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Chief Rausch discusses community outreach

By Mike Steely
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The Knoxville Police Advisory and Review Committee met in its quarterly public session Thursday evening at the Knox County Education Association on Magnolia Avenue and Police Chief David Rausch responded to several questions from the committee and the public including questions about wrecker services, police and public relations, and shootings.

Rausch responded to a question from committee member Jered Croom and said that wrecker service inside the city is under the auspices of the Wrecker

Committee which sets regulations and fees for authorized companies. He added that other wrecker services may respond to a customer call and may charge whatever they wish.

He also said that private vehicles parked on the streets may only be there for 24 hours and can be removed by an authorized wrecker. He said that removal often comes after complaints by citizens or as noted by an officer.

He was asked about "Terry Stops" by police. The terry stops are brief detention by an office of someone

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Chief David Rausch responds to questions during Thursday's quarterly meeting of the Police Advisory and Review Committee. Next to him is attorney Ron Mills. Photo by Mike Steely.

MPC discusses new subdivision regulations

By Pete Gawda

Regulations that were ten years in the making were discussed on Jan. 23 when a roomful of interested persons gathered at the city's public works service center to hear Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff member Thomas Brechko discuss recently adopted subdivision regulations.

The regulations, which were adopted by the MPC Oct. 12, 2017 will become effective Feb. 1 of this year. Brechko said his organization had worked on the regulations off and on for ten years. He added that the section on sidewalks delayed the process a year.

Some of the changes consisted of clarification in wording and some changes sought to be consistent with both city and county regulations and Tennessee law. Over the years Brechko said both city and county have passed regulations that might have been in conflict with MPC regulations. The new regulations cite specific city or county regulations when there is a deviation. The existing subdivision regulations have seven active sections. As a result of consolidation the new regulations consist of five sections.

One of the major changes in Article 1 - General Provisions was to remove the word "minimum" from the title of the document. Brechko felt that word was not accurate since some regulations have maximum standards. Article 2, dealing with administrative procedures requires that design plan approval be granted before the final plat corrections deadline.

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ZAEVION DOBSON DAY



PHOTOS BY KEN LAY

Lonsdale Principal Wendy Hansard (right) presents Zenobia Dobson with a check for \$1,137 for the Zaevion Dobson Fund. The money was raised by Lonsdale students to honor Zaevion.

Lonsdale honors fallen hero, stresses the virtue of courage

By Ken Lay

Lonsdale Elementary School honored one of its own Wednesday afternoon as it celebrated the life and legacy of Zaevion Dobson at the second annual Zae Day.

Dobson, a 15-year-old Fulton High School football player, was killed on Dec. 17, 2015 when he valiantly shielded two friends from random gunfire. He was posthumously awarded the Arthur Ashe ESPY Award for courage by ESPN.

Zae Day is celebrated by the school and Lonsdale Community on Jan. 24. The date is no coincidence. Dobson's uniform number

with the Falcons was 24 and it has been retired by Fulton High School as Lonsdale and North Knoxville now regard themselves as being 24 Strong.

"We celebrate this day and honor Zaevion and we will do it now and forever," said Lonsdale Elementary School Principal Wendy Hansard. "We do this on this day because his football number at Fulton was 24."

The theme of Zae Day 2018 was courage and three students shared their stories of courage in essays.

Other speakers included: Julie Lowe, a physical education teacher at Lonsdale who is undergoing treatment after recently being

diagnosed with brain cancer, Zaevion's mother, Zenobia, former Lonsdale student Markeis "Boski" Barrett and former University of Tennessee football player Derrick Furlow Jr.

The program included performances by Lonsdale's choir as well as the school's fourth grade dancers. Guests were also entertained by Lonsdale's basketball players and the school's gymnastics team when they arrived.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett was in attendance Wednesday afternoon along with Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr.

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Lonsdale Elementary School physical education teacher Julie Lowe speaks at the school's annual ceremony honoring Zaevion Dobson, a former Lonsdale student slain in 2015 while shielding friends from random gunfire.

Emerald Youth, rezoning, Knitting Mill on City agenda

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Knoxville City Council may rezone a piece of vacant land from residential to Public Parks and Refuges in order to become part of the proposed Emerald Youth complex in Lonsdale.

The resolution to change the zoning is before the city council's Tuesday meeting on Second Reading.

Also on second and final reading is the rezoning request of Gary Koontz for changes along Central Avenue Pike north of Callahan Drive from residential to C-3 Commercial. Other rezoning before the council includes a lot on West Anderson Avenue and one on Magnolia, both requesting C-3 Commercial.

The Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association is asking the council to deny MPC's decision to allow Habitat for Humanity to build a new house at 431 E. Springdale Avenue. The neighborhood is objecting to the design of the home as being incompatible with other homes there.

The council may also approve an award of \$180,000 in Affordable Rental Development Funds to Restoration House of East Tennessee. The money would be used for 10 affordable housing units for low income, single-mother households at 2205 Village Place Way.

Standard Knitting Mill is asking for the city to grant an easement for access

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Bob Thomas and Fulton High School principal Rob Speas.

Hansard also presented Zenobia Dobson with a check for \$1,137 for the Zaevion Dobson Fund. Those funds were raised by Lonsdale Elementary School's student body.

Lowe was the first speaker to address the theme of courage.

"Courage doesn't mean that you're not afraid," Lowe said. "It means that you don't let fear stop you."

On Dec. 1, Lowe was told that she had two brain tumors.

"I was overwhelmed and I was scared as I underwent many tests," Lowe said. "There wasn't

one day that I didn't have someone with me from my Lonsdale family. They were my courage.

"Everyone has courage and you use courage every day. You have courage when you walk to school by yourself. You have courage when you keep working, no matter how many times you get a problem wrong. You have courage when you get up by yourself and care for your siblings. You have courage when you stand up for your classmates. Courage takes many forms and sometimes, you have to be someone else's courage. My Lonsdale family was my courage when my courage ran out."

Zenobia Dobson said

that she missed her son greatly but noted that he did the right thing. She also asked that those in attendance observe a moment of silence for the victims of a recent school shooting in Marshall County, Kentucky.

"I'm here to stand up against gun violence," she said. Zae showed courage when he was confronted with a life and death decision.

"He did the right thing. I love him and miss him. But I know that he has another assignment now with the Lord."

Furlow Jr. had his own story of courage as he strived for a career in football while attempting to overcome a knee injury.

When football wasn't in the cards, he said that it took courage to find a career.

"Courage is not created equal," he said. "I've heard Zae's story and today, I've learned as I've heard others and their stories of courage.

"I'm truthfully humbled to be here and I wish that everybody had the chance to see what courage looks like. For me, courage was watching my mother raise kids in public housing, and moving every other year to keep her kids away from drugs. Courage was watching her leave a job that she had for 15 years and get married so her children could have a better life than she had."

What is an Affidavit?

An affidavit is a legal term that you may have heard of, but what is it exactly and what purpose does it serve?



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An affidavit is a written statement that is typically signed in front of a notary that is filed with the court to show proof of something. For example, if a bank is suing one of its former members because the member owes the bank money, the bank may have an account manager write up an affidavit, sign it, and have the affidavit attached to the lawsuit.

What would this affidavit say? Generally, an affidavit is supposed to contain short statements of fact, not opinions or statements about things that are considered to be speculation. So, for the account manager at a bank, they may say, "My name is XXX XXX. I work at XYZ. I am familiar with the bank account of John Doe. On December 1, 2017, he owed \$1,000.00 to the bank. Although I have tried to contact him many times about his account, he has not paid anything toward his balance."

That's just an example of a short statement of facts that would be included in an affidavit. The bank

manager cannot say things like, "I believe he is not paying because I think he is using drugs." That is a statement that would be considered to be speculative and an opinion.

The reality is that the contents of affidavits are often relied upon by judges in the decisions that they make. Having said that, the contents of an affidavit are not technically admissible as evidence. They are what is considered hearsay. That means that the contents of the affidavit are an out of court statement that are being used to prove the truth of the matter asserted. Hearsay is inadmissible. You may ask why the contents of an affidavit are inadmissible as evidence in court. It is generally because the other side does not have the opportunity to know whether the statements in the affidavit are true, or for that matter, the opportunity to question under oath the person making statements.

Affidavits can be an effective tool and you will see them attached to many different court documents as a means of supporting the position being argued by attorneys.

The 25th Annual Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson Birthday Banquet and Celebration was held earlier this month at The Foundry at World's Fair Park. The gathering was well attended with most tables full. Barbara G. Marthal, speaker at the Lee-Jackson 25th Anniversary, poses with James Young dressed as Robert E. Lee and Sheila Burchfield, right. Photo by Mike Steely.



Commission approves school's lobbying request

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Although two Knox County Commissioners said they would voice objection to the school system hiring a lobbying firm in Nashville there was no discussion at all about it when the resolution came up last week. The school board received permission to rehire Millsaps Gowan Government Relations for another year for \$37,500.

By law the commission can only approve school system requests for funding although occasionally the commissioners will voice their disapproval for the resolutions before having to pass them.

Also passing without much discussion was a contract between the county and Merit Construction, Inc. for renovations at the Carter Convenience Center.

The \$913,700 contract had seen some discussion last year and only Chairman Randy Smith commented that, of all the projects in Knox County, the Carter project "needed the most improvement."

The meeting began with Public Forum where three citizens berated the commission and the county mayor for two different actions.

Barbara Cook demanded that specific procedures be given to the neighborhood of the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center just off Western Avenue. She called the Helen-Ross McNabb project an "experimental approach" and said the city and county will be responsible to ensure the facility does not threaten citizens.

David Early condemned the commission for designating the Behavioral

Center a "hospital" and asked if the staff there is being trained, if patients will be in restraints, in separate rooms, etc.

Andre Canty chastised the commission and county mayor for its support and proclamation concerning the "Lee-Jackson Day." He said it set "a bad precedent that people of color don't matter."

Commissioner Charles Busler asked MPC Director Gerald Green why so many zoning requests remain "tabled" on the planning commission agenda. Green replied that once tabled there's no real way to take the requests off. He said he'd direct the staff to look into "sun setting" those items that have remained on the agenda for more than a year. He said that leaving them on the MPC agenda ties up a property

for any other action.

The commission voted to hold a public hearing on the MPC's proposal of creating an RP Rural Preservation Zone Ordinance on February 20 at 6 p.m. following the commission meeting.

Chairman Smith reappointed Charles Busler and appointed Hugh Nystrom to the Agricultural Extension Committee.

The commissioners also discussed changing the Charter Review Committee but decided to leave the committee having nine members appointed by the county mayor, nine by each district, and nine commissioners.

They also heard from Knox County Deputy Lee Tramel about drug trafficking and opioid abuse efforts and Dwight Van de Vate on the county's response to the recent winter weather.

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Brechko said there have been some deadline changes that will be strictly enforced.

The new regulations define the degree of accuracy required for surveys and require a bond to be posted to ensure all required survey markers are put in place.

As of Feb. 1 there will be new access standards for lots. The new street frontage standards increase approved methods of access. In some zoning districts the MPC may approve the use of an alley for vehicular access. Street connectivity standards have also been changed to allow for improved connectivity between neighborhoods and promote walking and biking.

As to the new sidewalk regulations, in the city the MPC will defer to city regulations. In the county the MPC may require sidewalks, depending on such factors as "access to schools, recreational facilities, commercial establishments, or any other areas when obvious future pedestrian traffic is anticipated." Whenever possible the regulations call for new sidewalks to be connected to existing or proposed sidewalks. Within the county the MPC has the authority to consider alternate plans if the developer

can demonstrate that sidewalks are not feasible and the developer submits an alternate plan for a safe and convenient pedestrian network.

"Communication is very important," Brechko stressed. He urged the audience to communicate to their clients or runners the exact purpose of their visit to the MPC. When contacting his office Brechko said that it is important to refer to the file number for a plat under review. To speed up the approval process he also urged complying with staff's written comments that indicate if a revised plat must be submitted for review before a plat is submitted for certification.

Brechko said that there will be a future joint workshop with both city and county engineering departments. He said there could also be other workshops if additional issues come up. To better understand the changes in the new regulations Brechko urged his audience to compare the marked up version of the new regulations which show additions and deletions with the finished copy. Both documents are on the MPC website.

"We may not make everybody happy, but we will try," Brechko said in his closing remarks.

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Publisher's Position

'Dreamers' vs. 'Deplorables'



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Princeton, Yale and every other Ivy League university in this nation. That's a mighty big presumption.

Those folks who oppose illegal immigration are dismissed as ill-educated and heartless. That is pretty much what the elitists on the left think about the people Hillary Clinton dismissed as "deplorables." And make no mistake about it, most of the Democratic party really does deplore anyone who disagrees with them.

The left in this country refuses to even acknowledge there is such a thing as illegal immigration. Along with their accomplices in the mainstream news media, they refer to the people in this country illegally as "undocumented" or simply immigrants. That certainly does sound better than illegal aliens; the left's narrative makes it sound more like some thoughtless bureaucrat simply forgot to somehow certify someone's entry into the United States. Nor does the left recognize borders or boundaries. It's all a part of the new gospel of guilt espoused and promoted by the left with the new original sin of presumed privilege.

Of course this has less to do with compassion, hope for the future of the country

than it does in Democrats making few bones about pandering to Hispanic voters and clinging to the idea borders or boundaries really don't matter at all.

The America many immigrants came to decades ago no longer exists. That America lured immigrants here with the promise of work in factories while currently the sun has set on an industrial economy in the United States. Nor are the current illegal aliens fleeing oppression and inhumanity in their own countries to come to a lawless America. The rule of law is important, as are borders and boundaries. Citizenship is supposed to mean something and people here illegally have no rights to demand anything. One cannot demand rights one does not legally have.

I would stress I am all for legal immigration to the United States of America and if Congress should decide to pass some form of amnesty, it should include an individual check; each Dreamer should be evaluated. Does the Dreamer have a high school diploma, a college degree, a criminal background, service in the military, or is gainfully employed? The notion illegal aliens pay their way

through payment of taxes, etc., is a fiction. According to the Immigration Reform Law Institute, illegal immigration carries a price tag of \$116 billion. The 12.5 million illegal aliens in this country have 4.2 citizen children, all of whom are eligible for government services and assistance. State and local governments are the hardest hit with expenditures totaling \$88.8 billion; the federal government pays \$45.8 billion. Only \$19 billion is recouped in taxes. The \$135 billion in cost associated with illegal aliens compared to the taxes collected is a 7-1 ratio. The biggest cost is medical services, which is more than \$17 billion. States and local governments spend more than \$44 billion for education of illegal aliens and their children. The cost to individual states is staggering - - it costs California \$23 billion, Texas almost \$11 billion and New York \$7.5 billion. If one considers the cost after taxes are paid, it leaves a deficit of \$116 billion. A researcher at the Center for Immigration Studies has found the cost to U.S. taxpayers over the lifetime of the current illegal aliens in this country will cost nearly \$750 billion, which

is six times the amount required to deport every illegal alien in this country.

