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Chris Blue, winner of season 12 of The Voice, honored Donna Smith with the Humanitarian Hero Award. Smith works year-round holding purse sales, basket raffles and rummage sells to raise funds for the annual event. This year those funds sponsored the Survivor VIP Room.

Voting totals could surpass 2016 numbers in Knox County

By Mike Steely
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"This is unheard of for a mid-term," Knox County Election Administrator Cliff Rodgers told The Focus.

Tuesday is Election Day in Tennessee and across the country as voters cast their ballots for their picks to hold public office. The turnout in the state has already seen more than 1 million voters and after Election Day the unusually high number of people voting may surpass the number of people who voted in the 2016 presidential election.

Tennessee has been one of the bottom four states in turnout. The Trump vs. Clinton election saw about 51% of registered voters making their choice of candidates.

There are 16,799,476 eligible voters in our state. In the 2014 off-year election only 28 percent bothered to vote. The Knox County Election Commission has forecast that this year about 70% of those who planned to vote probably voted early. That might mean that this off-year election turnout would be equal to the turnout in the presidential election.

Thursday was the final day to vote early and 11,110 people voted that day, bringing the final total number of voters at the ballot places to 113,736, according to information from Rodgers.

On the ballot locally are state representative and senate races, the governorship, and U. S. Congress and Senate seats. Since the Republican Party controls the state and Knox County it isn't unusual that that party's candidates are listed as the first name on each ballot, followed by the Democrat candidate and then the Independent candidates.

The expected close races include the race for U. S. Senate, pitting Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn against former Governor Phil Bredesen. A local close race between incumbent State Representative Eddie Smith and former State Representative Gloria Johnson is also getting some attention. Smith and Johnson faced

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Survivors celebrated at 10th Pink Ribbon Celebration

By Rose King

The Grande Event Center was a sea of pink Tuesday for Compassion In Action's 10th Annual Gala, The Pink Ribbon Celebration. Of the well over 500 attendees, more than 200 breast cancer survivors were given VIP treatment with champagne punch, appetizers and goodie bags in the Survivor Room before being ushered to their seats in the Grand Ballroom.

"The event began 10 years ago to honor breast cancer survivors and raise funds for the Compassion in Action fund and has grown each year since. It's just amazing!" said Janine Mingie, founder of the organization and celebration. "This just wouldn't be possible without an amazing team of volunteers, who meet and plan for months, table decorators who help make the ballroom so beautiful and the sponsorship from local businesses, media outlets and donors."

Games, prizes, silent auction and raffles brought excitement while raising funds to help uninsured and under-insured women receive breast imaging and meet some of the

unexpected financial needs that arise while patients are undergoing treatment.

Chris Blue headlined, bringing songs of encouragement and words of hope along with some hits from the past that brought the packed house to their feet. In addition to an energetic and inspirational show, he presented his Humanitarian Hero Award to Donna Smith who led her team to sponsor this year's VIP Survivor Room.

"When Chris asked us for a nomination for the award, there was no doubt who our hero is," said Mingie, "Donna works tirelessly all year long to raise money and help people through Compassion in Action. She also helps in nursing homes, volunteers with homeless and provides baskets for the homebound. She's like a little stick of dynamite working and giving all over the community. She's certainly one of my heroes!"

Contributions to Compassion in Action, a non-profit organization, can be made to Compassion in Action Corporation, 3201 Chantilly Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. You may also find them on Facebook or online at www.pinkribboncelebration.com.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Comedienne Leanne Morgan entertains the packed house at the Grande Event Center during last Tuesday's celebration. Morgan appeared for the 10th year, reminding all that even through serious circumstances, fun and laughter are good medicine. WBIR's Robin Wilhoit returned as well to emcee the event.

Chancellor rules in favor of mayor, county commission

By Mike Steely
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After several hours of legal arguments before Chancellor John Weaver last Monday the judge responded that he will make a ruling within the week on whether or not the Knox County Law Director has the power to sue the pension board.

That ruling came on Friday afternoon when Weaver stated that the law director's clients are the Knox County Mayor and Commission. The judge ruled that, as the mayor and the commission had directed Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong to drop the lawsuit against the pension board and several retiring deputies, the lawsuit must be dropped.

Following the ruling The Focus asked Armstrong who has the authority or standing to enforce the government entities to abide by the charter?

"The law director does," Armstrong replied, adding, "Until his clients directly tell him to stop. That's what just happened."

He said the county doesn't want to know if the pension plan is being legally applied but he'll follow the mayor and commission's direction.

Where does that leave the "settlement" of the lawsuit? Will it be decided in the November 5 hearing before Weaver?

"It's over," the law director said. He added that this morning's 9:30 a.m. hearing before Judge Weaver

may dismiss the class action suit and the case will be completed.

"My power is there but it's not absolute," he said.

Asked if he could pursue future violations of the charter or handle cases involving county officials he said he could until ordered not to do so.

Mayor Jacobs issued the following statement:

"I believe the Law Director Armstrong was acting in what he believed was the public's best interest, but there are better ways of resolving this issue without resorting to an expensive and divisive lawsuit. The Chancellor's ruling defines a path of resolution for this lawsuit and sets a precedent for how Know

County proceeds with litigation in the future. I'm glad to have this in place now and am excited to move forward."

Last week's hearing

Several attorneys gave various opinions on the power of the law director inside the packed courtroom last Monday. Attorney Melissa Carrasco, hired by the law director to pursue the case on his behalf, countered most of the arguments and cited, time and again, the county charter and the 2007 referendum setting the language on pensions the Uniformed Officers of the Sheriff's

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Many veteran events planned around Veterans Day

By Mike Steely
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The East Tennessee Military Affairs Council has released a list of the many veteran events in and around Knoxville. Special programs include not only the parade this Friday downtown but also various events, programs, and free or reduced meals at restaurants all in an effort to recognize veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Veterans are reminded to have proper identification reflecting their military service when asking for any special. That includes military ID cards, VA ID cards, paperwork like a copy of the DD214 discharge, a driver's license with a military symbol, veteran organization cards, etc.

Please visit www.knoxfocus.com to view the complete list including restaurant, dental and eye specialists.

Nov. 8 - "Remembering our Fallen" opening ceremony 7:30 p.m. with Gold Star Families at UT campus.

Open until 4 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11. "Remembering Our Fallen" is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military Fallen from The War on Terror (9/11/2001 - Present). Unlike brick and mortar memorials, Remembering Our Fallen is designed to travel and includes both military and personal photos. Its legacy will be that these men and women will be remembered and

their names will be spoken, while helping to lessen the grief of their families.

Nov. 9 - 93rd Annual American Legion Veteran's Day Parade. Step off is at 10:40 a.m. on Gay Street, downtown Knoxville with Captain Bill Robinson as Grand Marshal and Air Force Maj Gen Stephen Clark as the reviewing officer.

Nov. 11: The 'Bells of Peace' campaign calls for a national bell tolling across the country at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, to mark the centennial of the end of World War I. Now, Bells of Peace has a smartphone app to help groups or individuals, who want to participate, especially those who do not have access to bells.

The new app is free, and is available for either Apple or Android platforms. Search for 'Bells of Peace' in either app store or visit the World War I Centennial Commission website.

Nov. 11 - East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park will host the "Sounds of Remembrance" on November 11, 2018, at precisely 11:00 a.m. when buglers and trumpeters from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other countries will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the first World War with a worldwide sounding of Taps and The Last Post, sponsored by Taps for Veterans. Each performer will sound their

call at a location of their choosing.

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Spaghetti Luncheon at Faith Encounter Church, 2342 Duncan Road, Maryville, TN at 1:00 p.m., after morning service. Website: <http://www.faithencounter.church>. Contact Michael Williams, 865-336-4955 or email: michael.e.williams124.mil@mail.mil for information.

Nov. 13 - Christian Academy of Knoxville will hold its annual Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 13 at 10 a.m. in the Campus Center Gym (529 Academy Way, Knoxville 37923). Proud Vietnam Veteran Reverend Pat Polis of

Washington Pike United Methodist Church will be the featured speaker. A wide musical assortment of live patriotic music provided by the Warrior Band and various school choirs will be enjoyed as well with each branch being distinctly honored during the Armed Forces tribute song. This is a very moving program in which veterans are sure to leave feeling honored and appreciated! RSVP for you and your guests no later than November 8, by emailing events@cakmail.org. All large groups are encouraged to arrive by 9:40 a.m. to allow for ample seating time. <http://www.cakwarriors.com/>

VA hospital needed in Knoxville

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Like many veterans who need medical care and can only find the basic needs met in Knoxville I recently went with my wife for a procedure at the VA hospital in Johnson City. I can't complain about the care, it was excellent. I do want to comment on the requirement of most vets to apply for care through the Tallent Center here and then being referred to Johnson City. Sometimes it takes weeks to get scheduled.

My pre-op chat with the physician took place by way of a video-chat with me at the Tallent Center and the doctor in Johnson City. It was informative and worthwhile but the many day wait between my emergency room visit and the actual procedure was lengthy and painful. The idea that I had to notify the Veterans Administration that I had a non-VA emergency visit was obviously a good idea and led to the VA treatment.

The question is, given the length of time and the expense of traveling

to Johnson City, why such a procedure could not have been done through a private physician here in Knoxville. Most vets, as I do, carry a VA card and a separate "Veterans Choice Card." That second card states "This card does not provide pre-approval. Veterans may be liable for the cost of care that is not pre-approved."

There's an emergency number on the back and a web address but who has the time or the thought to call the VA when rushing to an emergency room?

Sometimes medical care for veterans is a choice between Medicare or the VA. Getting local care with Medicare is more expensive but quicker. Getting a VA appointment in Johnson City usually made through the veteran's primary care physician at the Tallent Center and can take days or weeks before visiting Johnson City.

The Williams C. Tallent Outpatient Clinic does all it can to help veterans with their non-emergency needs. There's lots of out-patient care there

including treatment, prescriptions, exams, eye care, and even counseling. Each time I or my son have been in the local facility the place is always packed with other men and women with prior military duty.

Yet there's only so much an out-patient clinic can do.

Many veterans over 65 years old also have Medicare but I was surprised to learn that Medicare and the VA do not help fund treatment when one care is used or the other. If there's a gap in Medicare, usually 20% of what Medicare allows, the VA cannot by law pick up the difference.

While a bus is provided by the Disabled American Veterans to transport veterans to the Johnson City hospital and back it only runs Monday and Tuesday at 5 p.m. from the Downtown West VA Annex. They also pick up veterans needing a ride in the vacant lot next to McDonald's on Magnolia at 5:30. The DAV shuttle leaves Johnson City at 2 p.m. the same days.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays the AMVETS provides a ride at the Magnolia Avenue location.

The DAV needs to hear from veterans needing a ride a couple days prior to Monday or Tuesday and anyone can call and reserve a FREE seat at (865) 694-7101 by leaving the name, phone number and schedule of appointment. If the

veteran expects to stay overnight in Johnson City that information must be shared with the DAV.

Veterans who drive to the VA hospital in Johnson City might get reimbursed that expense if they fill out a form there. Reimbursement depends on the status and income of the patient.

I'm glad that my medical procedure could wait for that Johnson City visit and I'm happy with the results. Yet I can't help but think of a relative of mine who suffered a heart attack and had to get immediate Knoxville care. To help out I notified the VA as soon as the incident was less critical and remember the VA spokesperson asking me on the phone if he had prior approval for outside care.

My response was "Who's going to call for approval in the middle of a heart attack?"

Congressman John Duncan, Jr. had promised a VA hospital or expansion of services in our community and I hope that the next representative will continue that effort.

We've heard promises from our federal representatives and candidates of expanding the VA facility here. So far that's what it has been, promises.

What Does Tennessee Law Say About Nudist Colonies?

I know the question that has been burning in your mind. It's like an itch that you have needed scratched for a long time. Well I am here to answer your question and scratch that itch. What is the question that has been gnawing in your mind and keeping you up at night? What does Tennessee law say (if anything) about nudist colonies?

I will tell you that I had no idea myself that Tennessee legislators had gone to the trouble of making a law that address nudist colonies, but they have actually done just that. I would imagine this is a law that does not get brought up much or discussed, but it does exist.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-6-304 states, "No person who has been granted visitation rights to a child shall, during the child's minority, expose the child to any facility organized or operated as a nudist colony without the consent of the custodial parent. Any court of competent jurisdiction shall have the ability to enforce these provisions and enjoin violations of this section through the full extent of the court's civil and criminal contempt powers."

Okay so what is this law even saying? Basically,



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this law says that if someone has visitation rights with a child, they are not allowed to expose the child to a nudist colony without the consent of the custodial parent. When would this ever come in to play? As best I can tell, this

would happen if one parent has some visitation with a child, but the other parent is the custodial parent. Another option might be if a grandparent has visitation rights with a child. If the adult with visitation and not custody wants to take the child to a nudist colony, they have to get the permission of the custodial parent to do so.

This makes logical sense that something like this would have to approved by a custodial parent, but you question what situation occurred that made it necessary for legislators to draft this law, vote on it, and get it ratified in to an actual Tennessee law.

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Publisher's Position

Pension Decision Raises Bigger Questions



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The decision issued by Chancellor John Weaver regarding the lawsuit about pensions raises some bigger issues that will certainly confront the county for quite some-time to come. In essence, Chancellor Weaver's opinion focused upon one question: does the county

mayor and county commission have the right to settle lawsuits involving the county. Weaver decided clients have the right to settle lawsuits.

