



Wanda Lacy

## Farragut teacher in running for state Teacher of the Year

The Tennessee Department of Education recently announced Knox County School teacher Wanda Lacy has been selected as a Centers of Regional Excellence Finalist for the 2013-2014 Tennessee Teacher of the Year competition.

Wanda Lacy, who was recently awarded as the Knox County Schools' High School Teacher of the Year, has been with Knox County Schools for thirty years and currently teaches at Farragut High School where she teaches AP Calculus. Ninety-seven percent of her students have earned college credit since 2007.

Lacy is a Lead teacher at her school and also assists with

in-service trainings – most recently on Numeracy for the Common Core. Her community involvement is also significant. She integrates ways to assist The Love Kitchen and Second Harvest Food Bank into her classes. Her 2007 class holds the school record by collecting 13,539 cans of food for Second Harvest.

She founded the Farragut High Math Academy where she works with students and their mentors from community organizations such as ORNL, Alcoa Aluminum, and the University of Tennessee collaborate to further inspire students who are interested in pursuing careers in mathematics, engineering, science

and/or technology.

She is among 27 regional finalists selected for the statewide competition. The pool of regional finalists will be narrowed to nine, then one finalist will be chosen to represent each of the three grand divisions of the state and The Tennessee Teacher of the Year will be selected from those three finalists.

The final winner will represent Tennessee in the National Teacher of the Year competition and is an ambassador for education throughout the year.

A panel of professional educators from across the state scored applications to identify these finalists.

### FOCUS Weekly Poll\*

In your opinion, should individual personal information regarding handgun carry permits be public information or kept private?

**PUBLIC**

**41.25%**

**PRIVATE**

**58.75%**

Survey conducted April 10, 2013.

\* Focus Weekly Polls are conducted by an independent, professional polling company.

## Courtyards opens in Fountain City

By Tasha Mahurin  
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"I'm very excited to be here today," Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett told those present for a ribbon cutting at The Courtyards Senior Living of Fountain City. "Our seniors are a very important part of our community."

The Courtyards Senior Living held the ribbon cutting last week on East Inskip Drive in Fountain City. An alternative to many senior living options, the Courtyards community offers ease and safety in a community-style care environment while focusing on an active lifestyle and personal involvement. Each room or semi-private room is large enough for personal furnishings and equipped with a personal emergency response system and private, wheelchair accessible bathrooms. Common areas include telephones and cable television to encourage visitation and fellowship.



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Michael Mursten, President of The Courtyards Senior Living, is joined by Mayors Rogero and Burchett, Commissioner R. Larry Smith, Courtyard staff and Chamber members as he cuts the ribbon last Wednesday.

While the new facilities are impressive, the culture at The Courtyards truly distinguishes the facility from others. The Courtyards is a privately owned company whose founders are focused on building a company dedicated to caring

for the human spirit of those in their care. All of the company's administrators are Eden Certified Associates.

The Courtyards administration maintains The Eden Alternative is a "culture-change" model that

identifies loneliness, helplessness, and boredom as three plagues that cause suffering for elders in an aged care environment. These three issues are considered and thoughtfully combated in the community through quality

medical and assisted living care that seeks to encourage both fellowship and independence.

While independence is encouraged, at the Courtyards, care is paramount. Home cooked, family style

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## Urban Teens Tapped as 'Growing Leaders'

Eleven inner city Knoxville high school seniors have earned slots in the second annual class of Emerald Youth Fellows, a selective program that targets students for leadership roles in Knoxville's urban communities.

The students and their high schools are: Preston Abbott, Horusenga Bellansira, CharMya Cason, Brianna Gallman, Christian Kirk, and Maicaela Ash Thompson, all of Fulton High School;

Anitrea Harris, Hardin Valley Academy, Jazmine Smith, Austin-East High School; Delandra Carter and Jordan Carter, Bearden High School, and Jeamika Burton, West High School.

A selection committee chose the 2013 Emerald Youth Fellows for their leadership abilities and commitment to improving their community after an arduous process of interviews and screening, said Cedric

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The 2013 Class of Emerald Youth Fellows are: (l-r, front) CharMya Cason, Brianna Gallman, Anitrea Harris, Maicaela Ash Thompson, Jazmine Smith, and Horusenga Bellansira; (l-r, back) Jordan Carter, Christian Kirk, Preston Abbott, Delandra Carter, and Jeamika Burton.

### Knox Countians Favor Gun Permits To Be Private

By Focus Staff

This week's Knoxville Focus poll asked likely voters, "In your opinion, should individual personal information regarding handgun carry permits be public or private information?"

Almost 59% of Knox Countians believe the information should be kept private. Just over 41% believe the information should be public record.

The only district in Knox County that favored making the information public was the First. Almost 54% of respondents in the First District favored making handgun permit information public.

The Second District, which is much of Fountain City and North Knoxville, was even split, 50% - 50%.

Support for making the information public sharply dropped inside the Third District with over 62% supporting handgun carry permit and personal information to be kept private.

The Fourth District, centered around Sequoyah Hills, also favored keeping personal information private, with just over 54% of likely voters favoring retaining private information.

The Seventh District, which contains Halls and much of North Knox County, was the area most strongly in support of keeping personal information private with over 70% of likely voters saying they think handgun permit information should remain private.

The Eighth District also strongly favored keeping the information private with more than 67% believing handgun permit and personal information should not be public record.

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# Introduction to Probate Court Part 1

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By Sharon Frankenberg,  
Attorney at Law

person made a valid will, that person is said to have died testate or with a will. The person who made the will is called the testator. When a person dies without a valid will, that person is said to have died intestate. If the will has an affidavit by the witnesses to the will attached to it at the same time the will was executed, it is considered to be self proving. If the will is not self proving, one of the will's witnesses must prove the validity of the will by testimony or affidavit.

Normally, the person designated in the decendent's will as the executor presents the will for probate but any interested person may present the will for probate. If no relative steps forward to probate the will, a creditor may be appointed to be the personal representative. If there are more than one will in existence, all of them should be presented to the court. Destruction or concealment of a will with intent to prevent probate or defraud is a felony punishable by imprisonment.

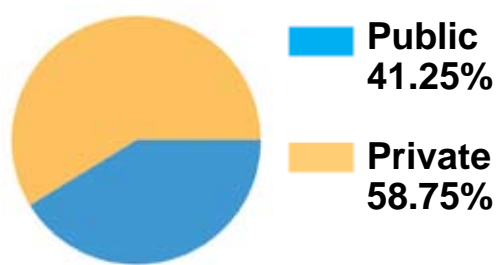
To open a probate estate, you will need a petition, an order of probate and the original will. In some counties, the probate court has these forms available

for your use. In the other counties you will have to hire an attorney to prepare the necessary documents. If the will does not waive the filing of a bond, the bond will have to be obtained and filed with the case. After the probate has been opened and the filing fee has been paid, the clerk will issue Letters Testamentary and prepare a Notice to Creditors. The Notice to Creditors will be advertised in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks. The personal representative must mail notice to all creditors of the estate as well. This gives creditors the opportunity to file a claim against the estate. Creditors must file their claims with the clerk within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or twelve (12) months of the decendent's death. Late filed claims will not be allowed.

Obviously, this article does not cover every issue which might arise. You should always contact an attorney to get advice and assistance with your unique situation. Next week, I will discuss administering intestate estates and how to close a probate estate.

## FOCUS Weekly Poll

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By Age	Public	Private	Total
18-29	50.00%	50.00%	2
30-49	33.33%	66.67%	51
50-65	33.76%	66.24%	157
65+	47.04%	52.96%	270
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.25% (198)</b>	<b>58.75% (282)</b>	<b>480</b>

By District	Public	Private	Total
1	53.85%	46.15%	26
2	50.00%	50.00%	62
3	37.78%	62.22%	45
4	45.68%	54.32%	81
5	41.18%	58.82%	51
6	43.64%	56.36%	55
7	29.51%	70.49%	61
8	32.69%	67.31%	52
9	40.43%	59.57%	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.25% (198)</b>	<b>58.75% (282)</b>	<b>480</b>

By Gender	Public	Private	Total
Unknown	53.33%	46.67%	15
Female	44.44%	55.56%	216
Male	37.75%	62.25%	249
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.25% (198)</b>	<b>58.75% (282)</b>	<b>480</b>

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## Heroic Effort

I'm as big a sucker for "feel-good" movies as any person around. Unlike most tough guys, I can watch a "chick flick" with Amy. In fact, one of the best movies I've seen is "The Notebook."



By Joe Rector

can... or the best they know how to do. That's what was true for me. My dad died when he was 53 and I was 13. Even in that short time, he grew to hero status in my eyes.

The man was a stern, no-nonsense individual that did not suffer fools or silly sons well. He played ball with us one time, and I saw him in a bathing suit once for just a few minutes. The rest of the time he stayed in our rented cottage on the beach and swept the sand out the door.

His hero status grew more after his death and during my maturation. I realized how much he sacrificed for our family. Without an education, he slaved at a paper mill from the time he returned from the army where he served as a cook. Rotating shift work in a place that would today be declared a hazardous site sapped his strength and health. Still, he provided for us.

My dad was short on education but long on intelligence. He sat at the kitchen

table with a green mug filled with motor-oil thick coffee, a pack of Winston cigarettes, and a small pad. There he figured out the budget for our family and how to stretch too little money over too much month.

He was wise too. Daddy rarely uttered negative comments about others. He stressed education and demanded that we boys perform well in school. Most of all, this man expected us to behave at all times. My dad often told us that we might not be able to do well in all subjects, but we always could behave. A bad conduct grade was worse than a poor academic grade and brought about a strong lecture, a pronouncement of disappointment, or even a "tanning of a behind."

Even as he faced the last months of life, Dal Rector showed his heroism. He had scraped enough money together to hide in places, and he would give instructions to our mother as to what drawer she was to look to find cash and toward what bill it should go. He left us with a small insurance policy that made life just a

bit easier for Mother as she faced bringing up three boys on her own.

I tried to emulate my dad in some ways. Like him, I demanded that my children behave at all times, and when they didn't, swats across their bottoms came with swiftness. I pushed and prodded them about school and am proud to say that both earned college degrees.

Unlike him, I played with my kids. I pushed them to play baseball for one year and later continued to push them to participate in that game, soccer, and band. Yes, I was overbearing on many occasions, and yes, at times my kids resented me and that pushiness. I only hope that they understand as I came to understand my dad's demands.

In the end, every dad would like to be his child's hero. Such an honor makes the tough times easier to bear. If not that, just being told that these men have done a good job is welcome news. Dads are proud of their children; they can only hope the feeling is mutual with their own children.

## Urban Teens Tapped as 'Growing Leaders'

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Jackson, director of the EY Fellows. The students will receive mentoring, leadership training, internship opportunities, and a personal iPad. The program will follow each Emerald Youth Fellow through about age 25.

Emerald Youth Fellows, a program of Emerald Youth Foundation, receives support from local donors who include Equitas Group, United Way and the Haslam Family Foundation.

"Our goal is to work with these students through their post-secondary education—whether it is college or technical training—and help them move into their professional lives, the faith community, and in a servant leadership role in the city," Jackson said.

The students have announced plans to attend colleges that include the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, UT Chattanooga, East Tennessee State University, Maryville College, Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Bethel University in McKenzie, and Pellissippi State Community College.

As part of an emphasis on community leadership, the students will spend a week this summer in Chicago at the Lawndale Christian Community Church. It has supported a longtime mission including health clinics, after school programs, and a housing initiative in a desperately poor area.

All the students who were in the inaugural, 2012 class of Emerald Youth Fellows successfully finished

their first term at colleges and technical schools which included the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Tennessee, Austin Peay State University, and Tennessee State University, among others.

"We are excited about this new group of young adults because we believe their leadership abilities will serve our community and world. We are overjoyed to hear their plans and the concerns that God has already put in their hearts," said Steve Diggs, Emerald Youth executive director.

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Caty Davis has been participating in teen pageants for three years. Last year she was crowned Miss Knoxville's Outstanding Teen, as well as, Knoxville's Distinguished Young Woman, and just last fall she earned the title Miss Northwest Tennessee. "As Miss Northwest Tennessee, I won scholarship money that will help me further my education at the University of Tennessee in the fall," Davis said.



Caty Davis

Now an 18-year-old senior at Karns High School, Davis will be competing at the Miss Tennessee Pageant in June. She will be one of three 18 year olds competing out of 36 contestants and the only contestant from the Knoxville area.