A CNN poll showed 56% of the American people did not believe the DACA program was worth shutting down the American government. Breaking down the demographics of the CNN poll is worth a look. 49% of Democrats DID think the DACA program was worth shutting down the entire government, while 42% of Democrats thought keeping government services open was more important. 75% of Republicans and 57% of Independents believed avoiding a government shutdown was more important than the DACA program. 96% of Democrats polled by CNN say they support the DACA program, yet only 49% thought it worth shutting down the government.

If you really think this issue is about justice and kids, consider for a moment the leaked memo from Jennifer Palmieri, a former Clinton communications director who is currently with the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Palmieri was urging Democratic members of Congress to "refuse to offer any votes for Republican spending bills that do not offer a fix for

Dreamers and instead appropriate funds to deport them." Ms. Palmieri described the Dreamers as a "critical component of the Democratic Party's future electoral success."

Ms. Palmieri did invoke "a moral imperative", but finally came to the most important point: "If Democrats don't try to do everything in their power to defend Dreamers, that will jeopardize Democrats' electoral chances in 2018 and beyond."

Of course that's not what we hear publicly from these people; they argue instead it's the only country many of these youngsters have ever known and it wasn't their fault their parents brought them here illegally in the first place. That is quite true, but it completely ignores the question of the law, much less the existence of borders. Clearly, there is much more incentive here for the Democrats; a million Dreamers given amnesty and allowed to stay here means a million votes for Democratic candidates.

The fact Democrats have so little regard for average hardworking Americans who have paid their taxes for years certainly won't do them any good, but they obviously have a plan to do without your vote.

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that may be involved in a crime and often involve a pat down. He said that any terry stop is required to be documented by the officer along with the reason for the contact.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, Rausch was asked about "mistrust between the community and the police department" and what is being done about it.

Rausch described many programs and activities his department is taking part in including sponsoring a lacrosse team, providing a Safe Haven summer program, recruiting for the Police Academy, sponsoring a literacy class with the Boys & Girls Club and supplying school resource officers at the middle and high schools.

"I encourage all my command staff to be involved in the community and serve on many boards myself," he said, adding that each neighborhood association also has an assigned liaison officer.

Rausch noted that homicides have increased last year and that the state legislature's passing of a bill to allow guns in cars has become a problem. He said the department is concerned about the Morningside neighborhood and an additional effort is underway there.

"We're not trying to harass anyone," he said, adding that warnings in the neighborhood are being issued in many cases rather than arrests for minor offenses.

Rausch also said the police department is working with churches to

get more mentors.

The mother of a recently murdered man was passionate in her questions to the committee and Chief Rausch. She said the police department is not staying in touch with the families of murder victims beyond the initial incidents. Rausch replied that the department has an "active homicide case file" and directions from him to stay in touch.

Another victim's family member raised a similar question asking, "What is an Angel Mom supposed to do?"

"I'm tired of sitting back, there have been two murders in two days," the lady said.

Rausch also spoke about use of police cameras and said that his department is one of a few in the nation that keep the "background" running when patrolling. He

said when an officer leaves the vehicle and turns his microphone on the video also begins. He said that procedure is required during any public contact.

PARC Director Clarence L. Vaughn III and various committee members gave their reports and reported that last year there were 86 complaint cases reviewed. Forty-nine were resolved by the director, four by mediation with the police department, thirteen referred to an appropriate agency, nineteen resolved by the KPD and only two cases pending.

Of those complaints last year 43% involved African Americans and 57% involved white citizens.

Failure to investigate or injustice in investigations accounted for 11% of the complaints, 10% were complaints of

excessive force, 17% involved unbecoming or unprofessional conduct, 7% were for wrongful citations or arrest and 5% were for racial profiling. Complaints against other agencies or from citizen advocates accounted for 29% of the complaints.

PARC is made up of appointed citizens who review complaints against the KPC. These members include Chairperson Rosa Mar, Jered Croom,

LaKenya Middlebrook, Frank Shanklin, Robert Gibson, Robbie Arrington, Ann Barker and Director Clarence Vaughn III. Other members include Chief Rausch, Attorney Ron Mills and Avice Reid, Senior Director of Community Relations.

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Okie Joe's may reopen

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When Christopher Geddie appeared before the Knox County Beer Board last week he received a warm welcome and an apology. Geddie's Okie Joe's Sports Bar and Grill on Asheville Highway had been the subject of various codes violations since a November fire there and his beer licenses suspended.

After the fire on a second floor of the business the county codes department noted several violations including an unapproved deck behind the building, occupancy of the second floor that was supposed to be used for storage, and inadequate access to the rear deck.

Commissioner Brad Anders said that the revocation of the beer license had not been delivered to the business following the fire in time and said there was a "lack of communication" between the county and the business.

"We're holding up a business from reopening," Anders said, adding, "It wasn't handled

as smoothly as possible."

Geddie told the board that the rear deck will be reworked and plans have been turned in so a building permit can be issued.

Knox County Captain Allen "Wolfie" May told the board that he is holding the permit until it is approved.

Commissioner Randy Smith asked how long it would be before the deck is complete and the business can reopen. Geddie replied "Seven Days."

Commissioner Dave Wright moved to reinstate the permit after approval of the paperwork. The reply was that no plans have been submitted yet and that seven days may not be enough to approve the permit.

There was also some discussion as to whether or not a sprinkler system will need to be added upstairs at the business if it is used for storage.

Commissioner Carson Dailey said he felt the revocation was a fault of the owner. Dailey was the only "No" vote to reinstate the permit after

corrections are made.

Geddie invited codes to come out to the business and recommend what must be done to comply and was told that under law it cannot. Following the meeting Geddie and codes officers discussed what must be done in order to reopen.

In other action the CEO of Weigel's appeared to express regret that two of the stores had sold beer to minors. Ken McMullen spoke of the Hardin Valley and Middlebrook locations' first-time violations and accepted a fine of \$1,000 for each violation.

"We have an internal beer sting also," he said and said that in both incidents the employees had entered the wrong license number.

"We are embarrassed to be here," McMullen told the board. He said the company has gone 8 to 10 years without a violation. He agreed to pay the fines rather than face 60 days without beer sales at the two stores.

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to the old complex across city-owned property at the parking lot of the former Bill Meyer Stadium on Jessamine Street.

The council will also consider allotting \$52,715 to replace broken marble in the Chilhowee Park bandstand through an agreement with Stonecraft, Inc.

Acquisition a property at 743 South Chestnut Street is also before the Council, with the estimated cost of \$12,000. The action is being sought by the Abandoned, Blighted and Vacant Properties Committee.

The council may also discuss a reimbursement with Fort Loudon Marina for the removal and replacement of floating docks, ramps and walkways located at Volunteer Landing near Calhoun's on the River.

The public Riverwalk

connector may be continued under the railroad underpass in an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway as part of the Blount Avenue Streetscapes project.

Among the items on the Council's consent agenda are 25 pension requests, operating budget changes, a \$350 donation to Edge-wood-Lincoln Park toward welcome packets for new residents, and \$300 to Legacy Parks for landscaping at Everly Brothers Park.

Various appointments are also on the agenda including those of Paul Blackstock to the Golf Advisory Committee, Councilmember Gwen

McKenzie to the board of Knoxville Zoo, Councilmember Seema Singh-Perez to the Community Television Board, and Louis Crossley, Beth Waters and Bob Thomas to the same TV board.

Renee Hoyos Kicks Off Congressional Race

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It was standing room only Tuesday when Renee Hoyos officially announced she is seeking to replace Congressman John Duncan Jr. who is retiring as Tennessee's 2nd District Representative. Hoyos is Director of the Tennessee Clean Water Network. The South Knoxville resident kicked off her campaign at the historic Southern Railway Terminal.

Can a Democrat actually win

the seat held by the Duncan family for so many years?

"I understand the challenges," she said, asking the audience to "imagine a congress that works and behaves in a responsible, bipartisan fashion."

Hoyos moved to the district 14 years ago and is originally from California. She addressed several issues Tuesday night including the environment, affordable health care, raising minimum wage and her support of veterans' issues and

public schools without vouchers.

Democrat Joshua Williams has also picked up a petition for the Duncan seat as have two Independents: Jeffrey A. Grunau and Greg Samples.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, a Republican congressional candidate, will apparently face State Representative Jimmy Matlock of Loudon County.

Other races that will appear during the state-federal primary election on August 2nd

include the race for governor, various state house races, the state senate, state executive races in both parties, the race for mayor of Farragut and two seats for Farragut Alderman.

Renee Hoyos, Democratic Primary candidate for Congress, kicked off her campaign Tuesday with a large crowd at the historic Southern Railway Depot.

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Lakeshore Park getting overlook

By Mike Steely
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If you have visited Lakeshore Park in Knoxville you probably have seen the view from atop the hill near the Parks and Recreation office. The location of the building, which was once the offices of the Lakeshore Mental Health Hospital, commands a view of the 185-acre park, the Tennessee River, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

The spot on the road in front of the historic building where most people stop for the view

has been selected to become an official viewing spot thanks to a \$3 million donation from Scripps Network Interactive. The locally based cable television company recently merged with Discovery Communications. Ken Lowe, founder of HGTV and president of Scripps, announced the donation last week.

The project will be designated the "HGTV Overlook" and feature a structure with seating and architectural improvements plus a terraced garden leading to the fields below. Tomas Woltz of

Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscaping Architects will design the overlook.

Dee Haslam, board chair of Lakeshore Park, announced the gift during a gathering at the site and said that Phase Two of improvements at the former mental health property is now beginning.

Lowe said that Lakeshore Park will become "the envy of the South and the nation." He said that people coming to Knoxville will be "blown away by this park." Lakeshore board member

Caesar Stair said the project should be completed by the summer of 2019.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero told the media gathered at Lakeshore that the overlook will add three miles of walking trails, a baseball field, soccer fields, pavilions, restrooms, picnic areas, special event fields, and other facilities to the city park system. She called the project the park's "front porch for all of us to enjoy."



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Architect Thomas Woltz has been selected to design a special overlook at Lakeshore Park. The project is funded by a \$3 million donation from Scripps Network.

Guest Column

Talking with a Legend

An Interview with the Reverend Harold Middlebrook

By Cameron Brooks
 Guest Columnist

I sat down with Reverend Harold Middlebrook in mid-November to interview him about his life and its many rich experiences.

For those that don't know him, Reverend Middlebrook is a legend within the civil rights movement, having spent considerable time working for change in his hometown of Memphis, then later in Atlanta and Knoxville, TN. He was a protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was with Dr. King when he was assassinated in Memphis in 1968.

Reverend Middlebrook has a wealth of knowledge and history about happenings and I've been blessed to become friends with him over the past several years.

Reverend Middlebrook is currently a retired minister of Canaan Baptist Church in East Knoxville but is still active in a variety of groups in the Knoxville area. Here are some highlights from my interview with him that hit on many topics.

Growing up during changing and challenging times

Reverend Middlebrook recalls the time in the 1950's when he was a teenager. "I grew up in a time when there was a real move in this country toward a mindset toward African Americans struggling for freedom and equality. There had been a fight for that



Reverend Harold Middlebrook and guest columnist Cameron Brooks.

all along, but the 1954 Supreme Court decision that said public schools must desegregate with deliberate speed was a major impetus."

He describes the environment in Memphis, where he was born, that was antagonistic to African Americans. "Back when I was growing up, policemen ran two to a car. And if 5 or 6 African American men were standing on the corner just talking, you'd have the police car pull up and the officers would yell, 'Scatter.' And you scattered. If you didn't, you got arrested. There was a judge in Memphis by the name of Judge Beverly Bouche. And if you got arrested, you understood to try to make good with your boss so he

wouldn't fire you because if you were African American and went before Judge Bouche 11/29 was your sentence."

Reverend Middlebrook described the situation in the school system, in which segregation was the reality and African American students were the recipients of sub-par treatment. "When they told us we were getting new books or new desks, we really knew what that meant. That the white kids were getting new books and new desks and we were getting the ones that they had marked up or wrote in."

Middlebrook discussed the contradictions that existed at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, where their famous ducks

received better treatment than African Americans. "Peabody had the ducks. Well back then African Americans couldn't come through the front door of the hotel. And if you worked at the hotel you had to come in the back and if you were in the lobby you had to be cleaning. But at a certain point in the day at the Peabody they put out a red carpet, they start playing music early so that everybody knows its getting close to time for the ducks to come down. And they come down on a special elevator. And they waddle over to that fountain. When I talk about that now, people look at me funny. But that was the real racism we dealt with back then."

Middlebrook's first exposure to MLK

Reverend Middlebrook was first introduced to Dr. Martin Luther King while he was a teenager. He remembers growing up that one of the things his family insisted on the children doing was having breakfast. He recalls his grandfather reading the "Commercial Appeal" every morning with the back page having highlights of important events going on throughout the country. And it was on that back page that he first saw a picture and mention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middlebrook recalls, "That was the first African American I had ever seen in our newspaper."

Early involvement: voter registration and first arrest

Reverend Middlebrook's first activism came in high school, when he was part of the junior civic club whose parent was the Bluff City and Shelby County Council of Civic Clubs.

"I became president of the 13th ward junior civic club. And the regular civic club had a contest to see who could register the most voters- they really didn't expect the young people to participate. I was in the tenth grade at the time. And every day when I got out of school I went out to knock on doors to register people to vote. And we got people registered. And lo and behold I got the fifty-dollar prize for registering the largest number of people."

