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Remembering Ben Atchley

By Ray Hill

The passing of Ben Atchley brought back many memories to me. I've known Ben and Sue Atchley since I was a teen-ager and I'm now almost a senior citizen. Ben Atchley was serving his second term in the Tennessee State House of Representatives when I volunteered to work in his campaign for the State Senate. Atchley was facing a long-time incumbent, Fred Berry, in the general election. It was a hard fought campaign, but that sort of campaigning doesn't really occur anymore. It was not a campaign of charges and counter-charges; it was a campaign of ideas and what each man would accomplish. There was no name-calling and no accusations. It was almost a sedate and gentlemanly race. Ben Atchley won that campaign easily and remained in the Tennessee State Senate until his retirement in 2003.

Tennessee wasn't as "red" back then as it is today. In fact, when Ben Atchley was first elected to the State Senate in 1976, it was a presidential election year. Former California governor Ronald Reagan had just mounted a challenge to sitting President Gerald Ford in the Republican primaries. It was a hard fight, one that went all the way to the GOP National Convention. Ford just barely won renomination and there were many like me who had worked hard for Reagan. Tennessee's junior United States Senator, Bill Brock, was seeking a second term that same year. Two years previously, former Congressman Ray Blanton had been elected governor over Lamar Alexander. The Democrats proved just how viable they were in 1976; Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second best state in the country after his native Georgia. Bill Brock, despite meeting

his goal of getting 100,000 more votes in 1976 than he had received in 1970, lost to Jim Sasser.

Ben Atchley navigated difficult political rapids in Nashville and served much of the time when his party was the minority in the State Capitol. Whether in the minority or the majority, Ben Atchley always mattered. Perhaps one of the primary reasons Ben Atchley could never be ignored is precisely because of the kind of man he was; Ben was quite simply a very fine man. There was nothing artificial about Ben Atchley. Bennie Atchley really was a man whose word was always good, who believed in God, country, family, and community. Throughout his entire life, Ben Atchley embodied what his generation saw as the "American Dream."

Although an extremely modest man, it was readily apparent just how shrewd Ben really was when one

considers just how well he married. Bennie's choice of Sue King as his bride helped shaped his life and future well beyond any other single thing he did. Miss Sue came from one of the most prominent families in South Knoxville and she was at least as good a politician (I think slightly better) than Ben ever was. One simply couldn't have had a better help mate than Sue Atchley.

Together Ben and Sue formed a duo that served South Knoxville and Ben's Senate district for decades. Sue was eventually appointed to serve a brief term in the State Senate, a recognition of her own ability and service to the community.

It is impossible to calculate the impact Ben and Sue had upon my own life, nor is it possible to measure their warm friendship. The older I've become, the more I've realized the greatest gift life has to offer are



Curtis Bentley Atchley, Jr.

those friendships that bring us love and comfort. I have loved Sue and Ben for a very long time and like so many others, will keep Ben Atchley alive in my heart and memories for the rest of my own life.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

The Knox County Retired Teachers Association awarded scholarships to some aspiring educators at its annual awards celebration and scholarship luncheon Thursday at The Foundry. Pictured with the award winners are their presenters.

Retired teachers association awards scholarships to future educators

By Ken Lay

Nine aspiring educators received scholarships to finish earning their respective credentials Thursday afternoon at the Knox County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Foundation Awards Celebration.

The annual banquet was held at the Foundry last week.

Elizabeth Vandergriff was awarded the Tom Underwood Scholarship by presenter Nancy Gerhardt.

Don Loy presented the Reuben and Pat Hunter Scholarship to Skikila Smith. The Colleen Bennett Scholarship, presented by Connie Silvey, went to Daniella Moyers. Bethany Snowden received the Robert Dagley Scholarship, which was tendered by David Sincerbox.

Judy Fleonor presented the Eddie Carney Scholarship to Ashley Cody. Mary Yom was awarded the Carrie Moudy Huber Scholarship by Vicky Andrews. Carolyn Meyers was awarded the Jim

Oakes Scholarship by Ron Thomas.

David Savard was presented with the Bill Crosland Scholarship by Knox County Board of Education Chairperson Patti Bounds and Micaela Lucas was awarded the Vicki Andrews Scholarship by Don Loy.

The annual scholarships are needs-based and awarded to students who are pursuing a master's degree or fulfilling their respective student teaching requirements.

Attorneys for sheriff retirees seek \$190,000 in fees

By Mike Steely
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The original "settlement" proposed by the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board provided \$5,000 to each of the six retiring deputies and one widow named in the county law department's suit. Per the proposed settlement this money was to be used toward legal fees and not to cost the county more than \$50,000.

That \$5,000 amount vanished after the commission split on a decision but has reappeared as \$190,000. Attorneys Herb Moncier and Al Holifield appeared before the commission work session last week presented a resolution "regarding the payment of reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the participants and retirees in the uniformed officer pension plan in defending the lawsuits brought against them."

"That the Knox County Commission hereby directs the Finance Director and his designates to appropriate County funds in the amount sufficient to pay reasonable attorney fees," the attorneys' resolution reads. Chris Caldwell, the county's finance director, also serves as chairman of the Pension Board.

It continues "as determined by the Knox County Chancery Court but in no event to exceed the total amount of \$190,000."

Moncier spoke as Holifield passed out the proposal to the commissioners and Moncier added the \$190,000 was "for us to be compensated."

"We've done our best to keep our legal

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So, a parent may not have custody of a child, but they are still considered a child's guardian, in that they are expected to provide monies and other support for a child until that child reaches the age of 18. Actually, it's even more specific than that. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 34-1-102, "Parents shall continue to be responsible



By **Jedidiah McKeenan**
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for the support of each child for whom they are responsible after the child reaches 18 years of age if the child is in high school. The duty of support shall continue until the child graduates from high school or the class of which the child is a member when the child attains 18 years of age graduates, whichever occurs first."

There are exceptions to this if the child is considered a special needs child, and in those cases, the duty to support lasts a few years longer, however, your obligation to support your children generally lasts until the child turns 18 or graduates from high school, whichever comes later.

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Zoning appeals and sidewalk projects on long city agenda

By **Mike Steely**
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Tuesday's meeting of the Knoxville City Council appears to be a bit longer than recent meetings as several people are appealing zoning rulings and the town prepares to continue sidewalk projects.

Paul Williams is back before the council appealing a Board of Zoning Appeals denial of allowing him to build a new hotel 81.3 feet tall. The BZA is holding him to a height of 45 feet for a new facility at 9101 Executive Park Drive.

The Pond Gap Neighborhood Association comes back before the council appealing a planning commission approval of an apartment complex on the west side of Hollywood Road. The MPC approved a "use on review" request from

ECG Acquisitions, LLC and the neighborhood group doesn't want the complex to be as large as it is proposed, citing increased traffic on the road that also serves the neighborhood and Pond Gap Elementary School.

The council will also hear a request by the Community Development Department to award \$1.2 million in funds to Knoxville's Housing Development Corporation. The idea is to build a 53-unit affordable housing complex for low-income seniors on Clifton Road and Chillicothe Street.

Additional funds are being requested by the Engineering Department for the Cedar Lane Sidewalk Project, the Sevier Avenue Streetscapes Improvement Project, the 2019 Curb Cuts Project for Southern

Contractors, Inc., and funds for the Middlebrook at Lake Brook Sidewalk Project.

The council will also hear updates on various city codes including fire, swimming pools and spas, unfit buildings, plumbing, electric, mechanical, fuel gas, existing buildings, energy conservation, one to two family dwellings, and buildings.

The South Waterfront District's zoning regulations may become more flexible regarding right-of-ways if the council approves an MPC recommendation.

The agenda also includes several street and alley closings and other re-zoning requests.

The city council meets at 6 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City-County Building.

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bills down," Holifield told the commissioners.

"I'm very much in support of paying their legal fees," Commissioner Brad Anders said, adding that the commission should ask Judge Weaver what the fees should be.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker, who recently resigned from the pension board, said that no attorney names appeared on the resolution and asked them to be identified. Moncier named himself, Hollifield and Stephen Garrett, whom he said were "hired to defend the uniformed officers and the class."

The request for the county to pay up to \$190,000 in defense fees came during a discussion that Chairman Hugh Nystrom introduced about the commission hiring

an attorney to represent the county during the upcoming November 28th hearing before the judge.

Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong cannot represent the county as he was told to withdraw from prosecuting the pension board in a Weaver ruling recently. Commissioner Randy Smith told Moncier and Holifield he'd "like to see your billing records" and added, "We're being asked to pay attorneys we didn't hire for a lawsuit we didn't bring."

Commissioner Charles Busler said the court will decide the case and added it could have been resolved earlier except for the county commission voting 7-1 to get involved.

"You are talking about taxpayer money," he said, adding that the commission getting involved was wrong.

"What we're doing right now is in violation of the charter."

"I'm not going to be part of this," Busler said as he stood and walked out of the meeting.

Commissioner Justin Biggs seemed to imply that the Law Director's office should pay the attorney fees.

"Who brought this lawsuit? Can't they pay this out of their budget?" he asked.

Commissioner Larsen Jay suggested that the chairman and the mayor meet to determine who will represent the county at the upcoming court hearing. Smith then said the matter should be added to the agenda of today's regular meeting.

The law director said that adding the items will require approval by two thirds of the members. The resignation of Commissioner Dave Wright, who was elected to the state

legislature, leaves ten commissioners and three of those, Schoonmaker, Busler and Carson Dailey, stood against the settlement in previous meetings.

Ironically it is now up to the law director to draw up the resolution that would support payment to the attorneys representing the retirees.

"I'll begin the process tomorrow," the chairman told the meeting of the process of hiring a lawyer. The resolution as presented did not receive a vote. If a new outside attorney is hired they would have only a few days to prepare. The next hearing before Weaver is 10 days after the commission meeting tonight.

Commissioner Anders summed up the situation best when he said, "We're entering uncharted territory."

Smith to replace Schoonmaker on Pension Board

The Knox County Commissioners have voted to select Commissioner Randy Smith to replace Commissioner John Schoonmaker on the Retirement and Pension Board.

Chairman Hugh Nystrom asked for nominations and Smith nominated himself. Commissioner Carson Dailey nominated Commissioner Charles Busler. Only he and Busler voted for Busler with Commissioners Schoonmaker and Evelyn Gill passing. Following the first vote Dailey and Busler added their votes for Smith.

Schoonmaker's statement on his resignation from the pension board was not as pointed as expected. He simply told the other commissioners he had served two years with perfect attendance and it was time for a new opportunity for him. Schoonmaker had been a critic of the board and of the inclusion of vacation pay in the pension calculations.

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Publisher's Position

Farewell Senator Ben Atchley



By Steve Hunley, Publisher
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The Focus carries a special remembrance of Ben Atchley, who passed away last week. It is a reminder to us all of a different time in the political landscape of Knox County of how a truly good man prospered in the turmoil of Tennessee politics.

Ben Atchley exemplified integrity and character throughout his long service in the Tennessee General Assembly. Atchley was respected by his colleagues

and constituents. Ben Atchley was the personification of a type of Republican that has virtually ceased to exist in our world today. To say that the absence of folks like Ben Atchley in politics is a loss to our state and nation is gross understatement.

Ben Atchley was one of those public officials who sought to really wrestle with problems and offer viable solutions. Senator Atchley tried to make government

work for the people back home.

The esteem for Ben Atchley by his people is the greatest indicator of both his character and effectiveness as a public servant. Throughout his long tenure as a state representative and senator, Ben Atchley remained a champion at the ballot box, never defeated. "Bennie" Atchley retired to his South Knoxville home and was lovingly watched over by his devoted wife,

Sue, who remains a towering figure in our community.

Tennesseans have shown their affection and regard for Ben Atchley in a number of ways: the South Knoxville post office is named for Atchley, but perhaps the greatest tribute to the late former state senator is the veteran's home named for him. There are not enough public facilities or buildings in Atchley's former district that could be named for him, but Ben Atchley was

genuinely a modest and self-effacing man.

The greatest legacy any public official can leave his or her community, as indicated in the special remembrance of Ben Atchley in the pages of the Knoxville Focus is that of finding a special place in the hearts of the people one serves. Ben Atchley accomplished that and much more during his lifetime and there is no greater legacy than that.

School board honors Reward Schools

By Anne Primm

With all nine district representatives present, Chairwoman Terri Hill called the Wednesday November 14, 2018 school board meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. County Commissioner Randy Smith attended this meeting. Hill began the meeting by announcing November 21-23 to be Thanksgiving Holidays and all Knox County Schools and Central Offices will be closed.

Chairwoman Hill turned the microphone over to Superintendent Bob Thomas for explanation of what it means to be a Reward School. Thomas allowed that this is the top distinction a school can earn in Tennessee. The Reward indicates both improvement in student academics and student growth. At this point,

Dr. Jon Rysewyk began to call the names of the winning schools and invited the principals and school representatives to the front for a picture with the superintendent and their school board representative.

Winning reward schools are as follows: L&M Magnet, Becky Ashe, principal; Shannodale Elementary, April Parton, principal; Bearden High School, Jason Myers, principal; A.L. Lotts Elementary, Melinda Russell, principal; Farragut High School, Bryan Siebe, principal; Farragut Intermediate School, Debbie Adorante, principal; Ball Camp Elementary, Sarah Green, principal; Hardin Valley Academy, Saleigh Reynolds, principal; Pleasant Ridge Elementary, Sandy Roach, principal; Powell Middle School, Dr.

