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DECEMBER 1 PARADE

The 45th Annual WIVK Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Rain or shine, the parade will step off onto Church Street and travel towards Gay Street, where the parade emcee will be positioned, announcing each unit as they pass. The parade will turn onto East Jackson Street and will disband in the Old City, past Barley's.

DECEMBER 2 PARADES

The Karns Christmas Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 2 at Ingles and continues to the red light in downtown Karns. Line up begins at 9 a.m. in the Ingles parking lot.

Come see Santa at the 2017 Luttrell Christmas Parade which will begin at Tazewell Pike and Park Road at noon on Saturday, December 2. For information about participating, please call 865-992-0870 or 865-363-4752.

The Halls Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2, 2017 beginning at 2 p.m. Lineup starts at 12:30 p.m. at Halls High School. For questions contact Travis Woody at the Halls Food City or at 688smgr@foodcity.com.

The Powell Annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 5 p.m. The parade route begins at Powell Plaza and travels to Powell High School. Participants must be present and registered by 4:15. If you want your float judged for "Best in Show", you must register float to participate. Registration cost is \$5 onsite. The winning float receives half the pot. For more information email: tnpowellions@gmail.com.

The Rocky Hill Business District is proud to announce the 4th Annual Christmas parade here in our community on Saturday, December, 2 at 6:00 p.m. For more information please visit www.rockyhillchristmasparade.org.

DECEMBER 9 PARADE

The 24th Annual Seymour Community Christmas Parade is December 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Registration is now open. Visit www.seymourtn.org/events/christmas-parade/ to register.

NOTE

Due to safety concerns on Broadway, there will be no Fountain City Optimist Christmas Parade this year.

Short-term rentals approved for ALL residential zones

By Mike Steely
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Despite continual opposition from some neighborhood groups the Knoxville City Council passed, on a split vote, a short-term rental policy for every residential neighborhood. Only two council members,

Duane Grieve and Nick Della Volpe, opposed the final 6-2 vote. Councilman George Wallace was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Larry Silverstein, representing the Community Forum, told the council that the organization

has opposed STRs in R-1 and R-1E neighborhoods since November of last year. He said that since then, ten neighborhood organizations have voiced similar opposition. Silverstein urged the council to approve Councilman Duane Grieve's motion to

prohibit rentals in those zoned areas.

"The overwhelming consensus is against this," he said, adding that the council "has not listened."

Several current STR owners spoke and asked the council to grandfather those current non-owner

operated rentals.

Debra Olsen, a South Knoxville STR owner, said that over the past year more than 8,000 visitors have stayed in short-term rental homes without a major complaint from neighbors. She said

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OFFICIALS OPEN FOREST HEIGHTS POCKET PARK



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN GIBL

Mayor Madeline Rogero, Vice Mayor Duane Grieve, City Council At-Large member Marshall Stair and City staff members assist in cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Forest Heights Pocket Park.

Parkridge Historic Zone expansion delayed for 6 months

By Mike Steely
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You might call it a historic decision. The Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday evening to postpone any decision on expanding the H-1 Historic Zone for six months. Councilman Daniel Brown made the successful motion.

For almost a year the idea of adding more than 400 homes, many of them not designated as historic, to the existing district, pitted neighbor against neighbor. Opponents charged that the proposed designation would eventually force poorer neighbors out and increase the property values and impose restrictions and expenses on making home repairs.

Supporters said the expansion would protect all the homes in the East Knoxville neighborhood and preserve historic homes there.

Brown, who initially requested that the planning commission look at expanding the historic designation, announced his opposition two weeks ago. Mayor Madeline Rogero cited the views of Brown and councilwoman-elect Gwen McKenzie, when asking that the matter be tabled earlier this month.

Three opponents to the designation and two supporters spoke to the council last week.

Kim Trent and Jenny Mesnick spoke for the historic designation. Mesnick called the plan a way to "encourage affordability" and said she welcomes Mayor Rogero's offer of cooperation.

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Knoxville 1st Tennessee city certified as wildlife habitat

There was more than the opening of a new park to be celebrated last Monday, as City officials cut the ribbon on the recently acquired and renovated Forest Heights Pocket Park, located at 411 Highland Hills Road.

Until last week, the 0.8-acre park had been split into 32 parcels owned by the Forest Heights neighborhood residents. The park, adjacent to the City's Bearden Village Greenway, was transferred to the City so that Public Works Department crews could upgrade its amenities to meet safety standards and

maintain it on a regular basis.

The park features a paved walking loop, picnic tables and play equipment, including new swings and a natural playground installed by City crews.

During the ceremony, Mayor Madeline Rogero announced that Knoxville has just been named the first city in Tennessee to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

"We have to preserve our wildlife habitats so that our future generations experience the beauty that is

East Tennessee's trademark," said Mayor Rogero. "Whether it be the 1,000-acre Urban Wilderness or a smaller-than-an-acre pocket park like Forest Heights, it's a win for our kids and our grandkids."

To achieve the city-level certification, a city is required to first certify 312 sites at homes, schools or common areas that provide the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise young. Knoxville currently has 344 sites (322 homes, 16 common areas, and six schools).

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City begins streetlight retrofitting in East Knoxville

By Ken Lay

The City of Knoxville is changing its streetlights. It became official recently when Mayor Madeline Rogero hosted a ceremony where the first LED light was lit.

Rogero and city councilman and former mayor Daniel Brown were on hand when Angel Pena of Siemens turned on the first new light in East

Knoxville on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and Olive Street.

That ceremony began the retrofitting project to replace the old inefficient lights.

"I'm very pleased that Knoxville is the first of Tennessee's four major cities to begin retrofitting. Knoxville is taking a leadership role in this," Rogero said. "Improving visibility

at night and exceeding our sustainability is a win-win.

"Also, we're especially pleased that Siemens has hired local subcontractors to do the bulk of the work."

The ceremony on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. was the first of nearly 100 demonstration LED's. Those will be installed at 17 locations throughout

Knoxville.

These pilot demonstrations will aid both Siemens and the City of Knoxville to determine the best fixtures and bulbs for different types of streets and locations.

The 16 other pilot locations will be at Union Ave. near Market Square; James White Parkway near

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Trent called the proposal a "valuable tool" and then said she wants to know "what the process is." Rogero said that the administration has "not set a plan" yet. The mayor suggested restarting the process during the six months in smaller groups involving the neighbors there.

She said that people are angry and said that postponing the issue would add to the incoming council's "bowl of soup."

Rogero said she welcomes the idea of a third party to mediate the differences and vowed that the city will pay for that service.

The three citizens to

speak against the proposed expansion said that proponents have "a lack of compassion" for poorer residents there.

"Do you have the tolerance for the hatred this has cost?" Britney Allen asked the council.

One opponent said that only 10% of the residents there started and promoted the historic zoning.

Jessica Dean told the council that the process "marginalized the citizens there" and pointed to the renters in Parkridge who must get vouchers from the KCDC for rent and asked the council to "preserve people, not just property."

The unanimous vote to delay any decision for

60 days was preceded by statements from various council members including Marshall Stair who said he is pleased the administration is committed to the process. Councilman Duane Grieve said, "I hope we have learned something from this."

Following the vote Councilman Nick Della Volpe offered a successful amendment prohibiting demolition of any structure in the proposed historic expansion area for 150 days, starting on February 9th when the current no-demolition policy expires. The motion passed without opposition.

"It's time to step back and listen," Councilman Brown said.

Talking about car insurance during a car wreck trial

Say you are involved in a car wreck and you are hurt pretty seriously. The driver who caused the wreck is a little old lady who is probably the nicest, sweetest grandma that



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ever lived. Unfortunately, even though she's very nice, she caused a wreck that sent you to the hospital and caused you permanent injuries.

You hire a lawyer and you try to negotiate with grandma's insurance company, but they are low-balling you, and not offering you proper compensation for your injuries. You end up suing grandma, and now you are actually going to have to have a trial!

Is there any defendant more sympathetic than a grandma? You're not going to get anything at trial! But

wait! Grandma won't be paying you anything anyway! She has car insurance! That's what it's there for! Grandma won't pay a dime, but I want her insurance company to pay me what I am owed! What I deserve to compensate me for my injuries! Won't the jury see that I'm not trying to take money from a grandma, but an insurance company?

Unfortunately, the answer to your question is, "no, they won't." Tennessee Code Annotated section 55-12-128 states that, car insurance shall not be, "referred to in any way, nor constitute any evidence of the negligence or due care of either party at the trial of any action at law to recover damages."

So, what does this mean? In your trial against

grandma, the jury will think you are asking her to pay you thousands of dollars and not her insurance company! The jury will never know that grandma isn't paying for her lawyer, or any judgment rendered against her. This is true in every single civil case in Tennessee. And Tennessee is an exception in not telling the jury that there is insurance coverage for the defendant.

Not knowing this, definitely hurts all plaintiffs and their cases when they go to court.

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Special needs children are an around-the-clock job

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Note: This true story is part of The Knoxville Focus' continuing series on Special Needs Children and should give readers an idea of how some parents wrestle with the needs of their child on a daily basis. The Focus talked to a Knox County family that requested their names be withheld.

Suppose you are the parent of a teenage autistic child who has behavior problems. What do you do when he's in trouble at school?

Where do you turn for medical services when the local doctors won't take the parents' Tri-Care insurance? What happens when the medical prescriptions the child is taking are not working?

What happens when you must discipline the child in public and someone turns you in to the Department of Children's Services (DCS) who repeatedly comes to your house with questions that have nothing to do with the child's condition?

These are the questions facing one local family. The mother must work part time because she cares for the child full time when he's not in Knox County Public Schools.

"We can't take vacation, it's a 24-7 job," she said. "We are always ON CALL. There is no rest or respite"

Since most places will not accept their military-based insurance, they have tried to apply for state disability. They have been denied three times because they make just over the threshold of income. "We are a hard-working middle class family but we survive. Some of his expenses are just high, medications, equipment, etc... even tax-free weekend does not help us much because most of the school supplies he needs are not the traditional school supplies."

The family also has to deal with their son's unusual strength and aggressive, sometimes violent, behavior. "He's not safe from himself," the mother told The

Focus. He frequently harms himself and others. He cannot communicate what's wrong and must often be restrained. She said that he often gets outside and takes off all his clothing. He wets and soils his underpants and often destroys their property.

"The school system has been great, his teachers and TAs are superheroes," she told The Focus, noting that the child is in a special needs class.

"Our family is very supportive and are a tremendous help when they can be, but due to distance or his size, it is hard to ask them for help. Plus they have lives, jobs, families of their own to care for."

"They have been amazing," she said of her other children. "They did without a lot growing up due to their brother. They have missed events at schools, having friends over—but they are such great adults now, always show their brother compassion and have never resented having a brother with special needs."

The family has received support on Sundays from a special needs ministry at their church. "It's a small ministry but it gives us the chance to still go to Sunday School and Worship on Sunday mornings without having to worry about his safety."

The mother is often contacted by friends and other parents of autistic children for advice and counsel. "I can remember when we first received his diagnosis. There was no one to give us advice... No one to answer questions. No advice we could seek. No one to tell us what to expect. We try and give that to other families who have received the diagnosis of Autism."

As a small child, the episodes were easier to deal with but as a 14 year old who is the size of a man, the aggression becomes violent, mostly to himself but sometimes to family members or the teachers at his school.

To cope with some of the violent

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that such rentals provide a "home away from home."

Mary English spoke for the League of Women Voters asking the council to also approve Grieve's motion to require notification to neighbors by any STR operator.

The final vote was 6 to 2 in favor of the STR ordinance.

Grieve offered two amendments to the ordinance, the first dealing with excluding R-E and R-1A zoned areas. It failed.

Grieve then offered an amendment to require notification by STR owners to adjoining homeowners.

"That's preposterous," replied Councilwoman Brenda Palmer who said that long-term rentals, allowed in residential neighborhoods, don't require such notification. The Grieve motion saw a 4-4 vote which saw the idea fail.

Councilman Nick Pavlis then offered a successful amendment to the STR ordinance giving non-owner occupied rentals a year's grace before they would be illegal. Grieve said that idea

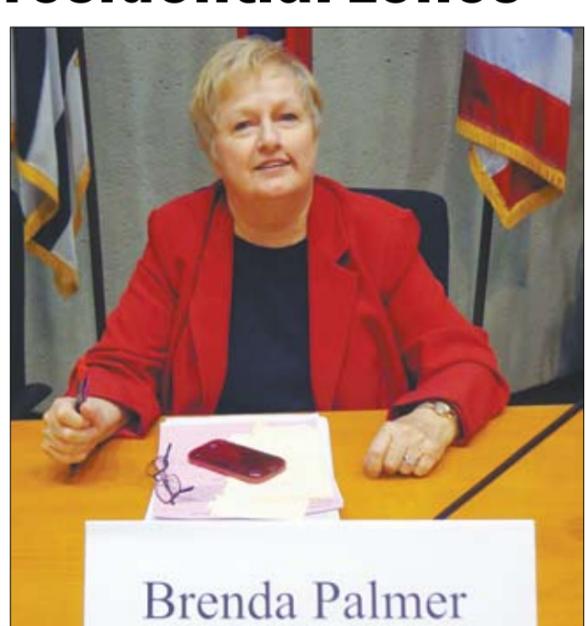


PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Council member Brenda Palmer, Chair of the Knoxville Beer Board, held her last beer board meeting Tuesday and was honored by her fellow council members. She chaired some 70 meetings and oversaw more than 1,000 beer permits being issued.

was "inconsistent" and was "not looking at the welfare of the neighborhoods."

Palmer replied that the one-year delay for non-owner occupied STRs will give the owners an opportunity to divest the property or move into it to qualify.

"It's one of the most fair solutions," Palmer said.

The grandfathering of the non-owner occupied rentals passed 6-2 with Grieve and Della Volpe voting "No."

Pavlis then succeeded in passing the STR ordinance on an "emergency" motion, meaning it takes effect immediately, and the motion passed 7-1.

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Holiday Open House at the Museum of East Tennessee History

Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cookies and apple cider will warm the day at the East Tennessee Historical Society's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Activities include live music, craft demonstrations and the sale of handmade items, free ornament and craft making for the kids, balloon animals, local authors, and holiday refreshments. Crafter Karen Micheletta will have a selection of her handmade items made from quilts to purchase. A WWI living historian will share the story of the Christmas Truce of 1914, a friendly ceasefire on the Western Front. In conjunction with the temporary exhibit *Stories in Stitches: Quilts from the Permanent Collection of the East Tennessee Historical Society*, Quilters Hall of Fame member Merikay Waldvogel and members of the Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild will offer a quilt sharing and gallery tours to discuss featured quilts. Visitors are invited to browse the ETHS Museum Store for a 10% discount on a great selection of traditional gifts, history books, and children's items. The 10% public discount is good for this day only. ETHS members receive a 10% discount

throughout the year and 15% off throughout the month of December.