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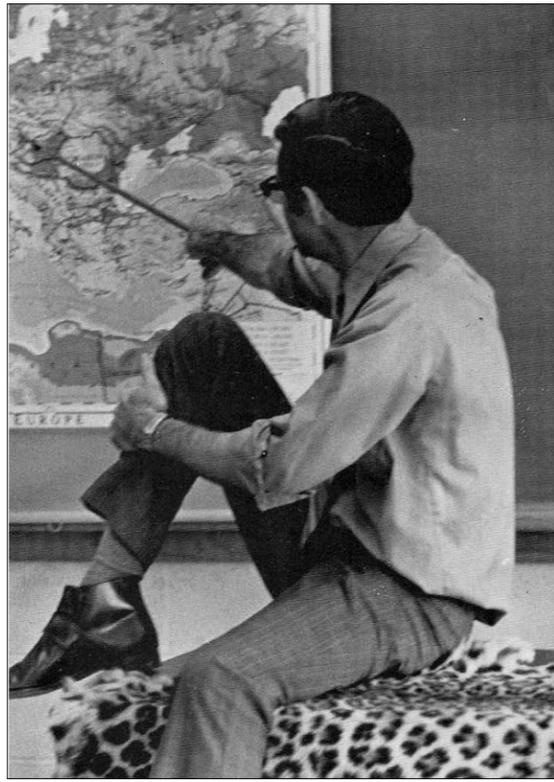
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Joe Drafts, World Geography Teacher and Weather Predictor

By **Ralphine Major**

In 1972, I am not sure I had even heard of a meteorologist, though we did have weather forecasters on the evening news. For snow predictions, Gibbs High School students could count on someone else. We had Mr. Drafts! Joe Drafts was the World Geography teacher at our small, rural school. I can picture him, briefcase in hand, walking into the classroom. His tall, lean frame moved with military precision. In anticipation of school closing, word would spread quickly through the school when Mr. Drafts predicted snow.

Though he had served 20 years in the United States Air Force with some of that time in Vietnam, Mr. Drafts died before he had a chance to retire. The beloved teacher was only 45 years old when a heart attack claimed his life. The family man left behind his wife, Margaret (Maggie), a registered nurse, and their two young sons, John-Martin and Justin. Several years ago, I connected with his family at church. It has been a joy to know them and watch his two lovely granddaughters grow up. Olivia is a freshman engineering major in college, and Amelia is an eighth grade cheerleader. Daughter-in-law Natalie is also a teacher. Mr. Drafts would be so proud of his



Joe Drafts truly in his element as shown in this picture by the late Ron Warwick for the Gibbs High School 1972 Yearbook.

family today!

January 23rd marked the 35th anniversary of the popular teacher's death. Maggie shared with me that on the Friday before, school was canceled because of ice. Drafts made his way to Gibbs and wrote quiz questions on the chalkboard, then pulled the maps down over them. He was ready for Monday morning. But, late Saturday night, Joe Drafts passed away suddenly. On Sunday, the principal visited the family and

asked Maggie if Mr. Drafts had his class records up to date. With the teacher's military background and work ethic, they certainly were! Joe Drafts was very involved in the school's fall concert directed by the late Jerry Reeves. A song based on scripture was performed during the concert, and that same inspirational song was heard at Joe's funeral. "It was beautiful," Maggie said. Those comforting words are found in John 14:27 (KJV): "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

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Four Weddings and an Elvis

Footlights Productions' 2017-18 season continues with the comedy "Four Weddings and an Elvis" by Nancy Frick. Michelle Badgely makes her Footlights Productions debut, starring as Sandy, the owner of "Sandy's Chapel of Love" - a small Las Vegas wedding chapel that plays host to some very outlandish nuptials. Sandy is four-times-married-three-times-divorced, and has certainly seen her fair share of matrimonies!

In the hilarious "Four Weddings and an Elvis," we witness four of her funniest: Bev and Stan, who are getting married - by the King himself! - as revenge on their exes; Vanessa and Bryce, two arrogant aging stars who are tying the knot as a publicity ploy, who are vexed by an aging Elvis who doesn't know who they are; and Martin and Fiona, a gentle postal-worker and a tough ex-con trying to get married before the police arrive! However, the final wedding is the funniest of all: Sandy's fifth and final wedding which reveals a hilarious twist! With

snappy dialogue and memorable characters, "Four Weddings and an Elvis" is a comedic treat (with adult content)!

The play is directed by Tracy Walker, stage managed by James Fisher, and costumed by De Wayne Kirchner. The play runs February 16-18 and 23-25, 2018, in the Modern Studio, 109 W. Anderson Avenue in Knoxville.

Showtimes are 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and 2:00 p.m. for Sunday matinees. Tickets are on sale now online, or will be available at the door for a cost of \$15 for nighttime performances and \$10 for matinees and for Seniors.

Footlights Productions is a non-profit organization that raises money for other non-profit organizations. The profits from our 2017-2019 seasons will be used to establish scholarships for dependents of Firefighters and Rescue Personnel. For tickets and more information, please visit footlightsproductions.net.

Losing the Heavenly Light

Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist, appeared on "Late Night with Stephen Colbert" recently. Tyson is a favorite of many folks. In fact, the man has 2.4 million followers on social media. Although I am many times fascinated with the information he presents, the other night his talk depressed me.

What I paid attention to most was his discussion of dark energy. I think some refer to it as a black hole. I'm lost on the topic from the get-go. I thought all holes were pretty much dark, especially at night. Tyson said that gravitational pull was a key factor in dark energy. I got that part. All I have to do to understand gravitational pull is to



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look at my aging body and immediately see the effects.

Before long, Tyson made a statement that shocked me. He said that the gravitational pull of dark energy would cause the universe to continue to grow and

expand forever. Okay, since I'm not going to take any vacations to distant or, for that matter, near planets, I wasn't too upset. However, Tyson said that the stars in the sky would disappear as the universe expands. In fact, the only stars that future generations see will be in the Milky Way. All the rest will be gone from view.

That's when depression set in. No, I'm not worried for me nor for any of my family in years to come. However, at some point, those stars will be gone. Then, generations to come will wonder what the big deal was. They won't understand song titles like "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes," "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," or "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

Stargazing won't be popular anymore. Remember those times when we were young and we lay on the cool grass of a summer night and looked up at the stars? Looking above and trying to find formations of stars that were named by astronomers will be gone.

I wonder if future generations will even be able to see shooting stars.

Many stars have already disappeared for many of us. Housing developments continue to spread like a cancer on hills and fields. When we were children, darkness arrived and seeing in front of us was almost impossible. However, we could look up and see a sky swarming with stars. With each new street light or subdivision, stars blinked out. Today, we have to travel to places far away from our homes to be able to see and grasp the concept of a star-filled sky.

I know this complaint is something about which I shouldn't concern myself. The loss of stars isn't imminent. Still, I know how wonderful they are and how much inspiration and curiosity have risen from them. Knowing that at some time in the extended future folks won't have the same chance to experience one of the true marvels of the universe is a bit sad. Of course, if we don't clean up this planet and take better care of it, standing outside might be impossible because the waters will cover the lands and the poisons will choke the skies. Maybe I should turn my energies more toward taking care of that problem first and let future generations worry about disappearing stars.

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Senator Bennett Champ Clark

A Closer Look

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill

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I've written about Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri previously, but I think he is such an interesting character, he deserves a closer look. Bennett Clark's life has all the fundamentals of a good story; love, success, turmoil and tragedy. Clark was born to fortuitous circumstances and was highly intelligent and quite able; even his enemies did not question his ability. Yet Bennett Champ Clark never reached his true potential as he was victimized by alcoholism, which brought a once promising career to a premature end.

There was a time when Bennett Clark was the colossus of Missouri politics. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1932 without ever having been elected to office previously. To win the Democratic nomination, he had to face down the most powerful and corrupt political machine in the state.

Yet few people knew more about politics than Bennett Clark. He was, quite literally, born to it.

Bennett was the son of Champ Clark, a congressman and Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives. Champ Clark might very well have been President of the United States had it not been for the rules of the national Democratic Party, which required a nominee to win two-thirds of the delegate votes at the convention. Speaker Clark had a majority of the ballots cast for him, only to see that melt and the nomination go to Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey in 1912. That was a Democratic year and had he been nominated, Champ Clark would almost certainly have been elected.

It was Bennett Clark who changed the two-thirds rule. When friends hinted keeping the rule in place might benefit him politically and lead to his own nomination for president, he snapped, "I don't give a damn. It's an unfair rule."

In 1936, Senator Bennett Clark achieved his goal and from that time forward, the nominee of the Democratic Party would need only a majority of the voting delegates to win.

Bennett Clark idolized his father and for good reason. As an infant and small boy, Bennett would frequently be in the company of his father and when he became sleepy, Congressman Clark would take his son in his arms and rock him while speaking to hundreds, if not thousands of people. Bennett Clark grew up in the halls of

Congress and was mature enough as a teenager to serve as a substitute for his father on the campaign trail. He also proved more than a match in debating his father's Republican opponents.

Bennett Clark was an expert parliamentarian - - - in fact, so much so he literally wrote the book on it - - - his book of parliamentary rules is still used today. The members of the U. S. House of Representatives, over the protestations of Speaker Clark, elected young Bennett as the House's official parliamentarian.

Bennett Champ Clark - - - and he changed his name to honor his father, as he had been christened Joel Bennett Clark - - - was the youngest colonel to serve in the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. According to the excellent website on Speaker Champ Clark (champclark.org), the young colonel was hardly impressed with France.

Colonel Clark concluded about France, "I wouldn't give one corner of Pike County for all that I've seen since I left home."

One of Senator Clark's son's gave a description of Bennett Clark's personality, saying his father was "the most loyal of friends, the worst of enemies...and a man who stuck by his principles come hell or high water." The son recalled his father was "utterly without tact and, like the animal that made Missouri famous, he was as stubborn as anyone who ever lived."

The colorful Vice President John Nance Garner paid Senator Bennett Clark the ultimate Texas compliment: "If I were going to rob a train, and I had to choose an accomplice from the United States Senate, I would pick Bennett Clark."

Bennett Clark married Miriam Marsh and was a devoted husband. Miriam Marsh Clark had suffered from infantile paralysis, or polio as it became more commonly known, yet they had three sons together, Champ and a set of twins, Marsh and Kim. Mrs. Clark was a lovely woman and some years later she suffered from cancer, which eventually took her life. Before she died, she saw the twins who were then fourteen years old, win high honors for running track.

One of her friends said, "How thrilled you must be to have two such fine, active boys."

Mrs. Clark beamed and replied quietly, "Yes, I am happy - - - because you see, I myself cannot walk." At the time, her eldest son, Champ, was in the Marines.



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark (middle) with former Governor Dave Sholtz (left) and former Congressman Mark Wilcox (right) in Miami, FL in 1939.

Miriam Marsh had been an excellent partner for Bennett Clark; her father, Wilbur, was a wealthy man, who raised prized cattle as a hobby. He had been Treasurer of the National Democratic Party at one time. Rare for a woman during her time, Miriam Marsh not only attended Vassar, but also graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Miriam joined her father and attended the second inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1917. It was during the social whirl she first met Bennett Clark. By the time she joined her father in attending the 1920 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, Miriam and Bennett became engaged to be married. They married in Miriam's hometown of Waterloo, Iowa on October 5, 1922.

Like her husband, Miriam had a very keen mind and was quite outspoken. She did not hesitate to disagree with Senator Clark and, if anything, her own views were more conservative than her husband's. Bennett Clark, unlike some of his colleagues, never joined America First, an organization devoted to keeping the United States out of World War II. Miriam Clark had no such reservations and joined America First and chaired the Washington, D.C. chapter.

Miriam Clark was only stricken with polio after the birth of her twin sons and later was able to walk without either a cane or crutches. As her cancer worsened and her health deteriorated, Miriam became more and more frail.

Miriam Clark lost her struggle with cancer on December 27, 1943. An operation and repeated trips to the hospital availed her little and Senator Clark had to stand by and watch Miriam leave him little by little. She slipped into a coma and died at their home in the Spring Valley section of Washington, D.C.

It was a terrible blow to Senator Clark, who had to watch his wife

suffer horribly before her passing. If he had been distracted before, Bennett Clark was inconsolable after her death and drank more than ever. His distraction and drinking would help to defeat him in 1944 when he faced a serious opponent in the Democratic primary.

Once the most prominent and personally popular political figure in Missouri, Bennett Champ Clark's fortunes continued to fall. His colleague from Missouri, Harry Truman, had clawed and scrapped to get to the Senate and had barely survived a tough reelection contest in 1940. Senator Clark had been a prime factor in Truman's victory. Now Harry Truman was a national figure and ascendant. Truman selected Bennett Clark to place his name in nomination for vice president at the 1944 Democratic National Convention. Not only would it give Clark the opportunity to use his magnificent oratorical gifts, but it would likely give him a boost in his own reelection campaign.

As the time approached, Bennett Clark was nowhere to be found. He had simply disappeared. Several of Truman's friends found the senator locked in a hotel room, in no condition to do much of anything. They tried black coffee and Senator Clark recovered enough to make his speech nominating Truman, but it was an indifferent effort, pleasing much of no one. Truman's nomination was likely a cause of torment to Bennett Clark, as it had to be a reminder of not being able to truly vindicate his father's defeat in 1912 and the dissipation of his own presidential aspirations.

Clark's problems, concern for his wife and subsequent grief made him inattentive to his Senate duties and he would likely have faced serious opposition in any event. Former isolationists were losing reelection. Death and defeat were the lot of almost every senator who had espoused isolationism before Pearl Harbor.

1944 was a far cry from

the dramatic moment when Bennett Champ Clark had first announced his candidacy for the United States Senate while standing beneath an imposing statute of his father. Organized labor was almost solidly against his reelection. Clark was roundly abused by much of the press; especially ironic as all three of his sons would go on to illustrious careers as journalists.

Bennett Clark's opponent inside the Democratic primary was Roy McKittrick, an owl-like looking fellow who had been elected Attorney General for the State of Missouri three times. McKittrick possessed nothing of the stature or knowledge of Bennett Clark, but he was an energetic campaigner and a hail-well-met fellow. McKittrick canvassed the entire state, oftentimes visiting from home to home. Senator Clark's visits to Missouri had grown more infrequent, especially as his wife ailed. When he did visit, it was usually all too brief.

Harry Truman, despite his differences with his senior colleague, likely remembered the kindnesses extended by Senator and Mrs. Clark. When Harry and Bess Truman first arrived in Washington, D.C. they knew virtually no one and the future president noted the Sunday afternoon invitations for mid-afternoon dinners at the Clark home was a "God send."

Truman, now the vice presidential nominee, endorsed Bennett Clark and tried to give the impression Franklin D. Roosevelt would like to see the senator reelected. Roy McKittrick and much of the opposition press snorted at the notion Bennett Champ Clark would have the support of FDR. Voters received constant reminders of just how often Senator Clark had disagreed with the president and had fought much of the New Deal. Clark, while campaigning in Missouri, had pledged to work with FDR to help shape the peace once

the war was won, but the opposition scoffed at the idea.

Harry Easley, in an oral history conducted for the Harry Truman Presidential Library, recalled a campaign appearance in Springfield, Missouri that had been planned for Senator Clark to attend on a supporter's farm. The event had been planned with the help of Clark secretary, Ed Villimore, and quite a crowd gathered anticipating one of the senator's stem-winders, but he never showed up.