The Miss Tennessee Scholarship Foundation is based on a scholastic tradition and has been the cornerstone of the Miss America program since 1945. If she wins, Davis will go on to represent the state as Miss Tennessee in the Miss America Program held in Atlantic City in September.

Davis' accomplishments are no small feat. Each year 80,000 young ladies participate in local preliminary pageants leading to the Miss America pageant.

"The Miss American Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship program for young women in the United States awarding over \$45 million a year at the local, state, and national level," Davis added.

Educational achievements and public service continue to be the primary objectives for the Miss America and the Miss Tennessee organizations. Davis is committed to both.

On May 4, she will be hosting a benefit to support Children's Miracle Network entitled: "Caty's Dinner and a Show." The event will be held at 6 p.m. at Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church located at 7753 Oak Ridge Hwy. Ticket cost is \$12.

Norwood Elementary students are stepping into a new activity. Some students at the school learned about an extracurricular activity that enriches lives.

The Northwest Middle School step team put on a mini step camp for Norwood Elementary students last Monday through Wednesday 4:30 to 5:15. Tiffany Flood, step coach of Northwest Middle School, led the team in showing Norwood students aspects of the step program.

"It's a partnership between the two schools," Liz Thacker, Site Resource Coordinator for Norwood Elementary said. Thacker provides small group instructions, activities, dinner, and is the coordinator for all of those after school activities for Norwood students and three other schools.

Flood said the process to putting on the step camp began when she received an email from a social worker. "He asked me to come over and have a demonstration for the elementary kids," she said. It occurred to her in her emails with the officer that they could do a minicamp for Norwood Elementary students and teach them "what we do".

Flood said the steps are modeled after the universities' Greek fraternity and sorority programs. "For step,



Norwood Elementary students line up to receive instruction from Northwest Middle School step team.

you have to get the whole body thing," Flood said. "You have to make rhythms and beats with your body," she emphasized. She said the steps don't have specific names, they are named after whichever student starts the step.

Flood also teaches seventh grade math at Northwest Middle School. "I think I'm a little more lenient in the classroom than I am with the girls (step team)," she said. "I'm very demanding and we practice a lot."

Jayla Chandler, an eighth grader, said of the step team, "It gives me something to do. It's something I enjoy." Chandler said she's trying to get into organizations that do step past middle school.

Flood said she started her step teams at Norwood as something for students who

didn't make other teams to participate in. Flood started coaching step teams eight years ago. She said a group of students came to her and asked if she could sponsor them. The principal said to her that they would need to have practice "so many days a week." After a series of practices with that first team, sometimes practicing until 9, Flood said the principal watched the team and after a little while told her, "You're ready. This is it." Flood has been coaching step ever since.

"I've taken a lot of girls who've had behavior issues, and they've changed completely," Flood said of coaching step. "They've become great students. We have parents that come to the basketball games often to watch them perform. We get a lot of

praise," she added.

Flood said her step team has participated in the Knox County Parks and Recreation Team Premier Step Show. "We were one of the few teams that competed in Knox County," she said. However, "We didn't compete this year though," she said. She also coaches little league cheerleaders, called the Baby Road Runners; they cheer at Austin East recreation games.

The main emphasis on the step camp is an orientation for the Norwood Elementary students to learn about extracurricular activities and ways to enrich their lives. "It's a great way for the middle school to mentor little ones to see older students and some of the things and options that are available," Thacker said.

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meals are served daily. Laundry service and housekeeping are also included in the assistance provided. Non-emergency medical care is provided 24 hours per day.

Furthermore, The Courtyards seeks to strike a balance between topnotch care and fostering an environment that encourages an active lifestyle, such as gardening in the facility's community garden. Encouraging senior citizens to lead an active lifestyle is a concern Mayor Burchett also shares.

"In Knox County, we commit significant resources to toward our Senior Services department," Mayor Burchett shared, "and we're planning to build our sixth senior center in the next year or so."

Likewise, The Courtyards' Fountain City location is the sixth for the East Tennessee area, including corporate

offices located in Coral Springs, FL.

"This facility will not only provide important services to the residence that will live here. This Courtyard Senior Living facility will also provide an important economic

boost to Knox County, and we're glad to see it open," Burchett concluded.

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# FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

## SCPLS Seymour Branch to hold Inspirational Reading Club

The Seymour Branch Library Inspirational Reading Club featured author for April 2013 is Jane Kirkpatrick. The Club will discuss the works of Ms. Kirkpatrick who is an author, speaker, and teacher. She is internationally recognized for her books that encourage and inspire her readers. You may have seen her stories in over 50 publications such as *Decision*, *Private Pilot*, and *Daily Guideposts*.

According to her website, [www.jkbooks.com/](http://www.jkbooks.com/), Ms. Kirkpatrick is the "author of 20 books including 17 historical novels. Many of her titles are based on the lives of real people or incidents set authentically in the American West. Her first novel, *"A Sweetness to the Soul,"* won the coveted Wrangler Award from the Western Heritage Center. Her works have been finalists for the Christy, Spur, Oregon Book Award, WILLA Literary Award and Reader's Choice awards. Several of her titles have been Book of the Month and Literary Guild selections." Another novel, *"A Tendering in the Storm,"* won Best Original Paperback in the 2007 WILLA Literary Award and *A Flickering Light*, a story based on her grandmothers' life was named to Library Journal's Best Books of 2009.

To discover more about Jane Kirkpatrick and her novels, join in the discussion of this author at the SCPLS Seymour Branch Inspirational Reading Club on Thursday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. For more information about the SCPLS Seymour Branch Library Inspirational Book Club, contact Janet Persichetti at (865) 573-0728.

# 'One World, One Dream' Social Bridge Basketball Game

With the pre-game scoreboard clock winding down and two basketball teams finishing their warm-ups, Xiaopeng Hua of China, could finally see his senior project come to fruition.

"My goal for hosting this basketball game was to try and help bridge the communication divide between our international students and local students through a sport we all love," said Hua a senior at The King's Academy.

Sport and language have more in common than one might think. Basketball is a game that anyone can play Hua thought, all it takes is a ball and a hoop and it can bring different nationalities together.

What better way Hua thought than through a basketball game with all the bells and whistles.

"My second goal was to gain experience in and have a better understanding of what it takes to organize a large event and hope people would really enjoy it."

That is exactly what Hua did. Hua found sponsors; Willie's Restaurant and Jumbo Buffet Restaurant. He had cheerleaders; the academy's middle and high school cheerleaders, and even found a dance team when a group of students decided to put a routine together to perform at halftime.

Hua recruited a group of international students to play against a group of American students all from Tennessee and billed the game as "One World, One Dream."

It is a custom in an international basketball game to exchange gifts before tipoff, Adam Deatherage of Team Tennessee exchanged a

football, and Hua gave a pair of ping pong paddles.

The game turned out to be a well played game as the International Team beat Team Tennessee 55 to 49.

The International team was led by Ife Akinboyo (Nigeria) 16 points, 11 rebounds; Jeremy Weech (Bahamas) 13 points, 2 assists; Charles An (China) 10 points, 9 rebounds; Taishi Hayakawa (Japan) 9 points, 1 rebound; Xiaopeng Hua (China) 5 points, 3 rebounds; Teddy Lin () 2 points, 1 rebound; and Wei Chen (China) 2 assists.

Team Tennessee was led by Adam Deatherage (Knoxville) 12 points, 14 rebounds; Jacob Higdon (Walland) 11 points, 3 rebounds; Isaiah Gilmore (Alcoa) 10 points, 4 rebounds; Josh Keller (Dandridge) 9 points, 2 rebounds; and Brody Timmerman (Seymour) 7 points, 3 rebounds.

"It was a great thing for Hua to do," said Deatherage the Team Tennessee captain. "Hua did a really good job organizing and putting everything together. We had an awesome time, which was really what the event was all about."

"One World, One Dream" showed how a sport could bring people and cultures closer together.

In other KA news, the traditional spring carnival will take place on campus Saturday, April 27. This carnival, titled *Festival at the Academy*, will be from noon to 4:00 p.m. This event is held on the academy campus in Stokely Gymnasium and on Huskey Football Field. In conjunction with the carnival, the academy's drama department will present "Godspell" Friday and Saturday evenings, April 26 and 27.



Players exchange gifts before the "One World, One Dream" basketball game.



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# Dale and Teresa Rutherford to retire

By Ken Lay

Dale's Sports has been an institution in the Halls Community since 1985. For nearly three decades Dale and Teresa Rutherford have outfitted teams from Halls, Gibbs, Central, Jefferson County and Powell. The couple will retire

on May 1 to spend time with their 3-year-old grandson. "I have people come in and tell me that they're sad and I guess we are, too," Dale Rutherford said. But in the end, they always say 'congratulations' and I guess that speaks for our longevity. "We kind of started

this thing on a whim, not knowing what would happen in 1985, and the Halls Community took us in." Dale Rutherford was coaching football at West High School before he decided to enter the sporting goods business. He worked at West Knoxville Sports and at

an outdoors store in West Knoxville before opening in Halls. The store had humble beginnings before opening in the old Halls Kroger Community Building. The store later moved to its current location in the Fred's Shopping Center on Maynardville Highway.

"I sold [letterman's] jackets and Teresa sold them," Dale said. "She's the backbone in this whole thing. She's the one that makes it go. "We've been tied down with this for six days a week since 1985 and it'll be nice to get up in the morning and not have to Continue on page 4

## Profile

# Homer Hart

By Garrett Strand

Homer Hart is a guy from Knoxville who is chasing the dream. Homer started chasing his dream of being a country music star when he was twelve years old and learned to play guitar. In 2005 Homer Hart met T. W. Cargile, a famous producer in Nashville, who has worked with the likes of Trace Adkins and Jamey Johnson. T.W. Cargile brought Homer Hart over to Nashville for the Country Music Association Awards and to also attend a Jason Aldean showcase event. At the showcase event, Jason Aldean told Homer that his band, the Three Kings, would be more than willing to help him record a CD. The Three Kings helped Homer record a promotional CD that he could use to get his name out to local radio stations around Knoxville. Many of the songs on that CD were written by David Lee Murphy, who has written songs for artists such as Kenny Chesney and Jason Aldean.

Shortly after he started spreading the CD around, Homer was introduced to Mike Hammond of radio station Q93. Through knowing Mike, Homer has been able to get many shows opening up for big artists such as Charlie Daniels, Alan Jackson and Chris Young.

The Knoxville Focus first started following Homer after seeing him play at Merle 96.7's "Jack is Back" event at the Cotton Eyed Joe celebrating Jack Ryan's return to radio. Since then Homer has opened for Josh Thompson at the Tennessee Valley Fair and just recently played Merle 96.7's ACM Nomination Celebration on the Tennessee Riverboat.

When asked about Homer Hart, Jack Ryan of Merle 96.7 said, "Everything Homer

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## KNOXVILLE ENTREPRENEUR CENTER OPEN



Mayor Rogero gives an introduction to the new Knoxville Entrepreneur Center before cutting the ribbon with sponsors, KEC members and Chamber members.

## KEC opens with aim to inspire entrepreneurs, encourage business

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and key partners celebrated the opening of the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center (KEC) April 5 with a traditional red ribbon-cutting ceremony.

KEC is a business accelerator in downtown Knoxville that will help budding entrepreneurs turn ideas into reality.

"A significant component of Knoxville's future economic success depends on our ability to attract, develop and retain talented people," Mayor Rogero said. "This space will encourage those people and help them to collaborate on ideas that will translate to jobs and a stronger tax base."

The Industrial Development Board, through the City of Knoxville, helped to fund the project along

with generous donations from Randy and Jenny Boyd, the Clayton Family Foundation, the Haslam Family Foundation, the Cornerstone Foundation, and a grant from Launch Tennessee. The Knoxville Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in the development of KEC.

Located on Market Square, KEC will host meetings and networking events focused on small business startups and growth. It offers small private meeting rooms and a conference room, along with free Wi-Fi service.

Knoxville businessman Michael Carroll is the center's Executive Director. The center will feature boot camps and competitions, development programs,

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Brad Corum, pictured above, is one of the 10 members of the 2013-2014 cohort class.

## UT Leadership Academy Announces New Fellows

Ten educators will be part of the 2013-14 cohort of the Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The Leadership Academy, a collaborative venture between UT and Knox County Schools, prepares educators to become outstanding new school principals through a full-time, intensive 15-month fellowship program. The class will begin work on May 31.

Thirty-one educators have gone through the program since its inception in 2010. Eight of those fellows are currently head principals in Knox County schools.

The Leadership Academy is a part of the UT Center for Educational Leadership, which is housed in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in the UT College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.