Looking for the gift that gives all year? Pick up a gift membership and your loved ones will receive publications and special benefits throughout the year. Museum admission is free for the day. On display is a beautifully hand-carved crèche made in Germany and brought to East Tennessee by the immigrant Fickey family in 1883. Family legend indicates that it had origins in the Fickey's home district of Erzgebirge some 150 years before being brought to this country. Other exhibits currently on view include the feature exhibition *Stories in Stitches*, an East Tennessee Streetscape and Corner Drug Store, and *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee*, a look at 300 years of history, from the Cherokee to the 1982 World's Fair. Holiday Open House events are free and open to the public from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Museum of East Tennessee is located at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information, visit www.easttnhistory.org or call 865-215-8824.

Mayor Rogero Appoints Seven to Neighborhood Advisory Council

Mayor Madeline Rogero has appointed seven neighborhood leaders to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, which provides advice and input to the city administration on neighborhood-related issues and concerns. Five of the seven appointees are new members, and two are returning for full three-year terms. NAC is composed of 15 members -- three at-large members and two members from each of the six City Council districts (thus ensuring geographical distribution across the city). Here are the seats, the City Council districts, the expiration dates for the terms, and the incoming and outgoing members: Seat 2-B (Second Council District): Term expires December 31, 2020 Jennifer Reynolds, founder and treasurer of Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, is appointed to a three-year term after serving one year on a fill-in appointment in this same seat. Seat 4-A (Fourth Council

District): Term expires December 31, 2018 Rob Glass, a member of Harritt Hills Neighborhood Watch, is appointed to fill the remaining year of the term that had been held by Jenny Wright, who moved out of state. Seat 4-B (Fourth Council District): Term expires December 31, 2020 Matt McMillan, president of Adair Gardens Neighborhood Association, is appointed to a three-year term, succeeding Robbie Arrington, whose term has expired. Seat 5-A (Fifth Council District): Term expires December 31, 2020 Ann White, an active member of Dalton Place Way Homeowners Association, is appointed to this seat for a second term. Seat 5-B (Fifth Council District): Term expires December 31, 2018 Molly Conaway, past president of Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, is appointed to fill the remaining year of the term that had been held by William Hutton, who moved to

Middle Tennessee. Seat 6-A (Sixth Council District): Term expires December 31, 2020 Derek Tate, treasurer of Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, is appointed to replace David Gillette, whose term has expired. At-Large Seat C: Term expires December 31, 2020 Emma Ellis-Cosigua, an active participant in neighborhood projects, is appointed to a three-year term, succeeding Lola Alapo, whose term has expired. "We greatly appreciate the willingness of these neighborhood advocates to work with others on city-wide neighborhood issues and concerns," Mayor Rogero said. "NAC's advice to my administration is invaluable to us. We also are grateful for the years of service by the five outgoing members -- Bill Hutton, David Gillette, Jenny Wright, Lola Alapo, and Robbie Arrington. We thank them for their dedication to Knoxville's neighborhoods."

Knoxville 1st Tennessee City certified as wildlife habitat

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In 2014, Mayor Rogero and City officials celebrated with South Woodlawn, a neighborhood in South Knoxville, as it was certified as the first Wildlife Habitat Community (at the neighborhood level) in Tennessee. At a 2016 Mayor's "Neighborhoods to Nature" walk to Beardsley Farm, the Mayor challenged Knoxville

businesses, schools and private residences to become a certified Community Wildlife Habitat in a race to be the first city in the state with the title. Thirteen months later, the city-level certification was presented to Mayor Rogero at the Forest Heights Pocket Park opening by Anker Browder on behalf of the NWF. Browder currently serves as a local board member for the Tennessee

Wildlife Federation. "As a Knoxville resident, I am proud of the vision and dedication shown by our Mayor, our City Council, and our citizens to improving this city for its people and the wildlife around it," Browder said. "We will be a more vibrant city for it." To register as a Community Wildlife Habitat or to gain insight from helpful Knoxville wildlife links and tools, such as a "heat map"

that depicts concentrated levels of wildlife habitats in Knoxville, visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/wildlife.

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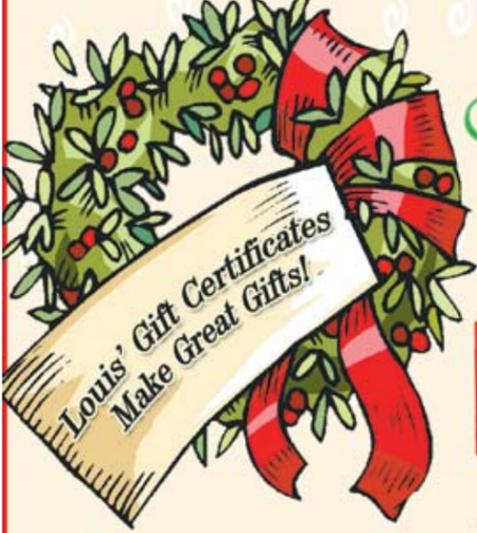
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outbursts, a policeman friend had recommended an electric shocker, believing it to be legal and likely helpful. Mom has only felt the need one time, when the teen became very violent on the way home from school. She was contacted for help by the Teaching Assistant on the bus. By the time the bus had arrived to the house he had already harmed himself and was uncontrollable. Mom resorted to using the device. There were no marks and he immediately calmed down. However, the mother was anonymously turned into DCS for doing so.

"DCS came to our home and searched it. They were going to take me in," she said but the policeman friend came to her defense.

The questions DCS agents asked her were not relevant to the child's disability or situation

and they even tried to talk to the child, who cannot communicate verbally. She repeatedly told DCS he cannot do certain things and tried to explain to the agent the child's lack of verbal communication and limited comprehension or ability to perform basic tasks.

The agent's inexperience and inadequate training made the process much more disruptive and traumatic for both the child and the mother. The case was eventually closed but only after grueling interviews and the agency's discovery that the state-recommended resources were not available or did not apply to their family.

"They even asked us what was needed that would help. I asked for safety harnesses, a weighted vest, a handicap bathtub... all things they were not able to provide resources for. The only things I was given were door alarms and a lot of apologies".

The family has resorted to

selling their home and moving far out into the county to better deal with their child. Being in a close neighborhood doesn't allow much freedom for the child or the parents. "He is too much of a flight risk. Our neighbors were understanding, but when people have guests over or family visiting it is normal to expect alarm if you look outside and see a grown, man-sized teenager likely without clothes."

The family has also sought a local physician who understands autism and would accept their military-based insurance. "There are not many. As a matter of fact, there is just one locally that will take our insurance and deals with behavioral health but the answer is always 'medicate.'"

The Knoxville Focus asked Rob Johnson, Communications Director for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, about training to deal with special needs children. He replied,

"I'm not aware of any special protocols specifically for autistic children."

Johnson then said, "Almost by definition, our staff works with a wide range of traumatized children, many of whom have emotional, psychological and physical challenges."

The mother told The Focus, "It's like no one in our state has ever had to deal with a child with Autism before and I just don't understand that. It seems like it should be the other way around. It's shocking that there are no better services for Autistic children especially those whose parents are in the armed services."

"We have learned to just cope and keep moving forward hoping one day that an agency will come out of Autism, one who will focus solely on really... REALLY... on helping the family".

The family has recently learned of an organization called DIDDS and are hoping they may be able

to provide a personal assistant that can help during Dad's future deployment and respite needs but in the meantime,

"We just keep doing what we have always done. Loving and caring for him the way we always have. Try to keep him safe while still trying to be a normal family and not letting it bring us down."

City begins streetlight retrofitting in East Knoxville

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the Hall of Fame on-ramp; Central St. and Broadway; Gill Ave. between Gratz and Third; the Interstate 40 and Interstate 275 interchange; Magnolia Ave. between Mary and Beaman streets; Chilhowee Drive at Asheville Hwy.; Chapman Hwy. at Woodlawn Pike; Sequoyah Hills at Kenesaw/Keowee streets; Lyons View Pike at Northshore Drive; Middlebrook Pike and Amherst Drive; Ball Camp Pike at Bradshaw Road; Texas Ave. between Stonewall and Sherman streets; Cedar Lane between Parkdale and Lyndell roads; Broadway between Woodrow

Drive and Highland Ave. and Winston Drive between Kingston Pike and the I-40 overpass.

By retrofitting the city's nearly 30,000 streetlights to the LED's, the city will save money, reduce energy use and take a major step toward exceeding its goal of reducing municipal greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent over the next three years.

The new technology will save taxpayers nearly \$2 million per year.

"This will make things safer and it will save you some money on your taxes," Brown said.

All retrofitted lights will be

installed by June 30, 2019 and Erin Gill, Director of the City's Office of Sustainability, said that Knoxville will reap the benefits of new lighting technology.

"This project creates multiple benefits for Knoxville," Gill said. "Not only will it cut in half the energy use of one of the city's largest electricity users, it will save money and improve the overall design of our lighting system."

"Instead of illuminating the sky and trees with an orange glow, we can focus a crisp, clear light on streets and sidewalks to make it easier to see people and objects in the roadway."



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Erin Gill, Knoxville's Director of the Office of Sustainability, speaks at an event celebrating the city's new LED streetlights. Pictured with Gill are Mayor Madeline Rogero and Councilman Daniel Brown.

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Teens honored with Service to Humanity award for 4,000 hours of service

For several years, one Knox County student has traveled more than a thousand miles in an un-air-conditioned bus to help prevent child suicides. Another formed a 501(c)(3) charity for at-risk youth. These efforts stand as just two ways young people in the Knoxville area look beyond themselves to help others. Earlier this month, the Optimist Club of Knoxville honored 18 such remarkable students, who have collectively served an estimated 4,000 hours, with the Service to Humanity award.

Among the services the honorees have offered:

- Tutoring Physics students

- Volunteering at East Tennessee Children's Hospital

- Serving at Vine Health Clinic

- Running a donation drive that raised \$1,000 for Hurricane Harvey relief

"Youth Appreciation Week goes a long way to accomplish the Optimist mission of providing hope and positive vision," said Optimist Club of Knoxville president Beth O'Brien. "These new adults show us all how - no matter how busy we might feel - we can make a big difference to others."

John Meade, Youth Appreciation Week chair, says the honored students are nominated by their schools' guidance

counselors.

"Reading the recommendations each year is one of the most inspiring things I do," Meade said. "It's my privilege to be able to give those students some public praise, and for our members, it's a favorite of all our youth-serving programs."

A complete list of all the 2017 Optimist Club of Knoxville Youth Appreciation Week honorees can be found online this week at www.knoxfocus.com.

The Optimist Club of Knoxville members have lunch together every Friday (except for some holidays) at The Foundry on the Fair Site. Membership is open to all.



The Optimist Club honored eighteen students, along with their parents and school officials, at its annual Youth Appreciation Week luncheon, on Friday, November 17 at The Foundry on the Fair Site.

County Commission

Cell tower rules passed, funds for teacher banquet approved

By Mike Steely
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Without further debate or discussion the Knox County Commission easily passed an ordinance amending the Wireless Communication Facilities Plan, putting additional restrictions on cell towers. The new restriction limits the height of towers to 200 feet, dictates where the towers may be located and encourages "monopoles" rather than lattice towers.

The new county rules are zone based and have lesser restrictions in industrial zones.

Honored during the regular meeting last week was Dwight Van de Vate for his service as Director of Engineering and Public Works and for his election as President of the Tennessee County Services Association.

An employee of Knox County since 1984 he recalled serving under various mayors, road superintendents and at least 1,640 commissioners. Van de Vate was

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Principal for a Day



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Commissioner Michelle Carringer (center) was Principal for a Day at Inskip Elementary. She's pictured with Sally Anne Lawson (left) a 2nd Grade Teacher, and Principal Lynn Jacomen. The Tuesday visit was during Costume Day and many of the teachers and students dressed as their favorite character. Several other Knox County Commissioners also volunteered for the program.

Pet foxes on leashes in county parks a no-no!

By Mike Steely
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Knox County is changing in ways that may surprise long-time residents. The population is changing, new families and singles are arriving, housing demands are up, sidewalks are being considered for new subdivisions, and some views on politics are adapting.

The social change in the county and city may be the most noticeable as new people bring new ideas and requests.

Take the recent request before the Knox County Commission for example. Commissioner Evelyn Gill introduced a motion to allow owners of some wild animals use of the county parks if the animal was on leash.

An owner of a "Fennec fox" testified and sought permission to walk her pet or let it run free in the dog parks. The request, made a week before at the commission work session, was met with many questions and cautions from some

commission members.

The Fennec fox is a small cat-sized fox with large ears. They are native to the North African desert and can be house-trained. Once they become accustomed to a home they can be petted and some are litter-box users. They have a bark similar to a dog.

The commissioners responded with statements referring to domestic dogs that would attack the pet fox, the fear of rabies, and lots of other comments.

Gill's motion asked to remove all categories of exotic animals from restrictions in county parks except "Class One." According to the state code dealing with wild animals, that "class" includes wolves, bears, lions, elephants, crocodiles, poisonous snakes and poisonous amphibians.

Class Two animals includes rodents, rabbits, moles, ferrets, chinchillas, llamas, camels, semi-domestic dogs, bovines,

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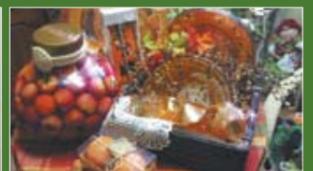
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A Fennec fox.

Pet foxes on leashes in county parks a no-no!

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bobcats, farm animals and primates.

The vote to allow the wild animals in county parks failed 8-3 with Gill, Randy Smith and Hugh Nystrom voting "Yes" with Gill.

While the county prohibits all wild and exotic animals in county parks the City of Knoxville allows Class Two in city parks.

"We're not saying allowing the animals in city parks is a good idea—we're just saying that it's not prohibited," Eric Vreeland, Public

Information Specialist for the City.

Vreeland said that an opinion from City Staff Attorney Douglas Gordon stated that state law rather than city ordinance should regulate ownership and handling of exotic animals. State law bans dangerous animals but owners may legally possess and handle other exotic animals once they have obtained the proper state permits.

Exotic animals are allowed in city parks unless the animals are Class One or the animals act in a vicious manner while in the park or a specific parks bans those animals. The city noted that it is the responsibility of the owner to have the animal under control at all times.