Ben Howard, principal; Gibbs Elementary School, Joe Cameron, principal; Gap Creek Elementary, Lisa Light, principal; and Mount Olive Elementary School, Dr. Casey Cutter, principal.

Next, Superintendent Thomas recognized the East Tennessee Core Region Principal of the Year, Sydney Upton of Sunnyview Primary School, and the East Tennessee Core Region Teacher of the Year, Bryan Schultz of the L&M STEM Academy as outstanding educators.

Special recognition was also given to two Security Officers of the Year by Chief Gus Paidousis. Officers David Cupp and Stephen Davis received honors this year.

Items on the agenda rolled along unremarkably until the board came to agenda item

12.c. involving renewal of a contract with the University of Tennessee for the provision of Cultural Competency Training at an annual cost of \$170,000 for the term of January 1 through December 31, 2019.

Cultural competency training was approved by the school board last year and currently about two thirds of school personnel have undergone the first stage of the training. The rest of the school employees should be trained by April of 2019. The problem for some School Board members is the negative feedback they are receiving from stakeholders, many of whom are teachers. They also are receiving positive feedback but that is from teachers mostly in the elementary school grades. Elementary school teachers

have given the cultural competency training a composite score of 4.5 on a 1-5 scale. Alternatively, middle and high school teacher have given the training a 3.7 on the same scale. Many of the teachers in the upper grades found the delivery of the information objectionable more than the information itself. Some of the teachers in the upper grades found the facilitators condescending. This feedback led some school board members to question this large expenditure in light of another extremely tight budget year.

When Superintendent Thomas was asked his

opinion, he said, "I only received a score of 3.7 on my evaluation and I got another year and I think it only fair to give Cultural Competency another year." When the vote was called, it passed 6-3.

Tonya Coats spoke in Public Forum about Knox County School's proposed early retirement program. She recommends that there be several sessions of questions and answers about this program held in all parts of the county. Coats says that people have lots of questions that need to be answered before decisions can be made.

Thanksgiving comes once in a year, but may the feeling of gratitude live in our hearts all year round.

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Roche and Covington lead Ethics Committee

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Ethics Committee met briefly Wednesday morning to choose a new chair and vice chair.

The committee, made up of appointees of the county mayor, commission and non-voting members, chose Jennifer Roche as chairperson and Michael Covington as vice chair.

Other members include Rev. Daryl Arnold, May Killebrew-Mosley, Barbara Chandler, Roy Cruse, Billy Stephens, Kim Frazier and Mary Linda Schwartzbart.

Non-voting members include Commissioner John Schoonmaker, Sheriff Deputy Captain James Carson and mayor's office representative Bryan Hair.

The ethics committee hears valid complaints by citizens against elected officials and employees of Knox County. All complaints are previewed by the Knox County Law Department and, if found possibly valid, are forwarded to the ethics group.

After a public hearing is held on a complaint the ethics committee votes to dismiss it or agree with the complaint. If found possibly valid the matter then proceeds to the appropriate department of county government for action.

Are you prepared for an emergency?

By Mike Steely
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Things happen; unexpected things like storms, fires, chemical spills, power outages, and other local disasters can affect you and your family suddenly.

How you can be prepared for the unexpected was the topic of an address by Colin Ickes, director of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency, at a meeting of the Fountain City Town Hall recently. Ickes told the audience that his agency is small, with only three on the staff, and acts as a coordinator for many other city and county departments in times of disaster.

"We make sure all the pieces fit together," he said, adding, "We're a step removed from the scene and available if they need anything."

Among the things a family or business can do to prepare for emergencies is to develop a disaster plan, including selecting a good place to use as a storm shelter or a plan to shelter in place. He suggested preparing a "To Go" kit including medications, equipping an "All Hazards" radio (formerly a weather radio), learning how to turn off utilities, storing at least three gallons of water per person, and a three day supply of non-perishable foods for each person and pet.

You should also learn what public facilities are available for shelter in case of major disasters, where you can take the family for shelter.

Ickes said his agency takes part in several disaster drills each year including a mass hospital and healthcare facility emergency drill recently and an airplane crash drill earlier this year.

The agency is responsible for disaster preparedness, response and recovery and current projects include a Department of Energy response plan with Oak Ridge, a severe weather



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Colin Ickes, director of the emergency management agency, outlined the many things a person and family can do to be prepared for an emergency. He spoke before a meeting of the Fountain City Town Hall recently.

plan, radiological response, incident management teams, and to make sure that the Emergency Operations Center within the Knox County-Knoxville E-911 center is activated when needed.

He suggested that families not only maintain a safe place at home but also designate a meeting place outside the home and set up an out-of-state contact that every member knows to call to locate each other. Shelter in Place suggestions include an interior room on ground level, closing all doors and windows, turning off heat, fan and air conditioning, and sealing openings in the room.

Being prepared might also include signing up for alerts from the Knox County Emergency Alert System online at www.knoxcounty.org/alert.

You can get more information by contacting Ickes at (865) 215-1166 or email him at cickes@cityofknoxville.org.



Rosie's World

Odds and Ends

John Grisham has done it again. The words seem to flow from his brain unto paper in no time at all. He has written thirty-two novels, one work of non-fiction, a collection of stories, and six novels for young readers. I just finished his newest novel, "The Reckoning" and it is full of legal suspense of murder and mayhem on every page.

It is amazing what one can learn, especially in this technological age. When I lived up North I was fortunate enough to live across the road from an Amish farm. Every day I could gaze out my picture window and watch the beautiful sheep graze on the fertile green banks.

Just recently I saw a picture of a beautiful sheep called a Dall sheep, which is a species of sheep native to Northwest America, namely in the mountain ranges of Yukon territory and MacKenzie mountains in the Northwest territory. They range from white to slate-brown in color and

having curved yellowish-brown horns.

I always thought sheep were sheep but I read recently there are many varieties of sheep. The Latin name dallis was derived from William Healey Dall, an American naturalist.

With all the rain we've gotten--and are still getting--umbrellas are in high demand.

Who made the first umbrella? The basic umbrella was invented over 4,000 years ago. There is evidence of them in the ancient art and artifacts of Egypt, Assyria, Greece and China. They were first designed as protection from the sun. The word umbrella comes from the Latin word "umbra," meaning shade or shadow.

Some of the most important inventions in the field of umbrellas happened in the 20th century. Hans Haupt managed to create a pocket umbrella in 1928 and Bradford Phillips secured a patent in 1969 which described the first "working folding umbrella."

I also learned that "opera" is the plural of "opus." I never knew that, did you?

Thought for the day: The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention. John Burroughs

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Getting to know

Director of the Office of Business Support **PATRICIA ROBLEDO**

The Knoxville Focus is sitting down with several city and county officials, community leaders and residents. The casual chats will, hopefully, let you get to know them on a personal level.

As Knoxville's first director of the office of business support Patricia Robledo is now in her 7th year of service having been appointed by Mayor Madeline Rogero to run the newly created office. Robledo created the Business Advisory Council, was a founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of East Tennessee and she continues to be involved in many area organizations and causes.

How is your position working for you?

This position is working very good for me. I think Mayor Rogero had a need for this type of office and I'm very lucky that I was the one that got to do it. I get a lot of questions from start-ups asking, "Where do I start?" and things like that. I think we are very lucky in the community in that we have a lot of resources so when I sit down with a business I share with them about the eco-system, whether that is the East Tennessee Development Center, SCORE, the Knoxville Entrepreneurial Center, the Knoxville Area Urban League or the Knoxville Chamber.

A lot of the start-ups



Patricia Robledo sat down with Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely for a chat. Robledo is in her 7th year as Director of the Office of Business Support and the interview gives our readers a view of her position and her life outside the office.

are the newest business models for which we do not have ordinances here in Knoxville, like beer-on-tap, food trucks, pedicabs, Uber and short term rentals; things that we do not have ordinances or must amend ordinances for. I work a lot with the law department and a lot of different departments that need to be at the table.

How is your position affecting your family or other interests?

My kids are grown and gone. I have a 28-year-old daughter who is in

California and a 26-year-old son who is in Wisconsin. So I don't have little ones in terms of having to juggle things that much. It is a position that has a lot of early meetings and late meetings and sometimes the days are really spread out and long. I try to do a lot of community events on weekends.

Where were you born and why Knoxville County?

I came to Knoxville from Colombia, South America. That's Colombia with an "O" which is one of my biggest pet peeves. I was 17

and worked at the World's Fair and then went to UT. I immigrated here with my family. I left Knoxville and worked in different states for ten years from '85 until '95 and then came back.

When I came to Knoxville at 17 with limited English proficiency I could have not had that dream that maybe one day the newly-elected female mayor would call me and say "Hey, join my administration."

That speaks of what is truly possible, that American Dream.

What are your overall hopes

for the city and the county and a metro-type government?

I don't really have an opinion on that. I don't really know what I will be doing in about a year (When Mayor Rogero leaves office) because I'm in an appointed position. For me the big question is what's going to happen with this position.

Not speaking for the mayor at all, on a personal level my concern would be on the focus and priorities that the county and city has. I don't really know that the county would be willing to do what the mayor

does. Huge differences are there as well. There's a huge rural and urban divide everywhere.

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

I've got to say I very much enjoy running races. I'm not a fast runner at all and got into running really late in my life and just ran the Starry Night which was for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Running gets me out and there are many beautiful places and really great causes. During a run you're running with a purpose and trying to help out somehow and you feed on the energy of the other people so you run a little faster. There's a 5 or 10K every other weekend and I enjoy that.

One thing that I love about Knoxville, through the Special Events Office, is all the festivals and special events. Sometimes there are two or three things to choose. That's a good problem to have. There was a time when you would hear, "There's nothing to do in Knoxville" but I don't think I've heard that again.

What do you see as your main accomplishment in life?

The thing I am most proud of is my kids. My kids are just really great kids. My daughter is a teacher in California with a master's in public education and works with first generation kids and works really hard to get them into college. My son

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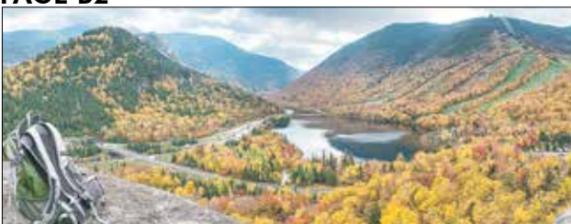
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Being Thankful Every Day

By **Ralphine Major**
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We live in America. We have so much to be thankful for as the long-awaited Thanksgiving holiday approaches once again.

Too often, it is easy to take for granted the privileges we enjoy and even those we hold most dear. It is so important for our nation and her people to cherish the many freedoms that come with being an American and remember those veterans who fought for them and the military who still protect them. Those freedoms are a part of our lives every day--in our schools, our jobs, our places of worship, our businesses.

It seems about this time every year there is someplace in America suffering from devastating wildfires

or other natural disasters. Amidst our celebrations with family and friends on this Thanksgiving, it is heart-wrenching to think of those whose lives have been changed forever.

May we remember to give thanks to our Creator on this Thanksgiving for life and liberty, good health and food, homes and family, houses of worship, hospitals and first responders, friends and neighbors. Our greatest thanks should be to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Enjoy the blessings of this great national holiday; and as we are reminded in Psalm 100:4 (KJV), give thanks. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

PATRICIA ROBLEDO

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just moved from Nashville to Madison, Ws., to start a degree in criminology. He wants to be a professor, a research type.

When people first meet you how do they see you?

What I would like them to see is someone who speaks with an accent and although not an East Tennessean by birth I hope they see someone who is passionate about Knoxville and very much embedded in the community, whether it is in the business community, government or non-profits. I serve on many non-profit boards and as a proxy to the mayor on many other boards.

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

I have to say I'm one of the luckiest people I know. Even through difficult periods or challenges I don't think I'd ask for a "re-do" because I am where I am perhaps even because of the things that were hard or difficult. Don't what to change anything.

If you could choose one thing that's the most satisfying in your current position what would that be?

What I take with me in these seven years is how

incredibly lucky I've been to work with great people. I have been amazed about being part of this team. I love that this position, as liaison, has taken me to work with so many different departments within the city but also outside. I work a lot with KUB, the health department, and all those business related organizations. In the city I've gotten to work with departments I never really thought about. One of the first cases was with David Massey (former director of the office of neighborhoods). It was a business having an issue with a neighborhood and I got involved. We have amazing people. The public process is not always easy but Dr. Bill Lyons is such a master and helped me.

What's your favorite meal or place to dine?

My favorite foods are fruits but a lot of the fruits that I like I can't find here, so when I travel I look. I do enjoy primarily family-owned ethnic restaurants. I live in the Downtown West area and there are great places to go to. There's the Turkish Market and I go to Yassin's and the Indian Mart. They have fruit I can't find anywhere else.

By **Mike Steely**
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If you're new to Knox County or Knoxville, and a lot of us are, you may be curious about why some streets or area of town carry such names as Sutherland, Inskip, Bearden, Gay, Heiskell or Henley. Some street names and place names are pretty obvious for their location or topography.

Places like Western Avenue, Central Street, Main Street, West Knoxville, South Knoxville, or even Fountain City and Northshore, are pretty descriptive and it doesn't take a lot of research to see why those names were used.

However street names need a bit of thought and research. Knox County and Knoxville itself were named for General Henry Knox, a Revolutionary War hero and the superior of William Blount, territorial governor prior to statehood.