What was not settled --- and it is a mighty important issue --- is precisely what is at heart of the question: does the pension board have the right to determine retirement compensation on the basis of base salaries or total compensation, which includes vacation pay? If it is the latter, Knox County taxpayers may already be on the hook for \$41 million in unfunded pension liability. The Knox County Charter is quite clear on pension benefits, saying no county employee may retire at more than 75% of full salary. The seven retired sheriff's deputies involved in this case

are retiring at various percentages of full salary; as I understand it, at least one of them is being allowed to retire at 97% of full salary. In what world does someone get to retire at 97% of full salary for life? That is clearly contrary to the provisions of the Knox County Charter.

One can easily dismiss this by saying it's merely seven deputies retiring, but it begs the question of how many others will be allowed to retire at a greater rate than allowed by the charter and keep in mind, the pensions must be actuarially sound, meaning they must be funded. There is also only ONE funding source: you and your tax dollars. A deficit of \$41 million would require at least a 41 cent property tax increase, merely to fund pensions

for sheriff's deputies.

Not to be confused with regular county employees who do not enjoy a lifetime pension, deputies already receive 2 1/2 times the ordinary contributions to their pensions as compared to other county employees. That was decided in a referendum promoted by then-Sheriff Tim Hutchison. While Mayor Glenn Jacobs and a majority of the county commission wanted to settle the lawsuit, are they prepared to deal with a funding formula that obligates Knox County to come up with an additional \$41 million? Do they have the will to impose a huge tax increase merely to fund bigger lifetime pensions for sheriff's deputies?

The devil is always in the details and in this instance, that means the funding

formula devised by the pension board in approving retirement pensions for deputies. Defined pension benefits have actually bankrupted some communities and perhaps not coincidentally, Knox County has been in debt ever since voters approved the special pensions for deputies. Former mayor Tim Burchett spent years attempting to pay down Knox County's burgeoning debt and a \$41 million whack would likely wipe out all the progress made in paying down debt.

While Chancellor Weaver's decision may have gone against him in this instance, Law Director Bud Armstrong is one of the most honorable men in government anywhere. Few public officials have been as vigilant in steadfastly protecting the interests of

the people he serves: the taxpayers. Armstrong is fearless, immune to being bullied by special political interests and a man of solid integrity. Every lawyer has lost a case here or there and Bud Armstrong would be no different, but it does not detract one particle from his ability or honesty. We are lucky to have Bud Armstrong as Knox County Law Director.

Obviously, any employee is entitled to a fair pension and to reap whatever he or she put aside, but to go well beyond what is stated in the charter is wrong. Mayor Glenn Jacobs and most county commissioners have insisted they are fiscal conservatives. Time will tell.

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each other twice before with Smith winning with a very slim majority. Libertarian Zachary Houk is running against the two as an Independent and it will be seen if the third candidate pulls votes from the pair.

Commissioner Dave Wright's race to replace Roger Kane for the District 19 seat in the state house pits him against Democrat Edward Nelson and Independent Michelle Westover.

Former Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett faces Democrat Renee Hoyos to

replace Congressman John Duncan, Jr. and there are four Independents in that race.

There are 24 Independents in the race for governor where Republican Bill Lee faces Democrat Karl Dean.

The Blackburn-Bredesen Senate race has six Independents also running.

Unusual for the ballot this year is the number of Democratic candidates. Every race for the state Senate and House has a Democrat and only one incumbent; Representative Rick Staples

of District 16, has no Republican opponent.

General Election polling places are unchanged but Rodgers is reminding voters that two precincts locations were new in the Primary Election. Voters who did not vote in the primary are reminded that Precinct 18 voters should now vote at Christenberry Elementary and not at Lincoln Park. Voters in the 20th Precinct will be voting at the Communication Workers of America building on Elm Street and not at Beaumont Elementary.



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The early voting in Knox County is comparable to the Presidential Election two years ago, unusually high for an off-year election. More than 1 million voters have turned out so far in Tennessee.



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Getting to know Knox County Circuit Court Clerk CHARLES SUSANO, JR.

Less than three months ago Charles Susano, Jr. was elected at Knox County's Circuit Court Clerk, making him one of the county's newest officials. Charlie, as he likes to be called, has served five years as Collector Coordinator and legal assistant to the Knox County Trustee.

Recently The Focus sat down with Susano for a chat so that you, our readers, can get to know him beyond his duties. As part of our "Getting To Know" series, we asked him many of the same questions we've asked other notable people in our community.

How is your position working out for you?

It's working great. I think as a newly elected official when you come in you are facing challenges, bringing in new ideas and often bringing in new people. The previous clerk, Cathy Shanks, served for 20 years, it's a 20 year culture. These people know what they are doing, they are good hard workers.

We're about two months in on the job and things don't move quite as fast and you'd want them to sometimes, but you learn patience.

How is your position affecting your family or other interests?

Since I've been in county government for a little while there's been little change. There was a large change on the campaign trail. In my family we adjust to each other, whatever the changes are we're in this life together and all that comes with it.

Tell me a little bit about your family.

My wife's name is Robin. We met in the early 1990s. I worked at the legendary Disc Exchange in South Knoxville. She worked at a coffee shop called "Java" in the Old City. We were both UT students and began dating in 1994 and



Circuit Court Clerk Charles Susano, Jr. chats with Mike Steely, reporter for The Knoxville Focus. The two talked about Susano's family and his wishes for the office.

got married in 1996. My kids are Sophie, 16, and Jacob, 14, just great kids. They both go to Knoxville Catholic High School as I did. I would go back in a second, those were wonderful days.

Mom and Dad have been married over 50 years. Our lives are so much a part of Knoxville. Mom worked at the News Sentinel and Dad was an attorney here.

Mom would sit at the street side window at the old News Sentinel and Dad would come by and see her. They had a mutual friend and he asked about her. They set them up and they've been together ever since. He was an attorney for 30 plus years and was appointed to the State Appeals Court and, to my knowledge, is the longest serving appeals court judge in Tennessee.

How did your family come to Knox County?

My grandparents moved down here in 1933 and my grandfather went to work for TVA. He was a chemist and helped build Norris Dam. In 1944 he went to work at the National Labs in Oak Ridge. They came from Southwestern Pennsylvania and we've

been here nearly 90 years.

What do you think of a metro form of government for the county and city in the future?

That's a good question and has been asked a lot. That is something that would have to be legislated. I try to stay clear of matters like that. My opinion doesn't matter—what matters is the law and I learned that from my father very early on.

What is your hobby or your main interest in your private life?

I love collecting antiques. I call it "above ground treasure hunting." I've been doing it my entire life. My mother was an antique dealer. I love the hunting, the finding, the going out and looking for stuff. I am a true "picker." And I love music, I've been playing guitar since I was 13 years old and I've been known to hop up on stage from time to time. I've even sat in with the Chillsblies before.

When someone meets you for the first time how do you think they see you?

How I hope they see me is a person who truly cares about each person. To me everyone matters. When I meet someone I always try to leave them better off

than when I found them.

If you had one thing to do over in your life what would that be?

I would have listened to my mother and continued playing piano. Music makes the world go round and although I'm an accomplished guitar player I wish I had stuck it out on the old keys.

What's the one thing about your position you find the most satisfying?

That I have the opportunity and duty to serve all the people of Knox County. I was given the opportunity to take that oath. I take great pride in that. This is the ultimate customer-service opportunity. We manage and maintain all court related documents except for criminal court.

What's your favorite meal or place to eat?

You're putting me on the spot. We eat out a lot. I love the Tomato Head as much as any restaurant I've eaten out. I eat there about three times a week. Their Tomato Chipotle Soup is the finest soup ever created. And I eat at Wasabi's and other restaurants also.

Public Safety Complex may get an 'owner's rep'

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The Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the council members will be asked to get the ball rolling on preparations for a new Public Safety Complex. While the city is still in negotiations with Tennova on possibly purchasing the former St. Mary's Hospital just off North Broadway, city officials are looking to hire an "owner's rep" to oversee that or another possible location.

The idea is to relocate the City Police and Fire Departments and probably some other city offices into a new complex.

David Brace, Knoxville's Chief Operating Officer, told The Focus Wednesday the request to hire Volkert, Inc. may save the city money by having the outside firm coordinate the project. The agenda item calls for the company to "facilitate the planning, design, bidding and construction of a new Public Safety Complex." The resolution approval is requested by the finance department.

"It's a big project. It's good to have an owner's rep wake up every day handling the issues," Brace said, adding, "someone who understands the scope of the project."

"It's not every day the city does a \$40 to \$50 million project," he said.

Brace said negotiations are still underway with Tennova but should that not work out the owner's rep would continue and oversee whatever location is finally found.

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How the Walker Line confused early settlers

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If you've ever traced your family beyond your DNA and you're from anywhere along the Tennessee and Kentucky state line you might be confused by what you find.

I did that several years ago, attempting to find early land grants to my forefathers who settled along the state line following the Treaty of Tellico with the Cherokee. I had heard of land grants to my mother's family but, try as I might, could find nothing on file in Tennessee.

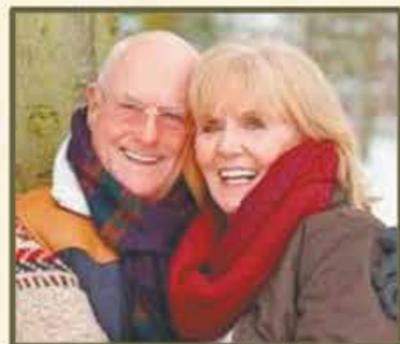
Only a trip to Frankfort, Kentucky, brought some answers about those early land claims, often issued to veterans of the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812. The "South of the Walker Line" land grants were issued by Kentucky because of an earlier survey long before Tennessee statehood.

In 1779 Virginia, which claimed what became Kentucky, and North Carolina, which claimed what is now Tennessee, both named survey parties. Famed explorer Dr. Thomas Walker headed the Virginia survey party.

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Doctor, Part 3

"When he was at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU), he was able to run track. He ran so fast, he was nicknamed Phantom," Rada said. She was referring to her father, the late Dr. A. D. Simmons, who would eventually become the only medical doctor in the Corryton Community.

By **Ralphine Major**
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"He worked every day in the wee hours of the morning at the dairy farm on the campus before school and late after to pay for his education there," Rada shared about her father's college days. "He told me he would go to his room after classes and write and rewrite his notes taken in class to help him remember it all." Years later, it had to be a special moment for the doctor when he returned to LMU with daughter Sylvia. "Dad lived in Grant Lee Hall on LMU campus," Sylvia said. "When he moved me into LaFrantz-Poole Hall at LMU in 1965, he told me he remembered moving in the furniture when the dorm first opened."



Picture of young Alvis David Simmons as a track and field athlete while a student at LMU, courtesy of the Simmons family.

I looked at the picture of the young track runner to see a resemblance of the family doctor that we came to know over the years. I could certainly see the drive and determination in his face as a student athlete---the same drive and determination that, undoubtedly, helped him overcome obstacles and setbacks on his journey to becoming a doctor.

(To be continued)

Public Safety Complex

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The council may also hear an appeal from Paul Williams of a Board of Zoning Appeals denial of increasing the height of a new hotel from 45 feet to 81.3 feet. The proposed hotel would be built at 9101 Executive Park Drive. The BZA voted 3-1 against increasing the height.