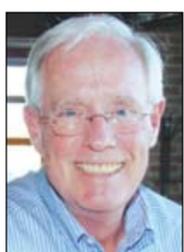
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I keep hearing from news outlets that we have just crossed into a new world, a new time. The revelations of sexual harassment by some famous men has our world

spinning. At the risk of offending some people, I have a few thoughts on the subject.

To begin with, shame on the men who have taken advantage of women. I'm talking about such people as Harvey Weinstein, Louis C.K., Roy Moore, and Al Franken. These high profile men made advances at women that were at least misguided and at most disgusting.

All of their actions of harassment have been brought to light by the women whom they offended, but in some instances, the man has doubled down in his profession of



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innocence. They have thumbed their noses at such accusations with ridiculous attempts to turn victims into guilty parties.

Let's hope that such convoluted acts to turn the tables don't work. The simple fact is that the men who have attacked women or harassed them should be brought to the public spotlight. The first thing is to acknowledge their inappropriate actions. Next should come an apology. Last, if cases justify them, trials and penalties should come.

All assaults and harassment are bad. However, the degrees to which these things occur must be taken into account. In many cases, multiple women have come out to expose a single man, while in other instances, a single act has occurred.

Should they be treated the same?

Something of which we all must be aware is that sometimes the pursuit for justice can lead to a feeding frenzy. How many more accusations will come flooding out? How many are true? How many are spawned by persons who hold vendettas or seek payment?

A few men have made life difficult for the rest of the male species. To be honest, most all of us are guilty of the same acts. As teenagers, we pushed as far as possible when we parked on dimly lit streets or sat on couches with our dates. The scenes looked more like a wrestling matches than times for a bit of innocent "making out." Do those teenaged, hormone driven acts make us guilty of the same things as the men who are accused today?

What is the outcome of this new awareness of the inappropriate behaviors of

some men? Are we going back to the days when a man had to ask permission before kissing or hugging or cuddling with a woman? If so, then men should be afraid of every encounter they have with women because at any time they might be accused of sexual harassment.

I, too, want a safe world where my wife and daughter don't have to worry about being prey for jerks. At the same time, I want a world where relationships aren't stilted because a man is scared to death hold a woman's hand or put his arm around her. The answer for all of this lies in the middle; both sides have to use some common sense in dealing with each other. The other part of the answer comes with the warning that from this day forward sexual harassment or assault will not be tolerated at any time but will be prosecuted swiftly and harshly.

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Rosie's World

This time of the year our thoughts naturally turn to food. We have the harvest of foods in the beginning of Autumn, then we consume those foods later in the season. I was amazed to learn how often food is mentioned in God's Word. In the book of Deuteronomy the Israelites were promised a good land, full of

Super foods of The Bible

vines, wheat, barley, figs, pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey. The ancients might not have known the word "antioxidant" but they were onto something with this list of biblical "super foods."

God promised the Israelites a land of "milk and honey" when Moses led them out of Egypt. However, God decided to lead them through the wilderness first. The Israelites were not happy about this. They murmured and groaned, "we should have stayed in Egypt where we at least had food". God heard their groans and sent them a little round bread, called manna, and sweet water. Every morning God sent them manna on the ground. When they finally entered Canaan they were given a bounty of delicious foods.

I imagine that the Pilgrims who arrived in

America might have felt like the Israelites did for a while. They went through a bitter, cold winter, in a strange land, filled with a strange people. They had to learn to grow different foods the following summer with the help of the Indians and the next autumn they put aside a day of thanksgiving because they were so thankful to be in a promised land away from religious persecution and also thankful for the good food they had.

What foods were present on that first Thanksgiving? Roast duck and goose while clams and lobster made an appearance in New England. The forest provided chestnuts and walnuts while the crops provided squash, peas, and carrots. But, no corn on the cob. The only corn present then was dried.

As the centuries rolled along different foods were

presented and eventually became our usual norm for that day, such as turkey and pumpkin pies. I'm pretty sure that the Pilgrims ate turkey on thanksgiving but pumpkin pies came along a little later. Today we have such a large variety of different foods that God has sent us, such as avocados, artichokes, quinoa, and so many others. I hope we remembered on Thanksgiving Day to thank the farmers who grow our fruits and vegetables and also thank God for the sunshine and rain that nourished them.

Thought for the day: When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food, and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies with yourself. Tecumseh, Shawnee chief.

Send comments to rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.

November is Epilepsy Awareness Month

This is Hayden's story

One day my 4 year old woke up from a nap screaming with an awful headache. I called the pediatrician and gave him some Advil. He took his medicine then vomited. Afterwards something changed in him. He would barely talk. He made "uh" or "ok" noises when I talked to him. I decided he needed to go to the ER. On the way his little hand started clenching & shaking. He began drooling. We called 911 and they met us and took him (in his carseat) into the ambulance. He didn't move when they placed the IV. After being unresponsive but seizure free for one hour, they say they'll do a CT scan but they think it's a one time seizure. He'd never had them before. They said they'd discharge us and we'd follow up the next day. But he never would recover. He started having multiple seizures one after another. At this point we know it's something serious and we're admitted. My baby's still out of it. He gets an MRI and a lumbar puncture. He's on anticonvulsant medicines. After a day he slowly started waking up and talking. We get the MRI results. Two doctors mentioned a possible brain tumor to us. He had swelling in the focal part of his brain. I was crushed. I couldn't breathe. No one knew what was going on. We took turns sneaking to the bathroom to cry. After a week Hayden started getting back to himself. His labs normalized, he was starting to talk, he wanted to play and he could walk with help. So happy to head home!

The diagnosis was epilepsy. We've had trying times with medication & side effects. I get a call from his infectious disease Doctor (everyone has one if they have an unknown illness). She says Hayden has LaCrosse Virus. It's from mosquitos who've bitten ground animals such as squirrels, skunks, etc. It's rare. Sometimes this will cause neurological effects like in this case. I always use bug spray. There wasn't any way for me to prevent this. I asked what I could've done differently. He had no bite on him. 5-15 days after the bite is when the side effects can happen. All this damage from one bite. Now Hayden has a brain scar caused by prolonged seizures and status epilepticus. We aren't sure what will happen as he grows. Due to the location, we know his vision is likely affected but he's too young for the testing. Even with the testing, we can't fix it. Everyday we deal with an effect from this virus. Whether it's moodiness from his medicine, or migraines. But this sweet kid shows me daily how strong he is. He is a happy, healthy kid. His epilepsy doesn't stop him. I'm continually thankful for him. I just want to shout "Praise The Lord!" that He took care of my boy. Praise Him for leading the doctors hands to give Hayden the best care. He's taught me some great lessons with this ordeal and I'm still learning.

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The Last Hurrah of Benton McMillin

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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In 1920, Tennessee had done the unthinkable and gone Republican. Not only had GOP presidential nominee Warren Harding carried Tennessee, but the Volunteer State with women newly enfranchised to vote, had elected a Republican governor, Alf Taylor. The Republicans had also picked up three congressional seats, ousting veteran Democratic congressmen Cordell Hull and John Moon. The Republicans had also managed to win another seat in West Tennessee. Tennessee Democrats were anxious to reverse their losses and there seemed to be no dearth of prospective gubernatorial candidates. Austin Peay, a lawyer and farmer from Clarksville had contested A. H. Roberts for the gubernatorial nomination in 1918 and had lost. Roberts had gone on to be elected governor, but had lost decisively to Alf Taylor, who had run better in Tennessee than had Warren Harding. Peay was eager to run for governor again in 1922. General Lawrence D. Tyson, a wealthy former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, was highly popular in East Tennessee as he was a resident of Knoxville. Harvey Hannah, one of the foremost orators in Tennessee and a longtime member of the Utilities Commission, was angling for support to make a bid for the nomination. The last prominent Democrat to consider running for governor of Tennessee was Benton McMillin. Seventy-seven years old in 1922, Benton McMillin had spent twenty years in Congress and won two terms as governor. McMillin had desperately wanted to win election to the United States Senate, but failed in several attempts. Democrats had begged McMillin to run once again for governor in 1912 as their best hope to defeat Republican incumbent Ben W. Hooper. McMillin ran and lost. Still, active inside the Democratic Party, Benton McMillin had established a successful insurance business in Nashville and was tapped by President Woodrow Wilson to serve as Ambassador to Peru. McMillin remained in Lima, Peru until 1919 when he was named Ambassador to Guatemala. Returning to Tennessee in 1921, Benton McMillin was perceived by some as a relic of the past, a vestige of what had once been, and a defeated candidate. Others saw McMillin as the "Old Warhorse" of Tennessee politics, still astonishingly vigorous and highly respected by tens of thousands of Tennesseans.

Benton McMillin was shrewd enough not to seem eager to become a candidate. The former governor refused to rule out yet another campaign, nor did his age seem a particular

handicap, especially as Governor Alf Taylor had been seventy-two years old when first elected in 1920. The seventy-four year old Taylor was running for reelection in 1922. Benton McMillin assumed an attitude of being an elder statesman who would only become a candidate were the demand to become strong and broad enough across Tennessee. The demand was not long in coming as the Nashville Tennessean reported the formation of McMillin for governor clubs "in many counties." Smith County, which had been in McMillin's old Fourth Congressional District, was poised to endorse the former governor. Sumner County was prepared to follow suit by backing McMillin for governor. In February, McMillin paid a visit to Carthage, inside Smith County, where he was feted by fellow Democrats urging him to run for governor yet again. Democrats inside McMillin's old Congressional district quickly lined up behind the Old Warhorse and State Senator H. B. McGinness, in Nashville to argue a case before the Supreme Court, acknowledged the former governor would enjoy the solid backing of Democrats in his region. McGinness said McMillin remained a favorite for "sentimental reasons" as well as "the splendid record he made" when he had been governor. McGinness believed if McMillin ran, the Fourth District Democrats would turn out in record numbers to support him.

McMillin made a visit to Pulaski, Tennessee in May of 1922 where he was greeted by a large crowd, although he made no speech. The former governor did find time to visit with Democrats in Giles County and listen to their opinions about the coming gubernatorial race. Clearly interested in becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination, McMillin wandered over to Union City, Tennessee where he received an enthusiastic reception. The former governor delightedly said he obviously had a large following in the area. McMillin believed a race for governor was even more promising than he had originally believed. From Union City, McMillin traveled to Jackson, Tennessee and inched closer to an open announcement of his candidacy. Despite making no formal announcement he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, it was readily apparent Benton McMillin was running hard as he visited Carroll and Gibson Counties.

By June, Benton McMillin was a declared candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Tennessee. Clearly, the frontrunner for the nomination, McMillin's candidacy drew fire from Austin Peay and Harvey Hannah. McMillin refused



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Tennessee governor Benton McMillin in his prime.

to waste his powder on shooting back at fellow Democrats. The last week of June, the former governor kept himself occupied by touring West Tennessee, fulfilling speaking dates in Trenton, Lexington, Huntingdon, and Jackson. While speaking at the courthouse in Lexington, McMillin drew a crowd considerably larger than those coming out to hear his opponents. Ignoring his rivals for the Democratic nomination, McMillin concentrated his fire on Republican governor Alf Taylor. McMillin compared Taylor's administration to that of his own twenty years earlier. McMillin continued to ignore his opponents in the Democratic primary in early July while speaking in Dresden, Tennessee. Once again, McMillin focused his fire on the administration of Governor Alf Taylor. In Fayetteville, Tennessee, Benton McMillin gave his traditional stump speech for his campaign to return to the governor's mansion. According to the Tennessean, McMillin preached "the gospel of a reunited democracy." Speaking to an audience estimated at 500 people, McMillin pounded the rostrum as he made his points against the Republicans and in spite of the stifling heat inside the courtroom, received an enthusiastic "ovation" from his listeners at his conclusion.

McMillin kept up a pace in his bid to win the Democratic nomination that belied his years. The former governor had spoken at Mount Pleasant before driving to Columbia and then caught a train for Fayetteville. Speaking for an hour and a half in the heat in Fayetteville, he drove 20 miles on to Petersburg for another speech. McMillin did not get to bed before midnight and was up again at five o'clock the next morning. During one of his speeches, McMillin turned to a friend and bellowed, "Colonel, these boys running against me say I am too old. You see what I am doing to them now. What do you reckon I'd have done to them if I'd

caught them in my prime?" McMillin's question to Colonel W. B. Lamb brought appreciative laughter from his audience.

As the campaign began to wind down, McMillin exulted, "I can feel victory in the air. I never had a campaign in which it was so easy to speak to large and attentive crowds. The people are interested this year, in spite of the lack of noise of past campaigns. I never had a campaign in my life that I got into a better swing than this one." McMillin added, "I am gaining very rapidly and I am going to be nominated and elected."

During the campaign, the former governor met several young men named for him, a sign of the esteem many Tennesseans had for the Old Warhorse of Tennessee Democracy. McMillin met a namesake on the train while traveling to Double Springs. A surprised McMillin encountered a few others during the day, causing him to remark, "I don't know how many men there are who were named for me in the Fourth district, but there are probably hundreds." McMillin laughed, "And here I am now trying to get a position again that may start another crop of Benton McMillins." One of the men named for the former governor was forty-eight years old and had been named for McMillin when he was a member of the Tennessee legislature.

Recognizing the importance of newly enfranchised women, Lucille Foster McMillin became one of the first wives to openly campaign for votes. An accomplished woman in her own right, Mrs. McMillin stumped the state for her husband. Not content merely to shake hands at teas or pass around plates of cookies, Lucille Foster McMillin made actual speeches and kept an itinerary of her own. In Franklin, Tennessee, both the former governor and his wife spoke. Attractive, poised, and elegantly dressed, Mrs. McMillin became a popular figure in her own right. Her appeal was demonstrated when she visited the home of centenarian John B. Murray,

who displayed the cane he had been given for his birthday. Mr. Murray was so taken with Mrs. McMillin he insisted upon having his picture made with her.

As the campaign closed, Austin Peay bore down on the one issue that made Benton McMillin vulnerable: could he win? Peay bought large newspaper advertisements pointing out ten years earlier McMillin had been defeated by a Republican incumbent and Alf Taylor was perhaps even more personally popular with Tennesseans than Ben Hooper had been. Peay insisted he was the only Democratic candidate who could defeat Taylor in the fall election.

During the final week of the campaign Benton McMillin spoke twice a day every day throughout Middle and West Tennessee. Newspapers estimated McMillin had spoken before at least 10,000 people during that time. Before Election Day, McMillin spoke in Dickson, Chattanooga, and closed his campaign with a speech in the Nashville Public Square. In Dickson McMillin thundered, "My competitors say I am too old to be governor. Next Thursday they'll wish I was thirty-five years older."

