

Sheriff JJ Jones running on experience and accomplishments

By David Klein

Running on his experience, Knox County Sheriff Jimmy “J.J.” Jones said he was proud of his accomplishments over the last four years. Jones was appointed sheriff in January 2007, and reappointed on February 20, 2008. He was then elected Sheriff in a county-wide election on August 7, 2008 for a partial term and re-elected to a four-year term on August 5, 2010.

He has increased the number of sheriff department officers on the street during his tenure and said officer response times have become quicker. Emergency call response times are between 4 to 10.5 minutes depending on traffic and the time of day and non-emergency response times are between 15 to 16 minutes, Jones said. “We’re constantly analyzing the calls for service and the response times for service,” he said. “That’s how we determine how many officers are on the street. We have to continuously analyze that



Country music artist Con Hunley, Knox County Sheriff Jimmy “JJ” Jones, and Knoxville Focus publisher Steve Hunley at last month’s Lincoln Day Dinner.

because it changes on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.”

Another issue of importance to Jones is keeping

kids at safe at school. “I was an advocate to have an officer in every school,” Jones said. “There are officers in every school, whether it be

a sheriff’s officer, a Knoxville police department officer, or a security officer.”

Jones is in his 34th year of service in the Knoxville

area and has a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee. He has done just

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FOCUS Weekly Poll*

Do you support Governor Haslam’s proposal to create a school voucher program for students who attend a failing school?

YES 56.95%
NO 43.05%

Survey conducted April 10, 2014.

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

Poll workers, Marina, Lobbyist, Honors

By Mike Steely
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Primary election works may get a pay bump. County Election Administrator Clifford Rodgers’ request two weeks ago for a pay raise for election workers seemingly did not fall on deaf ears as Commissioner Mike Hammond told The Focus he will ask for \$6,675 in additional funding for primary election workers in the county commission’s work session next Monday. The commission meets at 2 p.m. April 21 in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

The commission will also discuss a sublease agreement at Concord Marina for construction and operation of a restaurant. Adding an additional 20 years to the lease there for Concord Marina of Knoxville, LLC, will also be discussed on a motion of Chairman Brad Anders.

Commissioner Amy Broyles is asking the commission to consider hiring a lobbyist in Nashville “to keep the Commission up-to-date and informed about developments affecting education and county government.”

The body will also consider changes to its operating rules, hear several zoning requests, and consider selling the historic Katie Miller House

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Hunnicutt Running On Qualifications

By David Klein

Jason L. Hunnicutt, Assistant Knox County District Attorney General, is running for Knox County Criminal Court Clerk. As someone who interacts with the

criminal court clerk’s office on a daily basis, he said he is familiar with their computer system and how it operates.

The criminal court clerk’s office makes up the general

sessions court clerk, fourth circuit court clerk, and the criminal court clerk. Hunnicutt said he knows about the system from the outside in and about cracks in the system.

Hunnicutt talked about the need for technology in the office to improve. He mentioned a system called FoxPro that only clerks use to input costs, fines, and financial matters. “It’s very

antiquated,” he said. “In 1997, they created the Justice Information Management System (JIMS). “That’s where they keep all the cases,” Hunnicutt said. “If you’re charged, you go into the JIMS system. It’s a system that defense lawyers have access to and judges as well as court clerks. Those two systems were not integrated,” he said. “It’s frustrating to be in court and look at the JIM screen, and I can’t tell if the defendant has paid the fine or their cost or anything else.”

“There’s been some issues with people losing their licenses because costs supposedly haven’t been paid,” Hunnicutt said, referring to mismanagement of records occurring in the criminal court clerk’s office. Records have shown that workers occasionally entered the wrong information into the system, lost paperwork and gave defendants, prosecutors, and authorities incorrect information. The errors led to several wrongful arrests, improperly revoked driver’s

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Criminal Court Clerk candidate Jason Hunnicutt, right, with Knox County District Attorney General Randy Nichols at a recent reception for Hunnicutt.