The 2013-14 fellows will spend four days a week Continue on page 2

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# The Boy Wonder

## Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia

Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill  
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Political success can come quickly and just as quickly be snuffed out.

Rush D. Holt of West Virginia is a prime example of stunning political success at an early age, his electoral career squandered either through insistence upon remaining true to his principles or due to petty feuds and his own eccentricities, depending upon one's point of view.

Holt was born into a political family as his father, Dr. Matthew D. Holt, was the sometime Mayor of Weston, West Virginia. Dr. Holt experienced something of a political odyssey leaving the Republican Party when the Democrats nominated the "Great Commoner" William Jennings Bryan for the presidency in 1898. Evidently even the Democratic Party did not suit Dr. Holt who drifted into the Socialist Party. The elder Holt's political and personal beliefs included his own kind of atheism and pacifism. Both were somewhat exotic beliefs in rugged West Virginia.

Rush Dew Holt possessed a keen mind and graduated from West Virginia University at the tender age of nineteen. He became an educator, first teaching high school and working as a coach and later became a teacher at Salem College.

By 1930 the political winds in West Virginia were changing; largely having been a Republican state, the Depression was beginning to take its toll and the Democratic Party in the state was led by Matthew Mansfield Neely, who was running to regain his seat in the United States Senate. Rush Holt was running for the West Virginia House of Delegates although he was only twenty-four years old. Holt was elected and drew considerable attention to himself as an advocate for the common people, as well as a fierce critic of private power companies.

In 1934 Republican U. S. Senator Henry D. Hatfield (a relation of the famous Hatfield feuding clan) was up for reelection. A medical doctor and former governor, Hatfield seemed to be a formidable candidate despite the widespread economic suffering in West Virginia. All of the Republican incumbent Congressmen had been swept out of office with the election of New York Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932 and there were a host of Democrats eager to take on Senator Hatfield in the 1934 election. The notion of a candidate not even old



Senator Rush Dew Holt (left) with then Congressman Jennings Randolph, who would later serve West Virginia in the United States Senate.

enough to constitutionally occupy the office of United States senator would ordinarily have been laughable, save for the fact Rush Holt's candidacy attracted the support of West Virginia's most important Democrat, Senator M. M. Neely.

Amongst the candidates for the Democratic nomination was one Clem Shaver, a former Chairman of the National Democratic Party and a deadly enemy of Senator Neely. Neely would not countenance a Shaver candidacy, much less run the risk of serving in the Senate with his rival. Neely, leader of the "Federal" faction of West Virginia's Democratic Party, threw his open support to young Rush D. Holt and he brought perhaps the most potent factor in a Democratic primary with him: the support of organized labor. Holt crushed his opposition in the Democratic primary, which included not only Clem Shaver, but also former U.S. Senator William E. Chilton, who was also the owner of one of Charleston's daily newspapers.

Rush D. Holt defeated Senator Henry Hatfield in the general election and being only twenty-nine, had to wait six months before taking office. Having run as an all-out supporter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Holt took his seat in the Senate where he initially supported FDR and the New Deal, although many believed Holt's own views were more extreme than those of the President. Not content to serve as a junior member of the Senate, Holt soon

chaffed under the arrangement, which gave Senator Neely the lion's share of patronage in West Virginia. Holt's dissatisfaction led to an open break with both Senator Neely and the New Deal. Rush Holt, long believed to harbor many of his father's own socialist views, was soon a vocal critic of the New Deal and perceived as a conservative. Holt repaid his mentor Matthew M. Neely by opposing his Neely's reelection to the United States Senate in 1936. The feud became so bitter the long-suffering Neely, a powerful and mesmerizing orator of the old school, denounced his young colleague as a "sewer rat" and that might have been the nicest thing Senator Neely said about Rush D. Holt.

Neely was easily reelected, but Senator Holt continued to be a leading opponent of the New Deal and became a spokesman for the strong isolationist feeling in the country prior to World War II. An uneasy President Roosevelt was trying to do all he could to aid Great Britain against the Nazi onslaught, which was about to bring the British Empire to its knees as the war began. At that time, Hitler and his legions seemed unbeatable

and most of Europe was under the boot heel of the German army. Senator Holt augmented his income by speaking all across the country for handsome fees while promoting the cause of America tending to its own business and leaving Europe to sort out its own affairs. Holt favored a policy of absolute neutrality by the United States and strongly believed war was oftentimes only in the best interests of the wealthy munitions manufacturers.

When his Senate seat came up for reelection, Rush D. Holt insisted upon running again, although there was every reason to believe he was no longer popular with his constituents. Senator Neely was leaving the Senate to make a bid for governor, which would eliminate the opposition of the state house machine to Neely's control of the state Democratic Party. Neely recruited a little known local judge to challenge Holt in the primary. The primary was a three-way affair as the leader of the state house machine, former Governor H. Guy Kump was a candidate for Holt's Senate seat. As Neely and Kump battled for the heart and soul of West Virginia's Democratic Party, Rush

Holt was little more than an irritant. Judge Harley Kilgore, Neely's candidate, won the senatorial nomination while Neely himself was nominated for governor. Neely had succeeded in vanquishing both his most formidable foes, Rush D. Holt and H. Guy Kump, in one election.

Senator Holt seemed to live quite well in Washington, having a valet and sumptuous apartment. That lifestyle ended abruptly when Holt was defeated for reelection. For the rest of his life, Rush Holt would scrape out a living as a writer and lecturer.

After his defeat, Senator Holt continued to live in Washington, D. C. still a featured speaker at many America First rallies across the country until the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, which had the effect of killing isolationism in the United States.

Rush Holt returned to Weston, West Virginia where he remained popular and he returned to the House of Delegates. From his base in Weston, Holt continued to make quixotic campaigns for statewide office. Holt sought the gubernatorial nomination in 1944, but lost to Governor

Matthew M. Neely's hand-picked successor. When Neely sought to return to the United States Senate in 1948, Holt ran in the Democratic primary to challenge him unsuccessfully.

By 1950, Holt's political metamorphosis was complete and he had become a Republican. Holt was nominated to run for Congress by the GOP that year and made an impressive showing. In 1952, Rush D. Holt was the Republican nominee for governor and he quite nearly won. Amidst charges of voter fraud, Holt was narrowly edged out, while still running ahead of hugely popular General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the GOP nominee for President.

Holt remained in the West Virginia House of Delegates, but after his failed gubernatorial campaign he discovered he was suffering from cancer. Holt's long-time political enemy Matthew M. Neely, himself a cancer survivor, relented to assist Holt in getting excellent medical care. Despite being reelected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1954, Holt lost his battle with cancer and died on February 8, 1955. Rush D. Holt was only forty-nine years old at the time of his death.

Holt's mark on West Virginia politics extended beyond his death. His widow, Helen, was appointed by Republican Governor Cecil Underwood, to serve as Secretary of State in 1958. Although she lost the election to succeed herself, Helen Holt ran ahead of her ticket mates.

Rush D. Holt, Jr., son of Rush and Helen Holt, entered politics in New Jersey, returning to his father's roots as a liberal Democrat. The younger Holt continues to serve in Congress to this day, although he seems to have very little to say about his father.

Had Rush D. Holt chosen to work along side Matthew M. Neely, he would very likely have continued to serve in the United States Senate until his death. Holt's personality was such that he enjoyed the notoriety of his feuds and he relished the verbal injuries he heaped upon just about everybody who had helped him climb the ladder of political success: Neely, organized labor and the New Deal. Holt left a political legacy of family, but little else.

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# Dale and Teresa Rutherford to retire

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go anywhere if we don't want to. I'll probably miss it in a month or so."

Teresa, who is also anticipating retirement, confesses that she will also miss the business.

"I'll miss the people that we've met," she said.

"We've also had some great employees.

"Of course, we've taken good care of them but our employees have been great."

Dale has been a regular at Halls High School sporting events and he said that that's not going to change.

"I'll still be there and I'll be a loyal supporter," he said.

The couple's son Russ played football and baseball at Halls before starring on the diamond at the University of Kentucky. Russ also grew up at Dale's Sports.

Dale and Teresa have had one of Halls' flourishing businesses. They had some early help as the Red Devils won the 1986 State Football Championship.

Later, the Tennessee Volunteers won the Sugar Bowl.

"Game Day Saturdays used to be one of our busiest days," Dale recalled. "We were the only ones who had Tennessee stuff before Wal-Mart and other stores started carrying it."

Dale's Sports is now a team sports store and the Rutherfords have now served two generations of athletes.

"You saw kids when they were young," Teresa said.

"They came in with their parents.

"Now, they're coming in with their kids."

Dale and Teresa both have fond memories. One of the biggest was when Halls athletic director Dink Adams asked them to sell playoff tickets in 1986.

"We sold a lot of football tickets and we had a bag full of money," Dale said.

Adams, now retired, was in the store last week and also remembered Halls' State Championship run.

Dale and Teresa may be retiring but the store will remain in business. John Shaw, who owns Solway Sports in Karns, will take over the business. Dale and Teresa will aid in the transition.

"I'm not going very far," Dale said. "Teresa and I will be here from time to time."

Dale said he'll continue to play golf and looks forward to coaching his grandson Eli.

"I'll probably go back into coaching in a couple of years," Dale said. "Russ will probably coach him and I want to help him."

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ANDREWS.



## A 'fighter' today, and hopefully in the future, too

By Steve Williams

Andre Doss wants to be a fighter pilot someday.

The 13-year-old Holston Middle School student already knows some of the basic essentials it will take to put him in the wild blue yonder. Math, science and boxing are high on that list.

"I want to go to the Air Force Academy because later in life I would like to be a fighter pilot," said Doss prior to his bout in the East Tennessee Golden Gloves tournament April 6.

Doss moved a big step closer to the goal and dream he has had since age 4 when he

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## Tyler Bray Gets Ready For The NFL

By Alex Norman

The last time we saw former Vols quarterback Tyler Bray, he was walking off the field at Neyland Stadium on November 24, 2012, following a win over Kentucky.

Most people didn't expect to see Bray return for his senior season.

Those people were correct.

"It's been really crazy, traveling back and forth from Tennessee to California to Indianapolis (for the NFL Combine)," said Bray. "Just trying out for different teams, and trying to earn a spot. They (NFL) like my arm strength, my accuracy, worry about my footwork sometimes, they want me to regain focus, and that's what I've been working on in the off-season."

Exactly when Bray will hear his name called at the NFL Draft remains a mystery of course, but there might be no other player in the draft with such extremes in terms of when he is projected to be taken.

CBSSports.com and BleacherReport.com believe Bray will go in the second or third round. ESPN.com has him going in the third or fourth round. Some sites have him lower and remember, this is a guy that was, at one time, believed to be a future first round selection.

This could prove to be a stressful time for Bray, but he says that he is trying not to let it bother him.

"You can't control where you get drafted. General Managers and owners make that decision," said Bray. "So, until then you work out and worry about the things you

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## BIG INNING LIFTS EAGLES

By Ken Lay

Gibbs High School's baseball team used a big second inning to keep its perfect district record intact Tuesday night.

The Eagles (14-4 overall, 6-0 in District 3-AA) scored five runs in the second inning of their 7-0 victory over Union County before a packed house at Steve Hunley Field.

It was the sixth consecutive district win and fourth straight league shutout for the Eagles.

"We got some clutch hits with two outs again," Gibbs coach Geff Davis said. "If we don't get those key hits, then this is a 2-0 game."

The Eagles, who sent nine batters to the plate in the bottom of the second inning, scored their first run when Pierce Elliott's sacrifice fly plated Cade Davis. Elliott's fly ball gave Gibbs a 1-0 lead but was the second out of the inning.

The Eagles would score four more times before Patriots pitcher Samuel Cooper could

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Gibbs designated hitter Austin Breeden awaits a pitch in the Eagles' 7-0 victory over Union Tuesday night. With the victory, Gibbs improved to 6-0 in district play.

### KNOXVILLE NIGHTHAWKS

## Schuck returns to Knoxville to spark win

By Ken Lay

Ryan Schuck wasted little time announcing his return to the Knoxville Nighthawks.

Schuck, who played for Knoxville last season, was recently acquired in a trade with the Alabama Hammers.

"I came over in a trade from Alabama, said Schuck, the Nighthawks wide receiver, who made several key receptions to help Knoxville nab a 31-28 victory over the Albany Panthers on April 5 at the James White Civic Coliseum.

Schuck caught a touchdown pass and made an on-side kick that sealed the Nighthawks' first victory of the season.

"These are all great guys and this was a big win over an Albany team that came in undefeated and won the league last year," Schuck said. "I knew that we could win this game even

though we came in 0-4.