The Old Warhorse remained optimistic as Tennesseans went to the polls. McMillin's campaign manager, Jesse Beasley, crowed, "Reports from every section of the state and from more than one-fourth of the counties in the state Monday afternoon indicate McMillin's nomination by an overwhelming majority."

As returns began to trickle in, McMillin's optimism seemed well founded. The former governor was leading his opponents with Austin Peay in second place. Based upon the ballots counted, the Tennessean predicted Benton McMillin would be the Democratic nominee. The prediction proved to be premature. The race for the Democratic nomination for governor of Tennessee was a nail-biter. McMillin made a strong showing all across the state, piling up 59,922 votes. Austin Peay eked out a victory by running second throughout most of Tennessee and winning

a huge majority in Shelby County where he won 9,079 votes to 1,732 for McMillin, a majority of 7,340 votes. Peay's total was 63,940 votes, a plurality of 4,018 ballots statewide.

Peay had the support of the Crump machine and it proved to be decisive in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination. Benton McMillin accepted the verdict of his fellow Democrats gracefully and supported the Democratic ticket in the general election. The Republican tide that had surged over Tennessee in 1920 receded; Governor Alf Taylor lost to Austin Peay; Senator Kenneth McKellar crushed GOP nominee Newell Sanders and Democrats reclaimed the three congressional seats lost to Republicans two years previously. Cordell Hull won back his seat in Tennessee' Fourth District; Sam D. McReynolds won the Third District easily when incumbent GOP Congressman Joe Brown did not even bother to run. Gordon Browning, who had defeated Congressman Thetus W. Sims in the Democratic primary in 1920, only to lose to Republican Lon Scott ran again in 1922 and won.

Benton McMillin would live another decade and remained active and involved in politics until his death. McMillin had been the chairman of a committee dedicated to winning the presidential nomination for New York governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. McMillin recalled he had been a presidential elector in every campaign in Tennessee since 1876 with but one exception; McMillin had not been on the ballot as an elector in 1916 during Woodrow Wilson's reelection campaign as he had been serving in a diplomatic post. "But I came home in time to vote," McMillin said.

As death approached from pneumonia and his doctor kept a vigil by his bedside, the Old Warhorse retorted he felt just "fine." Only death could have taken Benton McMillin from Tennessee.

Cell tower rules passed, funds for teacher banquet approved

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described as a "humble public servant" and one commissioner said that "it's a big deal for Knox County" for his statewide selection.

In school-related votes the commissioners voted to approve a school bus locator system with SafeStop; a project for the school system to take part in Mission 12 of the International Space Station; and to fund the school's Immigration families program with a state

grant.

Passed without discussion was a \$15,250 donation from Lifetouch, Inc. to sponsor the Teacher of the Year Banquet at the Convention Center on February 22, 2018. The school system had lost its corporate sponsor and was planning to fund the event using school coupon funds. During the work session Superintendent Bob Thomas announced the corporate funding.

Consent items approved included a

\$1,000 grant from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program for promoting the farmers market at New Harvest Park. The commission also voted to move the Devotional and Pledge to the Flag to the beginning of the agenda and approved the Commission Employee Handbook.

Chris Granju and Martin Pleasant were recognized for establishing the Environmental Stewardship Program and being honored by the Tennessee County

Services Association.

MPC's Dan Kelley spoke to the commission about changes in notifications to people applying for a zoning change. He reminded them that the person or their representative must be present at the MPC and the commission when a request is heard and that a letter reminding applicants of that rule, on a bright yellow piece of paper, is mailed out prior to the meeting.

Improvements were approved to Cedar

Bluff from Executive Park Drive to North Peters Road, using state Transportation and Federal Funds. Also approved was a contract with On-Call Geotechnical Consulting and Materials Testing Services for additional ecological and archaeological evaluation for the Schaad Road Phase 3 Project.

National Auto Parts, Inc. was contracted for transmission repair and repair services on a request from the Engineering and Public

Works Department.

Interior plumbing repairs were approved for Autumn Landing and Nature's Cove Apartment Complexes.

The commissioners also approved, on the consent list, a Memorandum of Understanding with the state health department's Division of Family Health and Wellness to provide data for the Power to Quit Tobacco Cessation Program for Pregnant women.

'Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, and the Texas Longhorns'

By **Ralphine Major**
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I knew that it would only be a matter of time before Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, would be riding a horse in a western adventure as Wayne has always liked the cowboy way of life. "Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, and the Texas Longhorns"---our newest book just released---is both entertaining and educational as the Diddle family gets to enjoy the cowboy way of life!

Our journey of writing children's books began many years ago in the church choir when Wayne heard a voice telling him, "You need to write children's books." That led to Wayne's creation of Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, now a registered trademark. Getting published did not happen overnight, but it was worth the wait getting to work with Teresa Wilkerson (illustrator), Janie Jessee (publisher), Tara Sizemore (graphic designer), and the staff of Jan-Carol Publishing, Inc.

Come and join Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, and her family as they vacation at a dude ranch and help cowboys on a cattle drive of Texas Longhorns! "Piddle



Picture of Ralphine Major, Annie, and Wayne Major. Special thanks to Ivan and Jane Harmon, Annie's owners, for letting Annie appear in our book. Annie lives at Cumberland Springs Ranch. Photo by Steve Ellis, Light House Studio.

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OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

The Battle of Knoxville, November 1863

By **Randall Baxter**

East Tennessee during the Civil War was a main source of basic food supplies for the Confederacy. Since many of the farmers in our region were not slave owners, and many supported the Union flags, a lot of the food supply may well have been available to Union Forces. But mainly, if you look at the flow of the rivers to the south and west, and the railroad connections from Virginia to Chattanooga. A farmer's livelihood depended on distribution centers like Knoxville to distribute their goods. i.e green beans, tomatoes, and corn, and beef. Slavery was not a good economic option for these farmers, located in the narrow hilly country valleys in East TN. There were some, but not a lot. You might have found a bigger concentration of slaves in the area of Knoxville, but mostly of the domestic servant variety.

September 10, 1863, the confederate forces stationed in Knoxville had been called to Chattanooga for a brewing battle. It had been only 9 weeks since the battle of Gettysburg and the fall of Vicksburg.

This past week the country celebrated the Gettysburg Address, delivered at the same time as the Siege of Knoxville by General Longstreet's 17000 or so soldiers. They were wearing summer clothes, and provisions as promised did not arrive. A major breadbasket of the South had been closed for business for the Confederate military. From Sweetwater, northeast to Abington the railway was denied to the Confederacy. It was like plugging a major artery of supplies.

Longstreet was ordered from Virginia, to help Gen. Bragg at Chickamauga. He was relieved after Chickamauga, to be ordered to recapture Knoxville. He wanted to get back to Virginia away from General Bragg whom he despised. The Union forces had

almost 3 months to prepare Knoxville for the upcoming battle. The hill we now travel called 17th Street, was chosen as an anchor defense position. General Longstreet was suffering from depression not only from the deaths of his children due to illness, but, the losses his army had suffered and the hunger due to lack of supplies. About 900 casualties were suffered in the short battle at Fort Sanders. Mostly Confederate men ordered to attack up the hill, and then ordered to retreat back down the killing grounds of that same hill. All on both sides were later recognized as American Veterans. You should visit the local grave yards. To learn of the cost and sacrifice on both sides.

We have had a very warm November this year. In 1863, both sides had to deal with cold weather and heavy rains. Poor medical relief from injuries, and vicious and brutal treatment of captured wounded, including putting Union wounded to death with bayonets at Campbell Station.

Imagine the cold rain, heading down the Dixie Highways, pushing a wagon out of a mud hole, wearing shoes that fell apart in the mud, being ambushed by the outnumbered Union Troops with orders to slow you down, with hit and run delay tactics?

No matter what side you favored in the war, if you knew the troops were heading your way, you would hide your horses and food from them.

A cold winter was on the way. BRRRR!

Longstreet wanted to get back to Virginia.

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Haun hits game-winner after enduring struggles, injuries

By Ken Lay

Parker Haun didn't have his best basketball game Tuesday night. For starters, he struggled to find his shooting touch early.

He also sustained a wrist injury while going for a rebound. But he would get it all together in time the game-winning shot in Carter High School's 64-63 victory over Powell in the opening round of the Central High Thanksgiving Classic.

It was a victory that didn't come easy for the Hornets (2-0) and Haun, a senior wing player. He played through an injury before he was able to get a little medical attention at halftime.

But in the end, he would finish the contest against the Panthers (0-3) with 13 points. He would knock down the game-winning bucket with 10.4 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers had a desperation shot at the buzzer that would go awry.

When asked about Haun's effort, Carter first-year head coach Aaron Carter said "That's just a testament to him. He's probably the hardest worker on the team."

"He struggled early. He came out and hit an early 3, but then he struggled and I just told him to keep shooting. He comes out and hits the game-winner."

Haun listened.

He scored nine points before halftime but he would battle some pain throughout the game. His game-winning shot was his only point of the final frame.

And Haun being the selfless teammate, he gave all the credit for his effort to the rest of the Hornets.

"I had my teammates keeping me up and giving me positive energy," Haun said. "They just told me to keep shooting."

Carter darted out to a fast start and opened a 21-10 lead in the first quarter. Powell would manage to trim its deficit to 40-31 by halftime in a game that would surprisingly become a roller-coaster ride.

By the end of the third frame, the Panthers pulled to within 52-45. Powell would finally tie things at 60-60 when on an old fashioned three-point play



Farragut's Caleb Thompson (22) battles Fulton's Trey Davis for a rebound in a Central Thanksgiving Classic game last week. Davis had 26 points to lead the Falcons to a 74-64 victory over the Admirals.

by Josh Woods with 2 minutes, seven seconds remaining.

The Hornets would regain the lead when senior point guard Shawn Page converted a pair of free throws to make the score 62-60 with 1:09 left.

Woods would put the Panthers ahead as he made an inside shot, was fouled and made the subsequent foul shot to make it 63-62 with 47.4 seconds to play.

That would set the stage for Haun's late-game heroics.

"This was a big game for us because that's a dang good basketball team over there and [Powell] coach [Gary Barnes] does a great job with his team," Carter said. "They're just a great basketball team and I'm proud of my guys."

"These early wins are big for us."

Haun agreed with his coach.

"Powell's a good team and this is a big win for us," he said. "But we haven't played our best basketball. We'll play our best basketball in March."

Adam Hurd scored 16 points to pace the Hornets' offensive attack. Josh Lecroy equaled Haun's offensive output and score 13 points.

Caleb Tripp scored a game-high 26 points for Powell Desmond Billingsley and Woods finished with 11 points each.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS Farragut girls stick together and win City's Varsity Gold title

By Steve Williams

When Chuck Flatford was asked to come back and coach Farragut in the City of Knoxville's 14-under middle school girls softball league three years ago, he expected to see a championship when the players became eighth graders.

That day came on Oct. 5 this fall when Farragut's "all eighth grade team" defeated Union County 7-0 in the Varsity Gold division bracket of the post-season tournament.

Flatford said it was a "bittersweet" moment. A lot of the girls had started out playing softball for him in the CBFO (Cedar Bluff Farragut Optimist) youth program when they were 5 and 6 years old.

"I knew how talented they were," said Flatford. "I just wanted to see them put it all together and win the championship as eighth



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Ashlyn Sheridan fist bumps Coach Chuck Flatford during the presentation of trophies after Farragut's 7-0 title win over Union County.

graders and win it together."

Winning pitcher Avery Flatford, Chuck's daughter, recorded

all nine outs via strikeout in the three-inning title game. She faced

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Coach Haden Roberts called it a "great season" after Karns captured the City of Knoxville's 14U softball Silver Division championship this fall. Back row (left to right): Coach Roberts, Abby McPherson, Kaitlynn Mann, Caliegh Cheeseman, Jade Grubb, Keely Overbay, Brady Mayes, Malaysia Code, Coach Jennifer Waters. Front row (left to right): Hannah Bruce, Alyssa Maples, Elizabeth Breeden, Anna Kate Reichter, Shelby Armstrong, Morgan Simpson, Alyssa Barger.

Karns defeats Gresham 2-0 to capture Varsity Silver crown

By Steve Williams

Karns High's softball program should be getting a boost in the future from some up-and-coming talent.

The Karns Middle School team won the Varsity Silver Division regular season with a 7-1 record and then won all four games in the post-season tournament in

the City of Knoxville's 14-Under Girls Softball League this fall.

Karns defeated Gresham 2-0 in the finals Oct. 17 at Caswell Park.

"It was a great season," said Karns Coach Haden Roberts. "We always preach to play every game like it's the game to get to the championship game. Leave

everything out on the field.

"It was really nice to see it click in the minds of all the middle school girls, that they could leave everything on the field, play every game the right way, respect the game and respect the opponents and just give it their all."

Eighth grader Abby McPherson

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Falcons 21, Catholic 8

VARSITY 14U NFC
Powell 7, Grace 6



NEWBREED (9U NFC CHAMPIONS): Kneeling (l-r): Filepa Francisco, Trashawn Hardlin, Juelz Houston, Javaston Badgett, Dikye'is Towns, Sebastian Riddle and Deven Hatchett. Standing (l-r): Dewayne Thompson, De'Marrion Jones, Isaiah Thompson, Andres Francisco, Denzel Yarbrough, Dontay Dixson, Derrick Jones and Dakota Kinnebrew, Coaches (l-r): Stephen Booker, James Gaillard (head coach), Marquis Washburn, Fulani Freeman and (not pictured James Jordan).

NewBreed celebrates a title and builds for future

By Steve Williams

NewBreed is one of the newer commissions in the Knox Metro Youth Football League and its 9U team was among those that celebrated a championship this season.

The NewBreed players defeated No. 1 seed Seymour 18-13 in the Grasscutter NFC Division at John Tarleton Park in the youth league's annual post-season playoffs.

Sixteen division champions in all were crowned.

NewBreed was established in July of 2014, said LaTonya Washburn, president of the commission.

"My daughter, LaTasha Washburn, coached flag football for another organization and decided she wanted to form her own organization, and it would be called NewBreed," recalled Washburn.

"We started with one flag team. With the help of Joe Ward (Basketball Ministries International), our coaches and board members, we were able to meet with Aaron Browning (of the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department) about becoming a commission.

"Three years later, we're still growing and currently a non-profit organization working mainly with children from Districts 6 and 3, but we do have children from various parts of the City of

Knoxville."

NewBreed also had a 6U flag team and an 8U team this season.

"Next year we're going to add a 10U team and build year by year," said Washburn.