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Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

Replacing previous federal law known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) primarily expands protections for active duty members of the



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

and his or her dependents occupy a rental house or apartment and the rent does not exceed \$2975.54 (as of 2011 and adjusted for inflation) per month, the landlord must obtain a court

for the purchase of real or personal property prior to entry into active duty are protected under the Act if the servicemember's ability to make the installment payments is materially affected by the military service. In those circumstances, foreclosure and repossession are prohibited without a court order.

to a written agreement of the parties executed during or after the servicemember's period of military service.

A final major protection of SCRA is protection from losing life or health insurance that was in effect on the day before the servicemember is called into active duty military service, deployment or overseas tours of duty. A servicemember is entitled to reinstatement of any health insurance in effect on the day before he or she was called into active duty and was terminated during the period of such service. Servicemembers' private life insurance is protected against lapse, termination, and forfeiture for non-payment of premiums or indebtedness for the period of military service plus two years. The insured or beneficiary must apply to the Veteran's Administration for this particular protection.

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order authorizing eviction. This is true regardless of whether the property was rented before or after entry into the military service. The court is permitted to grant a stay of up to three months or enter any other "order as may be just" if service in the military materially affects the servicemember's ability to pay the rent.

A person holding a lien on the personal property or effects of a servicemember may not foreclose or enforce such a lien during any period of military service of the servicemember and for 90 days thereafter. A court order must be granted before foreclosure or enforcement of such a lien. Additionally, servicemembers who entered into installment contracts

One important provision of SCRA is that a covered servicemember may have some protection from eviction. If the servicemember

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■ YES

■ NO

56.95%

43.05%

By Age	Support	Oppose	Total
30-49	55.56%	44.44%	27
50-65	56.94%	43.06%	72
65+	57.26%	42.74%	124
Total	56.95% (127)	43.05% (96)	223

By District	Support	Oppose	Total
1	52.63%	47.37%	19
2	51.61%	48.39%	31
3	73.91%	26.09%	23
4	59.09%	40.91%	44
5	36.36%	63.64%	11
6	61.11%	38.89%	18
7	57.14%	42.86%	21
8	45.45%	54.55%	22
9	61.76%	38.24%	34
Total	56.95% (127)	43.05% (96)	223

By Gender	Support	Oppose	Total
Unknown	50.00%	50.00%	12
Female	54.03%	45.97%	124
Male	62.07%	37.93%	87
Total	56.95% (127)	43.05% (96)	223

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Hunnicutt Runs on Experience with Criminal Court Clerk System

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licenses, and unwarranted convictions. "That's something in my opinion that wouldn't have happened if FoxPro and JIMS had been integrated because there wouldn't be two distinct systems that a person has to physically go between to determine that data such as costs and fines and everything else are paid," Hunnicutt said.

Each of the three separate offices has a separate budget, Hunnicutt said. "There are 78 employees altogether," Hunnicutt added. "The change, in my opinion needs to start in the general sessions court. That's where 90 percent of your cases start and 85 percent of them are completed. That's a lot of paper people have to handle," he said, expressing a desire

to cut down on the paper trail.

In addition to updating the technology, Hunnicutt said a simple website should be set up where people can go on the Internet and pay their court costs. "I think that would increase court costs being paid," Hunnicutt stressed.

The website would also enable defendants to check court dates. Getting the

word out to people about rescheduled court dates is something that has to improve, Hunnicutt said.

"A lot of people were in the dark about when their court cases were reset," he said, referring to the snow that caused cases to be postponed and reset earlier this year. "It caused them to miss the next court date. Sometimes their bond will be forfeited or they'll be arrested because they didn't show up to court on the next assigned day because didn't know what their new court date was," he said.

A third thing, Hunnicutt said, is that morale needs to improve in the criminal court clerk office. "There's a lot of uncertainty in that office right now with Joy (McCroskey) retiring. I believe someone needs to help the employees that are already there, not get rid of all of them, help them and train them in what needs to be done and go from there."

He mentioned training as the key. "Some of the newer people were never properly trained in the JIM system. I'm a firm believer in whoever works in the office should be trained in both criminal court and sessions court and should be able to fill in at either one and go wherever they're needed."