Sutherland Avenue

Sutherland Avenue, stretching far west into Bearden, is named for Dr. Robert E. Sutherland, an early pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Sutherland Avenue is the home to the Marble City and Pond Gap neighborhoods, UTs sports fields, many businesses and is the original home of the Knoxville Airport and community baseball fields. The Third Creek Greenway begins at Sutherland and John Tarleton Park, West High School and the Young-William Animal Center are along the route.

One of the newest named streets is just off Hollywood Drive one block from Sutherland and is named for Charles Newman. The brief street reflects the name of an earlier businessman and community leader.

Gay Street

Downtown's historic Gay Street isn't named for what you might think. Not for a term meaning "happy" or "gay" but for the waterfront route in Baltimore named for Nicholas Ruston Gay. Gay Street stretches from the Tennessee River through the theatre district, past many historic buildings and businesses and ends at Emory Place between Broadway and Central Street.

Gay Street was platted on the original town map drafted by Charles McClung and was the site of the 1796 Constitutional Convention in the office of Colonel David Henley on the corner of Gay and Church Street. Gay was the first paved street in Knoxville and the Gay Street Bridge replaced the first bridge to cross the Tennessee River and link South Knoxville to the city.

Along the route heading north into the downtown area are the historic buildings of the Old Knox County Courthouse (site of a frontier military barracks and fort), the Blount Mansion visitor's center, The Tennessee and Bijou Theatres, and many iconic former businesses such



A plaque in the Bearden neighborhood recalls the naming of Sutherland Avenue. A series of plaques there recall the history of that West Knoxville community.

as Miller's Department Store. Many of the older buildings have been or are being renovated as Gay Street continues to be a main route in Knoxville.

Henley Street

Broadway becomes Henley Street at Summit Hill Drive and runs south, across the Tennessee River, where it becomes Chapman Highway. Along the short route the street passes the Knoxville Convention Center, Holiday Inn, Worlds Fair Park and the historic Church Street United Methodist Church. The Henley Street Bridge spans the river and may be the most used bridge in the downtown area. Development on the south side of the river is increasing use of the bridge as a large apartment and retail complex is now under construction there.

Colonel David Henley was a Continental Army officer and was George Washington's intelligence officer. In the 1790s he was named by the first American president as the agent for the U.S. Department of War to the Southwest Territory. The Massachusetts native served as Superintendent of Indian Affairs as well as quartermaster and paymaster for local federal and militia troops during his time in Knoxville.

He died in Washington, D.C., in 1823 while serving as a clerk in the War Department.

Summit Hill Drive

Summit Hill Drive begins at Broadway where Western Avenue heads east and becomes Summit. The hillside road continues through town until it ends at East Hill and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Along the way the four-lane route encounters the former Knoxville City Hall, now LMU College of Law, the TVA Towers, Crown Plaza Hotel, and the city's small Country Music Park.

If you're fairly new to Knoxville you might think the street was named for legendary UT Women's Basketball Coach Pat Head Summitt. That would

be fantastic but it's not true. Summit Hill was named because the hillside is the highest point, or "summit" in the downtown area.

Bruhin and Inskip Roads

Bruhin Road, the busy street between Dutch Valley Road and Inskip Road, climbs uphill and passes by the Inskip Park and Pool. Bruhin, which means "brown" in Dutch, is named for the Bruhin family. Kasper Bruhin moved there from Switzerland in the 1800s and raised a family on the farm he had on Dutch Valley. He drowned in 1928 while trying to clean out a farm cistern.

The Bruhin family still lives in Knox County and two Bruhins, John and Bill, were notable as football players for the University of Tennessee. John went on to play professional football.

Inskip Road runs from Clinton Highway, across I-75, and links with Bruhin Road, then north to Cedar Lane. The Inskip neighborhood, wedged between Norwood and Fountain City, is named for the Rev. John S. Inskip, a founder of camp meetings and revivals in North Knoxville.

Heiskell Avenue

The community just north of Knoxville is named Heiskell for the prominent family of that name. Heiskell Avenue in Knoxville runs from Texas Avenue in Lonsdale and ends at Central and Bruhin Road.

Frederick Heiskell was publisher of the Knoxville Register and served in the Tennessee Senate. The Heiskell family arrived in our area from Maryland.

William Heiskell moved from Monroe County to Knoxville during the Civil War and had taken a pro-Union stand. Heiskell's family was split in loyalty but William remained loyal to Lincoln's cause.

Heiskell Road, not Avenue, begins where North Central meets Emory Road and continues to the Heiskell community.

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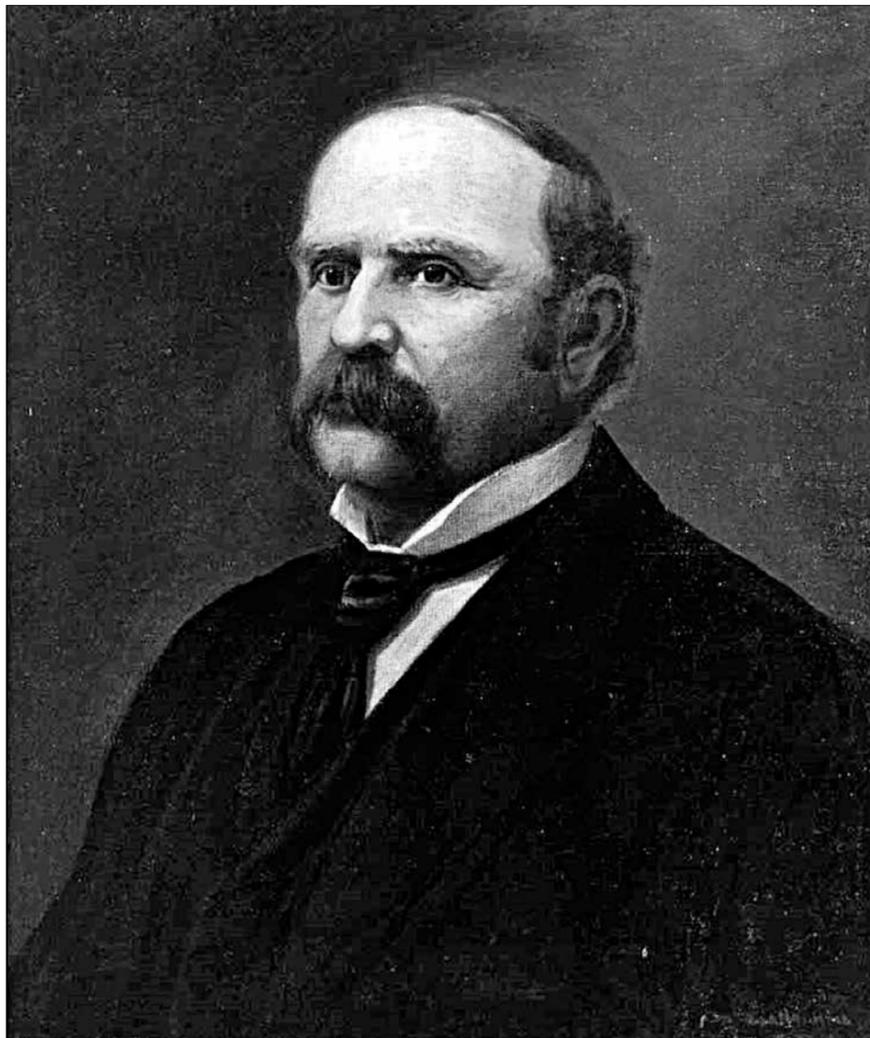
Benton McMillin was such a fixture in Tennessee politics he was regarded as the "Old Warhorse" of the Democratic Party in the state. After spending twenty years in Congress from Tennessee's Fourth District, Benton McMillin twice served as governor of Tennessee. Yet the pinnacle of McMillin's political ambition was to win election to the United States Senate. Like the proverbial old fire-horse, Benton McMillin seemed unable to ignore the call whenever the bell rang. McMillin made his last serious campaign at the ripe old age of seventy-seven and quite nearly won. Had it not been for his opponent's majority in Edward H. Crump's fiefdom of Memphis, Benton McMillin would have been the Democratic nominee to reclaim the governor's mansion from Republican Alf Taylor in 1922.

Like many of his contemporaries, Benton McMillin sympathized with the Confederacy during the Civil War and while he wanted to join the Confederate Army, he was only sixteen years old when the war broke out and McMillin's father flatly refused to give his permission. The teenager was captured by Union troops at one point during the Civil War and jailed as he adamantly refused to swear the federal Oath of Allegiance. McMillin's rise in Tennessee politics began with a term in the state House of Representatives and eventual appointment by Governor James D. Porter to the bench, sitting as judge of the Fifth Judicial District. McMillin did not long remain cloaked in a judge's robe; after only a year as judge Benton McMillin ran for Congress in 1878. The nominating convention was apparently contentious with 125 ballots required before a nominee was selected. Benton McMillin withdrew his name as a candidate several times, but finally emerged as the Democratic nominee on the 125th ballot. The thirty-two year old candidate had numerous friends inside the Fourth Congressional District and although he had been born in Kentucky, had practiced law with his uncle, Judge E.L. Gardenhire. McMillin had lived in Celina, the county seat of Clay County before moving to Carthage, Tennessee. Evidently campaigning at the time was hazardous, as the young candidate, while traveling from Hartsville to Dixon Springs, managed to turn over his buggy. McMillin "was bruised somewhat", but apparently none the worse for wear.

McMillin won the election and served ten terms in the U. S. House of Representatives.

For most of his time in Congress, Benton McMillin was a different kind of Democrat than what one would consider from a modern perspective. McMillin was wary of American global exploits, as he considered them to reek of imperialism. Congressman McMillin was also cautious about expenditures and was constant in his opposition to what he believed to be excess spending on the part of the government. Being a product of his time, Benton McMillin was also deeply opposed to the Lodge Bill, offered in 1890 by Massachusetts senator Henry Cabot Lodge. The Lodge Bill sought to afford protection to African-American voters in the South. As a senior Democrat in the House, McMillin served on the powerful Rules Committee and frequently challenged the autocratic Speaker of the House Thomas B. Reed of Maine. If Cordell Hull is today remembered by some as the father of the national income tax, Benton McMillin was its grandfather. It was Congressman McMillin who successfully offered an amendment to the Wilson - Gorman Tariff Act of 1894 that would have established the first income tax in the United States. Both McMillin and Hull represented Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District and the farmers and residents of the small towns in the largely rural district would have been exempt from paying the income tax. The Wilson - Gorman Tariff Bill was challenged and heard by the U. S. Supreme Court. The high court struck down McMillin's amendment as unconstitutional in 1895 in a decision rendered in *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan and Trust Company*.

Benton McMillin's first bid for the United States Senate came in 1897 after the death of Senator Isham G. Harris. McMillin was unsuccessful, but ran for and won the Democratic nomination for governor the following year. McMillin won the general election and was reelected to a second two-year term in 1900. Tennessee Republicans made an effort to defeat Governor McMillin in his reelection bid, but the Old Warhorse won handily. At the conclusion of his term as governor, Benton McMillin chose not to resume the practice of law, but instead went into the insurance business. Yet McMillin never gave up his interest in politics nor his desire to



Official portrait of Governor Benton McMillin.

hold elective office. The lure of the United States Senate still intoxicated McMillin and he remained determined to return to Washington, D. C.

The first opportunity for Benton McMillin to return to Washington, D. C. was the unexpected death of Senator William B. Bate, who died days after having been sworn-in for a fourth term. Almost immediately McMillin and former governor Robert L. Taylor were candidates to succeed Bate. The Nashville Tennessean tried to assess the strength of the various candidates, which included incumbent governor James B. Frazier. According to the Tennessean, Dresden, Tennessee was a hotbed of support for McMillin, while Taylor and Governor Frazier seemed to be the favorites in Humboldt. Lexington, Tennessee seemed to favor Benton McMillin, although the Tennessean's correspondent found that Governor Frazier "has some strong friends" in the area. Hardeman County appeared to be decidedly in favor of Robert L. Taylor. Friends of former governor McMillin gathered at the Duncan Hotel to ponder how best to promote their favorite's candidacy for the Senate before the legislature. While both Benton McMillin and Robert L. Taylor retained strong followings all across the state, Governor James B. Frazier had an advantage in being a popular incumbent with his fingers on the levers of power. Frazier easily won election to the United States Senate.

Robert L. Taylor finally achieved his ambition of serving in the U. S. Senate when he won a primary election in 1906, defeating sitting Senator Edward Ward Carmack. Legislators promised to be bound by the decision of the voters. With the path to the Senate seemingly blocked for Benton McMillin, he had to consider other options. Perhaps hope flickered briefly when Taylor was convinced by party elders to run once

again for governor in 1910. McMillin appeared to have finally reached his own goal of serving in the U. S. Senate that same year. Benton McMillin had won the primary election and campaigned throughout Tennessee in 1910 as the Democratic nominee for United States senator.