NewBreed's basketball program, said Washburn, currently has two 6U coed teams, one girls' team and four boys' teams.

GREAT START: Shavar Young, in his second full season coaching and first as a head coach, guided Central to the Minor Pee Wee 10U AFC title. It was the Bobcats' second unbeaten season in a row in the KMYFL.

The former Central High football standout's son, Shavar Young Jr., displayed exceptional speed as a running back and safety this season.

Coach Young said he was most proud of how his players came to practice every day and were ready to work.

"At that age, I think parents and coaches forget kids have bad days too," he said. "They may go to school and have a bad day that carries over to practice.

"Our players came to work every day and we expected a lot out of them. They did pretty good."

GOLD RUSH: The Knoxville Falcons' program had another banner year, with five championship



PHOTO BY AMY BYRD

Chase Smith of Powell looks for running room against Karns in 6U flag football action on a foggy Saturday morning.

teams and one runner-up.

Central and Powell had two division championships each. Seven other commissions had one title each.

SUPER SIX: In addition to Central's 10U squad, five other teams went through the regular season and playoffs undefeated - the Falcons' 14U, 9U, 7U and 6U teams and Oak Ridge's 8U squad.

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was undefeated as she pitched nine of her team's 12 games. She played third base or first base when she wasn't in the circle.

"The backbone of our team was pretty much Abby pitching," said Coach Roberts, who added the team also had great hitting up and down the batting order and all-around great

defense.

"All of the eighth grade players will be coming to Karns," said Roberts, who assists Leah Dailey at Karns High. "To me, it's always been one of the better feeder systems around.

"The girls that were in eighth grade this year and are coming up will be some key players for the future of

our high school program."

The title game was scoreless until the last inning. A two-out, bases-loaded double by Jade Grubb (8th grade third baseman) drove in two runs and time expired after her game-winning hit. With a runner on first, Shelby Armstrong (7th grade second baseman) had doubled and a walk loaded the bases to set the table for Grubb's big hit.

McPherson gave up only one hit and walked four. Gresham's Babb was the losing pitcher but allowed only three hits.

Gresham, which handed Karns its lone loss of the

season, threatened in the first inning. But with runners on second and third, a diving catch by 8th grade centerfielder Elizabeth Breeden ended the inning.

Jennifer Waters completed her fourth season helping coach the Karns middle school team. She will be an assistant coach at KHS next spring.

In the nine-team tournament, Karns opened with an 11-1 win over Seymour, then beat Northwest 7-3 and edged Gresham 5-4 to advance to the finals. Bearden finished in third place.

Fifteen schools represented in City's middle school softball league

The City of Knoxville's Girls 14U Middle School Fast-pitch League was developed to assist players in the transition from travel teams to school teams as they prepare for high school softball.

This is a recreational softball league that follows ASA rules with slight local rule variations. Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions are offered (no 8th graders may play in the Jr. Varsity division).

Teams in the 2017 league, listed by the seedings for the post-season tournament, were:

Varsity Gold Bracket: 1-Powell, 2-Farragut, 3-Hardin Valley, 4-Union County, 5-Halls, 6-Gibbs.

Varsity Silver Bracket: 1-Karns, 2-Anderson County, 3-Gresham, 4-Northwest, 5-Jefferson County, 6-Oak Ridge, 7-Bearden, 8-Seymour, 9-Carter.

Junior Varsity: 1-Farragut, 2-Powell, 3-Bearden, 4-Gibbs, 5-Halls, 6-Hardin Valley, 7-Northwest.

Farragut girls stick together and win City's Varsity Gold title

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a total of 11 batters, allowing one base on balls and one hit.

Avery also had a single and two RBI on offense. Second baseman Emily Musco added a RBI hit and third baseman Autumn Caywood also batted in runs.

Farragut, the No. 2 seed in the tourney, shut out No. 3 seed Hardin Valley

5-0, and then knocked off top-seeded Powell 10-5 to reach the finals.

The Lady Admirals, who had an overall record of 12-2-1, finished with only nine players, as two team members - Hailey Brooks and Maddie Parker - moved out of town during the season.

Flatford looks forward to following the girls'

softball careers on into high school.

"Absolutely," he said. "I'm close with them. A few of these girls are like second daughters to me. I've known them since they were in kindergarten together.

"Just to see them grow up as young ladies and tremendous softball players, it's been an awesome experience to be a part of."

JV TOURNAMENT: Top seed Farragut rolled past No. 2 seed Powell 9-3 in the finals Oct. 5 at Tyson Park.

Farragut started with a 10-4 victory over No. 4 seed Gibbs and then shut out Powell 8-0.

Halls placed third in the JV tourney, which included seven teams.

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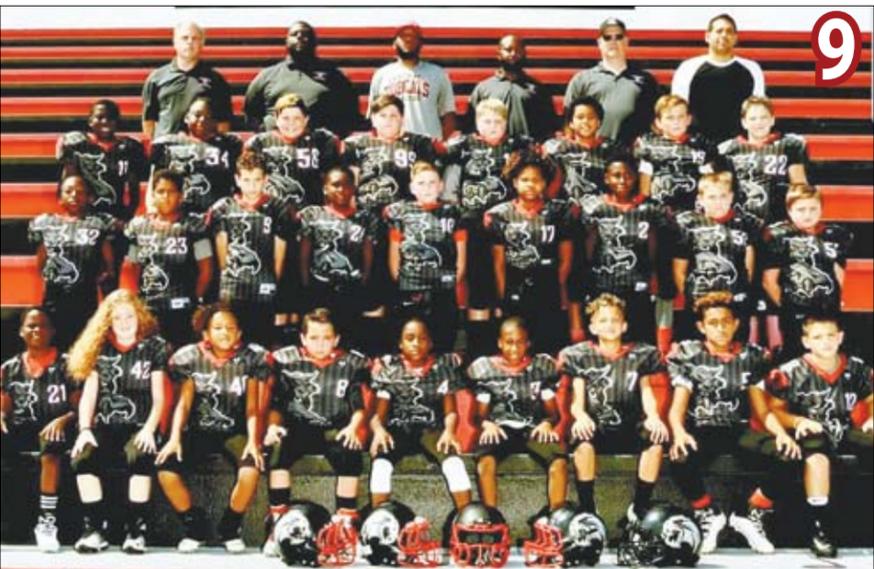
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TSSAA football finals kick off Thursday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Focus had an early deadline last Wednesday before Friday's Catholic at Central showdown and other TSSAA state semifinal games were played.

The Catholic-Central winner is scheduled to play in the Class 5A finals Thursday at 7 p.m. (CST) at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Its opponent will be either Beech (13-0) or Brighton (9-4), the other two semifinalists this past Friday.

The schedule of state championship games for Class 1A and Class 3A will be Thursday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Friday's title card will include the Class 2A, 4A and 6A games at 11, 3 and 7, respectively.

In the Division II-A finals, Friendship Christian will play Donelson Christian Academy Saturday morning at 11, followed by Notre Dame vs. Lausanne in II-AA at 3 and Brentwood Academy vs. Montgomery Bell Academy in II-AAA at 7.

Bearden routs Lady Panthers to remain undefeated

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School girls basketball coach Justin Underwood knows that his team plays its best when it shares the basketball.

The Lady Bulldogs did just that Tuesday night in the first round of the Central High School Thanksgiving Classic.

And it led to a lopsided 76-30 victory over Powell Bearden, which improved to 5-0 with its victory Tuesday night, jumped to a 20-8 lead by first quarter's end and never looked back.

The Lady Bulldogs continued to build their lead all night and the fourth quarter was played with a running clock due to the 35-point mercy rule.

Bearden's advantage swelled to 44-15 by halftime and ballooned to 64-24 by the end of the third stanza.

The Lady Panthers (0-3) never scored more than nine points in any quarter as they struggled with the Lady Bulldogs' stifling defense.

"I thought we shared the ball well and I thought we played good defense," Underwood said after watching his squad

methodically dismantled the Lady Panthers.

Senior Grace van Rij, a recent Furman University signee, scored a game-high 20 points for the Lady Bulldogs. She was also a dominating presence on the glass. She knocked down a 3-point shot on her last field goal attempt of the opening half.

"Tonight was a good example of what Grace can do, both inside and out," Underwood said.

Van Rij had plenty of help from a supporting cast. Senior guard Trinity Lee scored 14 points and knocked down four 3-pointers. Sophomore center Jakhyia Davis finished the contest with 12 points.

Annaka Hall scored seven points.

The lopsided margin gave Underwood and his staff to get some younger players some valuable game experience. The youngsters responded with some big plays of their own.

"Our younger kids have learned from our older kids," Underwood said. "Our seniors really set the tone for us."

Haley Schubert scored 14 points to lead the Lady Panthers.

Jacob Warren remains committed to Tennessee

By Mark Nagi

Tennessee's Class of 2018 has taken more than a few hits over the past couple of months. 6 players have publicly announced that they have de-committed from the class since early October. The cornerstone of that group, Knoxville Catholic's Cade Mays, announced on November 7th that he was looking elsewhere, only 5 days before Vols head coach Butch Jones was fired.

One player that it doesn't appear the Vols will have to worry about is Farragut tight end Jacob Warren, who has been committed to Tennessee since last May.

"My focus is on Tennessee, going and making a difference there, and getting ready to play," said Warren. "It is the realization of a

dream. Because that has been my goal... to follow in my father's footsteps... to get there and play and perform and be successful at the University of Tennessee."

Jacob's Dad, James Warren, is a former Vols offensive lineman.

"He's a quality young man, He's a great leader," said Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney. "We all know he is a great football player. We are excited about him going... his dream has been to play at the University of Tennessee. He's gonna accomplish that dream. He did a lot of great things for us and we appreciate all that."

Warren was a member of a senior class at Farragut that went 37-12 in four years. That includes the Class 5A state

championship back in 2016, the first state championship in program history.

On November 10th, Warren's high school career came to an end when Farragut lost 38-6 to Maryville in Tennessee's Class 6A quarterfinals. He had a few catches in the contest, but it was a tough way for Warren to complete his highly successful high school football career.

It's been difficult for Warren to watch what has been happening at Tennessee this season as well.

"It is definitely hard but I have faith just like I have faith in this team," said Warren. "I know that we can do great things when we put it all together. We just have to put it together and come together and pull it out."

Warren hasn't given up hope that Cade Mays will change his mind and still become a Vol.

"Cade is my buddy, and I want the best for him. I told him wherever you end up, I want you to be happy," said Warren. "And I want that to be Tennessee because I love hanging out with him and being friends with him and we will be friends no matter where he goes. The best thing for him is the biggest thing."

In the days to come, Warren will be paying close attention to the decisions that Tennessee athletic director John Currie, and UT administration, and the major boosters make with regards to the future of the Vols football program. Those decisions will have a direct impact on his future.

Area student-athletes pick colleges

By Ken Lay

Several area student-athletes recently finalized their college plans throughout Knox and surrounding counties at various ceremonies.

The local athletes will continue their athletic endeavors in various sports including golf, track, swimming, volleyball, basketball, softball, cross country, tennis and baseball.

Area golfers to sign National Letters of Intent were Emma Brown, a Bearden player who signed with Milligan College. Halls High's Andy Cofer will continue his career at Maryville College. His teammate, Will Collins, will move on to Carson-Newman.

Red Devils golfers Jake Hall and Ryan Hall will continue their golf careers at Middle Tennessee and South Carolina respectively.

Farragut Lady Admirals golfer Emily Keeling will play for Lipscomb University next season.

In track, Bearden's Josh Sobota will compete for Kentucky.

Area swimmers to sign recently include Hardin Valley Academy's Carissa Armijo will attend the University of Nevada-Las Vegas while Bearden's Caleb Harrington will compete at the University of Georgia.

Area volleyball players to sign included Hardin Valley's Jericka

Emert (Milligan); HVA's Alex Kirby (Texas Tech); HVA's Isabella Mitchell (Troy); The King's Academy's Taylor Bleathe (Tusculum); The King's Academy's Lydia Collins (Tusculum); Berean Christian's Lily Felts (Tennessee); Webb School of Knoxville's Nicklin Hames (Nebraska) and Webb's Meredith Wallace (North Florida).

Bearden's Trinity Lee will play basketball at King's University. Grace van Rij, Lee's teammate with the Lady Bulldogs, will move on to Furman University. HVA senior Abbey Cornelius will play at Chattanooga. Cornelius is both the leading scorer and top rebounder in Lady Hawks' history.

Grace Christian Academy's Connor Arnold will play basketball at Virginia Military Institute.

In softball, Christian Academy of Knoxville's Jenica Brown will play at Walters State Community College. Kennedy Cowden, Mackenzie Hayles and Scarlett Johnson of Powell all signed recently. Cowden will play for Kentucky. Hayles moves on to Chattanooga State and Johnson will play at Hiwassee.

Farragut's Kelsie Tuggle (Lincoln Memorial University), Andrea Sarhatt (East Tennessee State University) and Bailey Young (Lee University) all signed recently.

Gibbs High had Sierra

Hucklebee (LMU) and Kayley Kern (Milligan) sign to continue their respective careers on the diamond. Seymour's Kallyn Newport will play for Walters State.

In cross country, CAK's Rebecca Story signed with Stanford while Webb's Carter Coughlin inked with Wake Forest.

Bearden's Julia Adams will play tennis for Furman.

In baseball: Farragut had numerous players sign. They included Cade Burkey (Carson-Newman), Jerry Hammons (Walters State), Ben Joyce (Walters State), Zack Joyce (Walters State) and Paul Komistek (Tennessee).

Hardin Valley's Trey Cash will play for Kentucky Christian.

Gibbs High had Bass Cooper sign with the Volunteers and Cam Hill ink with Walters State.

West High's Logan Cox will head to Carson-Newman and the Rebels' Roland Ryan will move on to Walters State.

Carter's Trey Oglesby will play for ETSU and Webb's Thomas Saliba will attend Tennessee Tech.

Karns had three players sign to play college baseball. Tyler Hartless inked with Cleveland State. Ryder Green will play for Vanderbilt and Jared Culp signed with Tusculum.

Coach's pride and joy II

(Part 1 of the comeback story on Lane Lee, an Oliver Springs High School football player who beat cancer and played as a sophomore this season, ran in The Focus' Nov. 20 issue and can be seen online at www.knoxfocus.com)

By Steve Williams

Oliver Springs Head Coach Larry Green thinks a lot of Lane Lee.

"He's a warrior," said Green. "He led his middle school team to a championship as a running back."

When Lee came into his freshman season of high school football, he was going to get a shot at running back.

"He went through the summer workout program," said Green, who had coached Lee at Oliver Springs Middle School before taking over the high school program in 2015.