"I'm glad to be back in Knoxville and this was a great team win. We won this game on offense, defense and on special teams."

Nighthawks coach Cosmo DeMatteo is also happy that Schuck, who didn't report to Alabama, is back in East Tennessee.

"He's a veteran player who made big plays for us tonight," said DeMatteo, who picked up his first victory as Knoxville's coach. "He was a big boost for us."

The win was the second in the franchise's two-year history. The Nighthawks, who were 1-11 last season, picked up their only win of 2012 in the seventh game of the season.

Knoxville got off to a fast start. The Nighthawks scored on their first possession on

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knoxville Nighthawks defensive back Ginikkachi Ibe (3) is tackled after making an interception in Knoxville's recent home game against the Albany Panthers. The Nighthawks knocked the Panthers from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 31-28 victory on April 5 at the James White Civic Coliseum.

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# SWISH!! Give—Him—Two! (Part II)

"Did you realize what the team was accomplishing?" I asked Les Spitzer, who played on the 1964-65 Gibbs basketball team.

"Not really," the senior guard answered. "We were traveling and trying to keep up our grades; and we were from a small, rural school." From the basketball court to the classroom, Spitzer excelled. He was named salutatorian of his graduating class. The student who wore No. 30 for the Eagles remembers riding the early bus to school. Coach Dagley opened up the gym early in the morning and players would go there to shoot baskets. He recalls the coach sweeping the gym floor and closing up at eleven o'clock at night. "We could not have asked for a better coach, and I'll forever be



By **Ralphine Major**  
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indebted to him," Spitzer said. Even now, Les has high admiration for Coach Dagley because of the many hours he put into the Eagles' basketball program. I could tell this former player still has an accountant's mindset—he was trying to figure how much the coach actually made after working so many long hours each day. Spitzer added, "I think about how

Coach Dagley ran our program at Gibbs. He was tops!"

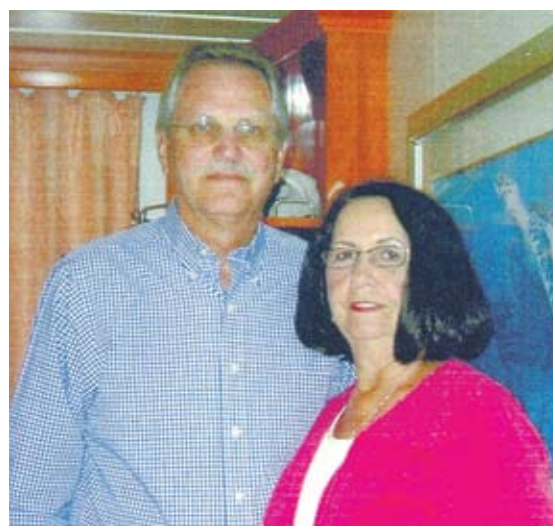
The talented team player received lots of letters with scholarship offers from schools across the Southeast. He decided to stay in Tennessee and took his talent to Carson-Newman College (now University), making him the first Gibbs graduate to receive a basketball scholarship. Coach Dagley went with Spitzer to visit Carson-Newman, the coach's alma mater, and meet the Eagles' coaches. They even got to meet the

President of Carson-Newman at that time, Dr. Harley Fite. "I probably would not have gone to college if not for him," Spitzer said of Dagley. The 6-foot-1 guard played four years of basketball at Carson-Newman and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. Like his coach, Les served his country in the military. He served two years in the Army, one of those in the Vietnam War.

Les Spitzer is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Judy Staley, who was a Gibbs High School cheerleader. The Spitzers have been married forty-six years and make their home in the Gibbs community where they both grew up. Family and community are important to them. Judy's mother, the late Dora Staley, was well-known in the community and a long-time cafeteria manager at Gibbs School. Judy worked for the Knox County School System thirty-six years. She spent the early

years of her career at Halls High School and the remaining years at Gibbs High.

Les worked thirty-seven years at Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) and retired as Vice-President of Construction. When I asked Dale Maddox, a former KUB employee, if he knew Leslie Spitzer, he was quick to answer: "Les was the manager of the Finance & Accounting Department at KUB and hired me in 1986. This was my first full-time job as an accountant. Les was a wonderful mentor and boss. He modeled honesty, integrity, and character; and I was blessed to



*Les and Judy Spitzer*

work for him for several years." Dale is, currently, the administrator at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church.

(This is the seventh in a series on the 1964-65 Gibbs Eagles' outstanding year in basketball. Next week will conclude my time with the Spitzers.)

## BIG INNING LIFTS EAGLES

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get out of the inning. Brad Cottrill had a two-run double in the frame. Taylor McMurray added a two-run triple in the frame to give the Eagles a 5-0 lead.

Gibbs added single runs in the fifth and sixth.

Catcher Brad Parker started the fifth with a leadoff double and was lifted for courtesy runner Brock Davis. Davis scored the sixth run of the game on Trey Carpenter's one-out single.

Cooper escaped further damage as Cottrill grounded out with the bases loaded to end the inning.

Gibbs extended its lead to 7-0 in the sixth. Left fielder Zach Ogle led off the inning with a single. He stole second and advanced to third on a ground-out by McMurray before scoring on a passed ball. Gibbs finished the game with seven hits.

The Patriots, however, couldn't generate much offense. Eagles' left-handed pitcher Andrew Willis hurled a three-hitter. He walked three hitters and struck out seven.

"Andrew did a great job," Coach Davis said. "He threw the ball well and did a good job fielding his position."

"It was nice to see him have a good outing."

The Eagles opened the week with a 13-0 win at Union County on Monday, April 8.

Gibbs played in a Farragut tournament late last week and has a big night planned at home against Alcoa on April 18 when it plays its third annual Pink Out at the Park Game against the Tornadoes.

The game, which promotes breast cancer awareness, will feature vendors from 31, Mary Kay and Pampered Chef. A mobile mammogram unit will also be on site and fans can purchase special t-shirts.

All proceeds will benefit the Mobile Mammogram unit.

Action begins with a junior varsity game at 5 p.m. First pitch for the varsity game is slated for 7:30.

## Steve Hunley Field gets even better

By Ken Lay

It was a project that was years in the making and Gibbs' High School's Steve Hunley Field has received additional enhancements.

Years ago, the Gibbs Community came together to renovate the home of the Gibbs Eagles baseball team, which won the 2010 Class AA State Championship.

"This took years," Gibbs coach Geff Davis said. "The good thing about this is that the community came together to do this."

"This was not a county project. We didn't get any money from Knox County Schools. It was all done by our booster club and some special people who made contributions."

The enhancements began in the mid-90s and has progressed in phases. Over the past few years, the press box section, bleachers, and concession stand were finished. During the offseason, the foul line fences were replaced.

"This [project] was pretty much finished two years ago," Davis said. "However we recently got some more foul territory when we replaced the side fences."

"I can give you a list of about 100



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Improvements to the stands at Hunley Field can be seen behind Gibbs shortstop Trey Carpenter (23) at bat against Union County.

people who made this happen. Those people were doing everything from donating money to laying block to furnishing materials."

Gibbs now has arguably the best high school baseball stadium in Knox County and Davis said that he's extremely proud of that. In fact several years ago when the field portion was completed, the Gibbs baseball field won a coveted Field of Dreams Award.

"We'll speak up and brag about our

facility," Davis said.

The project may be technically complete but Coach Davis said that he's always still looking to make more improvements.

"Every year, we try to make our facility even better," he said. "As a coach and a teacher, you always try to make things better. You always want to leave things better than you found them."

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Fans can go to the Tennessee Titans Facebook Page (Facebook.com/Titans) and vote for one of four possible logos.

Voting is open until Monday, April 22, and the winning logo will be revealed on April 25, the first day of the 2013 NFL Draft.

The Titans took on their current identity in 1999, the same year their new downtown Nashville stadium—now called LP Field—opened.



# Conaty twins can be double trouble for Catholic opponents

It's no surprise the Conaty twins have had successful athletic careers at Knoxville Catholic High School.

By Steve Williams

After all, with their mother being the program director for Knox Youth Sports, Kathleen and Clare practically grew up on the ball fields at Lakeshore Park and in the gyms used by KYS.

The identical twins, now seniors at Catholic, were the youngest siblings in a sports-minded family, too.

Big brother Michael, their senior by 14 years, made a lasting impression on his baby sisters as a heck of a 3-point shooter for the Irishmen in the late '90s. Their sister, Molly, was a Catholic cheerleader for four years and played volleyball a couple of seasons. Brother Patrick, just a year older, played football throughout high school, making his mark at safety, and also played basketball

a couple of years.

Their dad, Michael Conaty, was their first coach.

"We started playing when we were 3 years old with Vance Link at KYS," recalled Clare.

Their first team was the White Sox.

"The glory days," says Clare.

Patrick and first cousin Tommy Conaty also were on that first baseball team, and Clare still remembers some parents thinking the White Sox got an advantage from the league rule that allowed family members to play on the same team.

Ann Marie Conaty became the KYS program director when her twins started in kindergarten. She's always been mom.

Kathleen and Clare have always been on the same team, which they both feel has been like having "a rock" to lean on.

And as far as being twins, "We always pushed each other to be better," said Clare.

Added Kathleen: "We were very blessed not to be in a situation where one twin was better than the other in school, sports or anything. Even our GPA is almost the same, only one-hundredth of a point different, if that."

Growing up playing baseball with boys, Kathleen and Clare hadn't played softball until they got to high school. Now they are among the top softball players in Knox County. They've been playing for Catholic Coach Sarah Bailey, former UT center-fielder, since their sophomore year.

When asked what they have meant to the Catholic softball program following a recent 2-1, nine-inning loss at Bearden, Coach Bailey initially responded, "Oh goodness," as if there was so much she could say and she didn't know where to begin.

"They're the backbone of our team," she said. "Whether it's making a play on defense or getting a clutch hit, they always seem to step up."

Clare is Catholic's catcher and hits No. 3 in the batting order. Kathleen, the shortstop, bats in the clean-up spot.

"The thing that's great," said Coach Bailey, "is when one has a bad night, the other picks it up. It's like an added bonus."

The game at Bearden was an example of just that.

"Clare was having a

rough night at the plate," said Bailey. "Kathleen made a huge defensive play up the middle and hits a double to give us a chance. We just couldn't bunt her in."

"In our last game, Clare was hitting the ball like crazy and Kathleen was struggling at the plate."

"Some nights, both are on, and we're hard to beat when they're both on."

In basketball this past season, Kathleen averaged around seven points and five assists as point guard, while Clare averaged 12 points as the shooting guard. At times, they would swap positions, a "part of the twin thing."

Most memorable moments in basketball during their prep careers?

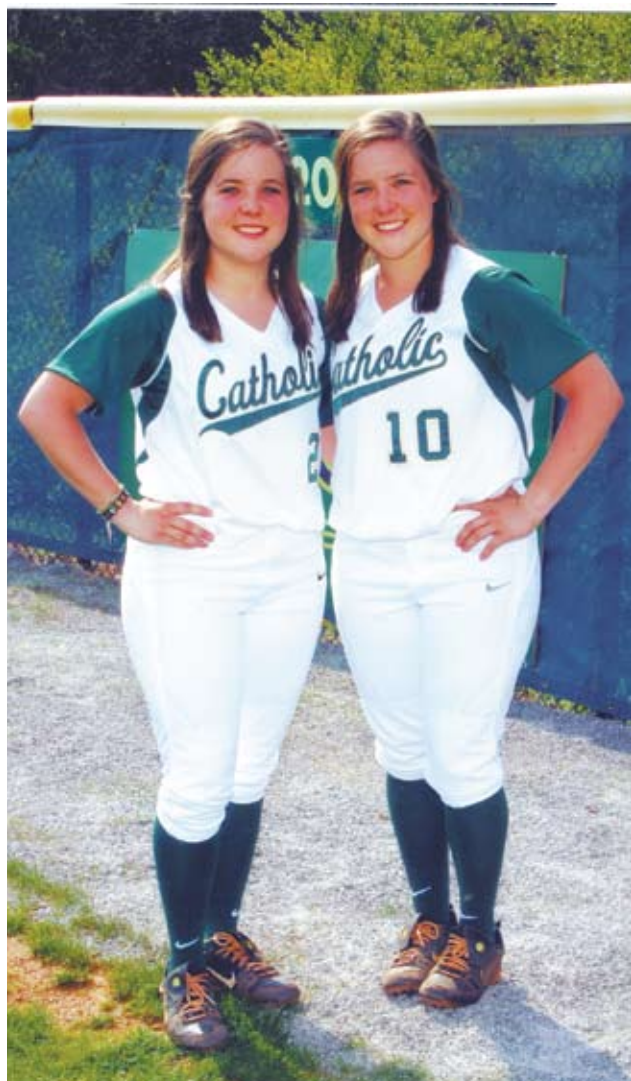
Kathleen: "Beating Webb my freshman year was awesome."

