
2915 AVONDALE AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37917

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIE RUTH NANCE  
DOCKET NUMBER 79109-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of JUNE 2017, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIE RUTH NANCE who died Apr 26, 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:

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

This the 26TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF WILLIE RUTH NANCE  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
TERRY EUGENIA NANCE; EXECUTRIX  
5032 LAUREL WOODS DR.,  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SONJA KINSEY FUNK  
DOCKET NUMBER 79058-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of JUNE 2017, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of SONJA KINSEY FUNK 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:

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(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 (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 26TH day of JUNE, 2017.

ESTATE OF SONJA KINSEY FUNK  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PAUL GREGORY FUNK; ADMINISTRATOR CTA  
1416 TIMBERGROVE DR.,  
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6759 BAUM DR., KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

## MISC. NOTICES

### LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 2576, Roof Project for Shannondale Elementary and Halls High, due 8/15/17

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

### NOTICE OF AUCTION

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage & Wrecker Service Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

- 02 FORD EXPLORER, 1FMZU62E22UA57637; 97 NISSAN PATHFINDER, JN8AR05YXVW128618;
- 01 PONTIAC AZTEK, 3G7DA03E21S052443; 00 MERCEDES, 4JGAB72E0YA167881;
- 01 MITS ECLIPSE, 4A3A85H81E203366;
- 02 CHEVY CAVALIER, 1G1JC52482722755;
- 04 DODGE RAM, 1D7HA18D54S545883;
- 07 SATURN, 168Z55W77E285426;
- 01 CHEVY EXPRESS VAN, 1GNF615M211201442;
- 88 NISSAN 300Z, JN1HZ14S5J274784;
- 96 PONTIAC G. AM, 1G2NE12M2T7M514463;
- 05 CHEVY TAHOE, 3GN6C16Z95G219039;
- 04 VOLVO, YV1RS59V342326750;
- 12 KIA SOUL, KNDJT2A65C7363027;
- 04 PONTIAC G.PRIX, 2G2WV2P522741335496;
- 03 FORD ESCORT, 3FAFP11363R101011;
- 01 FORD EXPLORER, 1FMYU60E11UC64971;
- 99 BUICK LASABRA, 1G4HR52K3X471121;
- 01 CHRYSLER VAN, 1C4GJ25311B151994;
- 00 MITS MIRAGE, JA3AY11AXU00536.

### NOTICE OF AUCTION

The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, house Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

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- 08 INFINITY FX 35, JNRA308W58X201998;
- 04 NISSAN MURANO, JN8AZ08W74W318322;
- 98 HONDA CIVIC, 1HGEJ612XWL005981;
- 81 FORD F150, 1FTDF15E2BUA16593;
- 96 TOYOTA CELICA, 2T1BA02E5TC125620;
- 04 CHRYSLER, 2C3H036M84Y0591851;
- 05 INFINITY G35, JNKCV51E95M217101;
- 00 FORD MUSTANG, 1FAFP441YF167587;
- 81 FORD F150, 1FTDF15E2BUN16593;
- 93 HONDA CIVIC, JHMFG864XP5024622;
- 96 MERCURY SABLE, 1MELM53G0TA657471;
- 08 BMW, WBANW13528U274412

### NOTICE OF AUCTION

The owners and/or lienholders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at the storage lot of Floyd's Wrecker Service Inc. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights and titles along with consent to dispose of said vehicles at public auction to be held on: Thursday August 10th, 2017, at 135 Hawthorne Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920.

- 1997 HONDA 4S6CM58V14413059
- 2005 CHRYSLER 2C46P44R65R136446
- 1990 CHEVROLET 1GDC14Z9Z208829
- 2000 CADILLAC 1G6K054Y2U010343
- 1993 FORD 1FTDF15F159NPA80888
- 2005 TOYOTA 4T16B11E7SU019337
- 1993 CHEVROLET 1G1ND52J13M650734
- 1998 CADILLAC 1G6K054Y1WU701723
- 2005 DODGE 2D4FV48V65H647513
- 2004 DODGE 1B3ES56C940565040
- 1999 DODGE 1B46T44L2K8588271
- 2014 FORD 1FADP3Z26L447399
- 1993 FORD 1FTCR10A9PPB72692
- 2007 FORD 1FMF53K07JUB31514
- 2001 GMC 1GKFK66U21J207975
- 2006 INFINITY JNKCV51E76M510724
- 2003 MITSUBISHI 4A3AE45G33E112539
- 2013 MAZDA JM1BL1TF801766421
- 1999 OLDSMOBILE 1GHD0X3E2XD12229

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Greysyn Delph, a 9-year-old from Knoxville and a student at Cedar Bluff Elementary School, won 3rd runner up in Little Miss United States Pageant! Greysyn competed in runway, interview, casual wear, beauty wear and on stage question! She competed against girls all over the country. Greysyn is the daughter of Ryan and Lori Delph and granddaughter of Mike and Cathy Grayson of Knoxville and Jeff and Regina Delph of Dandridge.

## Central High School Class of 1977 Reunion

Central High School Class of 1977 is preparing for its 40th Class Reunion. Mark your calendars as for the celebration on September 10, 2017 at Fountain City Park from 2-5 p.m. Bring your families, food, chairs, for games and a fun time with our classmates. Contact Teresa Black Teague at (865)679-9835 for information.

## PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson Support Group Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite the public to attend the monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 18 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Kern United Methodist Church, located at 451 East Tennessee Ave. Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

Dr. Beth-Anne Sieber, Ph.D. is the July speaker. Dr. Sieber is with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (MINDS)

as a Program Director in the Neurodegeneration Group. She serves as Chair of the Parkinson's Disease Working Group, which coordinates and facilitates research programs and other activities related to Parkinson's disease within the NINDS.

## Saturday at the Seymour Farmers Market

On Saturday, July 22, the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department will be at Seymour Farmers Market with their big red fire truck from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Information on fire safety will be provided. They will have a family activity tent set up with face painting and hats for the kids. They will also be grilling hot dogs to celebrate National Hot Dog Day! Donations appreciated.

Come enjoy this fun morning and show your appreciation for the volunteer fire department. Seymour Farmers Market is located in the parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church, 11621 Chapman Highway,

and is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

## Sevier County Economic Development Council to Host Job Fairs in July

The Sevier County Economic Development Council, the Cities of Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville along with the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development will be hosting two job fairs in July targeting potential employees in surrounding counties. The first job fair is on Thursday, July 20 at Tennessee Smokies Park in Kodak and the second job fair will be held on Tuesday, July 25 at Rocky Top Sports World in Gatlinburg. The hours for both job fairs are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Both full-time and part-time jobs will be available. It is recommended that you bring copies of your resume with you. A copier will be available if you need additional copies. A Tennessee Career Coach will be on site to assist you with writing a

resume and to share tips on how to interview with a potential employer.

Many Sevier County businesses have already posted jobs on the updated website with over 140 jobs currently available. This site can be found at [www.seviercountyjobs.org](http://www.seviercountyjobs.org). Sevier County employers can list their jobs free of charge.

Contact Sevier County Economic Development for additional information by calling (865)428-2212 or by emailing [ewhaley@seviercountyttn.gov](mailto:ewhaley@seviercountyttn.gov).

## South Knox County officials/constituents to meet

Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey and Board of Education member Amber Rountree will meet with citizens of the 9th District from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at "Love That B-B-Q," 1901 Maryville Pike. Everyone is welcome to bring concerns and questions to your commissioner and school board member.

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