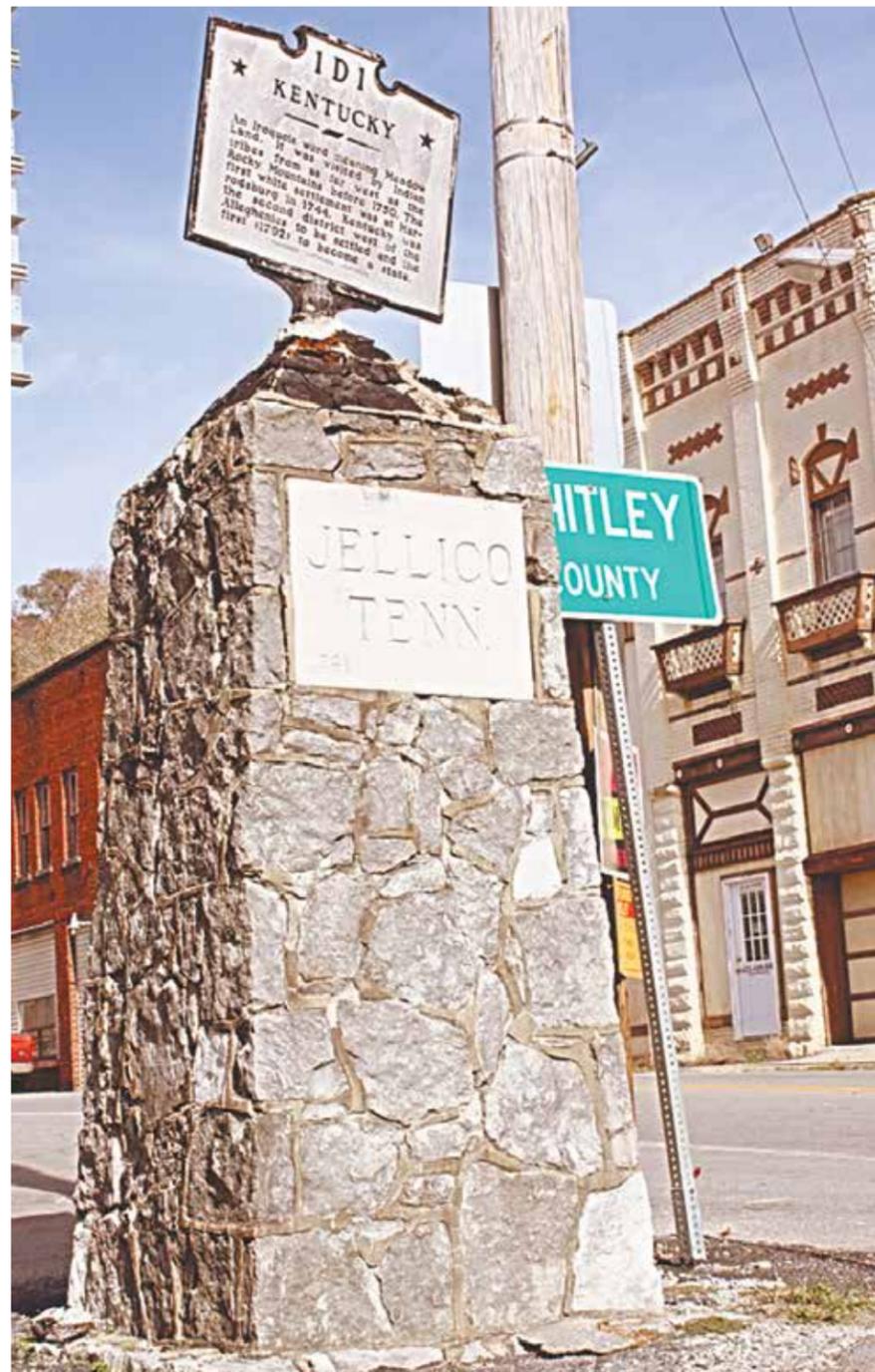
The Governor Ned McWherter Park will get some attention. The finance department is asking that the mayor be authorized to apply for a state grant of \$237,245 for improvements there. The often-neglected park, located below the James White Parkway Bridge, would also, if approved, have project improvements handled by the Public Building

Authority.

The creation and installation of public art by THEVERYMANY, INC may be approved for \$500,000 for the park located on the corner of Summit Hill Drive and South Gay Street.

The maintenance services contract for the city's street lights may be increased in a resolution from the Engineering Department. About \$260,000 would be added to the contract bringing the total to about \$1.1 million.

The council will also consider several street closings and consider various zoning change requests.



The current state line between Tennessee and Kentucky wasn't established until well after early settlement and is about 17 miles south of what was "The Walker Line."

How the Walker Line confused early settlers

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A joint commission of both states agreed to run the boundary between the Blue Grass and the Volunteer state.

Dr. Walker had surveyed the state line from east of Cumberland Gap and came to just north of the current location of

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Jellico. There he encountered the rough mountain region and decided to follow the Clear Fork River downstream to the Cumberland River (now inside Kentucky) and then he headed west to the Nashville area and estimated the line all the way back to the beginning of his survey.

Walker's Line, as it became known, was disputed by the North Carolina survey party that was headed by Col. Richard Henderson. Early maps show Walker's line so far north of the final line, which was finally resolved in 1859, that it put a narrow strip of southern Kentucky into Tennessee.

Kentucky became a state prior to Tennessee and for years claimed that portion and began

issuing land grants for the land "South of the Walker Line." The claim involved a line 17 miles north of the eventual state line.

My mother's forefathers, the Douglass and Archer families, came in from Surrey County, North Carolina, and settled before the treaty with the Cherokee. Afterwards many land grants were issued to both families. Rev. Samuel Douglass settled in the area of Pine Mountain near present day Jellico and his land grants, and those to John Archer, both came from Kentucky, not Tennessee.

Today the final state line splits several communities but none is more noticeable than in the city of Jellico, where an old historic marker sits astride the boundary.

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Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate

Part Six

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Andrew Jackson once said, "A man who is born and reared among this people deserves but little credit for being a soldier and a gentleman, for he can't help it." That description fit William Brimage Bate. Bate had certainly lived a full life and had been a soldier, lawyer, newspaperman and politician.

Born in Sumner County, William B. Bate had been a clerk on a steamboat when he heard about the outbreak of the war with Mexico and he promptly enlisted. After returning home to Gallatin, Tennessee, Bate started a newspaper, the Tenth Legion, which he used to support the Democratic Party. William Bate served a term in the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1849 and attended the Cumberland School of Law before being admitted to the Bar. Bate was elected attorney general for the Nashville district and was so popular he was offered the nomination of his party to run for Congress, but spurned the offer.

Unlike Andrew Johnson and William G. Brownlow, both predecessors in the governor's office and the United States Senate, William B. Bate was an ardent supporter of secession. Just after the battle of Fort Sumter, Bate enlisted as a private and was quickly elected by his fellow soldiers as captain. With Tennessee's secession from the Union, Bate rose to the rank of colonel. Colonel Bate was at the first battle of Bull Run, although he was among the troops held in reserve. Bate later fought with Albert Sidney Johnston's Army of the Mississippi and saw action in the Battle of Shiloh where he was seriously wounded in the leg during the first day of fighting. Bate lay on table as an army surgeon evaluated the gravity of his wound, finally concluding the leg would have to be amputated. Bate whipped out his pistol and aimed it at the doctor and threatened to shoot him. The surgeon decided Bate could keep his leg after all and the wound healed, although William B. Bate walked with a noticeable limp for the rest of his life. By October of 1862, Bate had been promoted to brigadier general. Some Democrats pressed Bate to accept the gubernatorial nomination in 1863, but the general declined, preferring to remain in the army. While fighting in the Battle of Chickamauga, Bate had three horses shot out from under him. All totaled, William B. Bate had six horses shot out from under him during the Civil War and was wounded three times. Bate left the war with the rank of major general.

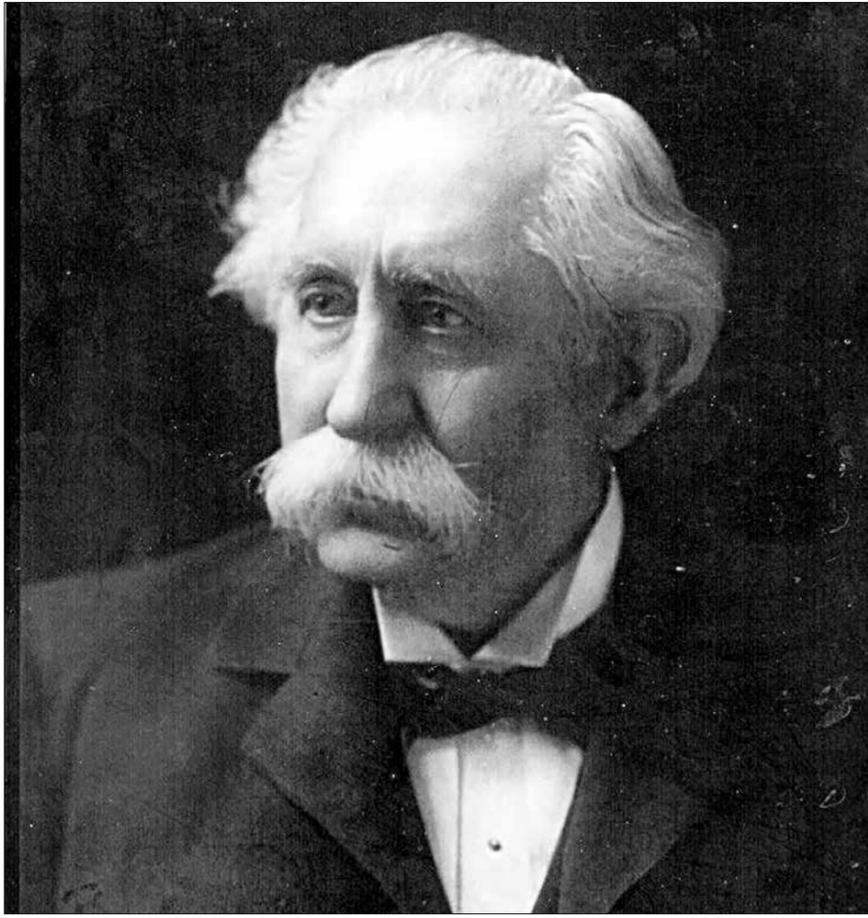
When General Bate died,

newspapers in Tennessee related a story about Bate's war service. Confederate general Braxton Bragg asked an aide, "Who is that driving the enemy on our left?" Told it was William Bate, Bragg smiled and replied, "I knew it, that rascal is never happy unless he is tearing up Yankees in some quarter. No wonder he is half the time on crutches."

After the war ended, Bate returned to Nashville where he lived for the rest of his life. Bate practiced law in partnership with Colonel Frank Williams and was increasingly prominent inside Tennessee's Democratic Party. Bate's name was placed in nomination for a seat in the United States Senate in 1875, 1877, and 1881 during a time when the legislature still elected senators. In 1882 William B. Bate was nominated to run for governor of Tennessee. For years Tennessee had been plagued by a debt problem and Bate finally resolved the issue and while his solution was something of a compromise between extremes, it was not universally popular. The Democrats were divided on precisely how to settle the debt issue with "low tax" Democrats supporting Bate while "high tax" Democrats backed Joseph Fussell. Complicating the general election was the candidacy of Greenback candidate John Beasley as the Democrats attempted to topple incumbent Republican governor Alvin Hawkins. Bate proved to be a popular candidate, winning 120,637 votes to 93,168 votes for Governor Hawkins. Fussell and Beasley attracted a few thousand votes each. Despite the controversy over Governor Bate's tax settlement plan, Bate had accomplished providing Tennessee with the first orderly system of taxation since the Civil War.

When Bate sought reelection in 1884 he faced an unexpectedly strong challenge from Republican Frank T. Reid, a judge from Nashville. Bate's personal popularity likely helped him to squeak past Reid, winning 132,201 to Reid's 125,246 votes. Bate did not seek a third term as governor, having his eye on a seat in the U. S. Senate. The legislature elected Bate in 1886 and reelected him once again in 1892, 1898, and 1904.

Bate had reason to be gratified to finally get to Washington, D. C. During one of his previous campaigns for the United States Senate, William B. Bate had opposed former President Andrew Johnson. Another Johnson competitor was Governor John C. Brown. Like Bate, John C. Brown



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator William B. Bate of Tennessee

had served two terms as governor, was president of the state convention that wrote Tennessee's 1870 constitution, and fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. To get to the U. S. Senate Bate had to defeat two credible opponents, Congressman John F. House and former governor Albert S. Marks. Bate's election to the Senate, even though he was a sitting governor, was hardly a coronation. Both former governor Marks and Congressman House made strong bids for the Senate, which resulted in a long deadlock before Bate was finally elected.

To be reelected to his second term, General Bate faced one of the most popular politicians in the state, former governor Robert Love Taylor. Taylor's candidacy was a serious threat to Bate's continued tenure in the United States Senate. In 1892, Taylor was probably at the height of his popularity with Tennesseans. Former governor Taylor had just finished an intensive campaign on behalf of the Democratic ticket in Tennessee. Taylor's theme during the campaign had been to urge recalcitrant Democrats to return to the fold. As the legislature sat to elect a U.S. Senator, Taylor's cries of "Come on back, boys" still rang in the ears of Tennessee Democrats. One of the most entertaining and best speakers in the state, for a time, it appeared Taylor might defeat Senator Bate. Taylor desperately wanted to go to the Senate, but Bate fought back and was reelected to the U. S. Senate.

Almost immediately upon winning a second term to the Senate, Senator Bate broke with a president of his own party. Grover Cleveland's monetary policies quickly deeply divided the Democratic Party. While the House of Representatives sustained President Cleveland's fiscal policy, it encountered stiff opposition in the Senate. Cleveland was adamant about keeping the country on the gold standard, while many Congressional Democrats advocated free silver. In 1896 William Jennings Bryan won the Democratic presidential nomination after making

his famous "Cross of Gold" speech and William B. Bate had been friendly to the free silver faction of his party. Senator Bate, a delegate-at-large to the 1896 Democratic convention, was an enthusiastic supporter of free silver platform. Bate supported Congressman Richard P. Bland of Missouri for the presidential nomination; Bland was such a strong supporter of free silver that he was referred to as "Silver Dick" by friends and supporters.

In 1898 Bate's political position proved to be unsailable and he was reelected by the legislature without any serious opposition. At seventy-eight, Senator Bate was aging and faced former governor Benton McMillin during his last reelection campaign. Like Robert L. Taylor, Benton McMillin's fondest political desire was to serve in the United States Senate. McMillin had served in Congress for twenty years and two terms as governor of Tennessee. McMillin's candidacy pressed Senator Bate hard and the former governor seemed to have the upper hand. When a majority of the Davidson County legislative delegation announced for McMillin, many of Senator Bate's friends lamented the old warrior would be defeated. General Bate had a reservoir of good will and personal popularity throughout the state, which he drew upon liberally. Many of Tennessee's smaller counties announced support for the senator. Benton McMillin soon

realized he could not wrest the Democratic nomination from Senator Bate and announced his withdrawal from the contest shortly before the election.