Clare: "In the jamboree, I had a half-court buzzer-beater in Thompson-Boling."

Standing 5 feet, 3 inches tall, the twins were usually the smallest girls on the court, but were the leading rebounders on the team – a testament to their competitiveness and determination.

There also was what they called the "notorious" powder puff football game in the fall of 2011 when the juniors, led by the Conaty twins, beat the seniors for the first time in school history.

"It caused such an uproar they won't let us



Clare (left) and Kathleen Conaty played baseball with the boys growing up. Now the twin sisters are "the backbone" of Catholic High's softball team, says Coach Sarah Bailey.

play again," said Kathleen.

Added Clare: "They were scared of what we can do."

Replay: With Kathleen at quarterback and Clare at wide receiver, the twins shook off the coach's call for a screen pass on the first play of the game and hooked up with a 70-yard touchdown bomb.

The Conaty twins were notified by letter recently about their future college destination.

"We just found out two weeks ago we were accepted to Notre Dame," said

Kathleen.

"It's always been our dream," said Clare. "We worked hard. It all paid off and finally happened."

The two watched the movie Rudy after getting the news.

The Conaty twins, at this time, do not plan on participating in varsity athletics at Notre Dame. But if a powder puff football game is scheduled, look out! South Bend will never be the same.

Nor will Lakeshore Park.

## Schuck returns to Knoxville to spark win

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Daccus Turman's 1-yard plunge. Armando Cuko's extra point failed but the Nighthawks had a 6-0 lead with 7 minutes, 11 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Panthers (3-1) answered with a long drive that was capped by a 1-yard plunge by quarterback Cecil Lester. Ryan Gates' PAT gave Albany a 7-6 lead with 1:39 left in the opening stanza.

The Nighthawks, who play their next game at Louisiana on April 20, took a 13-7 lead on Randy Hippeard's 1-yard touchdown run.

Albany regained the lead when Lester connected with Aaron Wheeler on an 8-yard touchdown strike.

Knoxville got a field goal from Cuko on its next possession to take a 16-14

lead. The score was set up by Chuck's 25-yard reception. Cuko picked an Uno when he banged the ensuing kickoff through the uprights, making the score 17-14 with 5:12 remaining in the first half.

Albany went ahead 21-17 on Lester's second touchdown pass. The TD culminated a three-minute drive.

Schuck's touchdown reception gave Knoxville a 24-21 lead with 53.7 seconds left.

The Nighthawks' defense came up big on Albany's final possession and Gates missed a field goal.

A field goal from Cuko made it 27-21 just before halftime.

Knoxville extended its advantage to 28-21 when Cuko scored an Uno on the second-half kickoff. That

was the only scoring in the third quarter.

Knoxville's defense was again strong in the fourth quarter as Albany missed a field goal and the Nighthawks recovered a Panthers' fumble.

Cuko gave Knoxville a 31-21 lead with a field goal with 4:11 left in the game.

Albany pulled to 31-28 on a touchdown pass by Lester with four seconds left before Chuck's on-side kick recovery sealed the win.

Schuck, who joined the Nighthawks on Monday, April 1, has won the hearts of fans.

The Albany game also marked the home debut of linebacker Cassen Jackson-Garrison, a 2003 Central High graduate, who played at Vanderbilt.

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# Former Bearden QB finds boxing ‘very draining’

By Steve Williams

Nicky Frizen appreciates Rocky even more now.

Getting his first taste of boxing in the East Tennessee Golden Gloves tournament April 6, Bearden High's senior quarterback last season scored a 4-1 decision over Easton Dabestan in a 170-pound Novice bout, which was announced as the "Best Fight of the Night."

Several flurries of punches highlighted the match, which consisted of three 3-minute rounds, to the crowd's delight and left the two boxers drained and leg weary.

"It was very draining," said Frizen. "I hadn't experienced anything like that in football as a quarterback. Maybe the running backs do."

Frizen, who will continue his football career at the University of Cumberland in Williamsburg, Ky., this fall, got into boxing about three months ago.

"Once football season ended I needed something to do to stay in shape," said the former Bulldog field general.

"I always was a fan of the Rocky movie, so I decided to try boxing,

something to compete in.

"It's a lot of fun. It's been a blast. It's the purest form of competition."

Frizen, who helped lead Bearden to an 8-2 record last fall before a first-round playoff loss at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, will now have some boxing stories to share with his new football teammates in college when he reports in August. He said he's not sure if he'll continue with his new sport.

"Boxing keeps you light," said the 5-foot-10-inch Frzen, who plans to get back up to his football playing weight of close to 190 pounds. "I'll have to start focusing on football."

In other action involving Knoxville boxers, Mike Pannell lost a somewhat controversial 3-2 decision to Joseph Kohler of Campbell County in the 230-pound Open weight class.

Pannell appeared to be the more powerful of the two fighters and seemed to throw a lot more punches as he constantly moved in on his opponent. But Kohler was accurate with his punches and his efficient attack apparently allowed him to receive higher scores from three of

the five judges.

With the win, Kohler earned a berth in the Southern Golden Gloves tournament, which was scheduled this past weekend.

Pannell received the ETGG tournament's "Best Sportsmanship Award."

In the Novice 120-pound championship match, John Breeden of Knoxville lost a 5-0 decision to Breland Dossitt of Red Bank.

Eduardo Teron defeated Jader Taylor 5-0 in the Novice 100-pound bout between two Knoxville boxers. Knoxville's Michael Lowe also earned a 5-0 decision over Kendrick Marble of Chattanooga YCAP in the Novice 110-pound division.

Aaron Pippin of Knoxville scored a 3-2 win over Matthew McGaha of Campbell County in the Novice 195-pound battle. Knoxville's Juan Quintero won by retirement at the end of the second round of his Novice 141-pound bout with Rogersville's Dan Edwards.

The tournament's "Best Boxer Award" went to Dezmond Carpenter of Johnson City's Fear No One team.

# A 'fighter' today, and hopefully in the future, too

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recently was accepted into Knox County Schools' L&N STEM Academy, where he

will begin taking classes in the 2013-14 school year.

The acronym STEM references Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"The STEM Academy focuses on math and science, which I need to get in the Air Force Academy," said Doss.

"It's just something I was born wanting to do."

If Doss someday does receive appointment to the United States Air

Force Academy in Colorado Springs, "I can get on the U.S. Air Force boxing team."

From the sport of boxing, Doss receives "combat skills and physical training" he'll need to make the team.

What's also needed to reach his goal are "straight As" in school, he said.

Tracy Miller Davis, head of Golden Gloves in Knoxville, has been impressed by Doss' dedication to boxing after one year.

Doss trains at the Ace Miller Golden Gloves Boxing Arena "everyday I

can get in." That's three days a week – Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. Other days he "keeps exercising."

Doss lost a 4-1 decision to Jesse Aaron Byers of Tellico in the ETGG Novice Division's 105-pound weight class.

Doss started out as the aggressor in the first of the bout's three rounds. The Tellico boxer, however, rallied and unleashed one punch that almost dropped Doss' knee to the mat. In the second round, Byers got the edge early

and the round appeared to end in a standoff. The third round also was close.

"Andre loves boxing," said his coach, L.M. Sams, after the match: "He has a lot of talent. He's just learning."

"Andre's got the heart – that's the biggest thing. He works hard at it and he loves it."

Sams also pointed out Doss has a 4.0 grade point average, which is equally important to reaching his lifelong dream of being a fighter pilot.

# Tyler Bray Gets Ready For The NFL

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can control."

Bray's dedication, which was questioned by some during his time in Knoxville, doesn't appear to be an issue these days.

"It's your job," said Bray. "Just like if you were working at an insurance company, you gotta work every day. I work out every day and make sure that my body is in shape so I can work out at the highest level."

Bray added, "I went out to APLA (Athletes' Performance – Los Angeles), trained there, they put me on a plan, I had a workout plan..."

Bray looks considerably different than when he played at Tennessee, gaining more than 20 pounds. He weighed in at 232 pounds during the NFL Combine in February.

Last season the National Football League was home to a youth movement at the quarterback position. Rookies Andrew Luck (Indianapolis), Robert Griffin III (Washington) and Russell Wilson (Seattle) each led their respective teams to the playoffs. Colin Kaepernick was one touchdown away from helping San Francisco win the Super Bowl in only his second year in the league (and first as a starting quarterback).

But Bray doesn't believe he would be handed that level of responsibility this fall.

"In my first year I want to get the playbook down. This draft class isn't expected to start right away," said Bray. "I need to learn the offense, gain a year of experience before taking over that starting role."

Bray ranks fourth in Tennessee history in terms of touchdown passes (69), passing yards (7,444) and passing attempts (922). He threw for a UT record 530 yards in a win over Troy, and threw for more than 400 yards in a single game four times, also a UT record. Bray's college career is a mixed bag as far as results are concerned. His record as a starter was 13-11, without a win over any of the Vols biggest rivals.

The Tennessee football program that Bray walked into wasn't the Tennessee he expected. Bray and his family relocated from California to Knoxville in January of 2010, only to have Lane Kiffin, the coach he committed to, leave with no warning a few days later. Kiffin's replacement, Derek Dooley, wasn't someone that Bray ever really connected with.

Still, Bray says that he will look back fondly on his time at Tennessee.

"College was fun, I got to spend time with the guys for three years, and it was a great experience."

And Bray will be seeing fellow UT alums Justin Hunter, Cordarrelle Patterson, and Da'Rick Rogers at the next level as well.

"We've always been close, I talk to those guys just about every other day," said Bray. "We trained together for UT Pro Day, spent time with each other."

Bray's future lies in professional football. It is up him to decide how long he gets to spend there.

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# Faith

## Retirees for God

Have you heard someone say, "The Lord works in mysterious ways?" This is a line of a hymn written in the eighteenth century by William Cowper. This line describes

a truth: God does work in ways beyond us, mysterious ways. The Bible is full of these head scratching choices God makes, and most of the times we find this in God picking unlikely people to accomplish his plans. Consider some of the



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

unlikely people God used: Abraham and Sarah, an elderly infertile couple; Isaac, who was insecure, Joseph, a slave; Moses, who hated public speaking; David, an adulterer; Gideon, who was fearful; Sampson, who was proud; Rahab, who was immoral; Elijah, who was suicidal; Jeremiah, who was depressed; Jonah, who was disobedient; Naomi, who was a widow; Mary, a poor teenager; John the Baptist, eccentric to say the least;

Peter, who was impulsive; Martha, a worrier; the Samaritan woman, who couldn't keep a husband; Thomas, a man full of doubts; Paul, who had destroyed churches and killed Christians and struggled with poor health; Matthew, a tax collector and notorious sinner.

God is in the habit of using people who others would not dream of selecting to perform important tasks. But this is just the point. The story of God is all about Him receiving glory. Who better to give Him glory than people who can't

accept glory for themselves. People who struggle with sin and the pain of life are the perfect candidates to give God all the glory He deserves. This gives me hope! I realize from examining the pages of Scripture that God can do great things through anyone, including us! God will call us at various times to follow Him in ways that will not be comfortable. You might think, like Abraham and Sarah, that in your retirement years your life has pretty much been lived out. But God had other plans for them, huge plans. God was going to build

a nation through this elderly, infertile couple. What looks to be impossible with man is more than possible with God. God's timing is different from ours. Even with Abraham and Sarah, the promise of a child from which this nation (Israel) would come from was still twenty-four years off in the distance from when it was announced to Abraham at seventy-five years of age. It would not be until Abraham was ninety-nine years old this promised child would arrive. Abraham was known for his faith, which was demonstrated on

numerous occasions: willingness to move to a foreign land at God's command, willingness to surrender his child to God. This doesn't mean Abraham was perfect. He struggled with fear and with God's timing as evidenced by tying to help God out by starting a family, not through his wife, but Sarah's handmaid. His disobedience led to some consequences still felt today (conflict between Jews and Arabs). But Abraham, in his retirement years, grew from his mistakes and trusted God to build a nation through his seed.

## A Good Day's Work ...

If you should look through the window of the Fireside Room at Fountain City Presbyterian Church on any Wednesday from 9 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m., you are sure to see Pat Wyrick and church friends hard at work. They bring sewing machines and make pajamas... about 300 pairs of them.