"I guess it was the first week of practice in June

that Lane complained that he felt like he was going to pass out. We just thought he was dehydrated."

Ashley Lee took her son to the doctor, tests were run and then Lee was taken to East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville.

"She called back about 7 o'clock that night crying and said that he had cancer, acute myeloid leukemia," recalled Coach Green.

"He was at football practice on Monday, and then on Wednesday of that same week, he was at Children's Hospital taking bone marrow samples and his first chemo treatment."

Lane went into remission after his first chemo treatment, but to be safe, with this type of cancer in the blood, many chemo treatments followed, 82 more.

Lee was able to return to school after the holidays.

"I was in the workout room with a bald head you know, lifting weights because I just wanted to

be a part of it," he recalled after practice prior to this season's second-round playoff loss at Greenback. "I didn't want to let it hold me back."

Coach Green said Lee took over the starting inside linebacker position in Week 4.

"He's one of the leading tacklers on the team, and matter of fact, he's the guy on the field that gets the call from the sideline and makes sure everybody is lined up right."

Lee (5-9, 180) also was a backup at left guard in the offensive line.

Green pointed out Lee is a 4.0 student, too.

As beneficiary of the 2016 CAREacter Star Community Service Football Games last November, the Lee family received \$8,000 to help with medical expenses.

In a roundabout way, Lane paid his gratitude by earning the team's CAREacter Star Athlete award in Week 6 this season.

"We're just as proud as we can be of what he's overcome and to come back and play at a high level," said Coach Green.

"It just shows his character and the fight and spirit that he has. Nothing gets him down and he just takes everything head on. He's always one you can count on to show up, work hard every day and do his job."

A blessing in disguise Lane Lee looks back on his ordeal as a blessing.

"In my opinion, if I could change it, honestly I wouldn't, because I think it made me a better person," he said. "To be out here with everybody, it's just a great feeling because last year I couldn't even get out of the bed. I mean I could hardly breathe."

"Now I feel like I've gotten a lot stronger."

Ashley said she is very proud of her son and his football teammates.

"I think they work together



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS.

Cancer-free Lane Lee, a defensive standout this season, will get a shot at running back again next spring at Oliver Springs, said Coach Larry Green.

very well as a unit. And outside of football, they have a brotherhood."

Through it all, she said his friends "were quite a

blessing. They showed up on dark days when Lane needed his spirits lifted and they haven't stopped showing up."



The Doctor is in
 a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Messages

Have you ever been the one to not get the message? Well, it just happened to me, four hours before the editorial deadline for this week's Focus. Apparently, I didn't get the email that usually reminds columnists to be prepared for an early deadline. To put a positive spin on this "situation," it's fortunate that I no longer have an office full of patients to see or hospital rounds to make so I can devote the time to writing.

I hope everyone got the message to get a flu shot because most of us will be hugging relatives and guests on Thanksgiving. If you missed the opportunity, go as soon as possible to get your flu shot because it takes two weeks for the immune system to respond to the vaccine. Then, you will be ready for Santa Claus. Unfortunately, there are

no vaccinations for the several dozen cold viruses. Nor is there lasting immunity to these wintery devils. So, you'll have to depend on common sense, recognizing that colds (and influenza) are primarily transmitted by personal contact. Most of us understand and eschew the exchange of body fluids. Sneezing and coughing are problematic, but even kissing your host on the cheek can be risky if she has a cold. And it might even get you in trouble in this current surreal environment of harassment allegations. Now, I'm not trying to put a damper on the bon ami of Holiday gatherings. Just cough into your sleeve and travel to parties with a bottle of hand sanitizer in your pocket.

Quarantine is an effective means of halting infectious diseases. It might seem an odd observation,

but one downside of modern life is the ability to travel when sick. People with colds can go even farther than "Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house..." Picture flying crowded in coach with recycled air and you have the recipe for colds, influenza and worse traveling thousands of miles or even across oceans. Recall that Native American populations were decimated by smallpox and other old world diseases brought to the new world by Europeans.

Apparently, Charlie Rose, Al Franken and a bewildering array of liberal-progressive Democrat men didn't get the message that strutting naked and fondling are not appreciated by women. The same accusers of Trump's locker room bravado (the Access Hollywood video) are now guilty of far more egregious acts. The hypocrisy of the media, Hollywood and political figures is breathtaking. And it's not over because the soul searching investigations are not complete. Wait until the revelations of Congressional impropriety surface. After all, taxpayers have paid seventeen million dollars to settle such claims since 2002; and Bill Clinton left office in 2001.

My education continues on more levels than just current events and medicine. Recently, a friend "messed" me about what she called "legitimate facts." Mr. Webster defines legitimate as claims being "neither spurious nor false" or, in other words, true. Facts are actually conditional. To be true they must be verifiable and reproducible in all places and times. As a result, truth is a higher bar to achieve than any "fact" penned by a journalist or a factoid which flows out of a politician's mouth.

These days, we hear a lot about "fake news." We shouldn't be surprised that it exists because it is often perpetrated by the ruling class and elite media, many of whom, as we've seen lately, are reprobates and hypocrites. We should be asking why we believe anything they say. We The People must step up and determine what is legitimate or truthful and that requires some investigative zeal and common sense.

The election of Donald Trump should have been a message to the ruling class, liberal media elitists, academia and Hollywood. I didn't expect vacuous Hollywood types to comprehend the defeat of the Clintons, but the other

so-called smart people should have figured things out by now. Unfortunately, they are blinded by their own ideology. Their messaging to each other and their attempts to manipulate We The People is so painfully obvious now. And it is killing them.

I often use quotes which I admire, but rarely extensively. However, apparently our leaders (Mr. Corker, Mr. Alexander and others) need the people's message as recently articulated by Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas. He observes that We The People have "lost faith in both the competence and the intentions of our governing class." He goes on to say that "Government now takes nearly half of every dollar we earn and bosses us around in every aspect of life, yet can't deliver basic services well." Senator Cotton describes the "forgotten man" who has seen his "wages stagnate, while the richest four counties in America are inside the Washington Beltway." (Hello Penam of The Hunger Games.) Senator Cotton concludes saying "The kids of the working class are those who chiefly fight our seemingly endless wars and police our streets, only to come in for criticism too often from the very elite who sleep under

the blanket of security they provide." Well said Senator Cotton.

This is Thanksgiving and we should all take a moment amidst the mess to reflect on the message of thankfulness of living in a great country with unparalleled freedom to succeed or to fail. I disagree with kneeling millionaire football players or that our problems can be solved by ever bigger government.

I am thankful that I'm alive, aware of the Way and in awe of the Creator. And I'm thankful that Trump is standing up to bullies and for We The People. I'm thankful that Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House Spokeswoman, recently challenged the Press corps to say something that they were thankful for if they wanted to ask a question. How refreshing!

So, to conclude a spur of the moment Thanksgiving essay, sprinkled with some medicine, some politics (activity in the American polis), quotes and a bit of history, let's acknowledge being thankful to the Creator and Sustainer for life itself. Perhaps we should be saying ThanksLiving as a part of Thanksgiving.

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

Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice opens new West Knoxville office

Smoky Mountain Hospice, the hospice division of Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice based in Newport, Tennessee, has opened a new West Knoxville office on Executive Park Drive.

"There will now be two Knoxville offices serving Knox County" said Barbara Morris, Director of Community Education for Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice at the corporate office in Newport.

The new location's phone number is (865)985- 0265 and they are accepting patients.

The award-winning agency has been in business since 1982 and is still managed by the original owner, Tammy Francis, RN, CDE, of Newport. They currently have

offices in Newport, Morristown, Greeneville, Kingsport, Tazewell and the two offices located in Knoxville. The Knoxville offices serve primarily hospice patients in their home, nursing home, or assisted living facilities in Knox County.

Two Medical Directors, Dr. Evelyne Davidson and Dr. Marie Morrison serve along with their professional local staff of Registered Nurses, Medical Social Workers, Chaplains, home health aides, community educators, and local community volunteers.

"Many people do not understand that hospice care is a covered benefit under traditional Medicare, and covers the cost of medications

related to the life-limiting illness, personal visits from professional staff members, spiritual and bereavement counseling, as well as volunteer visits," mentioned Ms. Morris.

Hospice care can be the answer to anyone dealing with a life-limiting illness. When you or a loved one have a life-limiting illness, it can seem like your world has been shattered. You might feel powerless, scared, or very alone. Where do you turn?

Modern medicine has always been focused on the cure. Sometimes there is no cure, but the disease can be managed. With hospice there is a lot that can be done.....compassionate care that is comfort focused.

"Hospice celebrates life," said

Tammy Francis, owner of Smoky Mountain Hospice. "It is care that meets the unique needs of each person. It celebrates life and allows patients and families to make the most of every day together.

"So many of our hospice families wished they had called us sooner for their hospice care as it was such a valued benefit to their families."

November is National Home Health & Hospice Month, a time to celebrate those who provide home health and hospice to those in our community and help raise awareness of the benefits they can have access to. SMHH&H feels fortunate to have the experienced staff and trained volunteers that offer care

and support during one of life's most challenging journeys.

Anyone can call and ask for a free in-home assessment to see if they or a family member meet the qualifications under Medicare for hospice care. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.smokyhhc.com. The East Knoxville office location can be reached at (865)673-5877 or the new West location on Executive Park Drive at (865)985-0265.

The agency serves 13 East Tennessee counties and is known for specializing in disease management programs such as diabetes, wound care, surgical and stroke recovery, and hospice care.



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Jingle Bell Run returns to Knoxville

The 2017 Jingle Bell Run will bring a merry helping of festive holiday cheer to Knoxville on Saturday, December 9, with festivities beginning at 8 a.m. and the 5k and 1 mile walk starting at 9 a.m., all at World's Fair Park located at 525 Henley Street in Downtown Knoxville.

The 2017 Jingle Bell Run Knoxville will honor two locals who are battling arthritis and a local orthopedic surgeon who is dedicated to combat arthritis. Arthritis causes slow and painful deterioration of the body's bones, ligaments, cartilage and tendons. More than 54 million Americans have arthritis (1 in 4 adults), including more than 1.3 million adults and 6,000 kids in Tennessee. All Jingle Bell Run proceeds will support the Arthritis Foundation's mission to conquer and cure arthritis.

Kyleigh Swaggerty, 7 years old, of Oak Ridge, was diagnosed one year ago at just seven years old. As this year's youth honoree, Kyleigh wants everyone to know that kids get arthritis too!

Lisa Cearley of Knoxville has been battling Osteoarthritis since she was just 29 years old. As this year's adult honoree, Lisa deals with this disease while still trying to maintain an active and independent lifestyle. As this year's adult honoree, she looks forward to another successful Jingle Bell Run and raising money for a cure with her team the Achy Breaky's.

Jingle Bell Run is the nation's most jolly holiday-themed 5K run. Participants wear their favorite holiday costumes or ugly Christmas sweaters and tie bells to their shoes creating a chorus of jingles as they run or walk through the course.

Starting and ending in the beautifully decorated World's Fair Park, this year's Jingle Bell Run will feature entry fees start at \$20 for kids and \$30 for adults.

Register online at www.jbr.org/knoxville.

Light up Farragut Park tonight!

Shop Farragut and The Town of Farragut will again usher in the holiday season with the 7th Annual Countdown to LIGHT THE PARK, presented by TDS.

The event will be held from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27th at Founder's Park on Campbell Station Road, near the Farragut branch of the Knox County Library.

With the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen in attendance, and entertainment by area performers, this family

friendly event will set the holiday mood. The highlight of the evening will be when Mayor Ralph McGill and other Town officials welcome a very special guest dressed in a Red Suit. He will be asked to throw the switch on 30+ trees, garland pole wraps and other lighted decorations, featuring over 50,000 glistening bulbs throughout the park.

Parking will be available across the street from the park, courtesy of Westgate Christian Fellowship. The Knoxville

Sheriff's Department will be on hand to assist those crossing Campbell Station Road.

Attendees can look forward to enjoying the holiday cheer with freshly-baked cookies to be provided by Costco and other area businesses. Coffee and hot chocolate will be courtesy of First Watch Café.

The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Steve@farragutbusiness.com or call 865-307-2486.

Make a holiday trash-reduction plan

With an increase in decorating, festive gatherings and gift exchanges during the holiday season, additional trash and recycling can really pile up. Prepare to accommodate your extra household waste over the next several weeks and keep your service workers in good spirits.

Most wrapping paper and gift bags are recyclable, says Makenzie Read, Public Service Coordinator, even with transparent tape and staples still attached. Ribbons and bows, however, and anything with Mylar (shiny metallic lining), aren't recyclable, but they can be reused.

Working strands of Christmas lights can be donated to the charity of your choice. If they're not in working condition, you can recycle them responsibly by taking them to the City's Hazardous Household Waste facility (1033 Elm Street) or by giving them directly to a Goodwill attendant at a City recycling drop-off center or County Convenience centers in Halls, Karns, John Sevier, and Dutchtown.

If you make a lot of online purchases, you could end up with a slew of packing materials. Bubble wrap and deflated plastic air pillows can be recycled at grocery and retail

stores with plastic film recycling containers; check this link for nearby locations: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/. UPS Store locations accept Styrofoam peanuts for recycling.

Overflow recycling is always collected from residences with City recycling carts, as long as the extra recycling is not in plastic bags. Paper bags, cardboard boxes and other containers clearly marked as recycling are acceptable for overflow recycling. Boxes too large for the cart or secondary container should be broken down and neatly stacked next to the recycling cart.

As the holidays approach, anticipate ways you can reduce the amount of trash and recycling you'll have to manage and plan accordingly:

- Avoid bringing home more packaging: Check your supply of reusable gift boxes, wrapping paper and bags at home before purchasing more or accepting additional ones at the store.
- Reduce packaging: Choose gifts with less packaging that will end up in your carts after Christmas morning. For instance, buy individual items instead of pre-packaged items, like serving utensils, jams, gift

sets, etc.

- Pre-open and de-package gifts: If you anticipate opening a lot of boxes at one occasion (like Christmas morning), remove some or all of the packaging from your gifts before you wrap them, so you can spread out the recyclable packaging across multiple recycling pickups.

- Order sliced deli meats from the meat counter or butcher rather than purchasing multiple packages.

- Reduce food waste by sending guests home with leftovers in reusable containers.