Worst of all, the St. Louis machine abandoned Bennett Clark. Despite all of his liabilities, Bennett Champ Clark quite nearly won. He carried Truman's Jackson County handily, but was crushed in St. Louis. Inside St. Louis County, Clark won just over 27% of the vote. Senator Clark fared better inside the City of St. Louis, but still won only 39% of the vote.

In the end, Roy McKittrick won just under 53% of the vote. He went on to lose the general election to Republican governor Forrest Donnell.

If 1944 was the nadir of Bennett Clark's political and personal life, 1945 brought the dawn. He remarried with President Harry Truman standing in as his best man. Truman also appointed Clark to the Court of Appeals for the Washington, D. C. Circuit.

As the end of his life approached, Clark seemed happy with his wife, Violet Heming, a British actress. He watched his sons prosper and produce families of their own.

Best of all, just two months before his death, Bennett Clark was notified of the arrival of another grandson, Champ Clark, III.

The former senator had suffered several minor strokes in 1953 and had gone to Gloucester, Massachusetts for a vacation where he had a cerebral hemorrhage. After a tumultuous and oftentimes turbulent life, Bennett Champ Clark slipped away on July 13, 1954. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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A few years later he became involved in the first sit-ins for the civil rights movement in Memphis.

"It was interesting that when the sit-ins started in 1960 I was a senior in high school and I was the president of the student council. And they were about to kick me out of high school and keep me from graduating because I got arrested for being present at the sit-ins at the public library. In Memphis the sit-ins did not start at the lunch counters. In Memphis the sit-ins started at the libraries. I technically wasn't arrested because I was a juvenile- and while everyone was being hauled off to jail I was carried to juvenile court because I was too young.

"For us in 1960 going to jail was a badge of honor. A badge of respect, because you were standing up for something you believed in."

Becoming a minister and a community activist

When Middlebrook graduated from high school his plans were to go off to college and become the black "Perry Mason."

"I was going to be an attorney and be good at it. Everybody in my church and in my city in Memphis that knew me knew I was going to be a minister- except me. I really tried to run away from that. But the drive and the urge to be a minister never left me. And so I finally called home and told the pastor of the church, Reverend A.R. Williams at Greater Whitestone Baptist Church, that I would accept my call. I didn't have a choice.

"I preached my first sermon and received my license on January 1, 1961. That calling to be a minister and the calling to be a community activist I think were two of the turning points in my life. A whole new perspective on life came. It became not as important to make big money. But how you'd serve the community. There was a song they used to sing in the church. It goes, 'If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living shall not be in vain. If I can cheer somebody with a word or a song. If I can show somebody he's travelling wrong. Then my living shall not be in vain.' And so that became a kind of motto for my life."

Middlebrook meets MLK and sits-in with him

After graduating Middlebrook travelled to Atlanta to continue involvement in the civil rights movement. It was there that he first met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Middlebrook recalls, "Dr. King came over to speak to us about nonviolence and love and direct action. And somebody said to him, 'Dr. King, it isn't enough for you to tell us. Why don't you show us? And come sit in with us.'

"And Dr. King said, 'Let me make a phone call.'"

King agreed to sit in with Middlebrook and others. The stores the sit-ins occurred at were Richardson's and Davidson's, which were the two big stores in Atlanta. Middlebrook and King got arrested and spent time together in jail.

"And so every day we would wake up and we would spend the whole day listening to him teach about Gandhi, Jesus, and nonviolence and love. And I think that had such an impact on my life.

"We sat in jail and listened to the last major Presidential debate between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon. And what a debate it was! And I got out because I was sick. I had developed a case of pneumonia. Eventually everyone was bailed out except Dr. King, because they had trumped up another charge on him. He had been arrested earlier in Decatur for driving a white poet with her in the front seat. And in 1960's Georgia that was illegal- he could have driven her like 'Driving Ms. Daisy' and that would have been legal. So they had suspended his license and put him on probation. And with his arrest at the sit-in they used that earlier charge to send him to the state penitentiary."

African Americans switch support from Nixon to Kennedy

Middlebrook described the history of African Americans switching support from Nixon to Kennedy.

"With Dr. King in jail in Georgia, we were protesting throughout the South his imprisonment. The civil rights movement approached Nixon then to get his support,

because Nixon had a strong base of support among blacks in the South. When approached, Nixon said that he couldn't support the protests or King's release. They asked him to at least call Mrs. King, and he said that he couldn't get involved in the issue.

"Well Sargent Shriver, who was part of the Kennedy campaign, was approached about talking to Kennedy about it. Bobby Kennedy tried to block it saying that JFK's involvement would mess up their Southern strategy. Shriver told JFK that it wouldn't hurt for him to make a call or two on MLK's behalf. And so Kennedy called Governor Vandiver - and that word got out. And then he called Mrs. King, and told her that he was praying for her husband and for his release, and pledged to do everything they could to help the situation. And this became headlines throughout the nation.

"And so Dr. King got out. And we were at the church. There were thousands of people at Ebenezer and all out in the street because Dr. King was coming back out of jail. At the service, Dr. King's father got up and said, 'I have never voted for a Democrat in my life. But I'm gonna pack my suitcase and I'm going all over this country hollering 'Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy!'"

"And the rest is history. Following that race a little slogan started: 'Hands that have picked cotton have now elected a President!'"

Escaping depression after Dr. King's assassination

Reverend Middlebrook was at the Lorraine Motel on April 4th, 1968 at the time Dr. King was assassinated. He talks about almost going into a state of depression in the weeks after the tragic event. Following the funeral, leaders of the movement held a retreat in South Carolina at Frogmore. Reverend Ralph Abernathy came in and preached a sermon that was focused on a passage from Genesis- "Behold the Dreamer cometh. Come let us slay him. And say that some evil beast had devoured him. And we shall see what will become of his Dream."

Reverend Middlebrook recalls, "And suddenly it hit me. Martin was the Dreamer. But he didn't have the dream by himself. He had shared that dream with so many other people that now it was the dream of a community. And so that's what you give your life to. And the cause has kept me going for more than fifty years. And I suspect it will be a driving force for the rest of my life."

Work in 1980s for Holston Healthcare, Golden Age Retirement Village

Reverend Middlebrook moved to Knoxville in February of 1977 and was first a pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church for three years and then formed Canaan Baptist Church of Christ on Beaman Lake Road where he pastored for 34 years.

Reverend Middlebrook continued his community involvement in the early 1980s by leading the charge to build a nursing home facility in East Knoxville along with a retirement community which would be called Golden Age Retirement Village.

"I saw people who were disabled and in order to go to a nursing home they were sending them to Jefferson County and Blount County. My concern was how are their relatives supposed to get to see them?"

"I remember one day when my friend Reverend W.C. Parker, who was also a strong activist, and I went to a nursing home in Blount County to visit with a man we knew. And while there we were going down the halls and we saw this gentleman. And we stopped in to talk to him.

"And he says, 'Do you know my children?' "And we said, 'Your children?'"

"He said, 'Yeah. In Knoxville I've got three daughters and a son, and I have not seen them since they put me in the nursing home two years ago.'"

As Middlebrook explained, there was no skilled nursing home care facility in East Knoxville until Holston Healthcare was built.

Middlebrook said, "Now of course when we got the certificate of need the powers that be in nursing care- the nursing homes- fought us getting the certificate of need. And they fought us with HUD and the banks in getting it funded. And but for the help of Lawler, with Lawler Wood, I don't know if we would have gotten it built in the timeframe that we had. But we were able for him to step in and help us.

"And some people said, 'Well I thought

that was NHC.' Well NHC runs it but we built it because people out of this area were having to go to Blount or Jefferson County or wherever for skilled and intermediate care nursing. Now they can be in the area in which they live and people can come see them."

Along with Holston Healthcare, Middlebrook worked for the creation of Golden Age Retirement Village, which was opened in 1983 and built at a cost of \$3,855,200.

"When we got ready to build Golden Age Retirement Village, at that time HUD told us that we would have to build 100 efficiency apartments. I thank God for Senator Howard Baker and Congressman John Duncan, Sr. because I got them off the floor of the Senate and the House by phone. And they said, 'No, we'll take care of it.' So we instead built 100 apartment units. 95 one bedroom, 6 two bedroom- because I didn't want to see my mother and my grandmother in an efficiency. And I didn't want to see others- because in their last days let them have some dignity about their life."

In 2016 Golden Age Retirement Village was renovated at a cost of \$5,000,000. Middlebrook explained the upgrades, "Originally when we built it we put a large wash room and people could carry their wash in and wash. Well many of those folks have aged in place and so just getting to the wash room had become a challenge. During the recent renovation, we put a washer, dryer, dishwasher, and new flooring in every apartment. Again, because what you do for the least of these is so important. And I go over there, and people stop me and they say, 'Oh, you don't know what this means to our lives.'"

Middlebrook goes on to explain the unique culture and community that has been built and exists at Golden Age. "In the building we have what is called a 'Partnership Agreement.' Every apartment, two apartments across from each other, have to have this agreement. And they all have little door hangers with each day of the week on it. On each morning if by ten a.m. your hall partner across the hall has not put up today's date then you are supposed to go get the manager, who will check the apartment to be sure the person is all right."

The larger community plays a big role in making the residents of Golden Age feel truly at home. Middlebrook explained, "We have Meals on Wheels brought in. We also have a garden spot and now the young people from Canaan church where I pastored next door work the garden spot and give all the vegetables that's growing to whichever resident wants them.

"To me that's important. It's important to bring in activities for those residents. Every month there is a birthday party and whoever is born in that month celebrates. On holidays they have cookouts. This past Saturday Canaan church took Thanksgiving dinner to the people in the complex. People from OBC have taken dinners. I don't mean little containers. They take major food overeat as much as you want. And that is so important to me."

Despite much progress, problems still exist in U.S.

"We got people right now who are living with social security who are having to make decisions about 'do I buy medicine, and if I do what do I eat?' Recently I went

into a store and a lady was buying 15 or 20 cans of cat food. And I thought to myself, boy that cat's going to eat good. And I get to the register and I say this to the clerk, cause I know the clerk. And the clerk says, 'She ain't got no cat. Said that's her food.' And I started crying because it does not make sense."

Continuing to be involved during retirement, pastoring families during their time of need

In the time I've known Reverend Middlebrook you would never know that he is a retired minister, as he spends much of his week travelling throughout the state officiating funerals for members of his congregations. I've been amazed at his ability to be so upbeat when dealing with the crisis of family members passing. He discusses the call to duty he lives in helping these families deal with the grief of a loved one.

"You don't want to see folks go. Because all of these are folks that you've known for many years- many of them are your same age or they are a little older. When you see them go you know that part of a generation of our culture is going. But you also know that encouragement must be given to those that are left behind. Even though Canaan has a new pastor, people say to me, 'He's my preacher, but you'll always be my pastor.' Folks tell their children, 'When I die, he's got to come back and do my eulogy.' And so I try to meet the families' request in terms of helping them ease the grief."

"And so your body gets tired. But as Rosa Parks said there is something about your spirit and your mind that renews your body. And so you leave Knoxville on a Friday or Saturday, you do whatever you gotta do Saturday, Sunday, you spend all day travelling back Monday and your body says 'Shew!', but then you wake up Tuesday morning saying 'But I got to do this' and you forget you are supposed to be tired."

What Middlebrook wants to be remembered for

Middlebrook refers to an African philosophy about the "living dead" which basically states that if a person makes a contribution and then they die, as long as there is one person left alive who can remember what the person who died tried to do, then you never die.

He goes on, "I don't want to die. And I don't mean to say that I don't want to die a physical death. I'm going to die. But I hope that somebody will remember- 'he tried to feed the hungry. He tried to do something politically to make life better.' That's what it's all about. So folks don't need to send flowers. Just remember. Take the money and put it into a scholarship fund. Send another kid to school."

Reverend Middlebrook is truly a community treasure and I hope you have enjoyed these snippets from our interview- and hope you get to meet him someday if you haven't already!

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Hunter and junior captains lead No. 2 ranked Austin-East

By Steve Williams

Chris Hunter, one of two seniors on a predominantly junior team, has been the leading scorer for Austin-East this season.

The 6-2, 235-pound small forward, who has committed to play football at Army, is averaging 24 points, six rebounds and four assists for the Roadrunners, who were ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA in The Associated Press high school basketball poll last week.

"But the heart and soul of the team runs through team captains Wesley Allen and Dereke Upton," said A-E Coach Marcus Stanton.

"These kids committed themselves to getting better this past summer and their efforts have shown on the court. These two guys have greatly improved their free throw shooting, rebounding and all-out toughness on the floor."

Upton is a 6-3 junior forward and Allen a 5-9 junior point guard.

Through Jan. 25, A-E was 14-2 overall and 3-1 in district play. The Roadrunners lost to Cleveland, ranked No. 4 in Class AAA, in Hardin Valley Academy's Thanksgiving Classic and split district games with rival Fulton, which was No. 6 in last week's

AP rankings.

The Roadrunners' resume also includes victories over state-rated teams such as Carter, Brainerd and Livingston Academy.

"We're just playing good defense, boxing out, rebounding and finishing our offense," said Upton.

And the biggest improvement over last season, "We've got more team chemistry. Everybody gets along together. We're just playing better basketball."

A-E has nine juniors, two seniors and two sophomores.

"The kids have played hard



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Austin-East basketball coach Marcus Stanton and captain Wesley Allen at practice Thursday.

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Bruins win Battle of Unbeatens and season title

By Steve Williams

A rare Knox County middle school basketball game was played Thursday night as Bearden and Vine matched unbeaten league records in their final regular season showdown.

With an overflow crowd looking on in East Knoxville, the visiting Bruins pulled away at the start of the second period and went on to post a 51-37 victory for the championship and No. 1 seed in the upcoming post-season tournament.

Bearden standout Ryan Neal was shut out by Vine's box-and-one defense in the opening six minutes, but Neal broke loose for back-to-back 3-pointers in the second period to cap 12 unanswered points that produced a 16-4 advantage. A supporting cast did the rest. The Golden Bears never got closer than seven.

The Bruins' Will Biven and Altin Perry totaled 14 and 13 points, respectively. Neal finished with eight. Charles Loury and Grant Sterchi chipped in six apiece.

Bearden went 13-0 in the league and is 20-1 overall. The Bruins lost to Farragut in West Valley's holiday tourney but still took top honors in that event.

Vine, which saw its 23-game win streak snapped, got 13 points from Elijah Bredwood and 10 from Shannon Blair. Javaree Roebuck and Ahija Washington added seven each. The Golden Bears are 18-1.

Bearden Coach Ben Zorio believes it's been 20 years since a season last ended with a Battle of Unbeatens.