Pat Wyrick found out many of the children of families who are being served by the Fountain City Ministry Center sleep in their clothing. Under her guidance, she and other members of her church decided everyone deserves something soft and warm to put on at night. The pajamas, which are made of flannel material, have led some of her friends to jokingly call this special endeavor, "Pat's Sweatshop."

The sewing team makes the pajama bottoms and pairs them with soft white t-shirts, which are distributed to children when their parents come in to get food for the family. There are 10 different churches in the area that participate by helping provide much-needed food and clothing through the Ministry Center, which is physically located at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City.

If you would like to contribute flannel material, thread, money or other supplies, please contact Pat through Fountain City Presbyterian Church at (865)688-2163. All that hard work the volunteers put in during the day certainly helps area children get a good night's sleep.

*Submitted by: Carolyn Housley, Fountain City Ministry*



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- Missouri Synod. A luncheon will follow the dedication. CVLC is located at 4110 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville. Call 687-6622 for more information.

### Clear Springs Baptist Church

The Children & Teen Spring Consignment Sale will be held on Friday, April 19th from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. as well as Saturday, April 20th from 8:30 a.m. - 2

p.m. offering selections for Spring & Summer Clothing & Gear

Also New this year will be the Charity Pre-Sale Event on Thursday, April 18 from 6-8 p.m. For \$5 / person admission, Shoppers will be able to come for the top picks and best selection. Proceeds to assist in purchasing medicines for the CSBC 2013 Evangelism / Medical Mission Trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June.

688-7399. Admission is free.

### Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon

The Knoxville Fellowship Luncheon (KFL) will meet April 16, 2013 at the Golden Corral on Clinton Highway at noon. Luckey Steele will be the guest speaker.

Even though Luckey Steele has lived in many places around the globe, he seems to be drawn back to Tennessee - temporary home, until he moves to that eternal home with Christ Jesus.

As a child, Luckey was taught the simple truths of the Gospel - that he was a sinner. It did not matter the degree or amount of sin; what mattered was the saving grace of God. So at age 8, Luckey trusted in Christ and began a wonderful journey as a servant of the King.

### Seymour United Methodist Church

This Saturday morning, April 20, starting at 9 a.m.,

the "Groundskeepers" group will meet to spruce up the church grounds.

At 5:30 p.m. the same Saturday, Gaile and Herb Todd will host a dinner for the youth handbell group at their home.

"Jubilant" is April 21 - 23 in Kingsport at the Meadowview Resort for adults aged 50+. This year's theme is "Grace & Gratitude."

The annual Car, Truck & Tractor Show is scheduled for next Saturday, April 27. Many volunteers are still needed for many necessary functions that day! Contact Rev. Darren Kitts or Bobby Jennings.

The annual Camp Wesley Woods Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 29 at Green Meadows golf course in Alcoa, TN. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with 12:30 p.m. tee time, and shotgun start.

Further information on any of the above items or other matters, please call the church office at 573-9711 or visit [www.seymourumc.org](http://www.seymourumc.org).

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A Benefit Signing will be held Saturday, April 20 at Freeway Church of God, with The Anchormen and local singers. Chili Supper at 5:00 p.m., singing at 6:30 p.m. Church is at Norris Freeway and Hinds Creek Rd.

### Gospel Singing

Gospel Singing at Judy's Barn every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Judy's Barn is located in Union County, off Hickory Valley Road, behind Big Ridge School. For more information, call Jim Wyrick at 254-0820 or DC Hale at

## National Healthcare Decisions Day Set

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Physician's Regional Medical Center—Tuesday, April 16 in the main lobby—8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Newport Medical Center—Tuesday, April 16 in the main lobby from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Lafollette Medical Center—Wednesday, April 17 from 8 a.m.—Noon in the Outpatient Lobby

Jefferson Memorial Hospital—Monday, April 22 at the first floor

lobby—8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Everyone will receive free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms.

"As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known," said Becky Dodson, Vice President of Mission Services. "Fewer

families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient. Healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and will be able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so."

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org).





# Happy 102nd!

Laura Parlon, a resident of Windsor Gardens Assisted Living, turned 102 on April 1, 2013. She had a birthday party with all her friends at Windsor.

Laura Elizabeth Schwamberger Parlon was born April 1, 1911, in Otterbein, Indiana and married William L. Parlon on November 6, 1937. She graduated from Otterbein High School in 1929 and is a graduate of the Home Hospital Nursing School. Laura worked in nursing doing mostly private duty nursing, which at the time paid \$6.00 for a 20 hour shift. She then became a housewife for many years.

When the Parlons retired, they moved to Knoxville for several years then moved to Port Charlotte, Florida. Shortly after the death of her husband of 69 years she moved to Knoxville to Windsor Gardens Assisted Living.

Laura has three children, Tom Parlon of Bokeelia, Fl., Dave Parlon of Denver, Co. and Janet Hubbard of Powell. She has seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren. She is a member of the Powell

Methodist Church.

At the age of 95, Laura joined her youngest son on her "great adventure." She rode with him from Lafayette, Indiana to Denver, Colorado and back to Lafayette in his Peterbilt semi truck! She loved it and when contacted by cell phone about how she liked it she said "I think I want to buy one of these!"

During her lifetime, Laura has seen 18 Presidents in office. She's lived through two World Wars, the Great Depression and many exciting inventions. She's lived on a farm, in small towns and large cities. She's seen automobiles come into popularity, electricity and running water come into homes and other major historical events and inventions like telephones, refrigerators, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, coffee makers, toasters, TV, stereo, movies, VCRs, DVDs, CDs, cell phones, computers, men walking on the moon, space stations being built, space shuttles, televised wars, air travel and much more modern medicine being practiced then when she was an RN!

# House to Home

## Knoxville, Knox County achieve top rankings in 'Let's Move!'

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activity.

"We all know how important it is for young people to learn healthy living habits and to have plenty of opportunities to be physically active. This recognition of our Let's Move! efforts is a great testament to the dedication and partnership of the City, the County and our local schools. It takes all of us working together to make a difference for our children," said Mayor Rogero.

"The Knox County Health Department does an outstanding job of improving student health in our community," said Mayor Burchett. "This national recognition is well deserved and speaks to the cooperative effort by county, city and school officials to improve the wellbeing of our children."

Dr. McIntyre added, "Under the direction of our School Nutrition Director Jon Dickl, we are working hard to incorporate healthy and nutritious meals for our students and staff. In fact, several students from Sarah Moore Greene Magnet were invited by First Lady Michelle Obama to help plant the White House Kitchen Garden. This was a magnificent honor, in large

part due to the advances spearheaded by our School Nutrition Department."

All LMCTC cities have the opportunity to earn up to five gold medals, one for each actionable goal they commit to as part of the initiative. The five goal areas are:

**Goal 1:** Start Early, Start Smart: Promoting best practices for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time in early care and education settings;

**Goal 2:** My Plate, Your Place: Prominently displaying MyPlate nutritional information in all municipal or county venues where food is served;

**Goal 3:** Smart Servings for Students: Increasing participation in school breakfast and lunch programs;

**Goal 4:** Model Food Service: Implementing healthy and sustainable food service guidelines that are aligned with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans;

**Goal 5:** Active Kids at Play: Increasing opportunities for physical activity.

Both Knoxville and Knox County have earned a gold medal for all of the Let's Move! goals except Goal 3, for which both parties received a bronze.

The Mayors also announced at the press

conference the second annual Let's Move! Event, to be held in Victor Ashe Park and Holston Chilhowee Ballpark from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The Let's Move! Event allows children of all ages and their families to "explore a greenway of activities" for free. Local organizations offer activities along the trails to encourage Knoxville youth to eat healthier and move more outside. More than 1,000 local children participated in last year's inaugural event.

Joe Walsh, Knoxville Parks and Recreation Director and co-chair of the Let's Move! Event, says it was the planning of a grassroots "greenway of activities" event pitched by Coordinated School Health Specialist Aneisa MacDonald that catalyzed Knoxville and Knox County's involvement with the national Let's Move! campaign.

For more information about LMCTC and Knoxville and Knox County's accomplishments, please visit [www.healthycommunities-healthyfuture.org](http://www.healthycommunities-healthyfuture.org).

For more information on the Knoxville Let's Move! Event on May 4, please visit [www.letsmoveknoxville.com](http://www.letsmoveknoxville.com).

### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

## Major Coin Auction April 20

A vast amount of gold and silver coins will be up for auction on Saturday, April 20 starting at noon. Hundreds of great silver dollars, many in brilliant near-mint condition, as well as super gold coins will be featured at a no reserve auction held by Fountain City Auction (4109 Central Ave Pike, 37912).

Folks, these coins have been in storage since the 1960s and are just incredible to see. The auction will feature all coins in this sale so plan on joining the excitement as there are no reserves. With 487 lots and nearly 2000 coins you



By Carl Sloan

won't be disappointed.

The opportunity is, well, rich as most of these are selling ungraded and, as we all know, the higher the grade the more a coin can be worth. Fifty Dollar Gold Canadian Maple Leaf sealed from mint, Fifty Yuan Gold Panda 24K mint sealed, Phillip II 1670s gold coin and dozens of other fine gold coins. Many Morgan dollars were in stacks and are so brilliant that no photograph can do them justice even though we did try by scanning the front and back of each one at

high resolution.

Proxibid will be hosting this live event which will be broadcast worldwide. You may view the lots now at AuctionZip.com or at Proxibid.com as bidding has already started online. The big 16x10' screen will project each lot so you may see in great details the coins as they sell. For those of you who may have coins and money this is a great way to get an education on values as well as identification. Preview will be available this week and security will be on the premises.

See you Saturday and be sure to come hungry as plenty of Sarah's good vittles will be available all day as usual. For information on items you may

wish to sell or for a free assessment please call FCA at (865)604-3468 and ask for Carl Sloan. I love to help.

\* Correction. Last week, I featured an article on Legal Shield where you may have an attorney on call 24/7 for legal help of all kinds for only \$17.00 a month. The site for Ellen Rochelle to contact her directly is GreatLegalBenefit.com/Ellen Rochelle. She is the local agent to answer any questions and her contact information is on the site. I am a member and I highly recommend Legal Shield to anyone as they are nationwide and you are always protected no matter where you are.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Pink Out Day

Gibbs High Baseball team will host their 3rd annual "Pink Out at the Park" Thursday, April 18 in the games against Alcoa. Junior Varsity game is at 5:00 followed by the Varsity game at 7:30. There will be vendors from 31, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay and Avon set up, as well as event t-shirts for sale. Most importantly there will be a mobile mammogram unit there.

The first year this event was held was in honor of a Gibbs mother who had lost the battle against cancer. That night, a baseball mother was diagnosed with early stages of breast cancer through this screening. She is still here today and will be throwing out the first pitch! All proceeds will go to the Mobile Mammogram Unit.

### Central High Baccalaureate

Family, friends and members of the community are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service to honor Central High School seniors. The service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at Fountain City United Methodist Church. The church is located at 212 Hotel Road. Science teacher, Adam Wilson, is the guest speaker. He is also the FCA sponsor for Central. Many area pastors will be involved in the celebration. The Bel Canto choir from the Central High School Choral Department, and a brass quintet from the Central High School Band will perform special music. Central's commencement will be held Wednesday, May 15 at 8 p.m. at Thompson Boling Arena. For additional

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3/4 cup plus 2 teaspoons sugar, divided  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling  
1 egg white  
1 teaspoon water

Line a 9-in. pie plate with bottom pastry; trim even with the edge of plate. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine the cranberries, 3/4 cup sugar and cornstarch; stir in cherry pie filling. Spoon into crust.

Roll out remaining pastry; make a lattice crust. Trim, seal and flute edges. Whisk together egg white and water; brush over crust. Sprinkle with the remaining sugar.

Cover the edges loosely with foil. Bake at 425° for 25 minutes. Remove foil; bake 15-20 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack. Yield: 6-8 servings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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information, please contact Rhonda Archer at rhonda.archer@comcast.net, or Wendy Hopper at wendy\_hopper@comcast.net.

### Halls Business and Professional Association meeting

Halls B&P will meet at noon Tuesday, April 16, at Beaver Brook Country Club. The speakers this month are Gabrielle Cantor and Chelsea Peters with the Knox County Adopt-A-Stream program. They will talk about water quality in Knox County and how you can get involved. Lunch is \$10.

### Halls Republican Club

The Halls Republican Club will meet April 15 at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell located at 1819 Dry Gap Pike (just off of E. Emory Rd. across from Brickey-McCloud Elementary School). Fellowship and snacks from 6-7:00 p.m.; meeting begins at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Phil Ballard, Knox County Property Assessor. This will be a great opportunity to discuss how Knox County property is appraised. Reappraisal notices will be sent out April 17. The Knox County Property Assessor's Office will hold informal appeals hearings for two weeks beginning April 22.