If you do end up generating more trash in one week than will fit in your 95-gallon garbage cart with the lid closed, there are alternative destinations for your overflow bags:

- Knox County's convenience centers have dumpsters for household trash (free to City residents) as well as recycling containers for plastic, metal and aluminum cans, mixed paper and glass (which is no longer accepted at the Carter location nor in the City's single-stream recycling program).
- The City's Solid Waste Management Facility (1033 Elm Street) accepts residents' standard household garbage for a fee (except on Free for

City Residents Day, held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. most first Saturdays of every month) as well as other household hazardous waste at no charge for residents.

With seven residential trash pickups and half as many recycling pickups between now and New Year's Day, getting your game plan together can help prevent holiday pile-ups.

Outside downtown, there will be no residential collection of garbage or recyclables on Thanksgiving Day. If your regular trash and/or recycling pickup day is Thursday, a Waste Connections crew will collect it Friday. Friday pickup households are encouraged to put their carts out on Friday as usual in case crews complete Thursday routes early. Remaining Friday pickups will be serviced on Saturday. This alternate schedule also applies to Christmas Day.

If you are a City resident who hasn't yet requested or received a 95-gallon single-stream recycling cart, call 311 to make a request. A new batch of carts will be delivered in early 2018.

For additional information about solid waste, recycling and leaf-pick-up, visit www.knoxville.gov/solidwaste.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Troy R. Allen and Paula A. Allen executed a Deed of Trust to Branch Banking And Trust Company, Lender and Bhat Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee(s), which was dated September 28, 2007 and recorded on October 4, 2007 in Instrument No. 200710040028847, and modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated October 27, 2015, Recorded November 13, 2015, in Instrument No. 20151130029991, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 19, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN District No. Seven (7) (formerly 2) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 35th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as part of Lot 110, VILLA GARDENS REVISION, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Map Book 13, page 118, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described according to the survey of Hinds Surveying Co., Stanley E. Hinds, Surveyor, dated September 27, 2007 and bearing Job No. 0709017, as follows: BEGINNING at a new iron pin in the southeastern right-of-way of Barbara Drive, corner to Deed Book 683, page 296, said iron pin being located in a southwesterly direction 800 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of the southeastern right-of-way of Barbara Drive and the right-of-way of Villa Road; thence with the line of Torresani, South 30 deg. 13 min. East, 199.37 feet to an original pipe, corner to property now or formerly owned by Mares (Inst. No. 200203200077496); thence with the line of Mares, South 59 deg. 52 min. West, 91.39 feet to an original iron pin, corner to Lot 109; thence with the line of Lot 109, North 30 deg. 03 min. West, 198.91 feet to an original iron pin in the southeastern right-of-way of Barbara Drive; thence with said right-of-way, North 59 deg. 35 min. East, 90.83 feet to a new iron pin, the point of BEGINNING.

BEING the same property conveyed to Troy R. Allen and Paula A. Allen, husband and wife by Warranty Deed dated September 28, 2007 from Billy Foster and Stella Foster, husband and wife of record bearing Instrument No. 200710040028846, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee. Parcel ID Number: 049HC 031

Address/Description: **4206 Barbara Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Troy R. Allen and Paula A. Allen.

Other Interested Party(ies): 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.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 16-12939 FC02

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Jutitia Buchanan executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated May 26, 2004 and recorded on May 27, 2004 in Instrument No. 200405270109195, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 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:

MAY 18, 2004, OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200405270109194 THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID Number: 109EE016

Address/Description: **2329 Sylvania Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920.**

Current Owner(s): Jutitia Buchanan.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

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File No.: 17-15972 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Brandi Cate, a single person executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Community Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Andrew C. Rambo, Trustee(s), which was dated July 21, 2011 and recorded on July 22, 2011 in Instrument No. 201107220003935, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 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:

particular description thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Brandi Cate, unmarried by Warranty Deed from Jeff P. Wallis and Laura Saery Cole fka Laura Wallis dated 07/21/2011 and recorded as Instrument# 201107220003934 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 093HG-023

Address/Description: **5263 Avery Woods Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921.**

Current Owner(s): Brandi Cate.

Other Interested Party(ies): Avery Woods Homeowners' Association.

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

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

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File No.: 17-15093 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Anthony W. Deaver and Tiffany K. Deaver, Husband and Wife 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 May 31, 2013 and recorded on June 3, 2013 in Instrument No. 201306030079271, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 7 of Carlon Manor Townhouses as shown on plat of record in

Plat Cabinet K, Slide 392A in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the rights and obligations in and to the common areas and joint permanent easements shown on the aforesaid plat and described in the Declaration of Joint Permanent Easement of record in Deed Book 1942, page 922 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Anthony W. Deaver and wife, Tiffany K. Deaver, herein by deed dated May 31, 2013, of record in Inst# 201306030079270, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 132JH-007

Address/Description: **9233 Shady Bend Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.**

Current Owner(s): Anthony W. Deaver and wife, Tiffany K. Deaver.

Other Interested Party(ies): 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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Toby P. Hensley executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Peoples Home Equity Inc., Lender and Park Place Title, Trustee(s), which was dated May 14, 2010 and recorded on May 18, 2010 in Instrument No. 201005180072116, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

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 all of Lot Number Twenty One-R-Five (21-R5), a resub of Lots 20 and 21, of the IDELWOOD SUBDIVISION, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet K, Slide 252B in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and on survey of Jim Sullivan, Surveyor, dated November 1, 1987, to which map and survey specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT to all matters appearing on the plat of record in Map Cabinet K, Slide 252B; and any restrictions, easements or setback lines ancillary thereto, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SUBJECT to the terms, conditions, easements, rights and liens as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Idlewood Subdivision and the By-Laws appended thereto, of record in Book 1790, page 871, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SUBJECT to the rights of others in and to the common elements and/or areas.

SUBJECT to the lien for any unpaid dues and/or special assessments levied pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions set forth above.

SUBJECT to the Joint Permanent Easement recorded in Book 1915, page 25, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Nehud S. Abdelnabi, Married, from Wade C. Adams, Unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated November 20, 2003 and filed of record on December 30, 2003 in Instrument No. 200312300065728, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Toby P. Hensley, unmarried from Nehud S. Abdelnabi, married, by Warranty Deed dated 5/14/2010 recorded on , in Instrument No. 201005180072115 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 133HA 02105

Address/Description: **635 Shadywood Lane, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Toby P. Hensley.

Other Interested Party(ies): The Idlewood Association, Inc. d/b/a Idlewood Homeowners' Association.

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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Hobo's Thanksgiving

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I realize we have a lot to be thankful for; as we put another Thanksgiving holiday behind us—we realize how blessed we are. When Hobo came into my life



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

I was not looking for a dog and I certainly didn't need another pet. I halfheartedly agreed to look at Hobo after a friend gave a passionate and desperate plea. On the other hand, Hobo needed a savior—a miracle, and by fate Hobo was on a collision course with someone up to the fight. Hobo's Thanksgiving offered me the opportunity to reflect on the blessings of sharing my life with a dog named Hobo.

The beginnings for Hobo the Wonder Dog were not so wonderful. He roamed the neighborhood where

my friends lived, they tried to find his rightful owner without luck. Hobo soon found himself in trouble with people not so understanding of a stray dog's shenanigans. My friend gave

the puppy a ball and he took it everywhere he went so, they called him Hobo. It wasn't long until tensions grew thick between neighbors, and Hobo was in the middle. Some chased him, kids were cruel to him, and some threatened to kill him. My friend decided for Hobo's protection he should go to a shelter. Thinking a shelter would give Hobo the best opportunity to find a forever home.

Hobo had learned to fear people and was not easy to catch. A neighbor lured Hobo into a trap for animal

control. Hobo again had been betrayed by someone he trusted. Once at the shelter, Hobo was labeled "unadoptable" and was to be euthanized. I was denied access to see Hobo and the fight was on to save a dog I had never met. Three days later, with a dog trainer, an insurance policy, and a whole lot of determination, I adopted Hobo sight unseen. Not for a second have I ever regretted the fight to adopt Hobo.

It is difficult for me to think anyone could euthanize a dog as beautiful as Hobo. It took Hobo several months to come out of his shell and to prove how sweet he really is. He still becomes stressed when we are separated and in certain situations.

Five reasons I am thankful for Hobo the Wonder Dog

- He is my sentinel, always keeping guard and protecting me from

everything—especially rabbits and squirrels.

• I am always forgiven no matter what. If I work late, or pet another dog, no matter the infraction dogs forgive easily.

• When it comes to loyalty dogs set the standard. No matter what, dogs are loyal to their families. I am blessed by Hobo's loyalty.

• Acceptance, our pets always accept us as we are—they never judge us on looks only by our love and friendship.

• I know I am always number one with my dogs, they will place me first before themselves. No matter what I want, a road trip, a hike in the woods, a game of fetch, or simply vegetate at home, they are ready for the adventure.

This Thanksgiving I counted the blessings Hobo the Wonder Dog brings to me, and there are far more than the five I have listed here.



Hobo on a recent hike of the Cumberland Gap.

Hobo is thankful for me too, he cannot list them but, he tells me daily with the wag of his tail and his eagerness to please. His outings, hikes, and road trips, all help him

trust again and to live a happy life. We are thankful for each other every day and hope you might have room in your heart for a dog needing a hero.

'Nazareth, the City Where Jesus Grew Up'

Leading up to Christmas, I thought it would be good to share some thoughts about the birth narrative of Jesus over the next few weeks.



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

The story begins in Nazareth, a small, insignificant town that had a population estimated between one hundred and four hundred. A large town nearby was Sepphoris. It had a population of thirty thousand and was well known. It was affluent, had a culture, shopping, and all the conveniences of a large town back at that time. Nazareth, by way of comparison, had

few of these things. It was a town of farmers, shepherds, and laborers who walked an hour each way to work to sell their goods in Sepphoris. They didn't have any luxury villas like Sepphoris. The low social status of Nazareth is seen in John's gospel when Philip, one of Jesus' first disciples, told his friend Nathanael, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good

come out of Nazareth?" (Jn. 1:45-46).

The name Nazareth likely came from the Hebrew word netzer, which means "branch" or "shoot." You may have noticed at times when a tree is cut down a shoot will grow up from the stump. A new tree thus takes the place of the one that died. That shoot is called a netzer. Why would this town be called "the branch?" Keep in mind that northern Israel has been destroyed by the Assyrian Empire in 722 B.C. The southern kingdom was destroyed by Babylon around 586 B.C. The prophets would often use the metaphor of Israel being like a

tree that had been cut down, but would one day sprout up once again. Israel would actually be led by a messianic figure called "the branch" (Isaiah 11:1-4) which would grow up out of the stump of Jesse (King David was Jesse's son).

The netzer was a promise of hope. This prophecy predicted that though Israel had been cut down like a tree, Judah would rise up once again like a shoot. The city's name of Nazareth would be a way of saying that their hope was in the Messiah coming to Israel. They believed there was always hope. They believed the day would come when God would send a new

king to deliver them. Little did they know that when this city was named that God would choose this location for the Messiah to be conceived and to grow up.

So why would God pick this little known town that was obscure to be the location to find a young woman named Mary to bear the Christ? The setting of the birth narrative tells us a lot about God. God looks for the meek and the humble to be used for His greatest purposes. God chooses the least likely to accomplish His most important work. God chose a nation that was enslaved to be His chosen people. God called the youngest son of

Jesse to be the future king of Israel. Paul reminded the Corinthian church: "God chose what the world thinks foolish to shame the wise, and God chose what the world thinks weak to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world, what is regarded as nothing, to set aside what is regarded as something" (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). If you ever feel insignificant and not very important, you are in good company. God loves to use people like that to accomplish much, like Mary, a young peasant girl from an unlikely place to give birth to the Messiah.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, George S. Ryan and Theresa Ryan aka Theresa Kelli Ryan executed a Deed of Trust to FT Mortgage Companies DBA First Tennessee Mortgage Company, Inc, Lender and Thomas F. Baker, IV, Trustee(s), which was dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 1, 2000 in Instrument No. 200002010006780, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 6, Block D, MIDDLEBROOK ACRES, Unit 1, as shown by map of the same of record in Map Book 49-S, page 33, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of Robert H. Waddell, Surveyor, License #1479, 1114 Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916, dated August 15, 1991, bearing Drawing No. S-16,812.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DEEDED TO GEORGE S. RYAN AND WIFE, THERESA RYAN FROM BRIAN K. ADKINS AND WIFE, CALLIE F. ADKINS AND RECORDED IN INSTR. NO. 200002010006779 REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, BUILDING SET BACK LINES, ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS, AND TO ALL CONDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

Parcel ID Number: 105MF 006 Address/Description: 1069 Roswell Road, Knoxville, TN 37923. Current Owner(s): George S. Ryan. Other Interested Party(ies): Regions Bank, Successor by Merger to AmSouth Bank.

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

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The

right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919 File No.: 17-16309 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Ryan L. Moran, an unmarried person 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 July 29, 2016 and recorded on August 2, 2016 in Instrument No. 201608020007546, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 12, Alaridge Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Plat Cabinet F, Slide 169-A, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of Larry A. Doss, RLS# 1255, whose address is P.O. Box 22628, Knoxville, Tennessee dated September 21, 1998, bearing Drawing no. 14679.

BEING the same property conveyed to RYAN L. MORAN by deed dated JULY 29, 2016, of record in Inst. No. 201608020007545, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 130EM 012 Address/Description: 11413 Alanridge Lane, Knoxville, TN 37932. Current Owner(s): Ryan L. Moran. Other Interested Party(ies): Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

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

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The

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

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 3, 2018 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by DAVID RUDDER AND MARTHA RUDDER, to ARNOLD M. WEISS, Trustee, on May 30, 2007, as Instrument No. 200706040099256 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: WV 2017-1 Grantor Trust The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being and designated as Lot 3R, THE QUARRY AT KELLER BEND SUBDIVISION, as shown on plat of same of records as Instrument No. 200502110063791, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to all applicable restrictions, easements, etc. of records in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to David P. Rudder and wife, Martha B. Rudder by Warranty Deed dated April 8, 2005 and recorded as instrument# 200504120081118 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Tax ID: 154MA 003 Current Owner(s) of Property: DAVID RUDDER AND MARTHA RUDDER

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **9519 Fortress Ln, Knoxville, TN 37922**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MERS**

AND CAPITALMARK BANK & TRUST AND GARY DOUGLAS ENTERPRISES, LLC AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$120,883.05 as Instrument No. 201009070014792 \$145,965.41 as Instrument No. 201010050021067 \$44,350.00 as Instrument No. 201304190068726 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 867-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 16-000078-370 MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s) PREMIER BUILDING, SUITE 404 5217 MARYLAND WAY BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37027 PHONE: (615) 238-3630 EMAIL: TNSALES@MWZMLAW.COM

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Cassandra R. Venuk and Andrew R. Venuk 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 February 25, 2015 and recorded on February 27, 2015 in Instrument No. 201502270046022, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 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:

SITUATE in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being a tract of land which lies on the northwestern side of Bays Mountain Drive, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron pin in the line of Gibson at the corner of a 50 ft. right of way running from Bays Mountain Road, said point of beginning being 350.89 ft. from the intersection of the right of way at Bays Mountain Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along Gibson property line North 22 deg. 02 min. 37 sec. West 328.82 ft. to an iron pin; thence in a northeasterly direction North 57 deg. 07 min. 17 sec. E. 100.00 ft. to an iron pin; thence in a northeasterly direction North 53 deg. 14 min. 37 sec. East 40.00 ft. to an iron pin; thence in a southeasterly direction S. 18 deg. 32 min. 01 sec. East 382.51 ft. to an iron pin at the edge of right of way; thence in a southwesterly direction along right of way South 79 deg. 54 min. 20 sec. W., 116.00 ft. to the point of BEGINNING, containing 1.020 acres, more or less. Description is according to survey of Ronnie Keener, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor No. 841, 8624 Widner Road, A Knoxville, TN dated July 10, 1993.