McMillin was touring his own Middle Tennessee at the beginning of July, speaking in his home city of Carthage, Shelbyville, Lewisburg, and Fayetteville. Still, some of McMillin's friends were suspicious a trade of some sort had been made by Robert L. Taylor and disgraced Governor Malcolm Patterson. The Tennessean published a report from Bristol, Tennessee, stating McMillin partisans worried the Patterson "machine is making of McMillin a mere stalking horse with no intention of electing him to the Senate is the belief of many here." In spite of McMillin having won the primary, the legislature still elected U. S. senators. Even though Malcolm Patterson had dropped his bid for a third term as governor, it was no secret he harbored senatorial ambitions of his own. The "fusion" movement of "Independent" Democrats, those Democrats who had bolted because of Governor Patterson, allied with Republicans, proved to be a very real threat in the general election. Although he campaigned heartily for the Democratic ticket, Benton McMillin watched helplessly as "Our Bob" lost to Republican Ben W. Hooper. As it turned out, Benton McMillin's nomination for the U. S. Senate was up-ended by the same fusion movement in the legislature. While "regular" Democrats voted for McMillin for senator, independent Democrats divided their votes among other candidates, including the incumbent, James B. Frazier. After a deadlock, members of the legislature began withdrawing the names of several candidates

and Luke Lea, publisher of the Tennessean was nominated. Lea was acceptable to the independent Democrats. Among those whose name had been withdrawn was Benton McMillin. Regular Democrats paid little attention to McMillin's withdrawal and stubbornly continued to vote for the former governor. On the final ballot, the presiding officer announced Luke Lea had 68 votes, Benton McMillin had 48 votes, and the rest were scattered between three other candidates, including Lawrence D. Tyson of Knoxville. Luke Lea was elected to the United States Senate.

The Democratic Party in Tennessee remained badly split and it was not surprising they turned to Benton McMillin to oust Governor Hooper in 1912. McMillin suffered the same fate as Bob Taylor, losing to Hooper, who was supported by a coalition of Republicans and Independent Democrats, in the general election.

The good news from the 1912 election was Woodrow Wilson winning the White House. Democrats had been denied the presidency since the last administration of Grover Cleveland and with power came patronage. McMillin was appointed by President Wilson to serve as Minister to Peru. From 1913 until 1922, Benton McMillin was a diplomat, serving as Minister to Peru until 1919, when he became the American Minister to Guatemala. Despite the fact the Republicans had won the presidency in 1920, Warren Harding did not seem to be in a hurry to replace Benton McMillin. The former governor finally resigned his post in 1922 to hurry home to Tennessee to wage yet another campaign for governor.

The 1920 election had been a boon for Republicans in Tennessee. Not only had Warren G. Harding carried Tennessee, but the Volunteer State had elected a Republican

as governor. Alf Taylor, brother of the late Robert L. Taylor, had defeated incumbent Albert H. Roberts. Republicans had won five of Tennessee's nine congressional districts in the 1920 election, even managing to defeat Cordell Hull in McMillin's old Fourth Congressional District.

In the 1922 Democratic primary, the seventy-seven year old Benton McMillin vigorously stumped the state and faced a credible challenger in forty-six year old Austin Peay. McMillin demonstrated his strength despite not having won an election since 1900. The former governor won Hamilton County, lost Knox County by less than 200 votes, and carried Davidson County. McMillin was also strong in many of Tennessee's rural counties, especially inside the confines of his old congressional district. The difference was Shelby County, where Austin Peay won 9,079 votes to only 1,732 votes for McMillin. Peay also made a spectacular showing in his own Montgomery County, which he won 3,793 to a mere 130 votes for Benton McMillin. Ultimately, Benton McMillin won 59,992 votes to 63,940 votes for Austin Peay.

Benton McMillin continued to be active in Tennessee's Democratic Party affairs, along with his wife, Lucille Foster McMillin. He made one last attempt to gain a seat in the U. S. Senate in 1930. McMillin's filed as a candidate for the "short term" to fill the remainder of the term of the late Senator L. D. Tyson. It would be the last opportunity for the eighty-five year old former governor to serve in the Senate, albeit briefly. McMillin was to oppose the incumbent, William E. Brock of Chattanooga, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Senator Tyson's death. At the end of July 1931, Benton McMillin announced he would not run for the Senate. The former governor had finally given up his ambition to return to Washington, D.C. as Tennessee's U.S. senator.

The eighty-seven year old Benton McMillin was seriously ailing in January of 1933. For fifty years, he had been one of the most prominent political figures in Tennessee. It is astonishing to think Benton McMillin was first elected to public office nine years after the end of the Civil War and he had managed the pre-convention presidential campaign of Franklin Roosevelt in 1932. Contracting pneumonia, former governor Benton McMillin told his doctor he felt "fine" immediately before lapsing into a coma and dying hours later. Tennessee's old "Democratic warhorse" was gone.

What are we willing to do?

Predictions for the fate of the world are dire. According to scientists on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the temperature will rise 2.7 degrees by 2030, and that can lead to catastrophic floods, droughts, wild fires, and food shortages throughout the world. Most of those things already occur in our country. We've witnessed unprecedented hurricanes, downpours of rain, and fires.



By Joe Rector
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The simple sounding solution to the problem requires that all of us drastically reduce carbon emissions. The difficulty with that is most folks love their cars too much to give them up, and they don't want to give up the convenience of throw away packaging made of plastics. Our immediate comfort is more important than keeping this planet in a state that will sustain life. I remember the past and don't want to go back to it. However, we might learn a couple of things from that simpler life. The first deals

with recycling. Yes, that activity has been going on for a long time. These days, we throw plastic containers in recycling bins, and the materials are re-used to produce other items. That is a logical step since it takes approximately 450 years for a plastic bottle to completely degrade.

In an earlier time, most bottles were made with glass. The price charged for soft drinks included a deposit on every bottle. We boys used to walk the ditches on Ball Camp Pike in search of ones that had been tossed from passing cars. We'd return them to the store down the road and collect a few cents with which we bought candy or bubble gum.

A huge dent could be made in the garbage that is produced if companies returned to the use of glass bottles and deposits on them. In 2010, 25.7 billion cases of Coca-Cola were produced. Just think of the amount of energy

demanding to produce the plastic bottles for even a fraction of them, and think of how many bottles have been discarded in dumps where they will exist for the next four centuries. Returning glass containers makes more sense in the overall scheme of things.

Energy demands increase yearly. Our thirst for electricity to run appliances, televisions, and chargers requires plants to release more pollutants into the atmosphere. Not so long ago, air conditioning was a luxury that few homes had. Now, we all have it and rarely leave its comfort. I'm not necessarily calling for a return to electric fans and open windows, although both could be used during spring and fall seasons. Instead, I suggest that folks adjust the thermostat. Instead of keeping the house a bone-chilling 68 degrees in the summer, a family might turn the temperature to 70 or even 72. In winters, the reverse would hold true— 68 degrees instead of 72. The savings for the consumer would be substantial, and the amount of life-killing carbon dioxide would be cut.

If we are to survive, one thing holds true: we must develop vehicles that run on something other than gas. Many electric cars already travel the highways. Our citizens must demand that manufacturers produce these vehicles so that they can travel longer distances. Yes, we might also insist that those electric cars have more appealing body styles.

The average passenger vehicle coughs out 4.6 tons of carbon dioxide

into the atmosphere each year. Multiply that by millions of cars we in the U.S. own, and some idea of the problem comes into view. We are choking ourselves, other animals, and plants to death with our cars. Car manufacturers, like cigarette companies, have addicted us to gas-guzzling vehicles, and deciding to rid ourselves of them will be an enormous problem. However, the alternative is that in the near future, our

lives will become miserable as all sorts of disasters befall us.

If the threats that are predicted are real, the time is short to make even a modest change to the ensuing disaster. Let's hope every person and every business heeds the warnings and makes a concerted effort to help the planet, and life on it, survive. The real question is what are we willing to do?

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Black Thursday?

By T. S. Williams

What has happened to the good old days of sitting around with your family on the sofa, bellies full of turkey and pumpkin pie, and a great football game on the television? This is how I fondly remember Thanksgiving Day. Family time, relax time, or just plain let your hair down and party time.

I have recently moved over from the United Kingdom after living there for 13 years, and have just discovered that Black Friday, now begins on Thursday. This is wrong on so many levels. First of all, it's in the name... Friday, not Thursday; but there are many more morally wrong reasons that I find Black Friday beginning on Thursday to be upsetting.

I have to give a definite shout out to those poor employees that are being dragged away from their families and children, to stock shelves and sell us products at drastically reduced prices. I am all for the sales, and in fact, have been a big fan of Black Friday in the past. I just do

not agree with it happening on our special holiday that should be time spent with family and friends to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.

I am also not happy about how having Black Friday begin on a Thursday will affect loved ones of my own. My sweet mother, bless her, has been getting up early the day after Thanksgiving for years. It has become its own little exciting event for her buildup to Christmas. My mother, like a lot of our seasoned citizens, suffers from a few health issues that cause her to retire at an early hour in the evenings. She will not be standing in line outside Walmart at 8 o'clock at night on Thanksgiving, and just to add, after spending all day preparing a gorgeous meal for us to enjoy. So what, she will miss out on getting my brother that new big screen he really wants? He certainly isn't going to get it at full price.

I would like to add there are also a lot of younger families who rely on the Black Friday sales to provide a nice Christmas, but

can't get out at 8 p.m. with small children. Even if they could manage a sitter and get out, this is not my main point. Thanksgiving is intended to be a day to give thanks, not shop till we drop.

Thanksgiving, which can be traced back to 1621, was a three day feast at Plymouth to celebrate a successful harvest. By the beginning of the 20th century, Thanksgiving began to be a holiday intended to allow time for families to come together and give thanks, and also to teach children about American values and how to be good citizens. I think most would agree, this is needed now more than ever.

I understand that 'Black Thursday' is not a new occurrence, and I just wonder how Americans have let these retailers get away with stealing our time off with family for a few years now. If you really want the discounts that badly, you should get your lazy bones up at 5 in the morning and stand outside whatever shop you so choose...on Friday!

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High school hoops season kicks into high gear today with Farragut tournament

By Ken Lay

High school basketball season kicks into high gear today with several area teams playing in holiday tournaments.

One tournament, at Farragut High School's

Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, features some of the state's top teams.

The action begins with four games. The first round concludes Tuesday with four more games.

Today, the tourney tips off with a girls game

between Broadway rivals Fulton and Central clashing at 4:15 p.m.

At 5:45, the Fulton and Central will tangle in a boys showdown.

Traditional girls powerhouse Jefferson County will take on

Greenback at 7:30.

The first night of the tournament concludes when Division II-A boys state runner-up Webb School of Knoxville playing Jefferson County at 8:45 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Karns

Lady Beavers take on Greeneville at 4:15 p.m. At 5:45, Karns boys coach Lee Henson leads the Beavers into action against Alcoa.

At 7:30 the host Lady Admirals will take on Oliver Springs. The first round concludes at 8:45 when

the host Admirals take on Greeneville.

After taking Wednesday off for the Thanksgiving Holiday, the tournament resumes Friday before culminating on Saturday.

Central shakes off Crockett 23-12 to reach semifinals again

By Steve Williams

It was anything but easy.

Central, which had been steamrolling through the playoffs, had a much tougher time getting by David Crockett High in the TSSAA Class 5A quarterfinals. The Region 1 champion Pioneers were undefeated and having their best season ever.

Bobcats Coach Bryson Rosser expected a battle.

Central pulled out a 23-12 win on a cold Friday night at Dan Y. Boring Stadium and Joel Helton Field. Although the Bobcats scored on their first two possessions, the penalty-marred contest turned into a struggle.

"We weren't expecting it to be easy," said Rosser. "It went about the way we thought it would go. It was a great ball game overall and I'm just happy our kids came out on top."

It's been a magical season for the team from Jonesborough. The Pioneers, in fact, got their first playoff win ever this year.

Central finally got some breathing room when Jarred Swislosky kicked a 21-yard field goal with 4 minutes and 28 seconds remaining, giving Rosser's team a 12-point, two-score lead.

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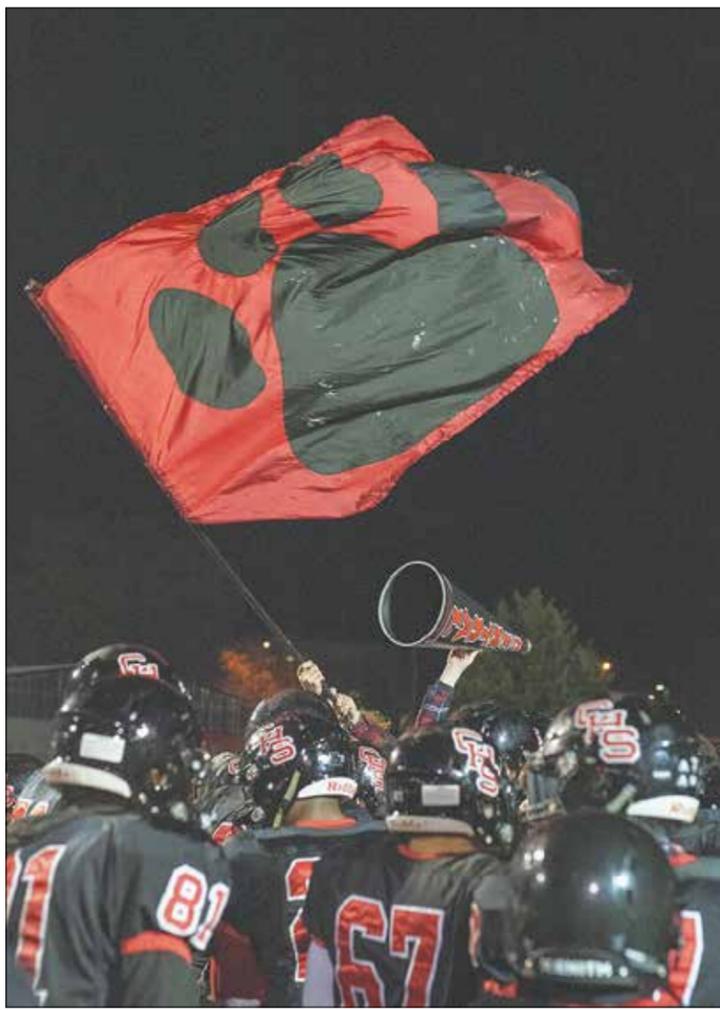


PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Central players celebrate on the field with the students section after their 23-12 victory over David Crockett High in the TSSAA Class 5A quarterfinals.

TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AT A GLANCE

(Scores and schedule pertaining to local coverage)

QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

CLASS 6A
 Maryville 26, Farragut 10
 Oakland 14, Mt. Juliet 7

CLASS 5A
 Central 23, David Crockett 12
 Catholic 42, Oak Ridge 40

CLASS 3A
 Alcoa 24, Austin-East 6
 Upperman 50, Red Bank 21

SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

(All Games Start at 7 P.M. Local Time)

CLASS 6A
 Maryville (12-1) at Oakland (12-1)

CLASS 5A
 Central (11-2) at Catholic (9-3)

CLASS 3A
 Alcoa (13-0) at Upperman (13-0)

Maryville uses defense to defeat Farragut

By David Klein

In a Class 6A State Quarterfinal match-up at Maryville, the Maryville Rebels overcame a sluggish start on offense and used tough, opportunistic defense to defeat the Farragut Admirals 26-10. Maryville was balanced on offense as it ran for 184 yards and passed for 221 yards. Quarterbacks Braden Carnes and Cade Chambers each took turns leading touchdown drives for the Rebels, but the story of the game was the Maryville defense as it limited Farragut to 208 total yards.

"Defensively we just played hard," Maryville Head Coach Derek Hunt said. "We just got after them. Farragut is so good offensively. They're very well

coached. We knew it was going to be somewhat of a bend but don't break effort. They're going to make plays. They're going to get first downs but our motto was when they get across the 50, buckle up, bear down."

Maryville used that stout defense to get a turnover on downs after kicker Jack Cone kicked a 27-yard field goal to take a 3-0 Rebel lead. The defense then turned into offense as Maryville took a 10-0 lead on a Tee Hodge 2-yard touchdown run.

Defense again came up big for Maryville as the Rebels held the Admirals out of the end zone when Farragut drove to the Rebel 12-yard line. The Admirals had to settle for a Daniel Bethel 29-yard

field goal, and it would be the Admirals' only points till late in the fourth quarter.

Maryville created its first turnover of the game when DaVon Kimble intercepted Admirals' quarterback Gavin Wilkinson with 1:15 left in the first half. Maryville went right down the field and Cone kicked a 40-yard field goal at the gun for a 13-3 lead.

Leading 13-3 at the half, Maryville used a third quarter interception by senior defensive back Michael Jones to spur them to a big offensive second half. Following the interception, the Rebels drove the ball from the Farragut 45 to a 1st-and-goal at the Admiral 6-yard line. Two plays later, Chambers found Kimble

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Two Farragut defenders zero in on Maryville senior running back Bryson Teffeteller in the TSSAA Class 6A quarterfinal game. Maryville eliminated the Admirals, 26-10.

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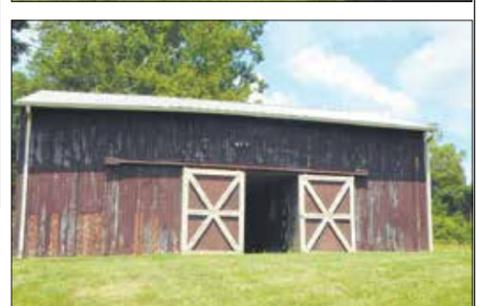


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Plans announced for Halls High 'Road to Fame'

By Steve Williams

Many high schools in the area have a Hall of Fame or Wall of Fame to honor their past great athletes and another one is in the works.

The "Halls High School Athletics - Road to Fame" has been established to recognize male and female athletes who excelled in their prep careers at Halls and maybe even went on to shine on the collegiate and professional levels.

A Board of Directors and Selection Committee have already been selected and work is underway to set the criteria for potential honorees.

Chairing the Board is Jerry Julian, a longtime Halls resident who has several ties to Halls High. His wife Patsy is a former physical education teacher and the school's first softball coach and they have three sons who played at Halls. Jerry also was the PA guy at the Red

Devils' football games for 14 years.

Dale Rutherford is among five directors on the Board, along with Jerilyn Harper Carroll, Doug Polston, Mark Duff and Ted Williams.

Rutherford also is a longtime resident of Halls and owner of Dale's Sports. He was an All-American quarterback at Carson-Newman and a major golf star in the area for years.

Carroll is a PE teacher and the volleyball coach at HHS. A two-time All-American basketball player at Tennessee Tech, Jerilyn also was the Lady Red Devils' head basketball coach for years.

Polston, the son of Bob Polston, a longtime high school coach in the area, is Halls' veteran baseball skipper and a teacher.

Duff is Halls High's current principal and a former athlete and longtime

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Halls basketball player Sheldon James (12) attempts to make a pass over Berean Christian defender Jacob Dunn. The Red Devils outlasted the Eagles 62-52 in Halls Tuesday night.

Halls prevails in battle against Berean Christian

By Ken Lay

The Clint Sharp Era began on a victorious note Tuesday night.

Sharp, Halls High School's new boys basketball coach, picked up a victory in his first game as head coach.

But it didn't come all that easily as the Red Devils withstood a challenge en route to nabbing a 62-52 victory over Berean Christian before a spirited crowd in a Hall of Fame Game at Halls High School.

"They really challenged us," Sharp said of the Eagles, who remained within striking distance all night despite battling some offensive woes and struggles at the free throw line. "They're a good team and this was a good test for us

to open our season.

"Our post players really stepped up tonight and we finally got some late stops on defense. I saw a lot that we have to improve on and with each game, things are going to get a little tougher.

Halls, which held a slim 14-13 edge at the end of the first quarter, boasted a balanced attack and that was a positive that Sharp was able to take away from this game. The Red Devils (1-0) kept building the lead throughout the contest despite battling a few offensive droughts of their own throughout the relatively low-scoring contest.

Halls had four players score in double figures.

Landon Wells, a Halls guard, led the way with 14 points and knocked down

four 3-point shots before halftime to help the Red Devils open a 26-21 lead by halftime. Riley Lloyd was the go-to guy for Halls after halftime. The center scored all 11 of his points in the final eight minutes of the game and gave his squad a 44-31 lead with a bucket with 6 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in the game. He was dominant in the fourth quarter.

Sheldon James finished the game with 13 points and scored 11 after halftime for the Red Devils. Ethan Berry, another forward, scored 11 for Halls, which led 36-29 heading to the fourth quarter.

Berean's Conner Heiskell scored 19 points to lead all scorers despite injuring his wrist in the first half. Jacob

Dunn scored 16, including six over the final eight minutes for the Eagles (0-1).

Despite the loss, Berean Christian coach LeBrandon Marie was largely pleased with his team's effort. He did, however, lament his team's struggles.

"We're really happy with our effort because we came over here and hung with a [Class] AAA School even with one of my players hurting his wrist. He hurt his wrist and he continued to tough it out.

"But we missed 10 free throws and we lost the game by 10 points. We just have to play smarter. We just took some dumb shots tonight and we took a lot of them."

Young Lady Devils open season with win over Berean

By Ken Lay

Savannah Harrison was extremely pleased after coaching her first game at Halls Tuesday night.

And who could blame her?

Harrison, the former girls basketball coach at West High School, who also previously served as an assistant at Halls under Randy Moore and Tom Poisal, took the reins of the program after last season and saw her young Lady Devils post a 56-24 victory over Berean Christian in a Hall of Fame Game at Halls High School.

"We have a really young team and we have a lot of work to do," Harrison said after watching Halls (1-0) use a 25-7 first-quarter run jump start its 2018-19 season in front of its home crowd. "But I have a great bunch of girls.

"They're fun to coach and we have fun. But we also know when to work hard and these girls work hard."

The Lady Devils (1-0) wasted little time jumping on Berean Christian and their big lead allowed Harrison to see all of her players pick up some playing

time before halftime.

"We only have one girl with two years of experience and we have some girls with a year of high school experience," Harrison said. "It was good to see everybody play because we have some players who had never played basketball at this school until tonight."

They may be young but the Lady Devils looked like seasoned and savvy veterans at times against Berean (0-1) Tuesday night.

Halls High's Macy Kirby led all scorers with 15 points, including 11 in the first half. Michaela Allen and Leah Beeler added eight points each for the Lady Devils. Cassie Norris scored six, all after halftime and Cierra Huff finished with five for Halls, which scored several points after Berean turnovers.

Halls did miss some easy shots,

"We do need to work on our finishing," Harrison said.

Catelyn Love led the Lady Eagles with nine points and Gracie Palmer added eight.

Jefferson County overcomes slow start to down Lady Hawks

By Ken Lay

For the last two seasons, Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball team has been one of the top teams in Knox County.

Many of the players on those two squads, however, have graduated and some have moved on to play college basketball.

So Lady Hawks coach Jennifer Galloway, who guided HVA to a state sectional appearance in 2015-16 and to a District 4-AAA regular-season championship last year, knows that this season's squad will

have to endure its share of growing pains.

Hardin Valley, after getting of two a fast start, took some lumps in its home opener Thursday night. The Lady Hawks, however, couldn't sustain their early momentum and dropped a 55-28 decision to Jefferson County Thursday night in a Hall of Fame Game at HVA.

Galloway, the only girls hoops coach in the school's brief history, remained upbeat after watching her squad drop a lopsided lead after opening an early 12-4 lead against the Lady Patriots (2-0) who struggled to find their shooting touch in the first quarter.

"It's like I told our girls after our first game [a loss at East Hamilton], this is going to be a special year," Galloway said. "We're young and we don't have a lot of experience.

"But as the season progresses, we'll become a veteran team. The girls have come in here ready to grow."

Malaka Grice, a junior center, is the one player on Hardin Valley's team who saw significant varsity playing time last season, scored eight of her team-high 14 points in the first quarter. She also grabbed some crucial early rebounds on both ends of the floor to help the Lady Hawks open their first-quarter advantage.

Meanwhile, the Lady Patriots made just two field goals over the first eight



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Hardin Valley Academy basketball player Tori Adams looks to make a play against a Jefferson County defender in a game Thursday at HVA. Despite a fast start, the Lady Hawks dropped a 55-28 decision to the Lady Patriots.

minutes.

But JCHS (2-0) would eventually find its shooting touch and that would help the Lady Patriots to employ their press defense that would rattle the young Lady Hawks the rest of the night.

"We played well in the first quarter but we just didn't shoot well," Jefferson County coach Rick Sinar said. "We have a veteran team but they're also a young team. I always tell them to keep shooting and the next one will go down.

"I'm proud of them because they hung in there and they all contributed. I think our press really bothered them and forced them to turn the ball over.

The shots did eventually fall for the Lady Patriots, who used a 17-2 run in the second quarter to capture the lead for good.

Madee Denton scored a game-high 20 points for Jefferson County and MaKayla Alvey added 18. Alexa Grumann finished with nine.

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A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

'It's a factory out there' says A-E coach after loss at Alcoa

By Steve Williams

Another good Austin-East High School football season has ended against Alcoa.

The Roadrunners (9-4) lost to the undefeated Tornadoes 24-6 in the TSSAA Class 3A quarterfinal round at Alcoa Friday night.

"Our team played hard last night," said A-E Coach Jeff Phillips on Saturday. "We made mistakes and against the Number 1 team in the state you can't do that if you're going to pull off the upset."

Austin-East also was eliminated by Alcoa in the quarterfinals last season 34-14 and Coach Gary Rankin's squad went on to capture their third straight state championship.

Some have said the Tornadoes may be the top team in the state this season counting all TSSAA classifications.

Alcoa did beat Blount County rival Maryville, a Class 6A perennial state power, 34-28 at Maryville this season.

"It's hard playing against a 6A team in a 3A division when they (Alcoa) have 100 players and rotate them," said Coach Phillips. "They have players coming from everywhere playing with



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Catholic wide receiver Adam Jones celebrates with Assistant Coach Drew Franklin on the sideline in the Irishmen's 42-40 comeback win at Oak Ridge. Catholic will host Central in the TSSAA Class 5A semifinals Friday night.

them. It's a factory out there."

In 10 regular season games this fall, Alcoa outscored its opponents 474-67. In the Tornadoes' three playoff games thus far, they have scored 136 points to their opponents' six points.

Austin-East was

classified 3A in 2017, moving up from Class 2A. The Roadrunners have finished second to Alcoa in the Region 2-3A standings both years.

Upperman will host Alcoa in the state semis this week at Baxter. The Bees are 13-0 after a 50-21 win over Red Bank.

HUGE COMEBACK:

Knoxville Catholic overcame a 19-point halftime deficit to stun homestanding Oak Ridge 42-40 at Blankenship Field in the Class 5A quarterfinals Friday night.

"We were able to get some defensive stops

and Adam Jones and Jack Jancek hooked up for a touchdown," said Catholic Coach Steve Matthews, reflecting on his team's second-half rally.

Matthews said his team's offensive linemen were the "unsung heroes" in the game. "Bryce Nicely played outstanding."

Jancek had three touchdown passes in the win.

Catholic will host Central Friday night in a rematch of last year's state semifinal game in Fountain City, which the Irishmen won 42-7 en route to the state championship.

"Central is the hottest team in the state right now having won 11 straight," said Matthews. "They will definitely be a huge challenge."

NEARING A HUNDRED:

Maryville's 26-10 Class 6A quarterfinal win over Farragut last week was the Red Rebels' 98th win in a row over a Knox County football team. The streak started in the 2000 season.