"To come into an environment like this and get a win over a talented Vine team, I'm so proud of the boys for their effort," said Zorio.

"We gutted out a win. It was an offensive struggle at first due to tough defense by both teams. Our guys made plays when it mattered. I couldn't be prouder of them."

Jerel Heyward, who guided Vine to the tournament title last year, thought the difference

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY

We are the champions: Members of the Halls High wrestling team celebrate the Region 2-AAA Dual Championship. The Red Devils claimed the title with a 69-12 victory over Anderson County Thursday night.

Red Devils down Anderson County for Region Duals Title

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's wrestling team won another Region 2-AAA Dual Meet Championship Thursday night and this one was special because it came in the Red Devils' home gym.

"We've wrestled all over the state and we've wrestled against some of the best teams in the state, and tonight, it was good to come out here and wrestle in front of our home crowd, in front of our fans," Halls coach Shannon Sayne said after watching his veteran squad earn a 69-12 victory over Anderson County

in the title match Thursday night. "We've wrestled well this year against the top teams in the state but we've also gotten our tails whipped a few times against some of the teams that we'll see in the State Duals.

"We're going to go down there and hopefully make a showing."

The State Duals will be in Franklin on Feb. 2-3.

The Red Devils certainly showed that they continue to dominate Region 2-AAA.

Against the Mavericks, who will make their first appearance at the state

Duals, Halls picked up forfeit wins from Jonathon Kiser (113 pounds), Ian Morgan (126) and Chase Lampkin (132).

Hunter Hunley, the Red Devils' 145-pounder, scored a major decision over Anderson County's Tyler Muncey when he prevailed 14-4.

T.J. Holmes won by technical fall when he routed the Mavericks' Josh Moles 15-0 in the 182-pound bout.

Halls got the rest of its victories via the pin.

In the 106-pound match, Ian Wright won by fall as he

pinned Reese Bailey in 1 minute, 52 seconds.

Chase Brown (138) won by fall over Brandon Seider in 1:03.

It took Halls 160-pounder Stephen Johnson just 57 seconds to defeat Noah Baines. At 152, Tyler Henry (Halls) pinned Isaiah Lane in 33 seconds.

In the 171-pound division, Halls got a victory from Caden Elliot, who defeated Fenton Dolan by fall in 3:34.

At 220, Luke Harp stuck the Mavericks' Matthew Murphy in 35 seconds. In

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Warriors knock off Ice Dawgs to win third straight game, 4-2

By Ken Lay

If one word describes the season for the Knoxville Warriors hockey club, that word would be streaky.

Knoxville, which opened the 2017-18 Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association High School season with five consecutive losses, has now won straight wins.

The Warriors got their most recent victory Wednesday night when they knocked off the Bearden Ice Dawgs 4-2 at the Icearium.

Knoxville might have continued its upward trend last week, but it was the Ice Dawgs who started

fast. Bearden tallied first when Will Haney scored a power play goal with 6 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in the first period. Jack Ingeneri and Ben Baumgardner were both credited with assists on the game's first goal.

Bearden held the upper hand in the opening frame as it put 12 shots on Warriors goaltender Blaine Moyers in the opening frame. He stopped 11 of those scoring chances.

Knoxville, meanwhile, had just one shot on goal in the frame. It was stopped by Bearden netminder Mathieu Senechal and came with less than a minute remaining in the period.

"Our goaltender, Blaine Moyers, did a great job and he really kept us in the game early," Knoxville coach Ed Mackle said. "We're playing well right now. We started 0-5 and now, we've won three in a row.

"We've finally got our whole team together after we've had some injuries."

The Warriors knotted the game 1-1 early in the second when Mitchell Bliss scored an unassisted marker with 11:49 left in the period.

The Ice Dawgs, who outshot the Warriors 37-15, regained the lead and pulled ahead 2-1 when Wyatt Young took a pass

from Jace Jenkins and promptly banged it past Moyers with 8:37 left in the second stanza.

Knoxville tied it with 6:19 left in the frame when Bliss scored an unassisted breakaway goal. It was his ninth marker of the campaign and he now shares the KAHA High School League goal scoring lead with Farragut's Kenny Richter.

Richter tallied twice in the Admirals 8-0 win over the Knoxville Knights later Wednesday night.

The Warriors took the lead for good when Jonathan Gardner scored with five minutes left in the third period. Sam Hale and

Justin Stackhouse assisted on the eventual game-winning marker.

Knoxville picked up an insurance goal when Nick Mackle scored on the power play. The game's final goal was assisted by Hale and Jack Marston and came with 2:20 left in the contest.

Coach Mackle was pleased with his squad's balanced scoring attack.

"We're peaking at the right time," he said. "Tonight, we were able to spread things out and that was really good."

Lin scores first career goal as Admirals remain perfect in hockey

By Ken Lay

Jeff Lindsay wants his Farragut High School Hockey Club to avoid complacency and remain humble. So he doesn't want his squad to make a scene when it scores a goal.

But Wednesday night, the Admirals longtime coach made it a point to bend and even break his celebration rule.

The reason: sophomore defenseman Abby Lin scored her first career high school goal in Farragut's 8-0 victory over the Knoxville Knights.

"We don't normally celebrate much when we score goals because I want the team to be humble," Lindsay said. "The guys were really happy for her when she scored. This is a respectful team and the players really like each other and Abby is a hard worker."

Linn scored the final goal of the game and helped the Admirals (8-0) remain perfect in Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association High School League Play. Her marker culminated a six-goal scoring barrage by the Admirals.

Lin was ecstatic. Lindsay was pleased and her Farragut teammates were thrilled.

But one important person in Lin's family



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knoxville Warriors goaltender Blaine Moyers made more than 30 saves in Knoxville's 4-2 victory over the Bearden Ice Dawgs. Wednesday night. The Warriors have now won three in a row after an 0-5 start.

might not have been quite so joyful and the Farragut High School sophomore joked that she might be in trouble when she returned home.

"My mom didn't come to the game tonight and she told me that I better not score," Lin said.

But she did and thus she had plenty to smile about.

At first glance, it looked like another lopsided win but this wasn't the case early, thanks to the effort from Knoxville goaltender Macarty Bargiel.

He made 30 saves and kept things close with 12

stops in the first period. He also made 12 more saves in the second frame.

"Macarty did a good job and he got himself in some good position," Lindsay said. "He faced 38 shots and that's a lot of shots for any high school goaltender."

Knights coach Steve Barnard agreed.

"Macarty did a great job," Barnard said. "When you face a team like Farragut that's fast and gets a lot of shots, you have to scramble and when you have to scramble, you can get out of position."

"But he didn't get out of position. He did a good job. But in the end, he got tired. We all got tired."

Farragut took a 1-0 lead with 4 minutes, 51 seconds remaining in the first period on a goal by Jason Kinneary.

Bargiel would keep the Admirals at bay for much of the second period. But another Farragut player would tally a special goal.

Brandon Alexander's short-handed goal with four minutes remaining in the second stanza would expand the Admirals edge to 2-0.

But the marker allowed Alexander to keep a promise to his mother, Julie, who was celebrating her 40th birthday.

"It's her birthday and we were having dinner before the game," Alexander said. "I didn't get her a gift."

"So I told her that I would get her a goal. And he did so while the Admirals were serving a penalty after being whistled for too many men on the ice."

The flood gates opened in the third period as the Admirals scored six goals.

Kenny Richter scored twice in the final frame. Linn, Ryan Priess, Kevin Peirce and Corey Lindsay also scored over the final 13 minutes.

Bowling on Bearden team was very worthwhile for Hines

By Steve Williams

Michael Hines joined the Bearden High bowling team this past fall after the season had begun, but there was a reason why.

Hines was living in Cleveland, Tenn., and going to Cleveland High School when his mother died Sept. 22.

His older brothers became his guardians and he moved in with Jacob, who was working in Knoxville and going to Pellissippi State Community College, about a week after his mom passed away.

Teresa Mildred Terry-Wells had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

Michael said her death wasn't unexpected.

"That realization, however, did not counter the pain her death left me," said Hines, who also had lost dad at age 6 and his granddad at age 8.

Knowing Michael's passion for bowling, his brothers found a school with a bowling team for him to attend.

Hines quickly looked up Coach Jennifer Allen when he got to Bearden.

Unaware of the circumstances, Allen initially thought this was just a student who wanted to sign up after the deadline. But she

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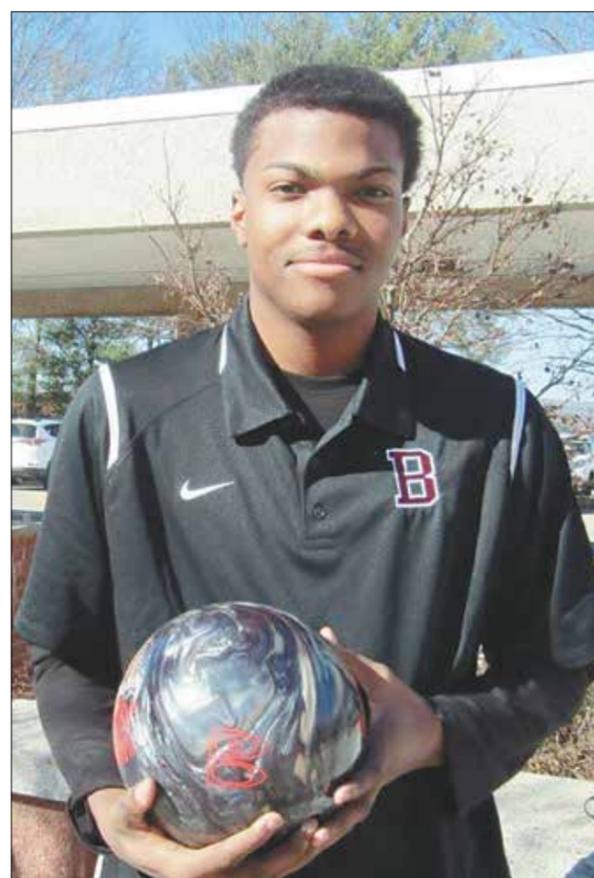


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Like blue skies above, bowling on Bearden High team helps Michael Hines cope better with his mom's death.

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the 285-pound bout Brandon Elkins, of the Red Devils won by fall when he pinned Waylon Ridenour in 1:34.

Anderson County, which advanced to the championship dual with a 59-22 victory over Seymour in the semifinals, picked up wins via the pin from Austin Dunsmore (120 pounds) and Ryan Kiser (195).

Halls, which routed Clinton 69-9 in its semifinal match, may have won another region championship. But this one was different thanks to both re-alignment and reclassification.

Longtime rival Gibbs, who has accompanied the Red Devils to Franklin

several times in recent years, is now in Class A/AA. While former District 4-AAA powers Bearden and Hardin Valley Academy were moved to Region 3.

"We've been the staple of Region 2. The TSSAA shuffled the regions and you can't do anything about that," Sayne said. "I'm proud of our guys for the way they wrestled tonight."

"We wrestled a tough schedule this year and we wrestled on the road. That's the way we designed it. We wanted to wrestle that caliber of competition to prepare for the State Duals. We've had our struggles at times. We've had our ups and downs."

Super Bowl LII Preview

By Alex Norman

On Sunday the New England Patriots will play the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LII (that's Super Bowl 52 for you non-Romans out there).

You may or may not know much about the NFL, but you don't want to be the guy that says "Hey is that Tom Brady?" at the Super Bowl party you crashed.

No problem. I'm here to help with the things you need to know about the matchup, the last significant football game in our great country until August.

And away we go... First of all, the Patriots are back, and no one is happy about it. This is their eighth appearance since 2002, as the duo of head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady apparently has alligator blood running through their veins. Brady has a

personal trainer and apparently they believe drinking lots of water stops sunburns.

The internet told me this so I'm going with it.

During the game the Patriots will have a few iffy calls go their way because that's what happens for the Patriots. You can set your watch to it. If the Patriots are trailing by ten points and need a break, a phantom pass interference flag will come out or there will be a favorable spot in their favor.

I'm assuming Belichick has dognapped every referee's beloved household pet and won't return them until the game is over.

If New England wins, it'll be their sixth Super Bowl title, tying them with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most all-time.

As for Philadelphia, the first

thing to know is that former Tennessee Vol defensive end Derek Barnett is a rookie on that team, the only UT alum that will suit up in this game. Barnett has five sacks so far this year (counting playoffs), and had a huge strip sack in the NFC title game against Minnesota.

He is only scratching the surface, and could be a dominant force for years to come with the Eagles.

Philadelphia has been to the Super Bowl twice, but never won the Lombardi Trophy. Their second loss in this game was against New England in 2005. The Eagles best player, second year quarterback Carson Wentz, was lost for the year in December when his knee was crunched against the Rams. Backup Nick Foles played the game of his life against the Vikings, and now will

try to slay the giant.

You'd think this all makes Philadelphia the slam dunk team to root for, especially when coupled with the unlikable Patriots.

Think again.

Have you gone to an NFL game lately? It's like "The Purge." Don't take the kids unless you want them to see two men fight to the death over a \$12 beer.

Eagles fans very well might be the worst in the league. They have booed Santa Claus (yes I believe that happened) and cheered when Michael Irvin was feared paralyzed.

Before the NFC title game, police on horseback went into Eagles tailgate areas and bloodied fans emerged. After the game, fans took to the streets, climbing light poles (even after city crews lathered them with Crisco in efforts to keep buffoons

from doing the same thing).

You can't root for those people to be happy.

But you can't root for the Patriots fans to be happy either. Their team's success is built on cheating and they still get most of the breaks.

The game can't, by rule, end in a tie. So what do you do?

Yeah, I don't have an answer for you. I guess cheer on Barnett and hope a power outage caused by a hungry squirrel eating through a power cable forced cancellation of the game.

Watch the commercials and post your favorite on Facebook so that your Aunt Charlotte can see it.

Enjoy the chip and dip.

Don't drink and drive.

And root for a better Super Bowl matchup in 2019.

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was the second quarter.

"They went on a nice run," said Heyward. "When I went back and looked at the rest of the game, it was pretty much evenly played.

"Another thing I thought was a big key was they made a majority of their free throws and we did not make ours."

The Bruins sank 19 of 24 from the foul line, including 13 of 17 in the final period.

The Golden Bears made 15 of 28 foul shots in the game.

It was 4-4 after a low-scoring first quarter that saw Blair tightly defending Neal.

Vine put a different defender on Neal in the second period.

A goal-tending call gave Bearden an 18-7 halftime cushion.

Four straight free throws by Perry plus a breakaway basket by Biven upped the Bruins' margin to 24-10 and had Heyward signaling for a timeout with 3:29 on the third period clock. It was 34-20 after three stops.