ALSO CONVEYED herewith for the purpose of ingress and egress to the property herein conveyed is the use of a 25 ft. section of a 50 ft. right of way running from Bays Mountain Road to the property herein conveyed, said right of way beginning at the corner of property of Burchfield at Bays Mountain Road and running in a northwesterly direction along Burchfield line North 24 deg. 46 min. 29 sec. West 329.98 ft. to the property herein conveyed, said 25 ft. section being on the easternmost side of right of way.

NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS DONE AT TIME OF CONVEYANCE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT to all applicable restrictions, easements, set-back lines, and other conditions shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING AND INTENDING TO BE the same property conveyed to Cassandra R. Venuk and husband, Andrew R. Venuk by Warranty Deed dated February 25, 2015 and filed of record in Instrument Number 201502270046021 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 138 16802 Address/Description: 649 Bays Mountain Road, Knoxville, TN 37920. Current Owner(s): Cassandra R. Venuk and husband Andrew R. Venuk.

Other Interested Party(ies): Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

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

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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated February 26, 2010, Jody Don Large and wife, April Renee Large, conveyed the following described premises to A. Nicole Troutt, Trustee, to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record in Instrument Number 201003080056772 in Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, James M. Morgan, is the owner and holder of the indebtedness due therein, has appointed A. Nicole Troutt, as Trustee.

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, will advertise and sell the property described herein, on **Friday, December 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and proceed to offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

SITUATED in District Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 14, Stoney Point Woods Subdivision, as shown on the plat of record in Map Cabinet M, Slot 285-B, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Jody Don Large, married, with James M. Morgan, unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated February 26, 2010 of record as Instrument Number 201003010055467, in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and set-back lines of record, and to all matters of record at aforesaid plat.

Property bears the address of: **8104 Hawks Wing Way, Knoxville, TN 37914**

Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Knox County Trustee, Jody Don Large & April Renee Large

The property will be sold free from the equity redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which were hereby expressly waived under the provisions of the above stated Deed of Trust. The above property will also be sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances, unpaid taxes, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The right is reserved to rescind or adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set for the above.

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

A. NICOLE TROUTT, TRUSTEE 101 Dalton Place Way Knoxville, TN 37912 865-524-1636

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Elizabeth M. Voyles, a single woman executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pinnacle Bank, Lender and Hugh M. Queener, Trustee(s), which was dated June 18, 2014 and recorded on June 20, 2014 in Instrument No. 201406200071869, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 36th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 1, Block 1, McCampbell Addition to Fountain City, Tennessee, as shown by map of same of record in Map Book 9, Page 59 (Map Cabinet A, Slide 296B), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description

BEING the same property conveyed to Elizabeth Voyles by Warranty Deed dated June 18, 2014 and of record in Instrument Number 201406200071868 in the Registers Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Parcel ID Number: 058GC 006
 Address/Description: **2110 Aster Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.**
 Current Owner(s): Elizabeth Voyles.
 Other Interested Parties(ies): Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

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

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

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 File No.: 17-15123 FC01

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Christopher L. Worsham and Stacy Worsham as Husband and Wife 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 April 17, 2009 and recorded on April 20, 2009 in Instrument No. 200904200067223, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **December 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 30, WHEATMEADOW SUBDIVISION, as shown on the plat of the same of record bearing Instrument No. 200102270056191, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Parcel ID Number: 020DA-030
 Address/Description: **7716 Ralph Youmans Road, Corryton, TN 37721.**
 Current Owner(s): Christopher L. Worsham.
 Other Interested Parties(ies): Hallsdale-Powell Utility District.

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: THAT ROBERT PHILBROOK AND CHRISTY PHILBROOK, BY DEED OF TRUST (THE "DEED OF TRUST") DATED: JULY 7, 2009, OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT BOOK 20090716004671,

OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, CONVEYED UPON ROBERT M. BURTS, TRUSTEE, THE REAL ESTATE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED TO SECURE THE INDEBTEDNESS OF A CERTAIN PROMISSORY NOTE (THE "NOTE") DESCRIBED IN THE DEED OF TRUST WHICH NOTE WAS PAYABLE TO RODNEY D. ATKINS; AND WIFE - LYNETTE J. ATKINS. SEE ALSO, AMY NICOLE HAYNES, DEED OF TRUST INSTRUMENT #20170705000871.

WHEREAS, DEFAULT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE; AND WHEREAS, THE OWNER AND HOLDER OF THE NOTE HAS DEMANDED THAT THE HEREAFTER DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BE ADVERTISED AND SOLD IN SATISFACTION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND LOSSES OF FORECLOSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS PROVISIONS OF THE NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, ROBERT M. BURTS, TRUSTEE, PURSUANT TO THE POWER, DUTY AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN, AND CONFERRED UPON ME BY THE DEED OF TRUST WILL ON DECEMBER, 13, 2017 AT 12:00 PM AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE KNOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, OFFER FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, AND FREE FROM ALL LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND STATUTORY RIGHTS OF REDEMPTION, EXEMPTIONS OF HOMESTEAD, RIGHTS BY VIRTUE OF MARRIAGE, AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS OR EXEMPTIONS OF EVERY KIND, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN WAIVED IN THE DEED OF TRUST, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BURNETT'S CREEK ROAD, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING ON AN IRON PIN IN THE S.J. DUNN PROPERTY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGS. EAST, 280 FEET TO THE CENTER OF BURNETT'S CREEK ROAD; THENCE WITH THE ROAD, NORTH 86 DEGS. WEST, 117 FEET; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGS. WEST, 134 FEET TO A POINT WHERE THE OLD FENCE LINE CROSSES THE ROAD; THENCE LEAVING THE ROAD AND RUNNING NORTH 42 DEGS. EAST, 264 FEET WITH THE S.J. DUNN PROPERTY LINE, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ¼ ACRE.

NOTE: THE ACREAGE MENTIONED IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS ONLY FOR THE CONVENIENCE IN IDENTIFYING THE TRACT CONVEYED HEREIN; NEITHER THE GRANTOR NOR THE PREPARER OF THIS DEED MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION AS TO THE ACREAGE CONVEYED.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY THE WARRANTY DEED OF RODNEY D. ATKINS AND WIFE, LYNETTE J. ATKINS, TO ROBERT PHILBROOK AND WIFE, CHRISTY PHILBROOK, DATED JULY 7, 2009, AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 20090716004670 OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SEE ALSO WARRANTY DEED FROM ROBERT PHILBROOK AND WIFE, CHRISTY PHILBROOK TO AMY NICOLE HAYNES, DATED JUNE 30, 2017, AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT 20170705000870, OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND BUILDING SET-BACK LINES OF RECORD IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: THE ADDRESS FOR THIS PROPERTY IS BELIEVED TO BE **5903 BURNETT CREEK ROAD KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 37920 (MAP 110, PARCEL 072, DISTRICT 9)**

CURRENT OWNER:
 THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES. SAID SALE SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ANY OTHER ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD. THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE WILL BE APPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEEDS OF TRUST. THIS NOTICE WILL APPEAR IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ON NOVEMBER 27TH, DECEMBER 4TH, DECEMBER 11TH, 2017. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME SET FORTH ABOVE.

SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDERS: NONE
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017

ROBERT M. BURTS, TRUSTEE
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 PO BOX 111 RUTLEDGE, TN 37861
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 12, 2017 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by PEGGY ELIZABETH LOY, to Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., Trustee, on May 21, 2014, at Record Book 1601, Page 1678-1690 as Instrument No. 14004049 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:
 Tax ID Number(s): 057 00600 000000
 Land situated in the County of Anderson in the State of TN

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES, SITUATE IN DISTRICT NO. 2, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A STEEL ON CHESTNUT RIDGE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE (REED NOW BRADY PROPERTY) ON THE KNOX AND ANDERSON COUNTY LINE; THENCE WITH COUNTY LINE A EAST COURSE 230 FEET TO A STEEL STAKE NEAR A 10 INCH WHITE OAK MARKED AS A PROPERTY LINE; THENCE A NORTH COURSE 308 FEET TO A STEEL STAKE NEAR MARKED TREES; THENCE A SOUTH WEST COURSE TO A STEEL STAKE IN A PILE OF ROCK THE CORNER OF (REED NOW BRADY) PROPERTY; THENCE A SOUTH COURSE 308 FEET TO THE BEGINNING.

NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Being the same property conveyed to Peggy Elizabeth Loy, by deed dated April 6, 1966 of record in Deed Book K-9, Page 407, in the County Clerk's Office.

Commonly known as: **135 Al Loy Ln, Powell, TN 37849-2031**
 Tax ID: 057 00600 00000
 Current Owner(s) of Property: PEGGY ELIZABETH LOY

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 135 Al Loy Lane, Powell, TN 37849, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH, ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None
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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 367-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
 MWZM File No. 17-000306-220

MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN,
 P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2015, executed by LESLEE G MOORE, conveying certain real property therein described to HEATHER QUINN-BADER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 16, 2015, at Instrument Number 201503160049217; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation 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 **December 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK E, WOODLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 108 (MAP CABINET C, SLIDE 2A), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 133K-E-030
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **8220 TAMARACK RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): LESLEE G MOORE
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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 Ad #126670

11/20/2017, 11/27/2017, 12/04/2017

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2016, executed by KEVIN M SNIDER, conveying certain real property therein described to BROADWAY TITLE INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 17, 2016, at Instrument Number 201603170053555; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 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 **December 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 8 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 75, WHEATMEADOW SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD BEARING INSTRUMENT NO. 200102270056191, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES, CONDITIONS, PLAT OF RECORD, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD IN INSTR. NO. 200102270056191, AND INSTR. NO. 200103060058387 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 020DA-075
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7532 GARY WHITE ROAD, CORRYTON, TN 37721**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): KEVIN M SNIDER

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

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

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11/20/2017, 11/27/2017, 12/04/2017

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Danni S. Johnson 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 March 30, 2007 and recorded on April 4, 2007 in Instrument No. 200704040080988, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on December 12, 2017, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 34th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 12, Kaye Crest Hills, as shown in Map Book 53-S, Page 8, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Said lot fronts on Oakbrook Court, and is improved by a dwelling as shown by survey of G.T. Trotter, Jr., Surveyor, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated May 17, 1972, and revised August 25, 1972.

Being the same property conveyed by a Warranty Deed from Ann Corum, Personal Representative Under the Last Will and Testament of Margaret Crawford to Danni S. Johnson, unmarried, dated March 30, 2007, of record in Instrument Number 200704040080807, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 059HC 00112
 Address/Description: **4901 Oakbrook Court, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Danni S. Johnson.
 Other Interested Parties(ies): 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.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **December 12, 2017 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by NATHAN FOSS, to Tracey Axtell, Trustee, on March 6, 2017,

as Instrument No. 201703060054357 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Situated in the sixth (6th) civil district of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 18, Amber Meadows Subdivision, as shown on the map of the same recorded in Map Book 70-S, page 2 in the Knox County Register's Office, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Nathan James Foss by warranty deed from Richard Collins, unmarried, dated as of March 2, 2017, and recorded as instrument no. 201703060054356, in the Knox County Register's Office.

Tax ID: 130CA.018
 Current Owner(s) of Property: NATHAN FOSS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **1248 Amber Meadows Cir., Knoxville, TN 37932**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, ASO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.,THE HOME DEPOT AND LVN FUNDING LLC,ASO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A. AND DISCOVER BANK ISSUER OF DISCOVER CARD

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$66,633.40 as Instrument No. 201405020062291 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 367-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 17-000191-391
 MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daughters of the Union Veterans meeting

Knoxville-area Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent 3, will meet at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Loudon County Visitors' Bureau, 1075 Highway 321, Lenoir City. Call 865-573-1116 for more information.

New Beverly Baptist Church

Celebrate Christmas at New Beverly with the award-winning Bowling Family and the Bowling Sisters on Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.

New Beverly Baptist Church is located at 3320 New Beverly Church

Rd. 37918.

Following the service Santa will come with old fashioned bag treats. No charge, but a love offering will be taken. Come celebrate "Christ's birthday" with us at New Beverly!

Powell Business & Professional Association Banquet

The 35th Annual Man, Woman, & Business Person of the Year Banquet will be held December 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Knoxville Medical Center, 7565 Dannaher Dr in Powell.

The speaker will be Joan Cronan. For tickets, call Denise Girard 865-947-5485 or email denisegirard@

fbctn.com.

St. James Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Broadway, invites you to a Candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 3, 4:00 p.m., featuring Bible readings and prayer interspersed with carols, choral music and congregational singing.

This service is based on a service that originated in England in 1918 at King's College, Cambridge, beginning a tradition that is nearly 100 years old.

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Veterans from the Sunshine Birthday Club, left to right, John Burna, Marshall Freeman, Homer Rayburn and Carl Collins. The Sunshine Birthday Club at the Larry Cox Senior Center at 1700 Ocoee Ave. (North Knoxville) celebrated veterans with a gift certificate for lunch at Shoney's. The club meets on the second Monday of each month at The Larry Cox Recreation Center. All seniors are welcome to join in the fun and community activities at the center. Contact Genie Braid 584-5893 or Lois Taylor 525-8917.

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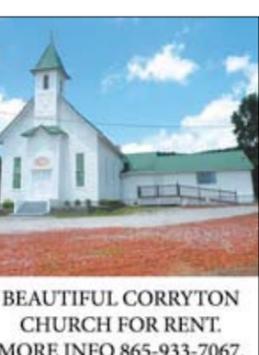
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