Knox Countians Support Vouchers

By Focus Staff

This week's Knoxville Focus poll posed the question, "Do you support Governor Haslam's proposal to create a school voucher program for students who attend a failing school?"

Almost 57% of likely voters responded "yes." Just over 43% said they did not.

The least amount of support for the idea was in the Fifth District, which is West Knox County and the Town of Farragut. Only 36.36% of respondents said they supported vouchers for students at a failing school. A whopping 63.64% percent said they did not support the idea. Of course there are no failing schools inside the Fifth District and it is the most affluent district in Knox County.

In contrast, almost 74% of respondents in the Third District said they support vouchers for students at a failing school. The Third District is inside the City of Knoxville goes from Norwood out to Cedar Bluff.

More men than women support the idea; men support the idea of providing students at failing schools with vouchers, with just over 62% saying they like the idea. Only roughly 54% of women say they support vouchers for school children at failing schools.

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knox County Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones checks in on Fountain City Exxon owner Alvin Frye following the apprehension of a burglary suspect last year.

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about everything there is to do in the sheriff's office. He started his career in police work as a jailer in the Sheriff's Office in 1980 and 18 months later entered the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Donelson, Tennessee. When he graduated, he became a patrol officer. In 1984, Jones became an investigator with the Metro Narcotics Unit where he served until 1997, becoming a lieutenant in the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) Major Crimes Unit. He would then start a new group that would work on unsolved homicide cases, doing that for five years before serving as Liaison Officer assigned to the Knox County District Attorney's Office. He then resumed work in the sheriff's office as Assistant Chief of Administration before becoming Knox County Sheriff.

One of the programs Jones started is a safety center as an alternative to jail for mentally ill people. "It's a diversionary program that takes up someone who has some kind of mental illness that is dependant on alcohol or drugs and diverts them from jail," he said. "The Safety Center diverts those individuals away from jail, and gives them the type of help and counseling they need to be productive," he added.

Jones has also expanded an inmate labor program for public projects and nonprofits. "The first year, our inmates did over 80,000 man hours for non-profit organizations," Jones said. "Last year they did over 125,000 man hours. It helps our taxpayers save money."

For example, an inmate who is serving a six-month term can reduce that to three months by working in the program, Jones said. "For every day the inmate works, they get credit for two days. This saves our

taxpayers a \$100 a day for every day they are out early."

Jones stressed that his experience is a big advantage over his opponents. "Neither one of these individuals will be able to take over and start immediately," Jones said of his Republican opponents, Charles S. Hammett Jr. and Robert L. 'Bobby' Waggoner. There are no Democrats running, so the winner of the May 6 primary will be the new sheriff. "I'm ready to go immediately, they're not," he emphasized.

Another thing Jones touts is the readily available statistics on crime in the county. Arrest records, when a crime has been committed, traffic stops-these are all records that can be accessed. "Someone can put in their address and select a radius and pull up everything an officer has done within that radius, including traffic stops, crimes committed, and every report in their neighborhood," Jones said. "Before this crime mapping, there was no way for the public to find out what was going on," Jones added. "This is free to anyone who wants to log on," Jones stressed.

One community program Jones mentioned is SCAN, Senior Citizens Awareness Network. "Sometimes they are the only people that these people (seniors) see," Jones said. "It is a group of individuals who volunteer who go out and visit elderly people that have no one else to help them. 'We're very proud of them,'" Jones said.

While Jones said the job demands a lot of time, he said it is rewarding too. "It's a very time consuming job. You have to listen to everyone's problems and deal with them." However, "that's probably the most rewarding part of it too. You get to solve and help people with their problems. Each day is different."

FOCUS MORE ON Seymour & South Knox

Seymour High School Choral Department preps for musical

The second semester for the SHS Choral Department has already been an exciting one. The choir started the semester by participating in the annual adjudicated J.B. Lyle Choral Festival. Both the Concert Choir and the Women's Ensemble earned a Superior rating. A Superior rating is comprised of straight 1s and is the highest rating a choir can earn. Mrs. Burkhart and her choirs were evaluated by Professor Gayle Smith from Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Dr. Thomas Smith from Auburn University, and Dr. Timothy Glasscock from Ballamine University. Professor Smith and Dr. Glasscock both gave the Concert Choir a 1+, a distinction earned by only a few of the most elite choirs in Tennessee.