### Knox County Health Department Hosts Rabies Vaccination Clinics

The Knox County Health

Department and the Knoxville Veterinarian Medical Association will offer rabies vaccinations for only \$10 on Saturdays, May 4 and 11 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at 34 Knox County Schools.

Rabies is almost always fatal in animals and humans, which is why rabies vaccination is a public health priority. Please view [www.knox-county.org/health/current\\_news/rabies.php](http://www.knox-county.org/health/current_news/rabies.php) for the locations.

### KCC PTA & HVA PTSA Presents "The Synthetic Scare"

The Knox County Council PTA and Hardin Valley Academy PTSA will host an important and informative program entitled "The Synthetics Scare" on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hardin Valley Academy Auditorium. The focus will be on the current issues of the synthetic drug epidemic in our communities.

District Attorney Randy Nichols, Metropolitan Drug Commission Executive Director Karen Pershing and Rural Metro will be on hand to give information on synthetic drugs, the harmful effects, what they look like, how its being sold and legislation to ban these substances. The program is intended for parents with high school and middle school students, however students are welcome at the parent's discretion. For more information contact Sandra Rowcliffe at [sandrarowcliffe@att.net](mailto:sandrarowcliffe@att.net) or (865)531-1848.

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# Bikes & Blooms

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Bikes & Blooms is presented by Covenant Health and sponsored by Subway.

## Saturday, April 20

Observe the beauty of the Dogwood Trails from the seat of a bicycle as you ride from the Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center to the colorful gardens that frame Island Home Boulevard. Riders will enjoy river views and tranquil forests as they continue on the greenway to Ijams Nature Center then returning to the Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center.

When: April 20 at 3:00pm

Where: Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center [900 Volunteer Landing Lane]

How much: Free, but pre-registration is required.  
Register online at [OutdoorKnoxville.com](http://OutdoorKnoxville.com)

## Sunday, April 21

Leaving the Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center, riders will ride through downtown and loop through historic neighborhoods in North Knoxville.

When: April 21 at 3:00pm

Where: Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center [900 Volunteer Landing Lane]

How much: Free, but pre-registration is required.  
Register online at [OutdoorKnoxville.com](http://OutdoorKnoxville.com)

Both are scenic 8-mile rides for everyone to enjoy and will be led by a member of the Tennessee Valley Bikes. All ages and skill levels are welcomed on both rides. Helmets are required. KPD will provide some traffic control, but the roads will not be closed during the rides. The trail is open all day for bikers. Route maps for five of the Dogwood Trails are available online at [www.dogwoodarts.com](http://www.dogwoodarts.com) and at the bike ride.

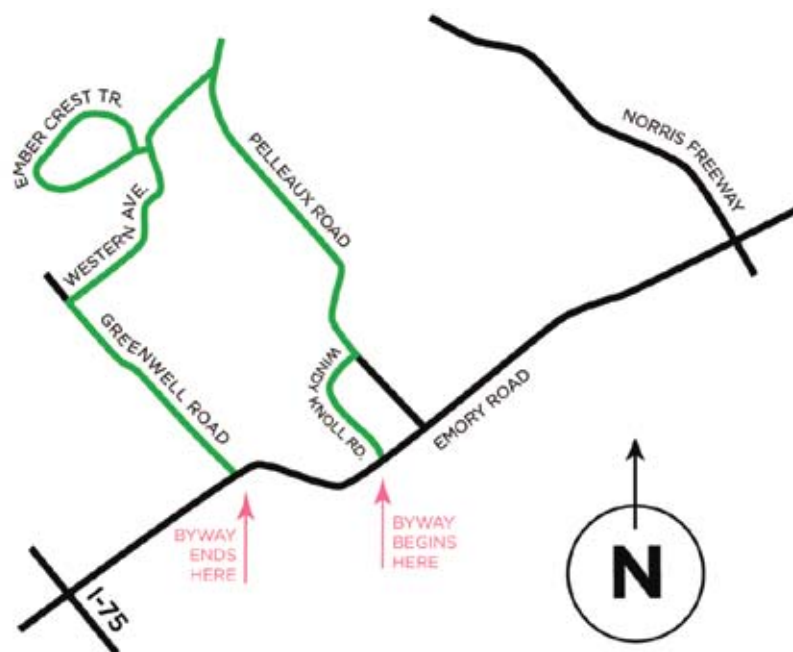
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The Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center at Knoxville's Volunteer Landing will be the hub for this year's mix of outdoor recreational venues that encourages people of all ages and levels of experience to participate. From guided trail rides, runs, hikes and paddles, the festival showcases Knoxville's outdoor amenities with a special spotlight on the Urban Wilderness, a 1,000-acre urban playground only minutes from downtown.

The event is produced by Legacy Parks Foundation, a Knoxville-based non-profit actively working to make East Tennessee a recreational destination of the Southeast. Most of the events are free of charge and include:

- The Pickel Road Rides led by the Smoky Mountain Wheelmen Bike Club with options of 20, 40 and 60 mile bike rides
- Urban Wilderness Trail Run led by Knoxville Track Club
- Bicycle Maintenance Clinics sponsored by Tennessee Valley Bikes
- On the Trail Mountain Bike Clinic taught by Fountain City Pedaler
- Get Out & Play activities provided by River Sports, YMCA and UT Outdoor Program
- Fly Fishing 101 classes taught by 3 Rivers Angler
- Series of guided

hikes exploring Knoxville's Urban Wilderness led by Ijams Nature Center, Missy Kane and TREK South

- Twilight Criterium Road Race hosted by Knox Velo and Southern Cycling Operations
- "First Time in the Woods" mountain bike ride with Appalachian Mountain Bike Club
- "Where's the Trail?" mountain bike rides led by the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club
- Disc Golf Clinic and Singles Tournament hosted by the Knoxville Disc Golf Club
- Bikes 'N Blooms scenic bike rides led by Tennessee Valley Bikes
- Get on the Greenway Runs led by the Knoxville Track Club
- Group Paddle on the River guided by UT Outdoor Program and City of Knoxville

• Mountain Bike Checkpoint Race hosted by the Tennessee Valley Bikes and Appalachian Mountain Bike Club

• Advanced Mountain Bike Ride led by the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club

The event has attracted participants from throughout the region, including Asheville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Atlanta.

Proceeds from the event benefit Legacy Parks Foundation, a Knoxville-based non-profit actively working to make East Tennessee a recreational destination of the



Southeast. During the past five years Legacy Parks Foundation has raised more than \$3 million for parks, greenways and recreational venues, added more than 200 acres of parkland to Knox County and helped protect nearly 1,000 acres of farm and forestland in East Tennessee.

The Outdoor Knoxville initiative is championed by Legacy Parks Foundation as a major step towards putting Knoxville on

the map as a premier outdoor recreation community. Launched in 2012, the three-pronged project capitalizes on the exceptional outdoor recreational assets found in and around Knoxville. It includes a new Adventure Center, a website and a three-day festival showcasing Knoxville's Urban Wilderness.

For more details and to register for the events visit [outdoorknoxville.com](http://outdoorknoxville.com).



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## Experience Artists' Studios at the Dogwood Art DeTour

When it comes to art, the creative process can be just as interesting as the finished product. Dogwood Art DeTour provides an intimate look into local artists' working studios. Visitors are invited to watch as the artists produce some of East Tennessee's spectacular works of art.

Take some time to enjoy a spring day with the arts. A variety of artistic media will be on display showcasing the diverse talents that are present in this area. All studios will have completed works of art for sale!

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**WHAT:** Dogwood Art DeTour [Artists' Studio Openings]

**WHERE:** Artist studios throughout the area

**WHEN:** April 20 & 21, 10 am to 5 pm daily

**HOW MUCH:**  
Free Admission

### NORTH:

#### **KC Leatherwerks/ Studio of Diane Corey**

Diane Corey – Leather 2119 Ridgecrest Drive Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 687-0060

#### **Slocum House Studio**

Kathy Slocum – Stone Barb Bewernitz – Wood Terri Cadman & Martha Cummins – Wood.

Linda Peterson – Stone, 2-D oils & acrylics Sheila Rauen – Fiber Nan Jacobsohn – Clay Gay Morton – Glass sculpture

Lisa Wolff – stone 6722 Long Shadow Way Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 688-6039

#### **Sassy Glass Studio**

Lisa Gifford Mueller – Fused glass 5000 Parkdale Road Knoxville, TN 37912 (865) 406-3870

#### **Bungo Glass Studio**

Shawn Bungo – Flame-worked Glass 2502 North Park Blvd Knoxville, TN 37917 (865) 851 – 7938

### SOUTH:

**Marble City Glass-works.** Matt Salley – Hot Glass. Chris Szaton – Glass. 1045 Artella Drive. Knoxville, TN

### Legend of the Dogwood

*As a child I heard this tale, Long ago during the days that Jesus was here on earth in the form of man there were many dogwood trees. The dogwood was comparable in size to the oak tree and other monarchs of the forest.*

*Because of its firmness and strength it was selected as the timber for the cross, but to be put to such a cruel use greatly distressed the tree.*

*Sensing this, the crucified Jesus in his gentle pity for the sorrow and suffering of all said to it: "Because of your sorrow and pity for My sufferings, never again will the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it will be slender, bent and twisted and its blossoms will be in the form of a cross two long and two short petals.*

*"In the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints brown with rust and stained with red and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see this will remember." ~ Author Unknown*

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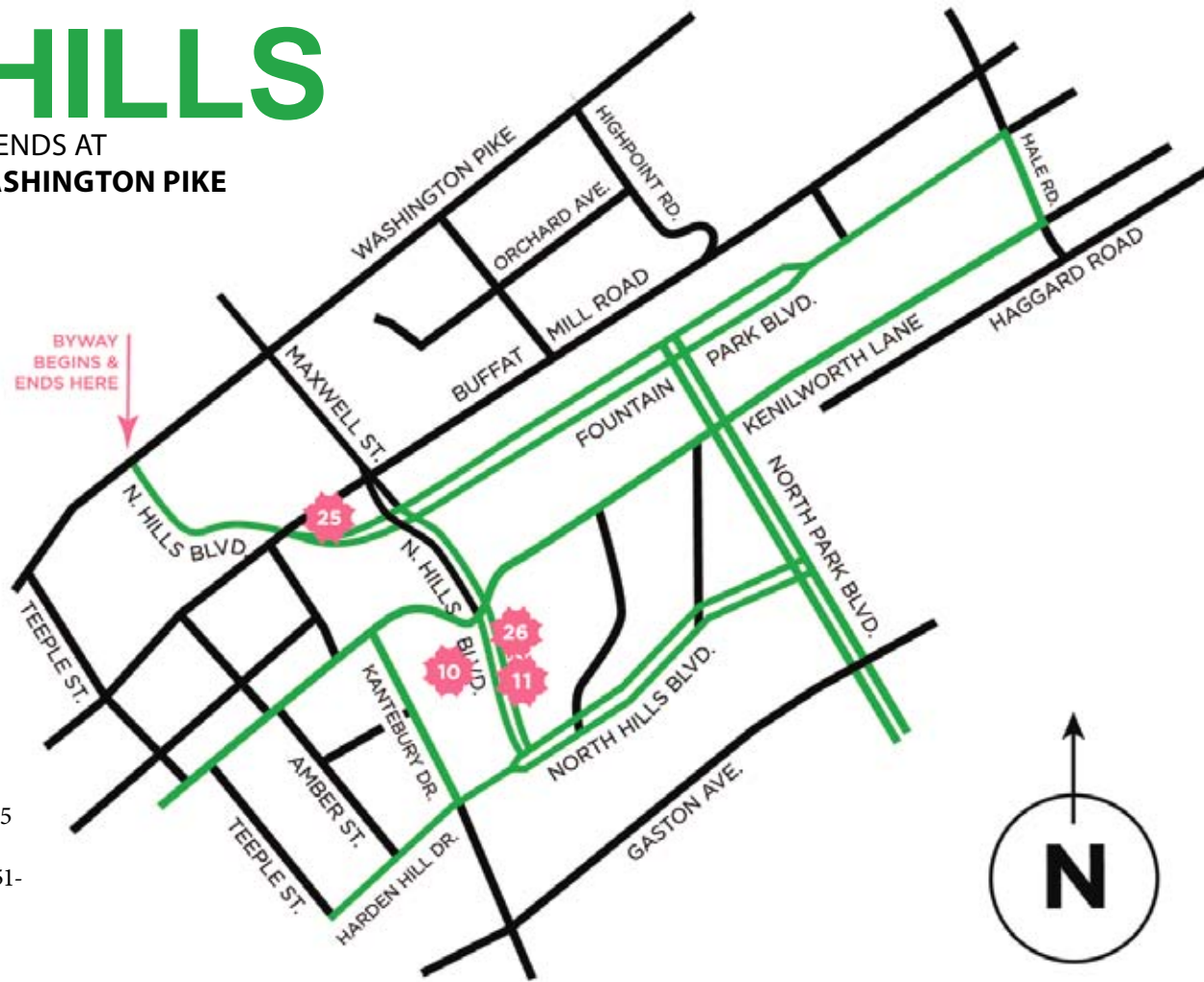
11. Kevin Fincher

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## Art DeTour, cont.