While even Bate's supporters readily acknowledged the fact there were clearly more able men than the old general, the senator did possess a host of admirable personal traits. Plainspoken to the point of being blunt, William B. Bate earned a reputation of being honest and forthright. Among the tributes to the general after his death, many friends thought him an exceptionally frank man. Bate was devoted to his friends, yet he was gallant to his political enemies. The general, while a man of firm convictions, never stooped to demagoguery during his political career. Alabama's U. S. senator, also a former Confederate general, John Tyler Morgan, eulogized William B. Bate as "a grand, heroic man, heroic physically and morally." Morgan confessed, "If he was not varied and profound mentally, he had the invaluable faculty of good sense, industry and reliable judgment." Morgan, like most Tennesseans, was surprised by the old general's unexpected death. "I saw him on Monday," Senator Morgan recalled. "He was cheerful and bright, and to me there was no indication of any mortal trouble."

Winning another six-year term in the Senate, Bate attended the inauguration of President Theodore Roosevelt. Tennessee newspapers noted Senator

Bate was ill with a severe cold and confined to his apartment in Washington, D. C. Senator Bate caught a chill while attending the presidential inauguration, yet continued to tend to his senatorial duties before he became seriously ill while at the dinner table. Immediately put to bed, Mrs. Bate called for a doctor. The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle noted the general's friends were "uneasy for apprehension of symptoms of pneumonia", but assured readers Bate was "receiving the utmost care", while the senator's wife thought he was improving. In spite of Mrs. Bate's public belief her husband was improving, the truth was the senator got weaker and weaker. Evidently the old soldier was not improving as he died the next morning at 6 o'clock. The Leaf-Chronicle said the cause of death was "pneumonia and a defective heart." The same day the Leaf-Chronicle published the news of Senator Bate's death, the Nashville Tennessean headlined a story, "Gen. Bate Is Better."

The general remained conscious during his final illness and was lucid enough to tell his family members he wished to be buried at his home in Nashville. Finally, General William B. Bate closed his eyes and died peacefully.

William Brimage Bate's passing truly was the end of an era in Tennessee politics. For years he had served alongside Isham G. Harris, who had also been a general in the Confederate Army and had been a governor of Tennessee. After William Bate's death, Tennessee would never again be represented in the United States Senate by another former Confederate. As with the passing of any sitting U. S. senator, there was immediate speculation as to who would take his place. That speculation centered on three men, all of them former governors or an incumbent governor. Robert L. Taylor and Benton McMillin still hungered for the opportunity to serve in the United States Senate, but their own ambitions were overshadowed by the incumbent governor of Tennessee, James Beriah Frazier. Despite having just won a second term as governor, Frazier appeared to be profoundly interested in going to Washington. Senator Bate's death would set off a brief, albeit intense struggle between titans of Tennessee politics to go to the U. S. Senate.



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Sometimes, fits of honesty come over me, even though I try diligently to fight them off. It's during those times that being truthful makes me see and admit my shortcomings. Upon reflection, I finally have to admit that my negatives are glaringly obvious. At the top of the list is my lack of tolerance for some folks.

I am less than kind to bad drivers. You know the ones to whom I refer. They drive in the passing lane at less than the speed limit. Not for a minute do they think of moving over so that others can pass.

At the same time, the folks that drive as if the Interstate were a race-track infuriate me. They insist that everyone yield to them, and if a car is traveling at the speed limit or a bit over, these morons tailgate the person. They think that maneuver will force the car in front to move. My ire rises as my foot lets off the accelerator. When I have passed the cars who are in the other lane, I "ease" over, never hurrying to get out of the speeder's way.

I am most prejudice against those drivers who zip down the right side of the road and then cut into a packed lane of traffic. Under no circumstances will I allow them to pull in front of me. On some occasions, they've come within inches of hitting my vehicle because they thought I would just stop when they turned on a signal light. "It ain't happening." Call that road rage if you want to, but I refuse to allow drivers with no regard for others to take what they want when they want it.

I also have no tolerance for lazy students. Yes, I was one of the worst

students in my high school class. Even with that, however, I did enough to make it to college. There I studied constantly and struggled as the result of my poor efforts earlier. The world now is a much more demanding place for people. Without an education, individuals become a part of to 8-40-52 club. That stands for \$8.00 an hour, 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, equating to \$16,640 a year before taxes are taken out.

Young people who refuse to work in school are dooming themselves. I have no patience with them and want to grab them by their collars and tell them that being lazy now will result in hours of hard labor for years to come. I want them to become proficient in something. If college isn't for them (it isn't the great panacea that some paint it to be), they must learn a trade of some kind. Their skills must be such that the closing of an assembly line or a fast food restaurant doesn't doom them to a life without income.

I reserve my greatest anger for those who abuse animals. I've seen so many photos and stories about the mistreatment of pets. Owners fail to feed them. They are housed in deplorable conditions. Some are beaten or kicked for doing what animals naturally do.

The abuse of a child or another adult is unconscionable; the acts of cruelty to an animal are every bit as evil. No pet should ever be placed in the hands of such a disgusting person, and it is the job of each of us to report abuse when we discover it.

I am not much of a forgiving person. Admittedly, I easily identify others mistakes while being blind to my own. Maybe more time should be spent on my personal faults and less on others. That's a nice thing to say, but the truth is that I'll still steam at the acts of these groups. I'm a work in progress, but the work is much and the progress is little.



Rosie's World

Fall has finally arrived, as denoted by the colder weather, and the falling leaves. Which brings to my mind those people who have no homes, people with no beds, no comfortable quilts, no warm clothing. They are called the homeless, of which there is a scourge of them in the world, and many here in Knoxville.

Do we look upward with envy to those who have more than us? Or do we look downward with compassion at those who are less fortunate and stoop to give them a hand?

Here's little story I wish to share written by Vicki Easterly in my little book, "The Upper Room", "where the world meets to pray."

On my way to work,

I sometimes saw a homeless man sitting in a wheelchair on the corner, but I always passed him by. I would say, 'good morning' but never asked, 'how are you?' I often wondered if the wheelchair was necessary or just a prop. Then one cold, rainy night, my teenage son, Chad, asked me for some hot chocolate "to go." He then asked if he could take an extra blanket. "Of course," I said. He said, "thanks, Mom" and went out the door.

The next morning I trudged off down the street to work. On the corner sat the homeless man. But now his lap was covered with the blanket Chad had taken the night before.

On the gravel near him was the hot chocolate mug rolling with the wind. I thought how i would do anything for my children, yet I had ignored the

needs of this child of God.

These paragraphs are a fine example of the thoughtlessness we have when it comes to people who are less fortunate than we are. "There for the grace of God, go I", comes to my mind. The homeless will always be with us. How they got there is none of our business, how to help them is our business. There are many organizations out there that do help these people but they can also use additional workers and helpers, especially during this time of the year. Thanksgiving is coming up.

What better way to show our thankfulness than by helping those who have nothing to be thankful for?

Thought for the day: Today I will see the strangers I meet as children of God.

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Jones nearly unstoppable as Catholic pulls out 34-28 win

By Steve Williams

Adam Jones made up for lost playing time Friday night. Boy, did he ever!

The Knoxville Catholic High senior wide receiver and son of former UT head coach Butch Jones was playing his first full game since suffering a broken collarbone in Week 2. He caught two touchdown passes and amassed 251 receiving yards as the Fighting Irish pulled out a 34-28 win over West in a TSSAA Class 5A first-round playoff game at Blaine Stadium.

Jack Jancek also played his first full game, after missing nine games with an ankle injury. Both Jones and Jancek returned and got in limited action in the final regular season game against Lenoir City.

It got to the point every time Jancek put the football in the air; Catholic fans expected the 6-3, 175-pound Jones to haul it in. He was that consistent.

Adam's performance included 10 catches and was just four yards shy of the school record.

"Adam was fantastic," said Head Coach Steve Matthews. "He's a tall receiver who runs

really good routes and catches the ball. He was our go-to-guy tonight."

Freshman standout Tommy Winton also was a key contributor in the win. He had seven receptions for 143 yards and showed his lightning speed on one touchdown dash to the end zone.

Jancek finished with 454 yards through the air (only 50 short of the school record) as he completed 24 of 36 passes for four TDs and four interceptions.

The victory advances the Irishmen (7-3) into a second

round game at playoff rival Fulton (10-1) this Friday night in North Knoxville.

West hangs up a 4-7 record. It was a game of two halves. The first two quarters were an offensive shootout and the Rebels went into the dressing room leading 28-24.

Catholic's defense, however, pitched a shutout after intermission, while its offense put 10 more points on the scoreboard to avoid the upset.

Jones' best catch of the night put the Irish ahead for good in the closing seconds of the

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(Scores and schedule pertaining to local coverage)

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Maryville 28, Bearden 7

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Daniel Boone 32, Gibbs 14
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Fulton 46, Lenoir City 15
Catholic 34, West 28
Oak Ridge 42, Rhea County 0
Soddy-Daisy 42, Clinton 19

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Johnson County 33
Alcoa 56, Claiborne County 0
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CLASS 6A

Ooltewah (9-2) at Farragut (10-1)
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CLASS 5A

Tennessee High (8-3) at
David Crockett (11-0)
Daniel Boone (9-2) at Central (9-2)
Catholic (7-3) at Fulton (10-1)
Oak Ridge (9-2) at Soddy-Daisy (6-4)

CLASS 3A

Gatlinburg-Pittman (7-4)
at Austin-East (8-3)
Unicoi County (9-2) at Alcoa (11-0)

QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

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DIVISION II CLASS AA

Franklin Road Academy (7-4)
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Battle Ground Academy (9-2)
at Webb (6-5)

TURNING THE PAGE TO A NEW SEASON



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Fulton's DeShaun Page rumbles for yardage in the Falcons' 46-15 win over Lenoir City. In addition to Fulton, 13 other high school football teams from Knox County began a "new season" with TSSAA playoff games Friday night. Five joined Fulton in the win column and will advance to the next round this week.

Central pummels Cocke County, 48-6

By David Klein

The Central Bobcats scored in a variety of ways Friday night at Central against Cocke County in a Division 1, Class 5A first round state playoff game. Central had three rushing touchdowns, two passing touchdowns, a punt return for a touchdown, and an interception return for a touchdown in a 48-6 win.

Wide receiver Daunte Holliday and Demetrien Johnson each had two touchdowns to lead the Bobcats in scoring.

On Central's opening possession, Holliday started the scoring with an 18-yard touchdown run on a sweep around left end for a 7-0 lead.

Bobcats' running back Jason Merritts ran for a 14-yard touchdown on Central's next possession. Answering Central's score, Cocke County's only score of the game

came on a halfback pass. Running back Carson Nichols threw a 40-yard bomb to McKayne Ramsey with 5:12 left in the first quarter to cut the lead to 14-6.

The momentum did not last long. It was Johnson's turn to get in on the Bobcat scoring fun. His first score was a 21-yard touchdown reception from Bobcats' quarterback Dakota Fawver. The score put the Bobcats up 20-6 with 4:09 left in the first quarter.

Johnson's second score, a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown, electrified the home crowd and put the Bobcats up 27-6 with 8:37 left in the second quarter.

Johnson also contributed on defense as he intercepted Cocke County's Jarren Ensley's pass and ran it back 30 yards to give the Bobcats a first down at the Cocke County 17-yard line. On second-and-goal

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PHOTO BY MARK JOHNSON

Central wide receiver Demetrien Johnson is on the move against Cocke County Friday night. The Bobcats won their Class 5A playoff opener 48-6.

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Powell has 'new goal' this season

By Ken Lay

Darin Courtney officially began his 17th season as Powell Middle School's boys basketball coach. He's now the second most tenured coach in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference, behind only Farragut's Randy Swartzentruber.

During his time at Powell, Courtney has won multiple league and postseason tournament championships.

Now, he, the Panthers and the league's other teams will have something more to play for.

The top three teams in the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial

Middle School Basketball Tournament will now have the opportunity to play in the TSSAA Middle School East Regional Tournament. Success there will net a Knox County team a shot at a State Championship.

"We have a new goal to play for," Courtney said. "If we do well in our tournament, we can go to the regional Final Four, if we win there, we'll have a chance at the state championship."

The Panthers began the quest for a county title, regional berth and perhaps more last week.

Powell also started an attempt to bounce back after enduring some tough

times last season. Powell did go 15-7 last year. But it finished fifth in the regular season and was eliminated in the quarterfinals of the postseason tournament.

The Panthers have a pair of returning starters in guard Bryce Jardret and all-county point guard Bryce Burkhart. Both are eighth graders.

Other players on the roster include: Emmett Burns (eighth grade, center); Cassen Huffaker (eighth grade, power forward); Ayden Greene (eighth grade, guard); Jake Smith (eighth grade, guard); Ricardo Holston (eighth grade, guard); Gabriel Calderon (eighth

grade, power forward); Kobey Harris (eighth grade, center); Marcus Mallory (eighth grade, forward) Conner Wheeler (sixth grade, point guard); Kaleb Walker (seventh grade, guard) and Liam Howard (seventh grade, guard).

Powell should boast a balanced offensive attack and Burkhart will be one of the team leaders.

"Having Bryce Burkhart is a strength and I like our balance," Courtney said. "I like our balance as we look forward to the year.