Sterchi stretched the



Bearden players and cheerleaders join together to celebrate the Knox County Middle School regular season basketball championship Thursday night at Vine. The annual post-season tournament, which includes boys' and girls' teams from the county's 14 middle schools, starts Thursday and runs through Feb. 8.

lead to 16 with a rebound basket to start the final period. A driving layup by Bredwood cut the deficit to 40-33 but only one minute remained.

The Bruins under Coach Zorio swept the regular season and tournament titles in 2011 and won the tourney in 2013.

FAST START: Maddie Brillhart scored eight of her team-high 15 points in the first period to ignite the Lady Bruins' 33-23 win. Jameya Brown chipped in

six points. Vine's Rickia "KiKi" Watkins made five 3-pointers and totaled a game-high 17 points. Rajanee Bailey added six points.

KNOX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS		
(Games through Jan. 26)		
BOYS		
Team	Wins	Losses
Bearden	13	0
Vine	12	1
South-Doyle	10	2
West Valley	8	4
Karns	8	5
Powell	7	5
Farragut	7	6
Northwest	6	6
Holston	5	8
Gresham	4	8
Whittle Springs	3	9
Cedar Bluff	1	10
Carter	1	11
Halls	1	11
GIRLS		
Team	Wins	Losses
Farragut	12	1
South-Doyle	11	1
Carter	10	2
West Valley	10	2
Karns	10	3
Gresham	7	5
Bearden	7	6
Powell	5	7
Halls	4	8
Vine	4	9
Holston	3	10
Whittle Springs	2	10
Cedar Bluff	1	10
Northwest	0	12

Hurricanes use spark from big crowd in win over Halls

By Ken Lay

Holston Middle School boys basketball coach Todd Atkins said his team got a boost from a capacity crowd during an in-school game Thursday afternoon.

"We didn't exactly set the world on fire," Atkins said after the Hurricanes picked up a much needed 44-30 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference home victory over Halls. "We really needed to get this one and I think we really got a shot of confidence from all the kids in the stands. "We played some pretty good defense.

Holston (7-10 overall, 5-8 in the conference) went up early when Anthony Thompson scored the first two baskets of the game to give the Hurricanes a 4-0 lead with 4 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

But the Demons (2-13, 1-11) did battle back to tie the game 8-8 before Holston responded by scoring the final eight points of the opening frame to take a 16-8 lead.

The Hurricanes, who finished their

regular-schedule with the win over Halls, held the Demons to just three points in the second quarter as the visitors got their only points of the quarter on a 3-point shot by Simon Williams.

Holston led 23-11 at halftime before the Demons showed some signs of life in the second half. Halls trimmed the Hurricanes' advantage to 35-26 with 5:10 remaining in the game when Ben Thomas knocked down one of his two long-range jumpers over the final six minutes of the contest.

Halls coach Nathan Sherrod has watched his team endure a tough regular season, which will come to an end today when the Demons travel to Powell today (Jan. 29) for a makeup game that was recently snowed out.

Tip-off is slated for approximately 5:30 p.m.

But Sherrod continues to look for positives. "They played hard," Sherrod said of his squad. "They always play hard. They don't quit.

"Our eighth graders have really come in and taken

ownership of this team. We have a lot of good sixth and seventh graders who are really going to be good in the next couple of years.

The future may be bright for the Demons, but on this day, they couldn't stop Holston center Jayden Housewright, who was a force on the offensive glass and finished the contest with 17 points to lead all scorers. He, alone, equaled Halls Middle's offensive production over the first 12 minutes.

"He's a big kid," Atkins said of his huge post presence. "He's a big kid. As the season has gone on, he has gotten more aggressive and that's really a good thing for him."

Holston, which now turns its attention to the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament, which opens Friday, also got 16 points from Thompson.

"Our next game will be in the tournament and we'll probably be a No. 9 or No. 10 seed," Atkins said. "That's what it looks like."

Keaton Kidd had eight points to lead the Demons.

Halls gets big road win over Lady Hurricanes in MS hoops

By Ken Lay

For much of the 2017-18 basketball season Halls Middle School girls coach Richard Lee has watched his young team endure its share of struggles on the hardwood. But through it all, the Lady Demons have remained determined to play good basketball.

Halls finally saw all of its work payoff Thursday afternoon when it won a road game in front of a large hostile crowd at Holston Middle School. The Lady Demons left the floor with a 40-32 victory over the Lady Hurricanes in an in-school Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference tilt.

Early, however, it appeared that Halls (4-8 in conference play) would see its struggles continue as Holston (3-10 in the league) darted to an early 6-0 lead out of the gate.

But the Lady Demons, who close out their regular-season schedule today (Jan. 29) when they play a makeup game at Powell, battled back to knot the game 6-6 by the end of the first quarter.

Halls took its first lead of the game when Kiera Eyeretze made the score 9-6 when she buried a 3-point shot with 4 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the stanza. The Lady Demons went on to extend their advantage to 11-6 a short time later when Karis Smith scored.

Holston closed the second quarter on a modest 4-2 run and pulled to within 13-10 by halftime, despite not making a field goal over the final six minutes of the first half.

The Lady Hurricanes played their regular-season finale Thursday and they'll next be in action on the road Thursday in the first

round of the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Basketball Tournament on Feb.1.

Holston managed just two field goals before halftime and those came early in the contest when Jordann Reagan knocked down the first two shots of the game, including a 3-pointer the gave the Lady Hurricanes a 5-0 lead.

After taking the lead in the second quarter, the Lady Demons never trailed again. Lee said that was because his squad, which has seven sixth graders seeing significant playing time, got some big minutes from their reserves.

Halls also harassed the Lady Hurricanes with its pressure defense and the Lady Devils made their free throws down the stretch. They were 10-for-15 from the line in the final frame.

"We made our free throws," Lee said. "Our free throws are our biggest improvement of the season. Early in the year, we were awful. Now, we're at about 70 percent.

"We needed this and our bench really came through for us. Our kids just quit fighting and they never quit.

Holston did manage to tie the game at 25-25 early in the fourth quarter. But Halls outscored the Lady Hurricanes 15-7 over the final 5:17 of the game.

The Lady Demons didn't have a player post double figures in the game but their offensive attack was balanced.

Kendall Moles and Smith scored nine points apiece. Eyeretze finished with seven and Anna Jo Mullins finished with six.

Reagan scored 11 and Cassidy Johnson added 10 for Holston.

Bowling on Bearden team was very worthwhile for Hines

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soon got the facts and her and others welcomed Michael with open arms.

When this reporter learned of Hines' life-changing experiences, the 16-year-old junior was asked if bowling on the Bearden team had helped him in dealing with the loss of his mom, and if so, how and in what ways?

"I don't consider the Bearden High School team as a school that has helped me in that way because it would mean it's merely a distraction," answered Michael. "Allow me to clarify; the only things that would 'help me' deal with my loss are distractions. Most, pointless and repetitive. Some, worthwhile. Ultimately, nothing actually helps me deal with her death. Honestly I just go on for the sake of going on.

"Mile after mile on a treadmill. I'm going about my day because I have to. It's for the best for those who actually know me that I keep going. This mixed in with activities that null my memory of her death is the perfect combination to get me through high school and college."

Bowling on the Bearden High team was a 'worthwhile' distraction.

"Definitely," said Michael. "Distractions that I figure are worthwhile are entertaining and beneficial, that actually help me in some sort of way. Not think about the loss.

"Making connections with friends, getting to know new people, getting a little better at bowling, having this new experience kind of changed this little outlook I've had."

Hines started bowling at age 5 and regularly participated in youth leagues in Cleveland. He kept getting better and better and said he actually bowled a perfect game in his last league in Cleveland.

Hines rolled games of 178, 209 and 198 as Bearden placed second in the District 4 tournament this season.

Like many bowlers in the Region 2 tourney, Hines and his teammates weren't prepared

for the "oil pattern" on the lanes they faced at Pigeon Forge and saw their season end short of the sectionals.

"Next year, since we know how it's going to be, I think we'll be more prepared," said Michael. "I really think we could win the region tournament."

Coach Allen recalled wanting to run over and give Michael a hug when she saw him so disappointed at the region.

"Michael is a very conscientious young man," said Allen. "He never asks for anything. We have taken him in and several of the parents have helped with rides to games and practices. One of the parents helped him get new bowling shoes and I have a friend who wants to donate a new ball. He is a good student and respected and liked by his teachers.

"Michael loves bowling and makes it a priority," Allen added. "His last school did not have a team and he seems thrilled to be on our team. I think it allowed him to make new friends who have the same interest.

"In the beginning, he was very quiet, but now he's much more open and you can tell he is really having a good time with his teammates. The team is made up of a great group of students.

"Michael has a beautiful swing. He has really helped the team, bowled over 200 many games and has won the majority of his matches."

Hines expressed his appreciation last week to everyone who has helped him.

"They've really helped a bunch," he said. "I don't think I could have done as well without them. New bowling shoes, the transportation, a new ball that I'll be receiving. I really do appreciate what they do."

Although he is looking forward to the new ball, Hines said he will keep "Smoking Inferno," too. "My old coach's ball (in Cleveland) that he gave to me. Lot of sentimental value."

Roadrunners hope to make their mark this season

It's been over 40 years, but longtime Austin-East fans haven't forgotten the glory years of Roadrunner basketball.



By Steve Williams

The school gave Knox County its first state championship in the TSSAA's classification era when Elston Turner led A-E to the Class AAA title in 1977.

A brick monument honoring that squad still stands in front of the school on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

The Roadrunners won two more Class AA state championships in 1985 and 1987 as their fans packed Murphy Center in Murfreesboro.

I was fortunate to get to cover all three of those state championship games in my days as prep editor at the old Knoxville Journal.

I can still hear in my mind "Who Dat? Who Dat? ... Who Dat Talkin' Bout beatin' A-E?" booming through Murphy Center.

Dereke Upton, a captain on this season's Austin-East team, knows about the school's tradition in the sport and its history on the state level.

"I know we play good defense," he said of A-E's tradition prior to a practice session last week. "We always lock down. And I know everybody wants to get at us, so we just play as hard as we can."

As for the school's past success, he's seen the pictures of great Roadrunner teams and the trophies they earned.

"Yes, out there in the hall," said the 6-3 junior forward. "I look at them every day. They are motivation."

Now Upton and his teammates are trying to make their mark. They were ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA in The Associated Press poll going into Friday's District 4-AA game against Kingston and Saturday's trip to highly regarded Chattanooga Brainerd.

Because of recent inclement weather, it would be A-E's first action since playing Halls on Jan. 11.

"We're trying to make it to the state championship game and win it," added Upton, who also pointed out one of two places on the court where "Clifford H. Ross Gymnasium" is inscribed on the hardwood.

Coach Ross led the Roadrunners to that 1977 Class AAA title and his teams were

Roadrunners in TSSAA state basketball tournament

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Runners-up (5): 2001, 2000, 1999, 1986, 1982.

Championships (3): 1987, 1985, 1977.

known for their defense.

Marcus Stanton, who is in his fifth season as head coach, knows 2008 was the last time Austin-East made it to the state.

"When I came in everything was making the state tournament," he said. "They've always been a part of the state tournament."

Stanton said a significant drop in the school's enrollment in recent years had hindered the Roadrunners' success in athletics, but things were looking up again.

Jaiohn Foster, a left-handed 5-11 junior shooting guard, is one connection to the Roadrunners' past glory as he is a grandson of former A-E head coach John Foster, who also was a longtime assistant to Coach Ross.

"Jaiohn is becoming a great player," said Stanton. "He went through a stage when he was trying to find himself and was taking crazy shots, but he's playing more relaxed now. As he's improved, the whole team has improved. And they like him so much, they want him to do well."

There are three home games remaining on the regular season schedule A-E fans may want to circle on their calendar - Brainerd on Feb. 10, a make-up game against Alcoa Feb. 12 and the home finale against Bearden, the state's top-ranked Class AAA team, on Feb. 13.

Then the Roadrunners will turn their attention to getting through the district and region tournaments and back to the state once again.

Hunter and junior captains lead No. 2 ranked Austin-East

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so far this season and we hope to keep it going," said Coach Stanton.

Other key contributors have included 5-10 junior guard Derion Battle, 5-10 junior guard Ronney Pierson, 5-11 junior shooting guard Jaiohn Foster and 6-3 junior forward KaJaun Bullard.

"This is a group of kids that have been together since they were freshmen," said Stanton. "They still have some growing to do, but they are starting to believe in the fruits of hard work. It's a great group of guys and I hope we can continue to grow and get better."

Stanton served as an assistant for six

years at A-E before replacing former head coach Charles Mitchell, who is now head coach at Covington.

"They just want to get back to the state tournament, and once they get there, they believe they can win it," said Stanton. "This team works so hard defensively, and when they play well defensively, they can play with anybody.

"We don't have the best size, but they play hard. Everybody is on board with that and they're a fun team to watch."

Laron Dixon, a talented 6-1 sophomore guard, was expected to rejoin the team in last Friday's game against Kingston. He suffered a torn ACL knee injury in the Rocky Top league last summer and had surgery.

OUR VETERANS NEXT DOOR

Veterans, Patriots and Eagles

By Randall Baxter

Veteran football players will be asking us to watch them compete in the Super Bowl soon.

The NFL denied a veteran organization the ad space to ask people to stand during the National Anthem.

All Veterans are Patriots who soar with Eagles in my book. Looking for information for this article I ran across a letter from FDR on the need for sports in a time of war. He felt it was good for the country and should proceed.

FDR's decision to keep baseball going in order to boost morale on the homefront was interpreted by other commissioners as applicable to their sports as well. Like baseball, the National Football League stayed in business, and kicked off the season in September of 1942. Pro football was seriously impacted by the war effort. By the time the 1943 season began, some 600 players and coaches — more than half of the entire league — had joined the armed forces. As a result, the Cleveland Rams, which had lost not only most of its players, but its majority owner to the draft, suspended play for the season, leaving an uneven 9 teams in the NFL, many of which were shorthanded.

As a result, one of the strangest things in NFL history happened: two interstate rival teams -- the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers -- were merged. The result? A gaggle of World War Two draft rejects dubbed the "Steagles." At the onset of the 1943 season, neither of Pennsylvania's two NFL teams were in good shape. The Philadelphia Eagles had only 16 players (about 50%) left on their roster, and the Pittsburgh Steelers fared even worse, with a

mere 6 remaining. Each team had relied on the 1943 NFL Draft for replenishment, but the vast majority of NFL draft picks were instead drafted for the war.