SCORES OF INTEREST:

The Greenville at Anderson County Class 4A quarterfinal showdown was one-sided. The unbeaten

Greene Devils jumped out to a 42-7 halftime lead and coasted to 42-21 win with the clock running per TSSAA mercy rule.

Murfreesboro Oakland won at previously unbeaten Mt. Juliet 14-7 and will host Maryville in the Class 6A semifinals this week. Oakland hasn't lost since falling at Maryville 24-21 in Week 2.

PREPS OF THE PAST: 15

years ago, Nov. 21, 2003 - Christian Academy of Knoxville came from behind in the second half to win at Greenback 14-12 in a TSSAA Class 1A quarterfinal game. Taylor Yoakley deflected the Cherokees' two-point pass attempt in the end zone with 1:36 to go to preserve the margin of victory.

An 85-yard run in the fourth quarter by Will Burkhart had given CAK a 14-6 lead. The Warriors' first score came on quarterback Mark Cunningham's 8-yard pass to Brendan Japp in the third quarter.

"The last four games we won by one point," said CAK Coach Bill Young. "This was two points. I guess that's a blowout."

Central shakes off Crockett 23-12 to reach semifinals again

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Crockett didn't roll over. Donta Hackler's 47-yard kick-off return to the Central 33-yard line renewed the Pioneers' hopes. Demetrien Johnson, however, turned in another big play for the Bobcats, intercepting quarterback Cade Larkins' first down pass at the goal line.

The Bobcats moved the chains once but had to punt. With 1:44 on the clock, the Pioneers still could foresee the possibility of a quick touchdown and a recovery of an on-side kick keeping their playoff hopes alive

Larkins, a heralded junior who came into the contest with 3,728 passing yards this season, had two big pass completions left in him to put Crockett at the Central 12 in the final minute. After spiking the ball on first down to stop the clock, his three last-gasp passes fell complete.

Only then could the Bobcats look ahead to a school record third straight trip to the state semifinals.

Central (11-2) will play at Knoxville Catholic (9-3) this Friday night in a rematch of last year's semifinal game, which the Irish won 42-7.

Catholic advanced with a 42-40 come-from-behind victory at Oak Ridge.

Johnson pulled down a high pass from quarterback Dakota Fawver on Central's first offensive play of the game and four plays later got behind the Crockett secondary to haul in a 30-yard TD pass to give the Bobcats a quick lead.

Conversely, Crockett didn't have an ideal start as the Pioneers' first snap of the game got past Larkins for a 15-yard loss. But Hackler found an open spot in the Central secondary on second down and Larkins hit him with a 34-yard dart.

Game on.

Larkins completed the 12-play scoring drive with a 19-yard toss to Prince Kollie. AJ Boyd's PAT kick failed.

After connecting with Isaiah Osborne for an 18-yard completion, Fawver pulled the ball down and escaped for a 14-yard gain to the Crockett 21. The scoring drive ended with Fawver's 18-yard pass over the middle to Braden Gaston on the second play of the second quarter, giving Central a 14-6 lead.

The score stayed that way until late in the third quarter. That's when the Bobcats found out they were really in for a fight.

Micah Robinson took a pass from Larkins, broke a tackle and raced 50 yards to the Central 10. On the next play, a patient Larkins bought time as he rolled out and found a wide open Robinson in the end zone.

Kollie was tackled by Xavier Washington on the Pioneers' two-point try, leaving Central clinging to a 14-12 lead with 1:53 on the third quarter clock.

The Pioneers followed with an on-side kickoff attempt, but Central recovered at its 48. Trey'sean Moore scampered 15 yards on first down and three plays later Johnson snagged a wide receiver screen pass and raced 32 yards to score.

The Bobcats were flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct after the touchdown, which moved the extra-point attempt back to the 18-yard line. Rosser chose to go for two, but Fawver's pass was incomplete.

With the score 20-12, it was still a one-score game early in the fourth quarter.



PHOTO BY JOHN VALENTINE

Senior playmaker Demetrien Johnson pulls in a 30-yard pass from Dakota Fawver for Central's first touchdown in a 23-12 win over David Crockett High in the TSSAA Class 5A playoffs. It was a historic night for the Bobcats as they earned a third straight state semifinal berth.

A seven-yard run by Washington plus a penalty for a late hit out of bounds by a Crockett defender gave Central a first down at the Pioneers' 16. The Bobcats, however, were guilty of a block in the back on the next play.

Tempers flared on the ensuing play and offsetting personal fouls were called. A Crockett player also was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct and ejected with 8:30 to go.

Central moved the ball to the Crockett 1-yard line but committed a false start and was penalized five yards. Crockett defender Tyler Estep had a 1-yard tackle for loss and the Bobcats had to settle for a field goal.

"I think us making a couple more stops toward the end was the difference," said Coach Rosser. "Obviously, getting the field goal late really helped us out."

Rosser added Crockett, coached by 25-year old Hayden Chandley, had the right scheme for the game.

"They did some things to slow down our run and hinder our passing game. Hats off to those guys. We expected them to be really good and they are a well coached team."

Larkins completed 13 of 34 passes for 231 yards. He was picked off three times, twice by Johnson and once by Kalib Fortner.

Fawver connected on 11 of 14 for 160 yards and three TDs. Johnson finished with seven receptions, totaling 113 yards. Jason Merritts led the Bobcats' ground game with 85 yards on 18 carries.

Tennessee football is on the rise

By Alex Norman

I was writing this column before the Missouri game, so I don't know if the Vols won and secured a bowl game appearance, or if Missouri won and their players carried offensive coordinator (and former Tennessee head coach) Derek Dooley off the field, sparking a riot and the entire destruction of the UT campus.

But no matter what happened on Saturday afternoon at Neyland Stadium, one thing is certain.

Tennessee football is on the rise.

Yes, I know Vols fans... you heard this before. There were moments during the Lane Kiffin, Derek Dooley and Butch Jones eras when you thought, 'Hey! This is moving in the right direction!' only to have your hopes and dreams knocked down time and time again.

But what we've seen thus far in the Jeremy Pruitt era is something we didn't see very much in the previous regimes, especially under Dooley and Jones.

Tennessee's players... are actually getting better. Jarrett Guarantano, Darrell Taylor, Kyle Phillips... just a few of the players that have made a serious

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Maryville uses defense to defeat Farragut

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for a 4-yard touchdown pass with 6:48 left in the third quarter. The score put the Rebels up 20-3.

Speaking about Jones' interception, Kimble said, "We knew at this point they were going to try to throw the ball downfield. We tried to limit them. We had turnovers left and right. Mike Jones, that really helped us be successful in the game. At the end of the day we got a dub (win)."

Not content with just Kimble's touchdown, Carnes lofted a 56-yard bomb to Ashton Maples who got to the 1-yard line on Maryville's next possession. Bryson Teffeteller ran for a 1-yard touchdown on the next play to put Maryville up 26-3 with 2:16 left in the third quarter.

"I thought Ashton made

a great catch," Hunt said.

"He dropped one earlier in the game so for him to come back and make that big play I thought was huge and I was really proud of him."

Farragut got a late touchdown on Wilkinson's 1-yard quarterback sneak to leave the final score at 26-10 Maryville.

Maryville travels to Oakland High School in Murfreesboro Friday in a 6A state semifinal game. Maryville beat Oakland earlier in the season 24-21 at Maryville.

Kimble praised the Rebel coaching staff. "I know this whole team trusts Coach Hunt," he said. "We love our offensive coaching staff. We trust what they do offensively. This is the quarterfinals. We might have played bad offensively but at the end of the day we survived and advanced."

Regan Weekly hasn't come up short at The King's Academy

Four rising seniors sign college scholarships

By Steve Williams

Regan Weekly got her first up-close look at D1 college pitching when she was around 12 years old.

That was one of the advantages of being a granddaughter to University of Tennessee co-head softball coaches Ralph and Karen Weekly.

After signing scholarship papers with Dartmouth College Wednesday, Nov. 14, The King's Academy stand-out recalled the time the Lady Vols were preparing for an upcoming SEC game against Alabama and didn't have anyone who could emulate a "short" Crimson Tide batter.

That's when Regan, around 5-foot tall at the time, was directed to step into the batter's box to give the Renfroe sisters, Ivy and Ellen, a small strike zone to pitch against for practice.

"They've always challenged me in that way and I've always been around amazing softball players and it's pushed me to be a better player," said Regan, a second baseman/outfielder who was one of four seniors honored at an early National Signing Day ceremony in the Polly Enix

Tibbetts Building.

Also signing were SS/Utility Haydyn Jenkins and OF Katelyn Norris (both with Charleston Southern University) and 1B/OF Maddie Webber (UT).

These four talented players have started every game since their eighth-grade season in 2015, the official takeoff of The King's Academy softball program, which has become a perennial state power under Head Coach Marc Weekly.

Marc had served as a volunteer assistant for nine seasons on his dad's staff at UT before starting the TKA program.

The King's Academy, a TSSAA Division II Class A member, was state runner-up in 2015 and state champions in 2016 and 2017. Last spring, the Lions were upset by Tipton-Rosemark 2-0 in the state quarterfinals and finished 28-4.

The good news for TKA, however, is that it will have Weekly, Jenkins, Norris and Webber back for another state run next spring before they move on to the college ranks.

Weekly said her grandparents "come to a lot of my games; as many as they



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Four senior softball players at The King's Academy signed college scholarships Nov. 14. From left to right are Maddie Webb, Haydyn Jenkins, Katelyn Norris and Regan Weekly.

can. They come and watch my travel ball team, too.

"They've always been there for me and helped me work harder. They let me go over when I was younger and work with the UT girls."

And that brought back the memory of her first look at college pitching when she faced the Renfroe hurlers.

Regan received college offers from Tennessee, Duke, Arkansas, Toledo, ETSU and Furman.

"She always wanted to be an Ivy League graduate," said her dad and head coach at the signing ceremony, which featured a 3-minute video of the fabulous foursome.

Coach Weekly said when his daughter first walked on

the Dartmouth campus it was a done deal.

Weekly praised all four of the signees for their softball skills as well as their academic achievements.

"Their legacy will be about who they affected," he said, "their teammates, classmates, parents and the kids they have worked with in our clinics."

Coach Weekly has six other former players already playing in college: Haven Taylor (TKA Class of 2016) at Tennessee State, Heather Foreman (2016) and Sarah Knight (2018) at Carson-Newman, niece Taylor Weekly (2017) at Toledo, Teygan Bouknight (2018) at Charleston Southern and Tori Voiles (2018) at LMU.

Halls High 'Road to Fame'

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football coach at the school.

Williams, a recent retiree from KUB, has been a youth coach in the Halls community for over 30 years.

Nomination forms for the first induction class will be available beginning Dec. 1 and nominations will be accepted through Jan. 31. Locations where nomination forms can be obtained will be announced soon.

The first class will include 12 athletes and selected from the

nominations submitted. The charter members of the class will consist of three from football and one each in wrestling, golf, baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, softball, volleyball, track and field plus one other.

After the first year, four honorees will be selected for induction each year. Once nominated, an athlete will remain eligible for induction each year without a renewed nomination.

To be nominated an athlete must have competed for three years at Halls High. Their athletic accomplishments after high school also will be

taken into consideration in the nomination process, along with integrity and sportsmanship.

Athletes voted into the Road of Fame will have their name, jersey and achievements placed on display. The goal of the Board is to eventually have an electronic display.

Anyone who would like to belong to the "Halls High School Athletics - Road to Fame" can join for \$5 per year with the monies going to fund plaques, electronic equipment and general expenses.

'Total team effort' nets first victory for HVA boys hoopsters

By Ken Lay

Shane Chambers recently opened his third season as Hardin Valley Academy's boys basketball coach and he had to admit that the Hawks played one of their best games in his tenure Thursday night in their 2018-19 home opener.

Chambers saw the Hawks dart out to a big lead en route to notching a 72-53 victory over Jefferson County in a Hall of Fame Game Thursday night.

"We're a fairly young varsity team but we played a tough pre-season schedule that included Pigeon Forge, Webb, CAK and

Sevier County," Chambers said. "Then, we opened our season [Tuesday night at] East Hamilton and we were absolutely terrible in the first half.

"We played well enough in the second half to come back a little bit but we just came up a little bit short. We wanted to build on the momentum that we had in the second half the other night."

The Hawks (1-1) did just that as they opened a 16-4 lead by the end of the first quarter. In addition to a potent and balanced offensive attack, HVA employed a swarming and stifling defense that held the Patriots to just one

field goal in the opening frame.

Jefferson County (1-1) didn't fare much better from the floor in the second stanza. Then, the Patriots made just a pair of shots from the floor.

Hardin Valley, which led 39-16 at halftime thanks to a pair of buzzer beating 3-point shots at the end of the first two quarters by Cartez Campbell and Tanner Grantham, would've held a more commanding lead if not for the visitors converting nine of their 14 foul shots over the inaugural 16 minutes of the contest.

Jefferson County is normally one of the most competitive and

tradition-rich teams in East Tennessee and Hardin Valley guard Avery Sonenshein said that Thursday night's win was huge for the Hawks.

"They're a really good team," said Sonenshein, who scored all 10 of his points before halftime. "We have a young team and anytime you can get a win, especially against a team like that, it's good."

"It's really good for you."

Chambers agreed.

"We had balanced scoring tonight and we played good defense. It was a great total team effort for us tonight," Chambers said. "They're a great team and

they play in a tough district.