"Our goal is to win the regular-season league title. The team that wins the regular season is the most prepared to win the

tournament."

The champion may be prepared to cut down the nets in January, but a regular-season championship doesn't carry any guarantees. The top two seeds have earned first-round byes in the past. But not anymore.

The league added Gibbs and Hardin Valley, bringing its number of teams to 16.

The league is so competitive that any team in the top half of the standings can win the tournament. Last year, ninth-seeded Gresham beat seventh-seeded Farragut to win it all.

In order for the Panthers to win, they must also

play a tenacious brand of defense.

Courtney prides himself on being a defensive coach and he notes that his team must be aggressive and work hard on its defense.

"I'm a defensive coach and the way we run our 1-3-1 [zone] is complicated and we have to work our tails off," Courtney said. "We have to keep grinding."

Powell opened the 2018-19 campaign by splitting a pair of contests. The Panthers knocked off Northwest 64-31 at home on Monday, Oct. 29 before dropping a 57-56 overtime decision at Vine on Thursday.

High school hoops season tips off with Jamboree

By Ken Lay

The 2018-2019 high school basketball season gets underway next week with the Tennova Healthcare Tipoff Classic.

The two-day event begins Monday, Nov. 12 at Karns High School and concludes the following day at Bearden High School.

Games begin both days at 5:30 p.m.

Monday's two-quarter contests at Karns feature the South-Doyle girls playing the host Lady Beavers. That game will be followed by Karns tangling with South-Doyle's boys.

Other games include: Fulton vs. Halls (girls); Fulton vs. Halls (boys); Berean Christian vs. West (girls); Berean Christian vs. West (boys); Hardin Valley Academy vs. Gibbs (girls); Hardin Valley Academy vs. Gibbs (boys); Catholic vs. Powell (girls) and Catholic vs. Powell (boys).

Games at Bearden on Tuesday, Nov. 13 include: Tennessee School for the Deaf vs. Central (girls); Tennessee School for the Deaf vs. Central (boys); Christian Academy of Knoxville vs. Austin-East (girls); Christian Academy of Knoxville vs. Austin-East (boys); Carter vs. Bearden (girls); Carter vs. Bearden (boys); Farragut vs. Webb School of Knoxville (girls) and Farragut vs. Webb School of Knoxville (boys).

Lady Gladiators give coach birthday gift with thrilling victory

By Ken Lay

Gresham Middle School girls basketball coach Kiley Gray got a 36th birthday present from her team on Monday, Oct. 29.

But she had to wait until the end of her team's season opener before Cadence Horner put the bow on a gift-wrapped 30-27 victory over Gibbs Middle School in Fountain City.

Harper hit a pair of free throws to give the Lady Gladiators a 28-27 lead with 16.4 seconds remaining in the contest. Horner would also end the game with a layup as time expired.

Then, Gresham boys coach Joel Sampsel grabbed the gym microphone and led Gladiators fans in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Gray.

In the end, Gray had plenty to celebrate including a thrilling victory even though she joked that her

blood pressure was a bit elevated.

"I'm really proud of these girls," Gray said. "They're fighters and they work hard. They're great kids, they're great players and they're a good team."

When asked if her blood pressure was up, Gray said "a little bit,"

"But I'm really happy. These girls play for each other. 'Do you see our [warm-up] shirts?'"

The Cardinal shooting shirts have the word 'we' as the numerator of a fraction with 'me' as a denominator.

"That means we over me," Gray said.

The Lady Gladiators (1-0 overall, 1-0 in the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference) fell behind 3-0 when Gibbs' Jordan Reagan buried a long-range jumper with 4 minutes, 35 seconds

remaining in the first quarter.

Reagan's shot wasn't only the first bucket of the game. It was the first-ever basket for the Lady Eagles, who were beginning their wild journey as a KCMSBC team.

It was also the only points of the first quarter for the visitors as Gresham finished the frame on a 9-0 run.

The Lady Gladiators, despite multiple turnovers, missed shots and woes at the foul line, managed to hold a 15-9 advantage at halftime and a 21-15 edge heading into the fourth quarter.

In the final frame, the mistakes almost cost Gresham the victory. The Lady Gladiators went 10-for-32 from the free throw line.

Gibbs took a 25-24 lead when Natalie Surrett made a free throw with 1:47 left to play.

The Lady Eagles took a

27-25 lead a short time later on a foul shot by Kameron Foust.

Gresham, however would bounce back as Allie Gregory made it 27-26 from the charity stripe with 24.9 seconds left. The Lady Gladiators would take the lead and claim the victory thanks to Horner's late heroics.

She finished with 10 points while Gregory had seven.

Reagan led the Lady Eagles with 10 points. Dakota Large added seven.

Even in defeat Gibbs coach Ronna Gregory said she was pleased with her squad's fourth-quarter comeback.

"I was really proud of our girls," she said. "It was a great comeback for us but we got into foul trouble. I really felt that they gave it a lot."

Gladiators open season with victory over Gibbs, 42-21

By Ken Lay

Despite some early offensive struggles the Gresham Middle School boys basketball team began the quest to defend its James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Tournament with an impressive 42-21 victory over Gibbs on Monday, Oct. 29 at home.

Gresham, which won the post-season tournament as a No. 9 seed in February, scored just seven points in the first quarter,

But the Gladiators used a stingy defense to keep the Eagles off the scoreboard over the opening six minutes. It was the first game for Gibbs Middle School, which opened in August.

"We had some trouble on offense but our defense really stepped it up in the first quarter," Gresham coach Joel Sampsel said. "Gibbs is a new program and they're going to have some growing pains like all new programs do."

The Eagles (0-1 overall, 0-1 in the Knox County Middle

School Basketball Conference) got their first-ever basket from Braden Graves midway through the second stanza. He would add another basket later in the frame and Bryson Parker nailed a 3-pointer in the period to account for the Gibbs scoring before halftime.

"Our defense was really good. I think they had seven points in the first half," Sampsel said.

Gresham (1-0, 1-0) would really get its offense clicking in the second quarter and the Gladiators didn't have trouble scoring

points the rest of the way.

Carson Jessie, who played on last year's county championship team, scored eight of his game-high 16 points before halftime. Jeremiah Johnson also provided the Gladiators an early spark. He finished with nine points, including seven over the first 12 minutes of the contest.

Nick Ellis scored all eight of his points after halftime.

"Jeremiah Johnson and Carson work big for us tonight," Sampsel said. "Nick Ellis also had a big game," Sampsel said. "If we win

it all this year, and I'm not saying we will, we'll do with those guys. We'll ride those three backs."

While the Gladiators have eyes on a second consecutive tournament championship, the Eagles began their journey as a KCMSBC team.

"Our kids didn't quit and that's all you can ask from a new program," Gibbs coach Clift Beeler said.

Graves scored 14 points for Gibbs, which trailed 20-7 after halftime.

Jones nearly unstoppable as Catholic pulls out 34-28 win

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third quarter. Jancek's long pass to the southeast corner of the field was tipped by a defensive back, but Adam snagged the ricochet and fell into paydirt. Paxton Robertson's extra-point kick made it 31-28.

After West failed to sustain its ensuing possession after driving to the Catholic 46-yard line, the Irishmen went on a time-consuming 20-play march that ended with a 37-yard field goal by Robertson with 3:31 remaining.

Trailing by only six points, West advanced the ball to the 50 on a defensive pass interference call and senior quarterback Jawaun Moore completed an 11-yard pass to Cedarius Bost for another first down at the

Catholic 39.

But the Irishmen applied pressure and stiffened. On fourth and eight at the 37, Moore completed a six-yard pass - but the play ended two yards short of the first down marker.

The Rebels forced a punt but were out of timeouts and in desperation mode at their 36-yard line with 19.3 seconds left. A last gasp pass was completed as the final seconds ticked off the clock and the West receiver was tackled at the Catholic 36.

"Getting some stops in the second half was critical for us," said Coach Matthews. "We probably underestimated their offense and they were able to hurt us a little bit in the first half."

Jancek found Winton



Adam Jones concentrates on the football to make another catch in Knoxville Catholic's 34-28 Class 5A playoff win over West Friday night.

open in the middle of the end zone and hit him with a 15-yard pass to give Catholic an early 7-0 lead.

West also scored on its first possession as Grant Tierney ran in from five yards out and Marc

Scherer's PAT kick tied it.

After picking off their first pass, the Rebels went ahead 14-7 when Michael Webb ran a fly pattern and Moore hit him on the money for a 53-yard scoring play.

Central pummels Cocke County, 48-6

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on a 49-yard touchdown catch from the 1, Devone Moss ran for a touchdown to give Central a 34-6 lead and finished the game with 10 carries for 108 yards and the touchdown.

"The linemen created for me," Moss said. "The linemen get that push up the line of scrimmage; it's just your job to take care of the rest."

Penalties, particularly personal fouls, were an issue for the Bobcats. "The flow of the game was just kind of weird," Central Head Coach Bryson Rosser said. "A lot of newness in round one. The kids are chippy; the season's on the line. It's win or go home. Our kids are playing with some confidence right now. There are some things that, you know, could have been let go, but I completely respect the referees and what they do."

In the second half, Holliday scored his second touchdown

on a 49-yard touchdown catch from Fawver. The catch made it 41-6 Central with 1:57 left in the third quarter and began the Mercy Rule, or continuous running of the clock when one team is up by 35 or more points in the second half.

Xavier Washington tacked on a fourth quarter 60-yard interception return for a touchdown to make the final score 48-6 Central.

"Our defense played great," Rosser said. "Offensively we moved the ball well. Our kids continued to buy into the process. Obviously still putting wins together in November is a good thing."

Central hosts Daniel Boone Friday in the second round of the Division 1, Class 5A State playoffs.

"They've got a really good tough running back," Rosser said. "It will be a tough matchup between two teams but we're looking forward to it."

A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Suspended Halls coach watches team's game live online

Red Devils fall in OT to unbeaten Crockett

By Steve Williams

Jeremy Bosken watched his team's game as close as he could Friday night. And he joined his players as fast as he could after it was over. Officially, the first-year Halls High head coach was suspended from the Red Devils' first-round playoff game by the TSSAA, after having been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct in Halls' final regular season game at Seymour on Oct. 25. Three Halls players also were suspended from the playoff game after being ejected for fighting in the game at Seymour. Two Seymour players also were ejected for fighting in that

game. While Halls played at David Crockett High School, Bosken watched the game with a former coach off campus in Jonesborough via a live online broadcast on Diamond Clear Media. His Red Devils lost to the undefeated Crockett team 20-17 in overtime. "Our kids fought as hard as any team I have been a part of and I love them for it! I wouldn't trade huddles for anything," stated Coach Bosken Saturday afternoon via email. "These kids have overcome a ton this year. It took a little time to develop trust because I came in so late ... trust with coaches, players,

parents ... but the adversity brought us closer together." In the last three or four games, Bosken said "we came together, had a lot of fun and played great football." Bosken was a former head coach at David Crockett and would have coached against his former team had it not been for the suspension. Crockett (11-0) will now play host to Tennessee High in the second round. The Red Devils' season ended with a 5-6 record. Bosken joined his team right after the game. "I was there as soon as the final whistle sounded," he said. "I wouldn't miss that moment with those kids for anything!"

Houston Qualls served as interim head coach for the game "and did an absolute amazing job," said Bosken. "I love this group of kids, and the last few games have been really special! They have raised the bar to a good group coming back next year."



PHOTO BY NATALIE PERRY

Catholic High freshman cheerleader Ella Kurtz likes what she sees as the Fighting Irish win their first-round playoff game.

COMING UP: Friday's second-round local playoff attractions will include Ooltewah at Farragut in Class 6A, Catholic at Fulton and Daniel Boone at Central in Class 5A, Gatlinburg-Pittman at Austin-East in Class 3A and Battle Ground Academy at Webb School in Division II Class AA.

POWER RATINGS: Maryville finished No. 1 in the state at the end of the regular season in Sonny Moore's Computer Power Ratings. The Top 25 also included No. 3 Farragut, No. 5 Greenville, No. 6 Alcoa, No. 10 Fulton, No. 16 Bearden, No. 17 Oak Ridge, No. 19 Knoxville Catholic, No. 21 Knoxville Central and No. 23 Hardin Valley Academy.

Other local teams rated in the Top 50 were No. 39 Powell and No. 46 Anderson County.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Oct. 31, 1969 - The South Rockets claimed the distinction of being the first Knoxville team to capture a regional football championship in TSSAA's new classification setup when they defeated West 49-16.

Steve Chancey scored four touchdowns for Coach Willard Brown's team that night. Halfback Paul White, quarterback Buddy Brown and reserve halfback Craig Colquitt also scored in the game, while top defenders for the Rockets were Eddie Caylor, Steve Foster and Ted Taylor.

Farragut rolls over Cleveland, 49-24

By Alex Norman

Last year the Farragut Admirals were knocked out of the Class 6A playoffs by the eventual state champion Maryville Rebels. We are a week away from a rematch. On Friday, November 2, the Admirals opened the postseason with an impressive 49-24 victory over Cleveland, in a game that wasn't nearly as close as the final score indicates. "On Tuesday we didn't have a very good practice and I was really upset," admits Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney. "But our kids responded. We knew coach (Scott) Cummings was gonna have a well coached football team. We had to start early like we did tonight and kept our focus. I'm proud of our guys."