"It sounds like we had a big advantage, putting two teams together as one," Steagles tackle Al Wistert later said, "but all it meant is that we had twice as many lousy players largely made up of the players who'd been rejected from the military draft." There were guys with bad eyes, bad knees, bad backs, punctured eardrums -- things that could get you out of service, but not an NFL game. Generally, most players in the NFL wanted to join the war: opting out, whatever the reason, was perceived as unpatriotic and cowardly — and being categorized as a 4-F was considered demeaning. Players were scrupulously questioned by fans: how could a man be physically fit enough to play football, yet not serve his country?

I agree with FDR. Our nation needs sports at trying times in our history. I wonder if the players today know this story, and that the men who played before them risked their football futures, to serve their country. I wonder if that would cause them to rethink their protests, and stand for our National Anthem?

I heard on a radio talk show this week, a question. Why continue the boycott?

To me this is why: Valley Forge, Fort McHenry, the Alamo, Vera Cruz, Shiloh, Gettysburg, Little Big Horn, San Juan Hill, the trench warfare of WWI, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, The Bulge, Okinawa, The Chosin Reservoir, Ia Drang, Hue, Falusia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Why not stand for them!

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

Salt of the Earth

Lately, I've become somewhat of a bird watcher. Perhaps this is because I've discovered it to be a contemplative exercise. I've always been an observer of nature, probably for the same reason I'm an internist. Details are important in internal medicine. Now, as I do my spiritual journaling, I watch birds through the window in my study and can differentiate between a male red-bellied woodpecker and a female yellow-bellied sapsucker.

However, I'm not a "birder," traveling around the country or the world on a quest to identify hundreds or thousands of birds. I just admire the beauty and diversity in my neck of the woods. And I'm teaching my grandson, Oakley, to be observant as I encourage him to take walks with me by saying, "Come on, Oaks, we might see something."

Babies exist in their own reality of feeding, sleeping

and eliminating. They perceive their mothers, and to a lesser extent their fathers, as gods. As children grow their horizons expand, and there's lots to see under their noses and over the next hill. As mentors of the next generations, our duty is to teach our young people how to see.

I have more time to take walks and contemplate birds. This is because, as a semi-retired internist, I'm not hurrying out the door to the office or the hospital. I have been spiritual journaling for seventeen years, and I recommend this prayerful exercise. And when you take the time to seek you will find answers to your questions.

There is great beauty in the creation. And the majesty of the creation which extends from quasars to quarks and everything in between is evidence of a Creator's hand. To argue that everything exists by

random chance is to argue that an infinitesimal possibility is more likely than rational probability.

Previously, I've written about the fundamental questions of life. Namely, where did humans come from and what is our purpose. I believe it is fanciful to think that the universe just occurred out of nothing, though proponents argue that it "popped" into existence out of some "quantum foam." People have even purported to have calculated the odds of this happening at one chance in 10 with eighty zeroes. It is possible, but ridiculously improbable. Far more likely is that the universe began as a result of God's creative energy 13.8 billion years ago and is progressing to a time where these words are read. So, what is our purpose? It is to seek and love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and our neighbors as ourselves. And I now consider my place in the creation and service as extensions of my purpose.

When you consider the age of the universe, our sun and the earth are of more recent creation. And the oceans from which we came explains why our tears taste salty. When our ancestors left the sea they carried with them beneath their skin the salt water of their ocean environment. The regulation of

the internal environment is controlled by our skin, kidneys, heart and other organs aided by the hormones of the endocrine system. A principal endocrine organ is the adrenal glands which sit atop the kidneys and produce hormones which help regulate salt, sugar, sex and survival. Without getting into the intricacies of aldosterone, estrogen, testosterone and cortisone produced in the adrenal glands, hormonal balance is necessary to help control our internal ocean environment and life and health. We doctors even use synthetic hormones like prednisone (steroids) to treat diseases such as asthma or lupus. And we give cocktails of estrogen and progesterone to prevent pregnancy or regulate dysfunctional uterine bleeding.

In antiquity, salt was important for preserving food and made it more flavorful. The word salary derives from the Latin word salarius or salt, perhaps because the wages of Roman Legionaries were sometimes paid in the valuable commodity of salt. Metaphorically, Jesus said that people "are the salt of the earth." I was always puzzled when he went on to say that salt can lose its "saltiness." Recently, I learned that salt in the Levant was mined from the Dead Sea area. Unlike

the purified salt we use today, the Dead Sea salt had other minerals. Water readily dissolves salt, and it's easy to understand how Dead Sea salt might eventually be washed away and leave only the saltless dross. Was the Master warning us to guard against the world washing away our saltiness or spirit?

Sometimes you encounter perspectives which seem serendipitous, but, in fact, may be much more. "Is there life after this life?" was the internet heading. I was intrigued, so I clicked on the link and watched the short video. As a science based guy, I know this question is impossible to answer directly because it cannot be tested. However, humans have indirect evidence of God. The Apostle Paul was no shabby philosopher and spoke to this question 2000 years ago in his letter to Romans (1:20). A bit later the Gospel John described God as love, speaking to the human awareness of this noumenal concept. In the last century, C.S. Lewis noted the concept of "ought" or the Moral Law which he posited as transcendent. And the leader of the Human Genome Project and now the Director of the NIH, Francis Collins, described this morality as written upon the fabric of our DNA.

The video from the

Prager University approaches the fundamental question of God and an afterlife through logic instead of experimentation because no experiment can prove or disprove the existence of God or an afterlife. You should go to YouTube and consider the short presentation. (Go to YouTube and search "Is There Life After This Life?" Prager University).

Like Dennis Prager I can't prove or disprove the existence of God or an afterlife. However, it makes far more sense to believe in God because there is such majesty in the universe - and Aristotle argued that something cannot come from nothing. Furthermore, there is the changed nature of a man who exhibits the Moral Law. And last, but not least, there is love. These are more than enough to convince me to trust in God rather than in man or government.

Socrates stated that when we close our eyes for the last time we will either blink into oblivion or awaken in the afterlife. He looked forward to meeting Homer who wrote the Iliad.

I trust in God and his promises. It makes life better now, and there is the hope of then.

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Edith Williams recalls life in Knoxville

A Knoxville leader passed away this month. She influenced many people in her very active life and is recognized as the successful push to re-establish the name "Lady Vols" to all University of Tennessee Women's Sports. The Knoxville native was a former school teacher, Tupperware Manager, and Christian Church member, Edith Williams is survived by her children, grandchildren, and many friends including public officials.

Edith seemed to know and influence everyone she met, reaching out personally and by social media to express her opinion and wishes, always to causes she championed. She loved singing and barbershop music, volunteered at Baptist and Tennova Hospital, and persisted until her passing.

The Focus contacted her son, Tom, who reviewed the story his mother

wrote and added some information. Here is Edith's story...

I'm a Knoxvillean. I'm 87 years old. I grew up on East 5th Avenue in what was then the best section in town, Park City. Our house was gorgeous, built by my grandfather Thomas David ("Tom") Huffine in 1916. He died a few months before I was born on December 16, 1929. According to my family, he was a real "character", the good kind. His wife, my grandmother Clara "Edith" Broome, was one of ten children of George and Elizabeth Broome who came over from England in the 1800s. Edith Broome's sister, my (great) "Aunt Nell," along with her husband Will Whittle, owned the "Bud Ogle Cabin" at Junglebrook near Gatlinburg when I was born, and I remember playing there when I was young. Edith and Nell's brother George was

the father of Harvey Broome, who helped form the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Appalachian Trail.

I was born Edith Gertrude Pickell at Fort Sanders Hospital, the first of three daughters of John Woodward "Pete" Pickell and Helen Catharine Huffine Pickell. We grew up in First Methodist Church, which was downtown where the Hilton hotel is now, where my parents were married in 1928. I was named for both of my grandmothers, the other one being Gertrude Woodward Pickell (pronounced "pickle", like a dill). She died when I was about 8 years old, in a fantastic Spanish style house that is still there in Sequoyah Hills. (I guess Sequoyah Hills was considered the REALLY best part of Knoxville. It had fancier houses than our Park City.)

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In the last fiscal year, 98 Senior Companion volunteers provided 71,450 hours of service to 315 frail seniors in Knoxville and Knox County. Of the individuals served by Senior Companions, 94% remained independent in their homes and avoided unnecessary and/or premature institutionalization.

The purpose of the Senior Companion Program is to help senior adults. It provides stipended volunteer community service opportunities for low-income people age 55 and older. To learn more about the program, visit knoxseniors.org.

Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice opens new 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."

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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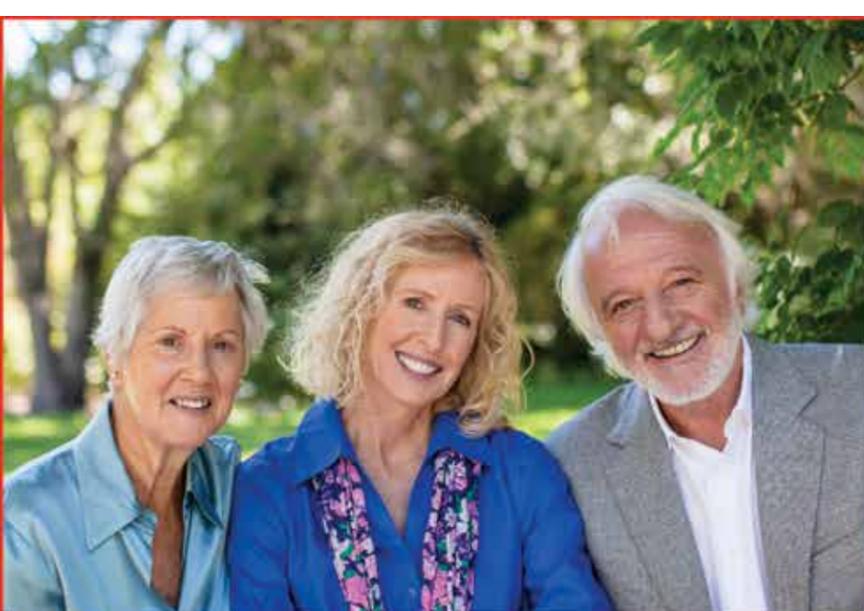
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"Ancient Israel greatly treasured the shalom of the Lord. Most often, we translate this word as "peace", but it encompassed much more than the end of anger between two warring tribes or the state of calm after a quarrel has been settled.

In addition to those things, shalom conveyed the idea of total well-being. This "peace" anchored itself in the security of complete acceptance

and pardon from God. Knowing the smile of his welcome, the open arms of his love forms the first building block, the cornerstone, in the stronghold of the peace our heavenly Father wants his children to enjoy."

I found these sentences in a little book I'm reading titled, "Be Blessed". I know you are wondering what do these sentences have to do with the number three. Let me tell you.

The fact that events happen in threes is an old wives tale, an ancient superstition. People like coincidences and there are a lot of them in our lives. Having one bad thing happen can make you feel unlucky, but three things

in succession--well, that can make you feel like the world is against you! Michael Jackson's untimely death coupled with the deaths of Ed McMahon and Farah Fawcett in the same week revived the belief of many that celebrity deaths, plane crashes and all manner of catastrophes come in threes. We pay attention to that number three, as in three musketeers, three little pigs, three wise men. And didn't the disciple Peter deny Jesus three times? We try to find meanings and messages in these groupings. There are many examples of that number three appearing down through the ages.

During the month of

December and now part of January I was under the belief that I was somehow being thrust under a really unlucky time, especially when the events came in threes. My computer wore out, my hearing aid broke and I had some monetary issues that were not of my doing--enough said about that. On the other hand, I also had three nice things happen--so, what can one say?

How to get through the unfortunate times? Have a calm mind and confident heart, friends and family to love and from whom we, in turn, receive love, a good reputation, enough money and other provision from God so we need not worry

about tomorrow, a healthy body, opportunities to contribute meaningfully in the lives of others, an eternity secure in the Savior whom God provided. Quite a list! Lastly, prepare for a heart of "shalom". It will come through the three wonders that God has given us. Himself, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. That's all we need.

Thought for the day: You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop and look fear in the face. Eleanor Roosevelt

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FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Brian C. Rickman and Pamela C. Rickman executed a Deed of Trust to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Lender and Quality Title, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated July 11, 2007 and recorded on July 13, 2007 in Instrument No. 200707130003858, 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, Fifth Third Mortgage 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 **February 15, 2018, 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 the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of any municipality in the State of Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot Number 46, HERON'S POINT SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, as shown by map of record in Map Cabinet P, Slide 368-A, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which map reference is here made for a more particular description thereof.

This conveyance is made subject to all applicable easements, restrictions and building setback lines of record.

BEING all of the property conveyed to Brian C. Rickman and wife, Pamela C. Rickman, from Michael Scott Krahl and wife, Nancy Krahl, by General Warranty Deed dated July 11, 2007, of record in Instrument Number; 200707130003857, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 162JA-046
 Address/Description: 13027 Sanderling Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Current Owner(s): Brian C. Rickman and wife, Pamela C. Rickman.

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

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 22, 2014, executed by David Lee Fitzgibbon, Unmarried, to David W. Kious, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on January 24, 2014, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201401240043897.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, 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 **February 15, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at the City County Building located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

SITUATED in the Ninth (9th) District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 1, property of H. L. Kaylor, as shown by map of record in Map Cabinet G, Slide 271-B, (Map Book 49-L, Page 107), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and as shown on a boundary survey dated March 14, 1950, prepared by Dennis N. Gore, RLS, License No. 1950, whose address of P.O. Box 5881, Knoxville, Tennessee 37928-0881.

No new boundary line survey was performed at the time of this conveyance.

SUBJECT to restrictions, easements, setbacks, and other conditions recorded in Plat Cabinet G, Slide 271-B, Map Book 49-L, Page 107, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SUBJECT to restrictions, easements, setbacks, and other conditions recorded in Deed Book 653, Page 145, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to David Lee Fitzgibbon, by Warranty Deed, dated January 22, 2013 and recorded in Instrument No. 201401240043896, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

123P-A-006.00
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Current Owner(s) of Property: David Lee Fitzgibbon

Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; 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. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: David Lee Fitzgibbon; Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

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; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Harry C. Clark and Iris M. Clark executed a Deed of Trust to CTX Mortgage Company, Lender and Roushanak Pazouki Baghahi, Trustee(s), which was dated September 28, 2001 and recorded on October 5, 2001 in Instrument No. 200110060027165, 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 **February 15, 2018, 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, LYING AND BEING in the Ninth (9th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 26th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 3, in Block C, in what is known as Part Two Sixth Unit of SOUTH HAVEN HILLS and Re-subdivision of Lot 11, Fourth Unit of South Haven Hills, as shown by map of said subdivision of record in Map Book 20, page 87, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, said lot lying and being situated on the northern side of Berea Avenue, and for more particular description reference is made to the map of record aforesaid.