"There's a reason why they're on our schedule. Playing a team like that will only make us better."

Sonenshein was one of three Hawks to post double figures in the scoring column.

Skyler O'Neal led the way with 13 points and Campbell added 11 for HVA.

Jack Niezgoda finished with nine points and Wyatt Smith scored eight for the Hawks, who led 58-35 by third quarter's end.

Jefferson County's Darius Allen led all scorers with 17 points.

Tennessee football is on the rise

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jump in 2018. Overall you don't see nearly as many of the mental mistakes on this team either.

Injuries happen to every team, and you've seen that with outside linebacker Jonathan Kongbo being lost for the season, along with offensive lineman Brandon Kennedy. But the MASH unit isn't nearly what it had been in recent years. Remember, in the final two years of Butch Jones, the Vols were forced to burn red-shirts and play scout team members at an astounding rate. Heck, less than 60 scholarship players suited up for the LSU game in 2017. But the strength and conditioning program

under Craig Fitzgerald seems to be more than a few steps better than the revolving door of S&C coaches you saw previously. Getting Fitzgerald to leave the NFL's Houston Texans for the Vols might have been Pruitt's biggest move to date.

The soap operas that always surrounded Tennessee football over the past decade are now a thing of the past under Pruitt. It always felt like Kiffin, Dooley and Jones were trying to prove something. In fact, you wondered if Jones spent more time working on clichés instead of game planning for Alabama. Pruitt though? You get the feeling that he could care less about anything that

happens outside the football complex. He does the media interviews because he has to, and looks like someone going through a root canal when sitting at the desk on his television show.

Pruitt is boring, and exactly what Tennessee football needed. He just wants to coach.

Recruiting continues to go well, and Tennessee likely ends up with a top 15 class. The early signing period in December is shaping up to be a good one for the Vols.

Now, does all of this mean that UT is going to win the SEC next season? Of course not. It's really, really difficult to get to the top of the ladder in the Saban era. But the

direction that Tennessee football is currently in is a positive one.

The drama of the past... truly is a thing of the past.

Of course, a win at Vandy would be nice too...

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS' COLLEGE SIGNEES

The following student-athletes signed or will be signing college athletic scholarships, according to Athletic Directors of local high schools:

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

Zane Keener, Tennessee, baseball
Cade Russell, Tennessee, golf
Jacob Tate, Kentucky, baseball
Hunter Loyd, ETSU, baseball

CENTRAL

Alyssa Montgomery, Virginia Tech, golf
CONCORD CHRISTIAN
Sidney Sherrill, ETSU, volleyball

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Bryanah Hack, Tennessee Tech, soccer
Ty Carter, Roane State, baseball
Noah Gent, Walters State, baseball
C J Gettelfinger, Oakland, basketball
Grant Ledford, UT-Chattanooga, basketball

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

Kenzie Welch, Emory & Henry, swimming
Emily Aycock, Oakland, swimming
Kensi Gray, South Carolina, track and cross country
Kimberly Morgan Smithson, Maryville, volleyball
Courtney Coffy, South Carolina Upstate, volleyball
Cameron Fisher, Mississippi, baseball
Mackenzie Smith, UT-Chattanooga, soccer
Kaitlynn Eggleston, King, soccer
Aaliyah Parris, Tusculum, soccer
Karris Anastasio, Trevecca, soccer

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC

Jake Renfree, Notre Dame, cross country and track
Olivia Cunningham, ETSU, volleyball
Kathryn (Keileen) Cullen, Berry, tennis
Alena Aucker, Oregon, acrobatics and tumbling

L&N STEM ACADEMY

Lindsey Sanders, Cincinnati, swimming

POWELL

Allison Farr, ETSU, softball
Mackenzie Lamb, Maryville, softball
Haley Shultz, Carson-Newman, softball

SEYMOUR

Hayden Gaddis, Carson-Newman, bass fishing

THE KING'S ACADEMY

Haydyn Jenkins, Charleston Southern, softball
Katelyn Norris, Charleston Southern, softball
Maddie Webber, Tennessee, softball
Regan Weekly, Dartmouth, softball

WEBB SCHOOL

Casey Collier, Lipscomb, basketball
Kayleigh Hames, Pepperdine, volleyball
Avery Catlett, UT-Chattanooga, soccer

WEST

Brandon Langenberg, Roane State, baseball
Joey Miller, Hiwassee, baseball
Anna K. Anderson, UT-Chattanooga, soccer

Note: Athletic Directors from the following schools reported they would not have anyone signing on Nov. 14: Austin-East, Career Magnet Academy, Halls, South-Doyle, TSD.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Remonstrations

Southerners are generally a friendly bunch, certainly by comparison to, for instance, New Yorkers or Parisians during the late summer tourist onslaught. My son-in-law from Ohio tells the story of our trip to pick up a boxer for the farm tractor. When the deal was consummated we were treated to breakfast and a southern "visit" by the farmer and his wife. SIL was, as the British say, gob-smacked.

However, in my dozen trips to the Portland, Oregon area, friendliness is not limited by the Mason Dixon line. Everyone I've met in Portland could be southerners, except for their politics. Portland is the deepest blue you can imagine.

On a previous trip Becky and I were puzzled about pedestrian and traffic rules, so we asked a guy in the grocery parking lot. He replied, "You're not from around here, are you?" We told him we were from Tennessee and visiting our daughter. He was from Georgia and the parking lot "visit" of southerners

went on and on. He told us he was starved for conversation, imagining himself the only conservative in Portland.

The election is over, except in Broward County, Florida where "dangling chads" and boxes of lost votes are discovered in every election. What is wrong with Florida? Volunteer football fans might ask the same of Florida Gator fans. Perhaps a lot of Yankees migrated to Florida and brought with them their perspectives and politics. The same happened in Colorado as crazies in California flocked there and turned Colorado blue.

We took our political yard signs down after the election, but in Portland neighborhoods non-candidate yard signs never come down. In 2016 I wrote about the dearth of Hillary Clinton signs in Portland and the profusion of Bernie signs. There were no Trump signs. I did see an American flag or two this Veterans Day. What intrigues me are the perpetual signs in most yards and

their remonstrations (see photo).

In our "divided states of America" the perspectives of liberals and conservatives are considered polar opposites. (I omit consideration of anti-American leftists like Antifa and George Soros.) Though I describe myself as conservative, there are people more conservative and more liberal than me on many issues.

I have been working on my newest science fiction novel and, as a result, thinking about these concepts. Even if you're not a science-fiction buff, most have heard of the Borg from Star Trek. The Borg are like ghouls or zombies forcibly integrated, through technology, and no longer think or act independently. Picture the mob outside the Supreme Court building as Justice Kavanaugh was sworn in.

Good people can agree to disagree. However, some believe they possess a moral high ground because they feel more intensely than others. Therefore, the merits of a differing perspective must be inferior and an equality of notions is therefore impossible. This is where we are in America.

When we are in Portland we worship on Sunday morning at the neighborhood Westminster Presbyterian Church. Becky and I began as Presbyterians, though my path to Methodism was more circuitous than Becky's. The Westminster Church is beautiful, the choir is exceptional

and the minister's message is always thought provoking. As I sat among a crowd of the faithful, I felt connected to people who politically see the world differently than me. And then I thought: the separation of church and state is overrated and is contributing to America's troubles.

There is no mention of separating church and state in the Constitution. In regard to religious issues, the First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." We hear much about the establishment aspect of the First Amendment, but little about the prohibition clause.

Our American revolution was fought for the reasons articulated in the Declaration of Independence. You should read why we went to war. After that difficult eight year conflict, the Founders were sensitive to state religions as existed in England, and therefore the Bill of Rights (the first ten Amendments) guarantees that the government will not establish a state religion or interfere with a person's religious practices. However, I believe this has become politicized and perverted.

We find ourself in this situation after Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, in a 1947 SCOTUS decision, used Thomas Jefferson's words of reassurance to Baptist's in Danbury Connecticut. Jefferson said there should be a "wall of separation" between



government and religion. Jefferson's words from 1801 are NOT in the constitution.

The German philosopher Hegel is credited with the dialectic concept which bears his name. Dialectical conversation begins with a thesis and is then countered by an antithesis or opposing view. When the conversants have mutual respect for one another the sharing of ideas results and a synthesis can emerge. Modern television panel "discussions" are anything but a Hegelian dialectical conversation because entrenched ideologies only desire is to score political points.

In times past, Americans with different perspectives could debate under the rubric that all were Americans and had the country's best interests at heart. I no longer believe this. Party, power and rigid ideology have become the new flags of allegiance.

I believe we must return to our roots, our founding core principles if we are to survive as a nation. Without getting

too preachy or dogmatic, I believe the best framework to consider someone else's different perspective is under the rubric of God/Christ/Spirit.

In the synoptic Gospels Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment. Combining texts from Deuteronomy and Leviticus he said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this; Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Suffice it to say, if everyone sought God and loved their neighbor as themselves we would do a lot better as human beings and as a nation. Utopia is an allegorical book written by Thomas Moore where he concluded that utopia exists nowhere. However, we would come closer if we "keep looking up."

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

Hobo's Christmas List

Hobo the Wonder Dog is all about the Christmas spirit this year as we approach the holidays with tail wagging fun. From manager scenes to Santa Claus—Hobo is ready for the holidays. The Christmas season is dressed in traditions of gold and red ribbons, goodwill and hope in an uncertain world. The season is also filled with excitement, disappointments, and unrealistic expectations—except for Hobo



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

the Wonder Dog. You see, Hobo expects nothing more than love and companionship, a warm meal, a game of toss with his pack as we take in the holiday. Truly, the meaning of Christmas!

For those a little more extravagant for Christmas and their pets—here is what Hobo sniffed out on the latest pet trends. According to the research the top pet trends for 2019 will be: Smart Tech, Alternative Therapies, and Pet Diets / Meals. The trend in high tech toys continues to impress us not only in cost but also ingenuity. First up is the iFetch Too Interactive Ball Launcher Dog Toy @ \$199.99 at a major pet retailer. I am not sure Hobo would enjoy this toy. Hobo and I will continue to enjoy

the game of fetch the old-fashioned way—I throw, he fetches, repeat.

Next up is the Tagg Pet Tracker. Hobo and I were one of the first for this device when this tracker debuted in the market a few years ago. The Tagg Pet Tracker is great on notifying you when Fido ventures out of a specified area. We found it slow uploading current location and changes when your pet is on the run. Tagg sales in the price range of \$100 and a \$10 per month subscription service. Hobo the Wonder Dog has experience with this product and recommends it for his pals who are the wondering type.

Last on Hobo's Christmas List is the Petcube allowing you to

stream in high definition and interact with your pet. I am intrigued with the see, talk, play, and reward your pet remotely. Petcube allows you to fling treats to your pooch while playing games with your bestie. I like the idea of this selections ability to use technology in ways that keep you connected with your pet while you are away. The Petcube retails from most suppliers at \$229. I believe this is worthy of being placed on you and your pooches wish list for the times you spend apart.

Black Friday deals this year are sure to be many for Fido. Be careful out there and remember the best gifts of the season won't be found in a store or an online deal. The best gifts of

all will be the spending of time with family and friends. Hobo the Wonder Dog and his pack relish in the time spent together with a romp on the farm chasing smells, birds, and each other. Your trusted pooch will enjoy nothing more than the exciting and rewarding smells of nature and the time spent with you. Get out enjoy your holiday with your trusted pooch—you both will be rewarded.

Holidays are better with a dog—Woof!

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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 of Davidson County, 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 (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as Lot 23, Ponderosa Hills Subdivision, Unit Five, as shown on the map of the same of record in Plat Cabinet K, Slide 7-C, 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.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 8109 Paradise Drive, Powell, TN 37849
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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:

AMY R. WISHAM
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY R. WISHAM
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 29, 2018

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
Successor Trustee

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 21, 2016, executed by Brinda A. Woods, a single woman, to J. Phillip Jones, Trustee, for U.S. Bank National Association, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on January 25, 2016, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201601250043303.

WHEREAS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, the party entitled to enforce said security interest, having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on December 20, 2018, at 10:00 AM, local time, at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, paid at the conclusion of the sale, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

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

Situated in the 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 19, on the Final Plat of LEXI LANDING SUBDIVISION, Phase 1, as shown on the plat of same of record in Instrument No. 200311060051276, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Brinda A. Woods, by Deed from Stacey A. Unruh -Kemp, dated 1/21/2016, recorded on 1/25/16, in Instrument No. 201601250043302 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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

Current Owner(s) of Property: Brinda A. Woods

Other Interested Parties: This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession. This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Brinda A. Woods.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property and any named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the

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

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

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

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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: 0218E018
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7635 APPLECROSS ROAD, CORYTTON, 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.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
rubinlublin.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846

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 right 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. James and M.E. King Property, Unit Two, as shown on the map of the same of record in Map Book 148, page 128, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin found in the Northeastern right of way of Dodd Street, said point being located 256.7 feet from the point of intersection of the right of Dodd Street with the right of way of Price Avenue also a common corner to Lot 67 and the property herein described; thence with the right of way of Dodd Street, North 16 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds East, 60.00 feet to an iron pin set corner to Lot 69; thence, with the line of Lot 69 South 78 degrees 46 minutes 46 seconds West 154.20 feet to an iron pin found in the line of Lot 82; thence with the line of Lot 82 South 02 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West, 20.01 feet to an iron pin found corner to Lot 83; thence, thence with the line of Lot 83 South 17 degrees 21 minutes 36 seconds West 54.03 feet to an iron pin found corner to Lot 67; thence, with the line of Lot 67 North 71 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West, 157.58 feet to an iron pin the point of BEGINNING, according to the survey of Dennis N. Gore, RLS#1500, of Knoxville, Tennessee dated June 24, 1992.