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Farragut's Kyle Carter shreds the Cleveland defense as the Admirals advance to the second round of the Class 6A playoffs with a 49-24 victory.

13. Three plays after that interception, Isaiah Gibbs scored on a four-yard touchdown run, and the gap was now 21 points. "We felt that coming into this week that they had a big offensive line," said Farragut defensive end Caleb Kuhn. "We were trying the fill the gaps and I think we did that pretty well tonight." A Cleveland (4-6) touchdown at the end of the first quarter pulled the Blue Raiders within 14 points, but the Admirals didn't let them get back in the game. First, it was a deep ball from Wilkinson to Tanner

Corum. Wilkinson hung in the pocket, took a hit, but the pass found Corum in stride. The play covered 63 yards and it was 28-7 Farragut. "We weren't gonna let up on Cleveland. We know they have a lot of talent," said Evans. "We came out and played our game tonight." Evans plays safety for Farragut, but is also second on the depth chart at quarterback. He passed to Kyle Carter, who broke a tackle and ran into the end zone on a 16-yard score. Then with less than a minute remaining in the half, Carter pounded the football into the end

zone from a yard out. Farragut led 42-7 at intermission. That 35 point cushion meant a running

clock. A 25-yard scamper from Gabe Hensley made the score 49-7. Only after a couple of Cleveland scores

did the clock begin to run as normal once again with 6:08 to go in the fourth quarter. The important thing for Courtney and the Ads at that point wasn't the final score, but the break it gave many of the starters as they hit the sideline for most of that second half. Farragut didn't throw a pass over the final 25 minutes of the game.

"We've got a lot of players playing both sides," said Wilkinson. "It's very important to get out legs back." "We've had a long twelve weeks," said Evans. "They got their rest and I think they'll be ready next week against a really good opponent."

Farragut (10-1) will host Ooltewah on Friday night in the second round of the Class 6A playoffs. The Owls beat Hardin Valley 35-28 in the first round.

"We always say take one game at a time," said Wilkinson. "And to not look too far ahead in the playoffs. Hopefully we will pull off the win next week."

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FIFTY SEASONS OF TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

From 12 playoff qualifiers in 1969 to 231 this year

Editor's Note: When the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association started its football classification system in the fall of 1969, The Knoxville Focus' Steve Williams was a senior at Clinton High School and covering the Clinton Dragons for his hometown newspaper, The Clinton Courier-News. This is his first of a series of columns on the first 50 years of the TSSAA playoffs.



By Steve Williams

This year marks the 50th season of the TSSAA's football classification system and it's amazing how much the playoffs have changed over the years.

Much of the change has been

good, but in the process of trying to make the system equal and fair, one can argue the TSSAA membership has gone too far.

When the playoffs began in 1969, it was much tougher to qualify for the playoffs than it is today. There were three classes – AAA, AA and A – with four regions in each class and public schools and private schools competed against each other.

Only the region champion – determined by a point system – received a playoff berth. That meant only 12 teams in the entire state made the playoffs.

Gradually, the number of classifications grew and reached five in 1993, and then in 1997 there was the major change – when public and private schools were divided.

This season, 231 out of the state's 342 teams received a

playoff berth (Notice I didn't say earned a playoff berth) and there will be nine state champions – six in Division I (public schools) and three in Division II (private schools) – compared to three state champions in 1969.

Last Friday's playoffs began with 32 teams in each of the six Division I classes. That's 192 teams. And in Division II, 39 of the state's 46 private schools received a playoff berth. In fact, in Division II Class AAA, all 11 schools received a playoff berth.

Fifty years ago, there weren't enough playoff berths available and many teams with excellent won-loss records were left on the outside looking in.

That's certainly not the case today. Now, it's too easy to get in.

In Division I, four teams in each region qualify for the playoffs. But

there are three regions in the state that consist of only four teams and nine other regions that have only five teams.

It also doesn't matter if a team has a winning record or not.

In Division I, there were 38 teams across the state this season that got in the playoffs with losing records.

In some cases, first-round matchups were extremely one-sided. Claiborne County (2-8) made the field in Class 3A and met highly regarded and unbeaten Alcoa in the opening round. How could this have been a good situation for either team?

There also was a Class 4A first-round contest that had winless Memphis East (0-9) going against undefeated Dyersburg (10-0). On the other hand, in that same bracket was Hardin County (8-2)

vs. Montgomery Central (9-1). Now that's the way it should be.

But for years, the TSSAA playoffs have been too watered down. Too many teams with losing records and .500 records have made it that way. Being in the playoffs should be a reward for a good season. That should be the No. 1 objective.

Prior to the days of the classification system and playoffs, the state's best high school football teams were rewarded with invitations to go out in style and end their seasons in bowl games. But to be qualified for a bowl game, the TSSAA required a team to have at least seven wins.

Back then, high school teams didn't just receive a bowl berth; they earned it with an outstanding record.

And that's the way it should be in the playoffs today!

Ten 'unsung heroes' recognized on prep football scene

"The only people that watch offensive linemen are their mothers and their coaches."

— Morgan Shinlever, Bearden High head football coach.

By Steve Williams

Morgan Shinlever liked what he saw this season in Bearden senior offensive linemen Bradon Yanez and Sam Nester.

Yanez wore No. 70 and was the Bulldogs' center. No. 78 Nester was the right tackle. Shinlever said both were "unsung heroes" for Bearden.

"Both young men are program players that have worked very hard for four years," declared Shinlever in the closing week of the regular season. "They have built their bodies up in the weight room, been very coachable, believed in their teammates and coaches, and are the definition of team players."

"Brandon and Sam have a lot to do with the success of our football team this season and have led by example. Both of them earned a starting position this season after receiving minimal playing time earlier in their career. Both of them are also young men of high character and enjoyable to coach. They will be missed."

An unsung hero is a player – like Yanez or Nester – who has contributed to his team's success consistently throughout the season, but his play has gone largely unnoticed, except by his coaches and teammates.

He could be a starter or a backup, it doesn't matter. His team wouldn't be where it is this season without him.

Other "unsung heroes" submitted by head coaches at The Focus' request

included:



A hearing impairment didn't stop senior Camden Hughes from being a valuable player for the Halls Red Devils.

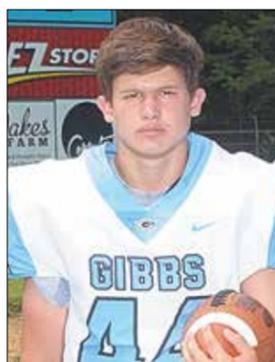
CAMDEN HUGHES, Halls running back and outside linebacker: "Camden is a senior and has a hearing impairment," said Head Coach Jeremy Bosken. "He wears hearing aids, but goes about life and football like one of the guys."

"Camden plays a lot of special teams for us and is Scout Team Player of the Week on a regular basis. His attitude and effort are Team First and he just loves being a part of the team. He is always positive and always has a smile on his face. He makes us better every week and is one of the most selfless players I have been around."

TREY DAUGHERTY, Catholic – "Trey suffered an injury early in the year, but he decided to stick with the team and help us out by being equipment manager," said Irish Head Coach Steve Matthews. "He has been here every day, working extremely hard to help the football team even though he has been injured."

LUKE WARWICK, Gibbs – "I would like to recognize Luke Warwick as our unsung hero," said Gibbs Head Coach Brad Turner. "Luke is a sophomore linebacker that works hard every day. He never misses practice and will do anything we ask him to do."

"He plays on both scout teams, offense and defense, and actually has played a lot of special



Gibbs' Luke Warwick is a hard worker and smart player that Gibbs Coach Brad Turner is glad he will have for two more years.

teams for us. He is a true team player and always puts the team first.

"Luke is the smartest guy on the field and has a very high football IQ. He is an outstanding student and leader on and off the field. His character is everything you want in a young man. We look forward to having Luke two more years and we couldn't be where we are today without him."

MICHAEL McCLAMROCH, Webb junior offensive guard and defensive end: "Michael played tight end the last two years, but we were short on offensive linemen, so we asked him to move to offensive guard," recalled Head Coach David Meske. "Michael did not hesitate by saying 'I will do whatever is best for our team.' He is a team player."

KOBE KING, Central senior running back: "He is our unsung hero because, although not a starter, he shows up every day, has a great attitude and usually plays the scout team running back /athlete to make our defense better," said Head Coach Bryson Rosser.

"Kobe is well-respected by his peers, has an infectious smile, positive attitude and plenty of athleticism. He keeps everyone laughing and is the true epitome when we talk about committing to our program in every since of the word from community service, to the classroom, to the field."



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After missing the past two seasons with injuries, Corban Carver (No. 51) has been a valuable and versatile lineman for Fulton in his senior year.



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Michael McClamroch didn't think twice when veteran Webb Coach David Meske asked him to move to the offensive line this season.

CORBAN CARVER, Fulton senior offensive and defensive lineman: "Corban has been very valuable to our team this year," noted Head Coach Rob Black. "He is a guy that has not played football the past couple of years, battling injuries. He came back out last spring and we have counted on him heavily."

"Corban has played center, guard and tackle on offense and tackle and nose guard on defense. He has worked really hard and been very coachable in the process. We are blessed to have him."

JACKSON MORRIS AND DAVIS GREGORY. When CAK coach Travis Mozingo was asked about "unsung heroes," he didn't have

to think twice. "Two guys immediately come to my mind," he said.

"Jackson Morris, a senior, is a player that we asked to change positions going into fall camp," recalled Mozingo. "We asked him to move from the defensive line to offensive tackle – something that he hadn't done since middle school."

"Jackson's immediate response was: 'Yes sir, whatever the team needs me to do.'

"When we talk about sacrifice, and doing what's best for the team, there's no better example in our locker room. This selfless mentality is what we preach to our players on a weekly basis, and it was great to see it carried out with Jackson."

Coach Mozingo said a

second "sermon" that we preach to our team is being a servant-leader, and Davis Gregory, a senior, is the best example of a servant-leader at CAK.

"He's been a football manager since his middle school days," said Mozingo. "I met Davis three years ago when I moved to Knoxville. He introduced himself to me as a 'manager' – but he's so much more. He serves our players and our football staff with a great spirit."

"Most student-managers show up when school starts in the fall, not Davis. He's at every training day in the summer, wearing his player pack gear, and he's at all team functions. He comes to serve his teammates."

"He's involved with practice so much more than what a typical manager does. He's holding for the snappers and kickers in special teams practice. He's helping the offensive staff as a spotter with their team segments, all while I'm hollering at him to go grab this, or go move that. And he's always responding, 'yes sir' – it's really remarkable to see."

"Davis will graduate this spring, and he'll be the first vacancy that we try to fill from our graduating seniors. He's a special kid."



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Grandchildren

By the time you read this essay I will be in Portland, Oregon to see my new granddaughter, and, of course, her now big sister, Cleo.

It's hard to be contemporaneous when an essay has to be written the week before it runs in The Focus. However, I'm not complaining because I write as an avocation, not as a vocation or for a paycheck. I write for joy, so once a week is enough.

Many of you are focused on the midterm elections and perhaps expected something from me in this regard. If you were anticipating a political polemic you'd be mistaken. I'm over it. I've done all I can to educate about the clear choices. And as Julius Cesar said just before he crossed the Rubicon river, "The die is cast." There will be an America after November 6, 2018, though it may be different than I or others might wish.

The Psalmist sang, "Children are a heritage from the Lord. They are arrows in a warrior's quiver"

(Psalms 127:3-4). However, the Proverbist best captures my current thoughts writing, "Grandchildren are jewels in the crown of the aging" (Proverbs 17:6). I love my life, I love my wife and I love my Lord. I love my children, but I worship my grandchildren, though this is hyperbole rather than idolatry. Perhaps my love for grandchildren is because I'm in a different place and time of my life, and I now see things from the perspective of the "aging," but not aged!

In antiquity, names were important and chosen carefully to reflect the nature of an individual. And perhaps a person's name and moniker shapes his or her life and aspirations. My daughter and son-in-law chose the name Rita Maeve for the newest star in our family's firmament. Rita means pearl and Maeve is Gaelic and alludes to intoxicating joy. So, my granddaughter is the pearl that brings great joy. How true.

One of the most intriguing stories in the Bible is Moses' encounter with

the burning bush. Just as a book is often better than a movie adaptation, Cecil B. DeMille did not capture the mystery when Moses impertinently asked God for his name. I'm not being critical of Moses, after all it was circa 1400 BC and Moses needed to be able to tell the captive Israelites in Egypt who he was representing. God's reply was the majestic, timeless and mysterious, "I am that I am." And the great I Am still resonates through the ages.

Having come of age in the sixties, music of The Beatles still flows through my veins and the integrated circuitry of my nervous system. The Beatles' repertoire is extensive, but I especially like the songs "Anna" and "When I'm Sixty-Four." But now I will have to move the song "Lovely Rita" [Little Maeve] to the top of my list!

I continue to be amazed by the technology at our fingertips which enlightens, entertains, connects and allows us to find answers to our questions. I'm inquisitive and a bit bookish. And I enjoy learning and searching for answers. A friend of mine has a new job which requires her to spend several hours each day researching topics of her interest and specialty. I'm envious that I was never offered such employment. However, with Google I can now research my interests and fancies on the fly! My wife, Becky is more

practical than me, but her curiosity has been set free by the new technology. She probably would never go to the research desk of the library. Now, she doesn't need to. She just asks Mr. Google, though we're both using DuckDuckGo as a search engine because of the problems with Google, FaceBook and the like. There is no tracking of your searches with DuckDuckGo, so your information cannot be collected and sold.