The instrument constituting the source of the Borrower's interest in the foregoing described property was a Warranty Deed recorded in Instrument No. 20110050027164 in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 109CF 017
 Address/Description: 2011 Berea Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Current Owner(s): Harry C. Clark
 Other Interested Party(ies): Bob Hauther d/b/a County Bail Bonding.

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

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

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

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Ayanna M. Troutman and Dwayne C. Troutman A/K/A Dwayne Troutman executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Penn Financial, LLC, Lender and Melrose Title Company, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated November 12, 2015 and recorded on November 16, 2015 in Instrument No. 201511160030362, 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, New Penn Financial LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, (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 **February 13, 2018, 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 the 5th Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 44th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 30, Block B, Holiday Hills Subdivision, Unit 3, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 304-A (Map Book 67-S, Page 80), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description

Grantor herein makes oath that the property conveyed herein has never been occupied as the principal place of residence for his spouse or any dependents.

BEING the same property conveyed to Ayanna M. Troutman and Dwayne C. Troutman from James F. Joiner, unmarried by Warranty Deed dated November 12, 2015, filed for record in Instrument No. 201511160030361, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 092EB 030
 Address/Description: 5749 Acapulco Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37921.

Current Owner(s): Ayanna M. Troutman and Dwayne C. Troutman.

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.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 20, 2015, executed by Ronald J. Sturgill and Megan J. Felton, husband and wife, to Aspen Title and Escrow, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for PEOPLES HOME EQUITY, INC, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on July 22, 2015, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201507220004937.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, 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 **February 15, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at 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:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:
 Situated in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 32nd Ward of the City of Knoxville and being all of Lot 14 in Gillenwater Subdivision, Unit 3, as shown by map of record in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 90-C (formerly Map Book 14, page 160, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said lot is fronting 65 feet on the southeast side of Gillenwater Road, and being more particularly bounded and described as shown on survey of G.T. Trotter, Jr., Surveyor, dated February 24, 1978.

The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no new boundary survey having been provided at time of conveyance.

This conveyance is made subject to restrictions as recorded in Book 699, page 113 and in Book 902, page 383, said Register's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Carlos Eric Gardona and Kaitlyn Arianna Gardona, by Special Warranty Deed dated June 3, 2011 and recorded on June 8, 2011, in Instrument No. 201106080070832, Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Ronald J. Sturgill and Megan Felton from Carlos Eric Gardona and Kaitlyn Arianna Gardona by virtue of Warranty Deed dated 07/17/15 of record in Instrument # 201507220004936 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 070GE017
 Commonly known as 3312 Gillenwater Dr, Knoxville, TN 37917

However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control

Current Owner(s) of Property: Ronald J.

Sturgill and Megan Felton

Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; 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. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Ronald J. Sturgill, Megan J. Felton, Megan Felton and Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

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; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Billie F. Summers and Joseph W. Summers, Jr. executed a Deed of Trust to AmSouth Bank, Lender and FMLS, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated March 14, 2005 and recorded on March 29, 2005 in Instrument No. 200503290075810, 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, Regions Bank Successor by Merger with AmSouth Bank, (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 **February 13, 2018, 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:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE TN KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 43 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING ALL OF LOT 22 IN BLOCK G, WEST HAVEN VILLAGE UNIT 2 AS SHOWN BY REVISED MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 145, IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID LOT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SPICEWOOD LANE AT THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN LOTS 21 AND 22; THENCE WITH THE LINE OF SPICEWOOD LANE, SOUTH 66 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST 130 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF CURVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SPICEWOOD LANE AND BIRCHWOOD ROAD THENCE WITH THE CURVE OF SAID INTERSECTION, THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 20 FEET IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AN ARC DISTANCE OF 31.42 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF BIRCHWOOD ROAD, THENCE WITH SAID LINE, SOUTH 23 DEGREES 9 MINUTES EAST 95 FEET TO THE CORNER OF LOT 23; THENCE WITH THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 22 AND 23 NORTH 66 DEGREES 53 MINUTES EAST 150 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 21; THENCE WITH SAID LINE, NORTH 23 DEGREES 7 MINUTES WEST 115 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SUMMERS, JOSEPH W AND BILLIE FAYE BY DEED. RECORDED IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, IN BOOK 1065 PAGE 91.

Parcel ID Number: 080CN 019
 Address/Description: 3100 Spicewood Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921.

Current Owner(s): The Estate of Joseph W. Summers.

Other Interested Party(ies): Tennessee Department of Revenue and Republic Finance.
 In addition, this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TAX ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-1-1433(c)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument No. 20130280027006 and Instrument No. 20130280027010, Notice of the sale has been given to the State of Tennessee in accordance with T.C.A. 67-1-1433(b)(1).

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

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

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

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310
 Atlanta, GA 30341
 PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
 File No.: 17-18809 FC01

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 6, 2006, executed by HELEN BERNICE SLUDER HUMPHREY, PERRY BRACKTON HUMPHREY, conveying certain real property therein described to KNOXVILLE BUILDERS ESCROW SERVICES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 16, 2006, at Instrument Number 200602160069429;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-FF7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF7 who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lubin 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 Lubin 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 **February 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT THREE (3) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET, 200 FEET EAST FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET WITH THE EAST LINE OF 6' AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH 6TH AVENUE, 130 FEET TO AN ALLEY; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID ALLEY, 47-1/2 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST GIVEN LINE, 130 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF GRAINGER STREET, 47-1/2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID: 0821E012
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 1618 GRAINGER AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37917. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF HELEN HUMPHREY

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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 23, 2007, executed by SHIRLEY G PUGLISE, WILLARD J PUGLISE, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 27, 2007, at Instrument Number 200703270078170;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, DISTRICT 9, 26TH WARD, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2274, PAGE 567, ID# 109E-005, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5 SYLVANIA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, MAP OF RECORD CABINET D SLIDE 251A, (MAP BOOK 44-S, PAGE 4), AS SHOWN ON SURVEY OF MICHAEL E. LUTHEKE, SURVEY OR RLS NO. 842, DATED 06/16/1995, DRAWING NO. 95231.

Parcel ID: 109E005
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 2324 SYLVANIA, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): SHIRLEY G PUGLISE, WILLARD J PUGLISE

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK N.A. 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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 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
 Memphis, TN 38103
 www.rubinelublin.com/property-listings.php
 Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846
 Ad #130486 01/29/2018, 02/05/2018, 02/12/2018

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 September 15, 2005, executed by PAUL RIVARD AND ALICE RIVARD, conveying certain real property therein described to K WINSTON, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 16, 2005, at Instrument Number 200509160024980;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN DISTRICT NUMBER SIX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 2212 PAGE 1013 ID# 133CJ/028, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 28, WESTMORELAND COURT SUBDIVISION, FILED IN MAP CABINET K SLIDE 219-D, ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF BRUCE MCCLELLAN, R.L.S., DATED APRIL 23, 1996, AND BEARING DRAWING NUMBER 33457.

Parcel ID: 133CJ028
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 805 HANSMORE PL, 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): PAUL RIVARD AND ALICE RIVARD

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

pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201209210019038. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201212120038541. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201401060040597. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201608050008548. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b). In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201707100001862. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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

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COURT NOTICES

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

Frank Leahy Renner Jr.
 You have been sued.
 Read the information below.
 Petitioner's name is:
Grace Moranda Alegria Renner
CASE NUMBER: 17FL04805.

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE-RESTRAINING ORDERS:
 These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

SEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court are:
 Sacramento County Superior Court
 3341 Power Inn Road,
 Sacramento, CA 95826.

The name and contact email address of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are:

Grace Moranda Alegria Renner
 Grace.Renner@yahoo.com
 Date: August 18, 2017. Clerk by: Is/ Donnita M. Deputy

INSERT Dates the notice will be published (January 6, 15, 22, 29, 2018)

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MEGAN S. MITCHELL;
IN RE: KEVIN KIRCHEN v. MEGAN S. MITCHELL
NO. 194679-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MEGAN S. MITCHELL a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MEGAN S. MITCHELL it is ordered that said defendant MEGAN S. MITCHELL file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with John M. Boucher, Jr., an Attorneys whose address is, 625 Market Street, 14th Floor, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 24th day of January, 2018.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF POLLY JO BUCHANAN BEGLEY
DOCKET NUMBER 79833-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of POLLY JO BUCHANAN BEGLEY who died Dec 14, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication;

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

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

This 24th day of JANUARY, 2018.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 18 day of JANUARY, 2018.

KIMBERLY S COTTEN; EXECUTRIX
 888 E HUNT ROAD
 ALCOA, TN. 37701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET EVELYN EVERETT
DOCKET NUMBER 79838-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET EVELYN EVERETT who died Nov 3, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2018.

MANDY RICHARDSON; EXECUTRIX
 114 RACCOON VALLEY ROAD
 HEISKELL, TN. 37754

STEPHEN H BYRD ATTORNEY AT LAW
 9051 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CRYSTAL LYNNE FOSTER
DOCKET NUMBER 79774-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of January 2018, special letters administration in respect of the Estate of CRYSTAL LYNNE FOSTER who died May 22, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 5th day of January, 2018.

M. SMANTHA PARRIS;
 ADMINISTRATRIX AD LITEM
 4610 CENTRAL AVENUE PIKE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON DIANE MILLER
DOCKET NUMBER 79835-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of JANUARY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON DIANE MILLER who died Dec 1, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 19 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ANGELA DIANE HAWKINS;
 ADMINISTRATRIX
 119 WILDER LANE
 POWELL, TN 37849

STEPHEN H BYRD ATTORNEY AT LAW
 9051 EXECUTIVE PARK DRIVE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DON GORDON OWENS
DOCKET NUMBER 79850-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DON GORDON OWENS who died Jan 2, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2018.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DON GORDON OWENS
DOCKET NUMBER 79850-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DON GORDON OWENS who died Jan 2, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 22 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF DON GORDON OWENS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KATHY O DUGGAN; EXECUTRIX
 1201 NOKOMIS CIRCLE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

PHILIP J BYRDE ATTORNEY AT LAW
 212 S PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT;
IN RE: AMANDA TENELLE GARRETT
v. TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT
NO. 195057-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT it is ordered that said defendant TEDDY EUGENE GARRETT file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Ryan Wortley, an Attorneys whose address is, 3715 Powers Street Knoxville, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of January, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLINTON WISE
DOCKET NUMBER 79810-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM CLINTON WISE who died Dec 13, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 9th day of January, 2018.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CLINTON WISE
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 LISA WISE; EXECUTRIX
 2141 NORVELL ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ROBERT W. GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
 4611 OLD BROADWAY
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN RUTHERFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 79812-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN RUTHERFORD who died Nov 21, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 10 day of January, 2018.

ESTATE OF JOHN RUTHERFORD
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 STEWART E CARNES; EXECUTOR
 1909 BELCARD DRIVE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF STEVEN BARNARD HALL
DOCKET NUMBER 79816-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEVEN BARNARD HALL who died Dec 19, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 10 day of January, 2018.

ESTATE OF STEVEN BARNARD HALL
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMA RUTH JOHNSON
DOCKET NUMBER 79822-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of JANUARY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMA RUTH JOHNSON who died Nov 15, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 12 day of January, 2018.

ESTATE OF NORMA RUTH JOHNSON
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 KIMBERLY P HOLLOWAY; EXECUTRIX
 6313 LACY ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

of the Estate of NORMA RUTH JOHNSON who died Nov 15, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
 This the 12 day of JANUARY, 2018.

ESTATE OF NORMA RUTH JOHNSON
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF

Edith Williams

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I'm very much like my dad and my grandmother Gertrude. Daddy could be walking down Gay Street by himself, when a man walked toward him, also by himself. In five minutes, my dad would know everything about that man. That's the way I am too. I always like to know about people I meet.

I was called Edie by my family. When my mother wanted to name me Edith, after HER mother, my grandmother Edith said "well, you can name her Edith if you'll promise never to call her Edie." Guess what... most of my friends call me Edie, because that was what my husband called me.

My husband was James "Alex" Williams, or "Willie" as he was nicknamed in the Navy (before I met

him). A lot of our friends called him Willie. My family called him that too, until I told them all one day that his real name was Alex and he preferred that name. At hearing this, my oldest niece, Marcia Bouska, said "we CAN'T call him Alex... he's just so willie-ish." Alex and I met at UT in 1950. We were introduced to each other by my best friend in Tri-Delt, Marilyn Means, and her future husband, Ralph Stuart Depew, Jr., when they first started dating. Our first date was the Tri-Delt formal in May 1950.

Marilyn and Ralph got married in August 1951, and both Alex and I were in their wedding. When we got married on November 1, 1957, Marilyn and Ralph were our matron of honor and best man. We've been best friends ever since.

Alex would now be 91, but he died in January 2013. He was born on May 1, 1926, at home on a farm near Ripley in West Tennessee. He joined the Navy when he was 18, knowing he would be drafted. He was in the Navy for almost 2 years, at the end of World War II, working in the engineering department on troop ships going back and forth across the Pacific. He came to UT on the GI bill in 1948 and shared a dorm room with Ralph Depew in Neyland Stadium. One Sunday morning, Ralph invited him to go to church with him. (Alex had grown up in a little Methodist church outside of Ripley and had been going to church anywhere he could walk to from campus.) That Sunday, they walked from campus to First Christian

Church (FCC) on East 5th Avenue. (Ralph's father had been a preacher in a Christian church.) They started singing in the choir after their first Sunday there.

Music has always played an important part in my life, having grown up with piano lessons, chorus work, college music courses, and voice lessons. I directed the Tri-Delts in All-Sing both of my years at UT, and we won both years. Later in 1954, I began singing as the contralto soloist in the choir at FCC (with Alex, and Marilyn and Ralph). I eventually became a member of FCC along with Alex. Sadly, FCC closed in June 2015, but we shared many great memories there for more than a half century.

I'll be putting this letter into a section I have in the



Edith and Alex Williams leave for their honeymoon in 1957.

computer called "Edie's diary"...which I've promised my kids I'll write someday. I forgot to mention that we had four children, three boys and one girl. We have five grown

grandchildren. Marilyn and Ralph had three girls and one boy. They have LOTS of grandchildren, some great-grandchildren, plus a couple of great-greats.



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Bid 2643, Heat Seal Trays, Fruit Cups, and Films, due 2/28/18;
Bid 2646, Pumping of Grease Traps (Re-Bid), due 2/28/18;
Bid 2648, Homeland Security Consulting Services, due 2/28/18
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on February 16, 2018 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 5000 Rutledge Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.
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