BEING the same property conveyed to Richard Allen Day and wife, Deborah H. Day by John W. Day and Richard Allen Day by Warranty Deed dated July 15, 1992 of record in WB 2078, page 609, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. AND BEING the same property conveyed to Deborah H. Messengill and husband, Ronald E. Messengill, by Quit Claim Deed dated August 23, 2012, from Deborah H. Messengill, f/k/a Deborah H. Day, recorded as Instrument Number 20128270012974, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property passing to Ronald E. Messengill upon the death of Deborah H. Messengill on October 13, 2012, with them being married at the time of her passing with no intervening divorce or separation. AND BEING the same property conveyed to Shannon E. Burns, unmarried by Quit Claim Deed dated April 26, 2013, from Ronald E. Messengill, single, widower, and recorded as Instrument Number 201305010071703, in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

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

Property bears the address of: **3032 Dodd Street, Knoxville, TN 37920**
Property Tax ID# 109CJ-025
Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Knox County Trustee; City of Knoxville; City Employees Credit Union and Shannon E. Burns

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

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

A. NICOLE TROUTT, BPR#021726
Pubs: 11/5; 11/12; 11/19/2018

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
101 Dalton Place Way
Knoxville, TN 37912
865-524-1636

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Trustee, having been appointed Successor Trustee in an instrument dated October 26, 2018, of record at Instrument No. 201811010028127 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to serve in the place and stead of David Raulerson, Trustee, and in execution of that certain Deed of Trust made by Richard G. Morrison, unmarried, dated March 26, 2012, recorded at Instrument No. 201203280053437 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, default having been made in the payment of indebtedness of Richard G. Morrison, unmarried, thereby secured, the undersigned Trustee, at the request of the holder of said Note, will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash subject to the conditions herein stated, at public auction, subject to prior liens, judgments, and all unpaid taxes, as same may lawfully affect said property subsequent to foreclosure, at the front door of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, being the northernmost entrance from Main Street, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, on the 4th day of December, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., the following described parcel of land and improvements situated thereon:

All that certain property situated in the County of Knox, and State of Tennessee, being described as follows:

The following described premises situated in District Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 29th Ward of the city of Knoxville, and being all of Lot 56, in the Hillcrest Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows.

BEGINNING at an iron pin found in the Northwestern right-of-way of Kensi Drive, said point being located 160 feet from the point of intersection of the right-of-way of Kensi Drive with the right-of-way of Bounds Street, also a common corner to Lot 57 and the property herein described; thence with the right-of-way of Kensi Drive, South 40 deg., 35 mm., 00 sec. West 50.00 feet to an iron pin found corner to Lot 55; thence with the line on Lot 55, North 41 deg. 07 mm., 00 sec. West 150 feet to an iron pin set in the property line of W.T. Lowe Subdivision; thence with the line of W.T. Lowe Subdivision, North 40 deg., 35 mm., 00 sec. East 50 feet to an iron pin set corner to Lot 57; thence with the line of Lot 57, South 41 deg., 07 mm., 00 sec. East 150 feet to an iron pin, the Point of Beginning, according to the survey of Perry Walker, RLS #705, of Corrington, Tennessee, dated March 29, 1996.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED to Rick Winter, from Arenia Mitchell via Warranty Deed, dated March 26, 2009, of record in Instrument No. 200903310061878 in the Office of the Knox County Register of Deeds.

Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED to Richard G. Morrison from Rick Winter by Warranty Deed (Scrivener's Affidavit recorded 06/03/2009 at Instrument No. 200906030079234) dated 03/26/2009 and recorded on 04/06/2009 at Instrument No. 200904060063463 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made and accepted together with and subject to all applicable easements, rights of way, conditions, reservations, limitations, covenants, restrictions, and building

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

THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
Successor Trustee

set back lines, including, but not limited to, such as are shown or noted on maps, plats and surveys, and contained or cited in deeds in the chain of title to the property herein conveyed.

This Description is prepared from information furnished to the preparer; and no representation as to the accuracy thereof is made, intended or to be implied.

The street address is **305 Kensi Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912**. Tax Map Reference: 069PA-017.02. The street address and tax map reference are not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

The right is reserved to adjourn the time or day of sale to another time or day certain, without further publication and in accordance with the law, upon announcement of such adjournment on the date and time of sale set forth above. The acting Trustee is authorized to appoint an agent or auctioneer to make any sale.

The improvements on subject property will be sold in "as-is" condition without warranties of any condition or kind. The sale is, subject to the rights of Creditor(s) herein set forth, made in bar of all homestead, dower, and curtesy, right and equity of redemption, other exemptions and the statutory right of redemption, all of which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust. This sale is subject to the claim(s) of the Creditor(s) herein set forth, and to the restrictions, conditions, easements, encumbrances and any other rights superior to said Deed of Trust which affect the above described property, in the office of the Knox County Register of Deeds, including all unpaid state, county and city taxes or other assessments.

IT will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain possession of the property at his expense. This sale is further subject to any valid filed or unfiled mechanic's and materialman's liens. There are no representations made by the Trustee as to the validity or enforceability of any memoranda of mechanic's liens or of any suits to enforce same. In the event purchaser defaults, Trustee and beneficiary reserve the right to award sale to the next highest bidder at their sole option.

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

Dated this 12th day of November, 2018.

Publish 11/12/18, 11/19/18, 11/26/18
Sale Date: 12/04/18

s/Timothy B. Castle, Successor Trustee
Superior Financial Services, Inc.
c/o William L. Cooper, III
2008 E. Magnolia Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37917

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

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 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 15th day of October, 2018.

Clerk and Master

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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.

Clerk and Master

Clerk and Master

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 them 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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

CIVIL SUMMONS

KNOX COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS, FIFTH SESSIONS COURT

Civil Summons No. 118220-H
Kendall Cannon, Plaintiff

v.

Sam H. Singletary, Defendant

Hearing Date: **January 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM.**

Hearing location: 300 Main Street, Room 331, Knoxville, TN

In this Cause, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the allegations of the Civil Summons, which is sworn to, that the whereabouts of the Defendant, Sam H. Singletary, are unknown so that ordinary process of law cannot be served; it is, therefore, ordered that publication be made in The Knoxville Focus, a newspaper published in Knox County, Tennessee, for four (4) consecutive weeks, commanding an appearance by the Defendant on January 16, 2019 at the Knox County General Sessions Court, located at 300 Main Street, Room 331, Knoxville, Tennessee. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Civil Summons.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: CAROLYN S. BARNETT

IN RE: THE WESTLANDS ASSOCIATION INC v. CAROLYN S. BARNETT

NO. 195107-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CAROLYN S. BARNETT, non-residents 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 CAROLYN S. BARNETT, it is ordered that said defendant, CAROLYN S. BARNETT, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Kevin C. Stevens, an Attorney whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of November, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MYRTLE L BOOKER
DOCKET NUMBER 80956-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MYRTLE L BOOKER who died Sep 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 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF MYRTLE L BOOKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
BRANDI KINCAID; EXECUTRIX
5117 ROCKY BRANCH WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

11/12 & 11/19/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS L NEELY
DOCKET NUMBER 80991-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of THOMAS L NEELY who died Sep 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:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the 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 the 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 25 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF THOMAS L NEELY
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JASON NEELY; ADMINISTRATOR CTA
8432 SONESTA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

D SCOTT HURLEY AND RYAN N
SHAMBLIN ATTORNEYS AT LAW
P.O. BOX 682
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

11/12 & 11/19/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN A NELSON
DOCKET NUMBER 81022-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN A NELSON who died Oct 22, 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:

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 2 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JOHN A NELSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LEE R JOHNSON; EXECUTOR
7904 TIMBER GLOW TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938-3419

11/12 & 11/19/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KYLE D SHIPE
DOCKET NUMBER 80993-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KYLE D SHIPE who died Aug 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 25 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF KYLE D SHIPE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
AMMIE SHIPE WEBB; EXECUTRIX
139 BECKWOOD LANE
MARYVILLE, TN. 37801

DAVID B HAMILTON ATTORNEY AT LAW
1810 MERCHANT DRIVE, SUITE 1
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK DUANE TIPTON
DOCKET NUMBER 80960-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARK DUANE TIPTON 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:

(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 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF MARK DUANE TIPTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SUMER TIPTON; ADMINISTRATRIX
806 NE 30TH AVENUE
PORTLAND, OR 97232

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES CLIFFORD AULT
DOCKET NUMBER 79735-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES CLIFFORD AULT 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JAMES CLIFFORD AULT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PEARL AULT; ADMINISTRATRIX
5701 WIL-LOYD DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOLA BELLE BOWLEN
DOCKET NUMBER 80972-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LOLA BELLE BOWLEN who died Sep 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:

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

This 19 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF LOLA BELLE BOWLEN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA BOWLEN; CO-ADMINISTRATRIX
334 E QUINCY AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

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131 NOE HILL LANE
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY CURRY BURNETT
DOCKET NUMBER 81009-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY CURRY BURNETT who died Jul 22, 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 30 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF MARY CURRY BURNETT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
HAMILTON S BURNETT, II; EXECUTOR
1813 NANTASKET DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT JOE EDMONDS
DOCKET NUMBER 80941-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters of administration c.t.a. in respect of the Estate of

ROBERT JOE EDMONDS who died Jun 9, 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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This 26 day of OCTOBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF ROBERT JOE EDMONDS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TINA MANIS; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
493 MCCROSKY STREET
ENGLEWOOD, TN. 37329

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARK ERICKSON MOODY
DOCKET NUMBER 81017-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARK ERICKSON MOODY who died Sep 22, 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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This 1 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

PATRICIA M KENNEDY; EXECUTRIX
125 COFFEY CIRCLE
ROCKWOOD, TN. 37859

CHADWICK B TINDELL AND W ALLEN
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249 NORTH PETERS ROAD, SUITE 101
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT ALLEN HUMMEL
DOCKET NUMBER 81007-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of OCTOBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT ALLEN HUMMEL who died Oct 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:

of the Estate of ROBERT ALLEN HUMMEL who died Oct 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 the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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This 30 day of OCTOBER, 2018

ESTATE OF ROBERT ALLEN HUMMEL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (S)
DELORES G HUMMEL; EXECUTRIX
9204 WATER HILL DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN M JENKINS, SR.
DOCKET NUMBER 81044-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN M JENKINS, SR. who died Sep 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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This 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JOHN M JENKINS, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
JOHN M JENKINS, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR
3208 MONTLAKE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

WADE JENKINS ATTORNEY
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KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM R NESBITT
DOCKET NUMBER 81046-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM R NESBITT who died Jun 26, 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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This 8 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM R NESBITT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELAINE NESBITT; EXECUTRIX
8817 CHICORY CIRCLE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

LAUREN S BROWN ATTORNEY AT LAW
110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD PAXTON
DOCKET NUMBER 81054-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN EDWARD PAXTON who died Aug 15, 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 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD PAXTON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
YOLANDA GARNER EMORY;
ADMINISTRATRIX
6101 WESTMEADE ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EVELYN M. PLUMLEE
DOCKET NUMBER 80959-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7TH day of NOVEMBER 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EVELYN M. PLUMLEE who died Aug 1, 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 the 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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Freedom from anxiety



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

There are no doubt many things going on in our lives that create certain levels of anxiety and stress. The Bible has something to say about this: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Peter refers, at the beginning of his letter, to followers of Jesus who have been scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Due to persecution, they have had to leave family and friends. Talk about something that would create stress! They have lost jobs, homes, and possessions. Peter tells them to cast their cares on God. Why? Because he cares for them. Do I really believe that God cares and that he can be trusted? This is an important question we need to answer.

Notice that Peter tells them to "cast" their anxiety on God. Peter was a

fisherman and he knew what it was to cast. The problem with casting is that you reel it right back in. Why does Peter use the word "cast"? A better translated word than cast is "transfer" - as in transfer your weight. We need to transfer the weight. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt. 11:28-29).

First, when it comes to anxiety, don't be surprised by it. This is a theme in 1 Peter. "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you" (1 Peter 4:12). Sometimes we don't see it coming and life is different from what we want

it to be. Peter does not want them to be caught off guard. When life doesn't meet up to our expectations, don't be surprised. This is part of living in a fallen world. Peter reminds us that there is an enemy that prowls around like a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8). Just remember that all he can do is roar. Ann Voskamp comments on this: "There is a roaring lion, but don't forget that Jesus put the lion on a leash." He can roar, but he is limited.

Second, remember that anxiety is temporary. "But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13). The day is coming when the trouble, hardship, and suffering will be no more.

You may have been flying before when the pilot comes over the intercom and says: "We are going to have disturbance for a few minutes. It is going to be bumpy. Please

buckle up and hold on." That helps when we are warned ahead of time. Life is going to get tough so hang on tight. You will get through it and it won't last forever. Peter's audience needed this reassurance in the sufferings they were facing, and we need this reassurance as well.

I remember back when my kids were little and in car seats. We would get home late at night and one of them would be sleeping in the van. I would crawl back and get them out of their seat. I would carry them into the house, up the stairs, help them into pajamas and into bed. Did that aggravate me? Was I upset to help my child? Not at all. I loved those times and miss those moments. Our God loves those moments too. Let Him carry you with whatever is going on in your life. Transfer your cares on Him. It is His joy and pleasure.

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