Though we live two thousand miles from Portland, the new technology allows us to Facetime, share pictures and videos, and communicate almost instantaneously by text across the country or across town with our other daughter. As I was writing this essay, I received pictures and a video of my Portland grandchildren Trick or Treating. I feel like I'm connected to the Portland Sipes clan just as I'm connected to the Johnsons who rang my doorbell in Halloween regalia on All Hallows' Eve. How mankind has advanced from painted portraits, to daguerreotypes, to photography and now digital imagery captured on the computer in my hand. And best of all, the digital camera with my iPhone is always in my pocket so I'm no longer running to find my SLR (single lens reflex) camera and missing the moment. And staged pictures are often less intriguing than spontaneous



Welcome Rita Maeve!

words. I wonder what new advances await Rita Maeve and my other grandkids. I'm currently working on the second novel in my planned science fiction trilogy, where I explore the next leap in human development. I speculate on a technology which allows the integration of computers and biology. My goal is to complete the first draft of my novel this winter. We'll see. But then perhaps we're already within the next leap forward and we just don't perceive the flux. If you asked a fish about the water around him, he might respond with, "What water?"

I worry about my kids, my grandkids and the country. However, most

of the time my concerns are more than tempered by the wonder and majesty of God's Creation I see everywhere. The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13 that "we see dimly" and we only "know in part." So, I'm comfortable not knowing everything and trusting in the Lord that it will all work out. Some may see this as solipsistic and non-rational blather. I see it as a better way to live. I believe that a spiritual perspective "makes life better now, and there is the hope of then." It is my hope and prayer that my grandchildren, my family and my country figures this out.

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This toad is a flower, not a frog

Toad Lilies (Tricyrtis) are Asian natives of the lily family that generally flower during the fall--- and oh, those flowers! Featuring clusters of delicate, 2-inch, star-shaped blossoms on top of arching 12- to 24-inch stems, many toad lily types are highlighted by wild speckling and striping on the flowers or leaves, or both. Toad lilies are easily grown and thrive in part shade to deep shade. They prefer moist, organically rich, humusy,



By Mike Cruze
 Master Gardener

slightly acidic soils. Soil must not be allowed to dry out. They grow in Zones 5 and warmer, so they are very well suited for our Zone 7.

This perennial is beautiful and is considered orchid-like (even exotic looking) and will stop people in their tracks. It should be a definite addition to your woodland garden. They bloom in early fall and last until a hard frost. It is such a stunning flower. The orchid-like flowers typically have a white or yellow base color this is covered with hundreds of small purple spots. Some cultivars have no spots or

pale-yellow spots. To truly appreciate the beauty and complexity of the flowers you must observe them close up. Some species produce flowers only at the tips of the stems while others produce flowers at every node along the stem. Some flowers are upward facing, and others are nodding. When not in bloom, toad lilies resemble Solomon's seal, another shade-loving member of the lily family. There are approximately 22 species of Tricyrtis. The other common name they are known by other than Toad Lilies is the Hairy Toad Lily, referring to their hirsute

nature. All parts of the plant are covered with very fine, transparent hairs.

Being an excellent woodland garden choice, they look great planted with ferns, hosta, astilbe, hebe, lungwort, and anemone. Toad lilies are particularly engaging by a path or sidewalk where you pass them every day. They are particularly effective in masses although single plants can make a good accent when planted with other shade-loving plants. They can be grown in containers, making sure that you don't let them dry out. They also

make great cut stems to be used in flower arrangements. Rabbits may like to dine on the new growth, but deer do not, so being deer-resistant is a good selling point. Bees and other insects will visit the flowers and even hummingbirds love them!

If the Toad Lilies are thriving and in a happy place, they will self-seed, making propagation easy. They are relatively trouble-free and require little maintenance. When flowers fade in the late fall prune flower stalks off at the base, letting foliage dies back on its own. Foliage can be cut off at its

base when it is fully yellow to tidy the garden for winter.

I really enjoy Toad Lilies in my own garden and one of my favorite photographs is a close-up of the toad lilies with the sun-shining on them.... Spectacular photo! Try toad lilies in your garden. You and your family and friends will certainly enjoy their autumnal beauty!

"A careful observation of Nature will disclose pleasantries of superb irony. She has for instance placed toad close to flowers." -- Honore de Balzac ---- or in this case, the Toad is a Flower, Not a Frog!

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 8, 2014, executed by JOYCE JONES, KYLE E. JONES, conveying certain real property therein described to INDEPENDENCE TITLE & ESCROW SERVICES, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 15, 2014, at Instrument Number 201409150015336; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Finance of America Reverse, LLC, who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **November 29, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, 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 NUMBER SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 28, BROOKVALE ESTATES, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET E, SLIDE 1430 (OLD MAP BOOK 60-S, PAGE 55), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **5915 BLUE LAKE CIRCLE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: DABCO ENTERPRISES, INC., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. 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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Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligation secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by James B. Burns to Ralph Tate, Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument

#201011 030028197, the holders of the note secured by the Deed of Trust and the owners of the debt secured, T & M Realty, LLC have requested the undersigned, in the capacity of Successor Trustee pursuant to the Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument #201810250026410 in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owners T & M Realty LLC, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **December 6, 2018 commencing at 12 Noon**, at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption, homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED in District No. Five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 19th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: BEING know and designated as all of Lot 4, Block 54, LONSDALE LANE COMPANY'S ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, as shown on map of the same of record in Map Book 5, page 183, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee and according to the survey of J.T. Thomas in 1903. Said lot has a frontage of 50 feet on the northwesterly side of Vermont Avenue, and extends back in a northwesterly direction between parallel lines 144 feet to an alley.

TRACT TWO: BEING known and designated as a portion of Lot 3, Block 54, LONSDALE LAND

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COMPANY'S ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, as shown on map of the same record in Map Book 5, page 183, Register's Office. Knox County, Tennessee and according to the survey of J. T. Thomas in 1903, which faces 32 feet on the north side of Vermont Avenue, and extends back between parallel lines 144 feet to an alley and extends along said alley 32 feet, the width of said lot.

Being the same property last conveyed to James B. Burns, by Warranty Deed from T & M Realty, LLC said Warranty Deed being dated October 28, 2010 and of record as Instrument #201011030028196 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor said property is identified on Tax Map 094H Group Das Parcel 027 and bear a current street address of **2217 Vermont Avenue Knoxville Tennessee 37921**.

Said sale will be made as stated above free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions conditions easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property including all unpaid county taxes or other assessments. 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.

P. TIMOTHY GRANDCHAMP
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Benjamin Flowers and wife Shmihyah Flowers, to Title Professionals, Inc., Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument #201706200077676, the holders of the note secured by the Deed of Trust and the owners of the debt secured, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Munay, have requested the undersigned, in the capacity of Successor Trustee pursuant to the Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument #201810250026408 in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owners, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Munay, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **December 6, 2018, 2018 commencing at 11:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption, homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED In The 14th Ward Of The City Of Knoxville, Tennessee, Being Known And Designated As Lot 16, Block D, Villa Sites Second Addition, As Shown On The Map Of The Same Of Record In Map Book 21, Page 126, in the Register's Office For Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property last conveyed to Benjamin Flowers and Shmihyah Flowers, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed from Ralph Tate and Joan Murray, said Warranty Deed being dated June 15, 2017 and of record as Instrument #201706200077675 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor said property is identified on Tax Map 082L Group L as Parcel Q21 and bear a current street address of **3002 Prentice Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37914**.

Said sale will be made as stated above free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions conditions easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property including all unpaid county taxes or other assessments.

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

Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Vincent Jones and Vereda Jones (now known as Vereda Rochelle Watts) to Stewart Title of Tennessee, Inc., Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument #200903040055084, the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust and the owner of the debt secured, T&M Realty, LLC, has requested the undersigned, in the capacity of Successor Trustee pursuant to the Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument #201810250026409 in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owner, T&M Realty, LLC, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **December 6, 20218 commencing at 9:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption,

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homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED in District No. One (1), formerly District No. Two, of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 14th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 20, Rambo and Jacks Highland Park Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, as shown on map of the same of record in Map Book 6, page 69, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and said lot fronting 50 feet on the west side of Castle Street and extending west of uniform width 160 feet to an alley.

BEING the same property last conveyed to Vincent Jones and Vereda Jones, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed from Karlton T. Smith and Sonya Tate Smith, said Warranty Deed being dated February 27, 2009 and of record as Instrument #200903040055083 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor, said property is identified on Tax Map 082F, Group K as Parcel 004 and bears a current street address of **213 S. Castle Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914**.

Said sale will be made as stated above, free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions, conditions, easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property, including all unpaid county taxes or other assessments.

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

The following parties may claim interest in the subject property:

Tennessee Department of Revenue pursuant to the Notice of State Tax Lien against Vincent R. Jones, said Notice of State Tax Lien being dated March 18, 2016 and of record as Instrument #201603240055052 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Southeastern Emergency Physicians, LLC dba UT Medical Center Emergency Department pursuant to the judgment lien of record as Instrument #201607290006697 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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Default having been made in the payment of the debt and obligations secured to be paid in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Joy R. Spencer and Steven Spencer, Jr. to Title Professionals, Inc., Trustee, as the same appears of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee as Instrument #201705240071789, the holders of the note secured by the Deed of Trust and the owners of the debt secured, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, have requested the undersigned, in the capacity of Successor Trustee pursuant to the Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record as Instrument #201810250026407 in the aforesaid Register's Office, to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, all of the said indebtedness having matured by default in the payment of a part thereof and by failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein, at the option of the owners, Ralph Tate and wife, Joan V. Murray, this is to give notice that P. Timothy Grandchamp, Trustee, will on **December 6, 2018 commencing at 10:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Knox County City-County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in front of the Small Assembly Room, where foreclosures are customarily conducted, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, free from the right of equity of redemption, homestead, dower and other exceptions which have been expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the following described premises:

SITUATED in District One (formerly Two) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 14th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 29 and 30, Block V, Cold Springs Addition, as shown on the map of the same of record in Map Book 3, page 106 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property being bounded and described as shown on map of aforesaid addition to which map reference is made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of G.T. Trotter, Jr., Surveyor, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated May 6, 1964.

BEING the same property last conveyed to Joy R. Spencer and Steven Spencer, Jr., as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, by Warranty Deed from Ralph Tate, said Warranty Deed being dated May 19, 2017 and of record as Instrument #201705240071788 in the aforesaid Register's Office.

ACCORDING to the records of the Knox County Property Assessor, said property is identified on Tax Map 082K, Group Vas Parcels 011 and 012 and bear a current street address of **2550 Linden Avenue and 2554 Linden Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914**.

Said sale will be made as stated above, free from homestead and dower rights of the makers of said Deed of Trust and in bar of the rights of equity and redemption as provided for therein, and subject to the restrictions, conditions, easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property, including all unpaid county taxes or other assessments.

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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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 09/25/2009, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 09/29/2009, in Instrument No. 200909290022977, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by William Franklin Bryant, conveying certain property therein described to Bobby M. Goode, State Director as Trustee for USDA Rural Development, as nominee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Bobby M. Goode, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Bobby M. Goode, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will, on **12/05/2018 at or about 10:00 AM**,

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at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF BALL ROAD WITH THE WEST LINE ON DYESTONE GAP ROAD; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT AND RUNNING WITH THE NORTH LINE OF BALL ROAD, SOUTH 51 DEG. 15 MIN. 7 SEC. WEST 200.82 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 35 DEG. 06 MIN. 10 SEC. WEST 333.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTH LINE OF A 25' EASEMENT; THENCE WITH SAID EASEMENT, NORTH 60 DEG. 06 MIN. 06 SEC. EAST 213.18 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF DYESTONE GAP ROAD; THENCE WITH THE WEST LINE OF DYESTONE GAP ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 40 DEG. 40 MIN. 10 SEC. EAST 144 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH IS SOUTH 25 DEG. 47 MIN. 12 SEC. EAST 159.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF WAYNE L. SMITH, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 10, 1993.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION BEING THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN OBTAINED AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BERNARD KERSHNER AND WIFE, DEANNA H. KERSHNER, BY WARRANTY DEED FROM JEFF JANSEN, MARRIED, DATED OCTOBER 5, 2006, FILED FOR RECORD OCTOBER 6, 2006, IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200610060030573, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS, OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT, BY BERNARD KERSHNER AND WIFE, DEANNA H. KERSHNER, BY WARRANTY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2006, AND OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200609290022976, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax Parcel Identification Number: 091-034
ALSO KNOWN AS: **3405 Dyestone Gap Road, Knoxville, TN 37931**

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or set-back 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:

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRYANT

PERSONS IN POSSESSION

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option 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.