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# Fountain City Garden Side Dogwood Trail

Garden Side: Welcome to the Garden Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail, where spring comes a little later and lingers longer. Because of Fountain City's high elevation, dogwood blossoms often are just opening here when other Trails have passed their peak.

The Garden Side of the Trail begins on Gibbs Road, noted since the early 1920s for its double row of bright pink dogwoods. (There are native pink dogwood trees in Knoxville's woodlands but are very pale in color. Pink and red dogwoods have been

commercially developed by grafting the wild pink on white dogwood rootstock.) At the end of this street, the Trail turns left on Jacksboro Pike.

Stone columns mark the right turn into Harrell Hills, where clouds of white blossoms overhang colorful plantings of azaleas and wisteria, with an occasional dark red maple tree for contrast and emphasis. On Dogwood, Crestwood and Briarcliff Roads, wildflowers carpet the shady glens. Look for violets – blue, purple white and particolored – wild blue phlox, may apples and trillium.

Leaving Garden Drive, the Trail climbs halfway up the steep side of Black Oak Ridge to enter Beverly Acres, where handsome houses blend into their forest setting and acid-loving azaleas flourish in the rich woodland loam.

The lovely "weeping dogwood" is unique to the Knoxville area. Its slender, pliant branches sweep down from the top of the trunk. Wherever it chooses to grow, a weeping dogwood must be left undisturbed. It cannot be transplanted.

A right turn from Garden Drive onto Briarcliff leads into an area of concentrated beauty known as "Fantasyland." Beneath white canopies of dogwood blossoms, dooryard gardens glow with candytuft, tulips, iris (Tennessee's state flower), narcissae, and perhaps late daffodils. Go slow on



Forest Lane, between masses of brilliant azaleas in unusual shades.

The route continues on Garden Drive to North Broadway, where a charming garden triangle is planted and maintained by the Fountain City Council of Garden Clubs.

The Fountain City Dogwood Trail continues on the other side of the highway. Turn left on Broadway to the stoplight at Hotel Avenue, where signs mark the entrance of the Trail's

Panorama Side.

Panorama Side: Welcome to the Panorama Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail, that begins and ends in a historic area. On the right is Fountain City Park, maintained by the Lions Club. Behind the park is a steep cliff where the clear spring for Fountain City's name bubbles out of solid rock.

In the 1890s the area around this spring developed into a popular resort. Gresham Junior High School (on

the left) occupies the site of a large hotel that was surrounded by cottages and annexes.

Vacationers reached the resort from Knoxville on a dummy-line railroad with open side cars pulled by a miniature steam engine. By the time the hotel burned early in the 1900's, Fountain City had grown into a prosperous community connected to downtown Knoxville by an inter-urban trolley line.

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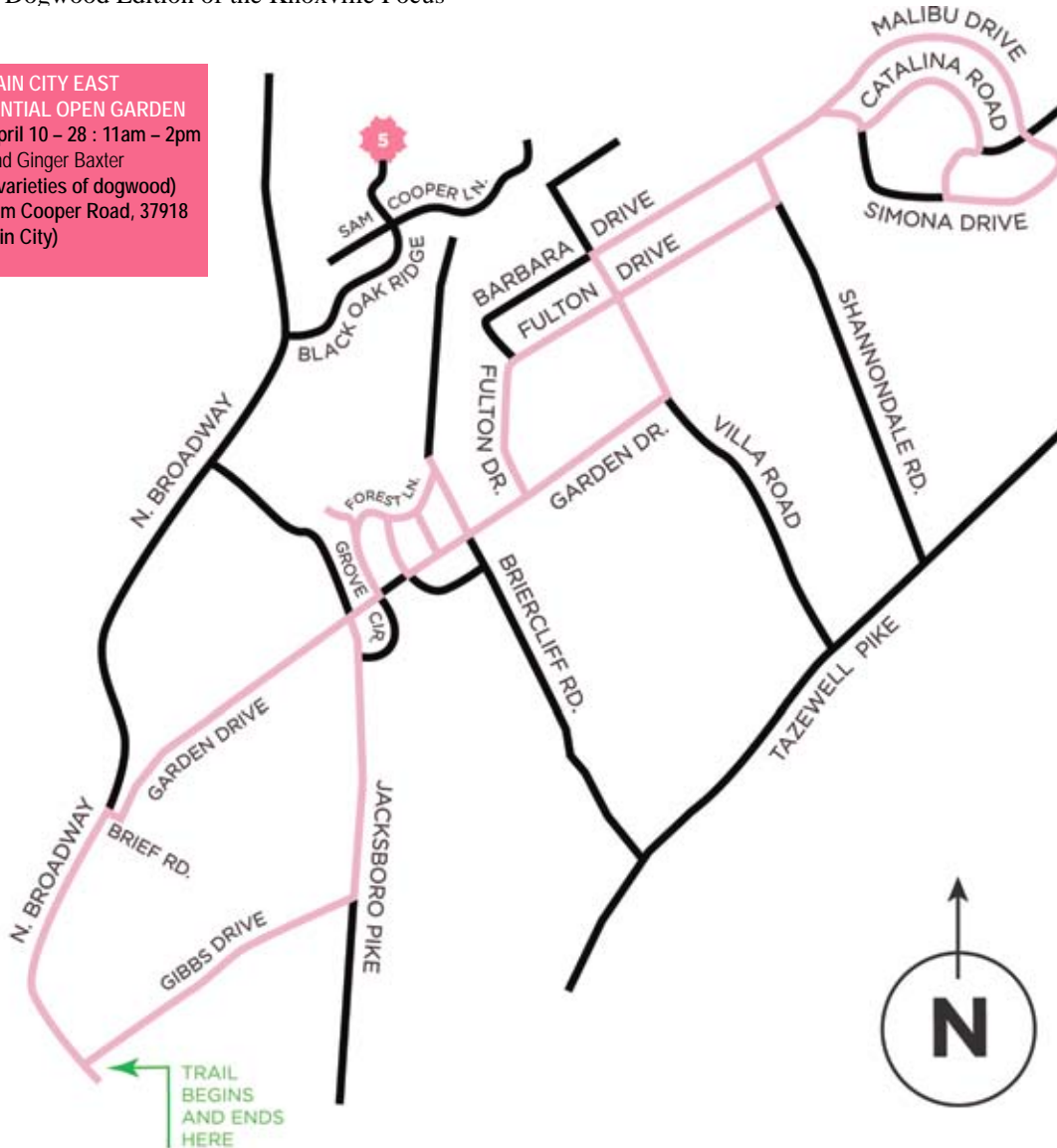
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By way of Gresham and Edonia Drives, the Trail comes up to Grove Park. Now a left turn on Walkup Drive affords the first glimpse of a panoramic view from Black Oak Ridge across the city to the distant Smoky Mountains. After circling the large white frame house built by C.H. McClung in 1912, take a second look at the view from Brabson Drive.

Grove Road and Unity Drive lead to "Belcaro", an imposing Italiante villa built in the 1920's by Judge Hugh L. McClung. A very sharp right turn brings the Trail onto Martha Berry Drive, where the glorious panorama reappears.

Beyond Ridgecrest and wooded Parkdale roads, the route skirts the western brow of Black Oak Ridge on Snowden and Buckthorn Drives. Charming homes framed by dogwoods continue into heavily wooded valley known as Sherwood Forest. Nottingham Road climbs up to rejoin Martha Berry Drive. Feast your eyes once more on the Great Valley of East Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains on the far horizons.

Grove and Gresham Drives wind down from the heights to the early day resort. Holbrook and Kingwood Roads bring the Trail to Midlake Drive. Look for the one-of-a-kind stone well with a peaked roof on the left.

Ahead, at the end of this street, is the heart-shaped Fountain City Lake - a beloved landmark known to earlier generations as "the duck pond." This was the end for the little train in the 1890s and for 20th century street cars.

The Panorama Trail bears left around the lake to the end at Broadway. Turn right to reach I-75, I-40 and downtown via I-275.

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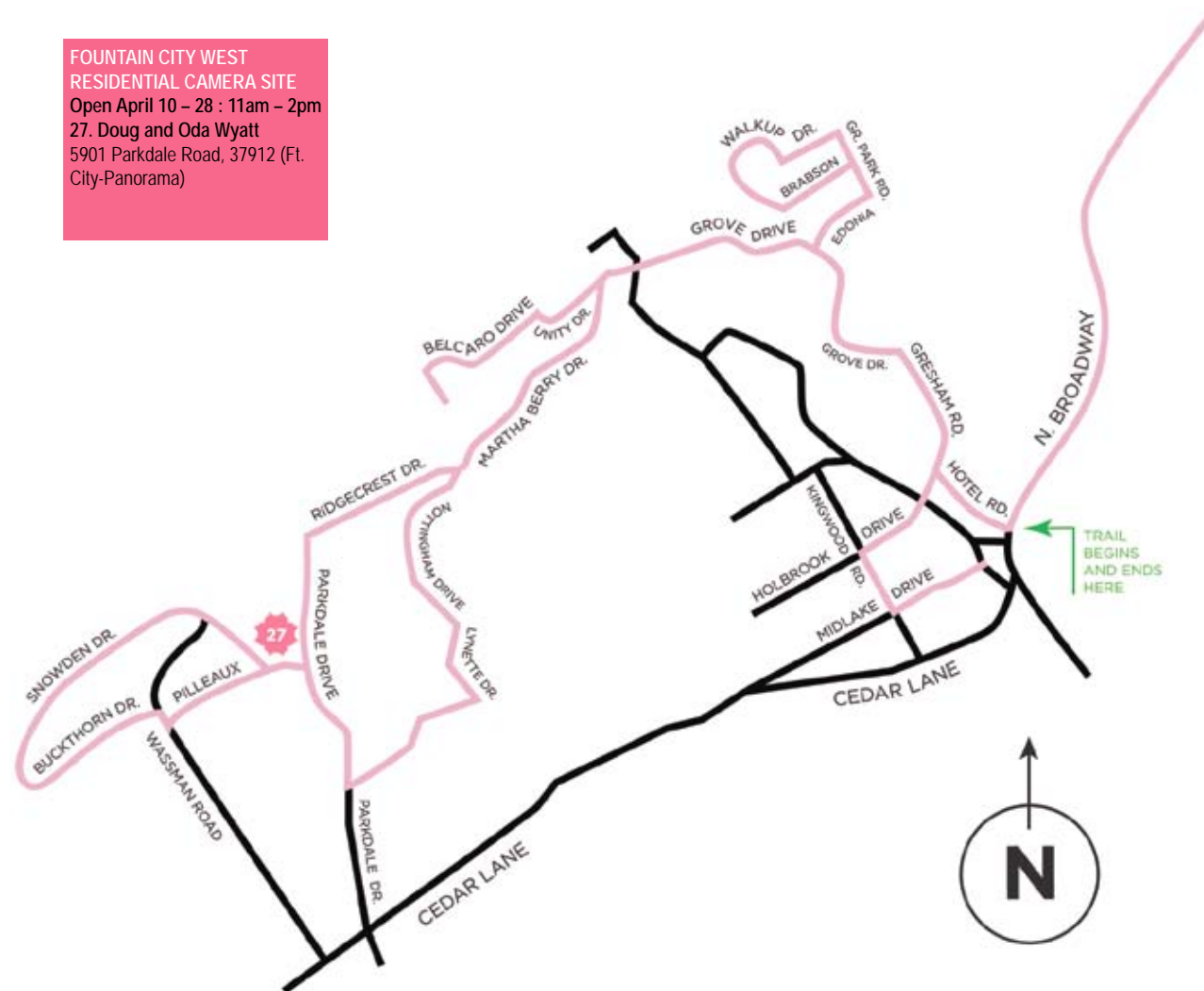
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