DATED October 19, 2018

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
Successor Trustee
TN180067

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 April 30, 2001, executed by BRENDA GASKIN-RILEY, conveying certain real property therein described to ALLEN J. WARE, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 9, 2001, at Instrument Number 200105090077571;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to The Bank Of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, As Trustee For The Holders of The EDCS Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1F who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **December 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. NINE (9) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 26TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING ALL OF LOT 7 IN HILLWOOD HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 28, PAGE 90, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID LOT LYING ON THE EAST SIDE OF DEXTER LANE TURNAROUND, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF RECORD AFORESAID, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G. T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 19, 1978.

Parcel ID: 095N-A-040.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **2632 DEXTER LANE, 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): BRENDA GASKIN-RILEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: AUTO CREDIT OF KNOXVILLE The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee will, on **December 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, 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 THE EIGHTH (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 31, SCOTCH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO.

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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC,
Substitute Trustee
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Memphis, TN 38103
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Ad #146668 11/05/2018, 11/12/2018, 11/19/2018

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 March 31, 2004, executed by LARRY L LYNCH, CATHIE L MELL, conveying certain real property therein described to WESLEY D. TURNER, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 2, 2004, at Instrument Number 200404020091342;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2004-AR1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR1 who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **December 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, 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 THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AS ALL OF LOT 9 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF SHALOM UNIT 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD JUNE 14, 2002 IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200206140103285, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MLR, INC. FROM JASON JETT, UNMARRIED BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED APRIL 1, 2003 IN INSTRUMENT BOOK 200304010087587, AND RE-RECORDED MARCH 9, 2004 IN INSTRUMENT BOOK 200403090083807, BOTH IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. FOR PRIOR REFERENCE SEE WARRANTY DEED TO JASON JETT RECORDED AUGUST 22, 1997 IN BOOK 2260, PAGE 1030, KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT BOOK 200304010087587, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE, FURTHER SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ANY OTHER MATTERS OF RECORD. SAID PROPERTY IS TO BE IMPROVED WITH A 2002 OAKWOOD FREEDOM MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER HOTM12C11472A/B, SIZE 56X28

Parcel ID: 046GA009

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **104 RED HAWK LANE, POWELL, TN 37849**. 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): LARRY L LYNCH, CATHIE L MELL

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

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

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Ad #146626 11/05/2018, 11/12/2018, 11/19/2018

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 August 31, 2009, executed by AARON T. HOWARD, OCTAVIA M. HOWARD, conveying certain real property therein described to LARRY A. WEISSMAN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 1, 2009, at Instrument Number 200909010016541;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-2 who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **December 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, 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 THE EIGHTH (8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 31, SCOTCH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO.

200211260046553 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 021BE018

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7635 APPECROSS ROAD, CORYTON, TN 37721**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): AARON T. HOWARD, OCTAVIA M. HOWARD

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

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

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Ad #146724 11/05/2018, 11/12/2018, 11/19/2018

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated May 30, 2013, Shannon E. Burns, unmarried, conveyed the following described premises to Larry Pressley, Trustee, for City Employees Credit Union to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record as Instrument Number 201306050080006 in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, City Employees Credit Union, are the owners and holders of the indebtedness due therein, and has appointed A. Nicole Troutt, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record as Instrument Number 201810160024307, in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on: **Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and will proceed to offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory rights and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee and within the 26th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 68, in City Homes Subdivision of the University of Tennessee, N.T

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated 05/28/2008, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded 6/3/2008, in Document No. 200806030090902, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, executed by Noah L. Cameron, conveying certain property therein described to Mary Ruth Tackett, State Director as Trustee for USDA Rural Development, as nominee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Mary Ruth Tackett, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Mary Ruth Tackett, State Director, as trustee for Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will, on 12/12/2018 at or about 10:00 AM, at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in the Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of any municipality and being more particularly described as follows:
BEING designated as Lot 44, TUSCANY GARDENS SUBDIVISION, Unit 1, as shown on the plat of same of record in Plat Cabinet O, Slide 55-B, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 2007 Tuscan Gardens Drive, Powell, TN 37849 056GA067

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:

NOAH L. CAMERON
BILLIE SUE CAMERON
PERSONS IN POSSESSION
HALLSDALE POWELL UTILITY DISTRICT

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option 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.
DATED October 29, 2018

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
Successor Trustee

COURT NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: James Carpenter Jr. Kimberly Renee Carpenter Plaintiff Vs James Carpenter Jr. Petitioner

No. 18CH134
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
CHANCERY DIVISION
AT CLINTON, TENNESSEE

It appearing from the pleadings filed in this cause that, James Carpenter Jr., defendant whereabouts are unknown. His last known address is 3221 Woodbine Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee. In compliance with the provisions of T.C.A. 21-1-204 and the Order of Publication of this court entered this the 15th day of October, 2018.

James Carpenter Jr. IS THEREFORE, HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR, ON OR BEFORE the 19th day of December, 2018, before the Clerk and Master of said Court, at his office in Clinton TN and make defense to the complaint filed against him in said court, by plaintiff Kimberly Renee Carpenter or otherwise said complaint will be taken for confessed, and a Judgment by Default will be entered.

It is further ordered that this Notice be published in the Knoxville Focus for four consecutive weeks beginning on the 29th day of October 2018..

This the 22nd day of October, 2018.

HAROLD P. COUSINS, JR.
CLERK AND MASTER
BY: Tammy Hazel
Deputy Clerk

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY: DANIEL FORRESTER

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC.;

IN RE: CLYDE A. CULVER v. DEBRA LOUISE SMITH
NO. 196242-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., 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 DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., it is ordered that said defendants DEBRA LOUISE SMITH AND NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC. file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeffrey S. Greene, an Attorneys whose address is, 321 E. Broadway, Newport, TN 37821 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 The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 22nd day of October, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHELLE GAUSE;

IN RE: ADONNIA SHAY GAUSE
NO. 196352-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MICHELLE GAUSE, 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 MICHELLE GAUSE, it is ordered that said defendant, MICHELLE GAUSE, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Angel, an Attorney whose address is 310 N. Main Street Clinton, TN 37716 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 John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 15th day of October, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALLISON ELIZABETH GREEN;

IN RE: DAVID IAN GREEN v. ALLISON ELIZABETH GREEN - NO. 196368-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ALLISON ELIZABETH GREEN 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 ALLISON ELIZABETH GREEN it is ordered that said defendant ALLISON ELIZABETH GREEN file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with W. Brian Starnes, an Attorneys whose address is, 9041 Executive Park Drive, Suite 106 Knoxville, TN 37923 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 The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 15th day of October, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

CHRIS AYERS, and CASE NO. 3618 AMY AYERS, Petitioners, v. STEPHANIE NICOLE HOLMES, and GUILLERMO DIMAS, Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF: AVA LEIGH HOLMES
DOB: 11/13/2014 A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is verified, that the Respondent, Guillermo Dimas, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Respondent, Guillermo Dimas, file an answer with the Clerk or Circuit Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Paterson, as Attorney whose address is P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Honorable John McAfee at the Circuit Court, 900 Main Street, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. 10/29/2018, 11/5/2018, 11/12/2018, 11/19/2018

This the 15th day of October, 2018
Entered 15th day of October, 2018
Barbara Williams
Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: WILLIAM ROSS TURNER NO. 79733-1

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORA KNIPP TURNER, DECEASED

IN THE CHANCERY COURT, PROBATE DIVISION FOR KNOX COUNTY, TN

In this cause, it appearing from the Motion filed, that the defendant, William Ross Turner, 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 William Ross Turner, it is ordered that said defendant William Ross Turner file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court, Probate Division at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Daniel J. Chung, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 1810 Ailor Ave., Knoxville, TN 37921 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Clerk and Master Howard G. Hogan at the Knox County Chancery Court, Probate Division, 400 Main Street, Suite 352, Knoxville, TN 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 23rd day of October, 2018

Howard G. HOGAN
Howard Hogan, Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS ANSELMO MARTIN -Vs- NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN

Docket # 130721

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon NAZARIA GARCIA MARTIN .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of PETITION TO MODIFY CO-PARENTING filed by ANSELMO MARTIN, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with BARBARA W. CLARK, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 2415 E. MAGNOLIA AVE. KNOXVILLE, TN 37917, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2018.

Mike Hammond
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN LUNDY DOCKET NUMBER 81008-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DORIS JEAN LUNDY who died Oct 30, 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 this first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 30 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN LUNDY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMY E. COOPER DOCKET NUMBER 80981-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 23RD day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMY E. COOPER who died Feb 12, 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 23RD day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF SAMY E. COOPER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
RALPH E. COOPER; EXECUTOR
1120 NW RACCOON VALLEY RD.
HEISKELL, TN. 37754

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SARAH JO ELMORE DOCKET NUMBER 80962-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SARAH JO ELMORE who died Jan 3, 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:

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

This the 17 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF SARAH JO ELMORE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DENNIS ELMORE; ADMINISTRATOR
5820 2ND LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE JENSEN DOCKET NUMBER 80979-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS LEE JENSEN who died Jul 24, 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:

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

This the 22 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF THOMAS LEE JENSEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN C JENSEN; EXECUTRIX
2917 PINE HARBOR LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LEE DONALD KEIRSEY DOCKET NUMBER 80929-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LEE DONALD KEIRSEY who died Aug 21, 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:

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

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LEE DONALD KEIRSEY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LADONNA D KEIRSEY; ADMINISTRATRIX
7400 SHERWOOD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES C KEITH, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 80986-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES C KEITH, SR. who died Jul 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:

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

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JAMES C KEITH, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
FRANCES K BALES; EXECUTRIX
3328 LONG HOLLOW ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER DOCKET NUMBER 80921-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER who died Sep 17, 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:

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

This the 11 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LINDA NICHOLSON LASATER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JAMES LEWIS KISH; EXECUTOR
1254 DAVIS RIDGE ROAD
LENOIR CITY, TN. 37771

DAVID S REXROAD ATTORNEY AT LAW
102 CHAHO ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON DOCKET NUMBER 80917-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON who died Jul 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:

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

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LLOYD BEECHER RICHARDSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STEVEN WETHERHOLT;
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
5308 MEADOW PARK COURT
THOMPSON STATION, TN. 37179

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705 GATE LANE, SUITE 202
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909
10/29 & 11/05/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL SAIN DOCKET NUMBER 80954-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL SAIN who died Aug 30, 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:

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

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANN CANTRELL SAIN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TIMOTHY H SAIN; EXECUTOR
305 MEADOWVIEW FARM DRIVE
JONESBOROUGH, TN. 37659

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JUDY ANNE SITTON DOCKET NUMBER 79734-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JUDY ANNE SITTON who died Jul 13, 2016, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 24 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JUDY ANNE SITTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
STANLEY THOMAS SITTON; EXECUTOR
2218 FAIR DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

SCOTT B HAHN ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN WOOFER DOCKET NUMBER 80953-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY ANN WOOFER who died Aug 31, 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:

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

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF NANCY ANN WOOFER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LINDA RENEA DUNN; EXECUTRIX
5307 IDUMEA ROAD CORRYTON, TN. 37721

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The Power of Testimony

According to yourdictionary.com, the word "testimony" is defined as a statement or declaration given under oath in a court of law or the sharing of information about a religious experience. Paul often shared the story of his conversion and how his life was different after becoming a follower of Christ. His conversion did not just change his behavior, it changed his life



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

trajectory. This reminds us that we, each believer, has a story to share. It is the story of how the gospel has changed your life. Here is something I would like for you to do if you have never done so before. Consider and write down when you became a follower of Jesus and what contributed to you making that decision. Also reflect on how you have experienced God working in your life and how this has changed your life for the better.

It is important to know and share your testimony because it offers the most compelling case you can make for the existence of God. I can argue and

debate with an atheist, and neither of us is likely to win. For every argument I make for the existence of God, they have a counterargument. For every argument they make, I have a counterargument. But the greatest case I can make for the existence of God is my changed life - the peace, joy, love he has given me.

The Apostle Paul had numerous opportunities to share his testimony and share the good news (the gospel) of Jesus Christ. Five of these times are recorded when Paul returned from his third missionary journey with a large sum of money given as a gift from the Gentile

Christians to the Jewish Christians. As Paul stood on the steps of the Fortress Antonia just outside the Temple in Jerusalem, where he was falsely charged for bringing Gentiles into the court of the Jews, he was given a chance to share his testimony (Acts 21:27-22:21). In his speech, Paul did not offer rational arguments for why Jesus was the long-awaited Jewish messiah nor did not talk about deep theological concepts. He simply shared how he had persecuted followers of Jesus, even to their deaths, and how on the road to Damascus, Jesus spoke to him as he was blinded by a bright light.

God got Paul's attention, and he was changed forever from that moment on. A chief persecutor of these followers of Jesus became one of their biggest advocates.

When you read Acts 22-26, Luke records five different trials in which Paul testified to his faith: First is his testimony before the crowd on the steps of the fortress. Next, he spoke before the Sanhedrin where the Roman soldiers had to step in again to save him. He was transferred the next evening at night to Caesarea because of a plot by the Jewish leaders to have him killed. Five days later, Paul gave his defense before

the Roman governor of Judea, Antonius. Felix. Two years later Paul would offer his defense before Felix's successor, Porcius Festus. Later he would do so before King Agrippa II and then again in Rome before a court.

God used these opportunities while Paul was imprisoned and on trial to boldly declare what God had done in his life and what he can do for the life of others. His witness continues today as his story is shared in the Bible. God wants to use your witness as well to share the good news with others.

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