In addition to late night musical rehearsals and scholarship auditions, eight members of the Seymour High School Choir have also been busy preparing for their upcoming concert with the elite Tennessee All-State Choir that will take place in Memphis, Tennessee April 9 - 12. Devin Absher, Anthony Douglas, Lexxi Hodges, Stephanie Horton, Meghan Mayes, Ty Nease, and Nate Watson auditioned back in October for possible placement in the All-State Choir. Their scores were high enough to ensure their place in this elite choir where they

will have the opportunity to work with such renowned choral directors as Dr. Paul Torkelson, Principal Conductor in Residence for Mid-America Productions and Director of Choral Studies for The University of Nevada, Dr. Meg Hulley Frazier, Director of Choral Activities at Loyola University of New Orleans, and Dr. Galen Darrough, Director of Choral Activities, at The University of Northern Colorado.

Next up for the busy choir is the annual musical. This year the choral department will present Bye Bye Birdie on May 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00. The musical was inspired by the phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the Army in 1957. The name, "Conrad Birdie," is a play on the name of Conway Twitty who originally was one of Presley's rock 'n' roll rivals. Tickets can be bought in advance either by ordering online <http://www.itickets.com/events/322576.html> or by calling 1-800-965-9324 from 9 to 6 Monday - Thursday or 9 to 5:30 on Friday - Eastern Standard Time. Tickets are \$10.00 for center seats and \$8.00 for seats on house left and right. Seating is limited, so buying tickets in advance is strongly encouraged.

After the musical, baccalaureate, and graduation, members of the SHS Choir will have one last

performance that will actually take place in Guatemala. Twelve members of the choir will be leaving on May 30 and embark on a week-long trip that will include singing, service, and some sight-seeing. The choir members will participate in a music exchange program with several schools in Guatemala in which they will learn Spanish songs as well as teach the host choirs several songs in English. In addition, they will participate in building stoves for needy families and other construction projects. SHS Choir Director, Jean Burkhart, will present a choral work-shop for Guatemalan music teachers that will cover such topics as choral directing techniques, American choral literature, and choral curriculum and instruction. According to Mrs. Burkhart, this trip will be unique in that it will offer her choir members an opportunity to work with other choral students from another country as well as give them an opportunity to perform service work. The choir is currently in the process of raising money to help fund the trip for the students. Anyone who is interested in making a donation to the choral department in order to help the students fund their trip can contact the school directly at 577-7040 or e-mail Jean Burkhart at jeanburkhart@sevier.org.

Final meeting for Joint Education Committee?

By Mike Steely
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Last year the Joint Education Committee was created by the Knox County Commission and the Knox County Board of Education with the idea of ironing t problems and misunderstandings between the two bodies. Officially the commission approves the annual budget that the school board submits, but over the past several months even more divisions between the two elected bodies have developed.

The Joint Committee is now schedule to meet next Thursday, April 24th at 4:30 and will discuss a report "on possible guidelines to managed future conversations between BOE and CC."

The adoption of Common Core, the implementation of new teaching methods,

more testing of students, teacher tenure and teacher evaluations have all played parts in pushing the two bodies further apart.

The Joint Education Committee, moderated by outside facilitator Dr. Steven Joiner, has met 11 times. Without actions by the school board or the county commission it may be the final meeting of that group.

It is obvious that the Joint Committee members are cooperating with each other and trying to bridge a gap. Dr. Joiner has promised a report on the discussions.

Members of the committee include: BOE members Gloria Deathridge, Lynne Fugate, Karen Carson, and Doug Harris; Commissioners Sam McKenzie, David Wright, Amy Broyles and Mike Hammond. The

meetings also normally include Superintendent James McIntyre and Deputy Law Director David Sanders.

At present it is uncertain if the Joint Committee will continue to meet, although some members have voiced that they would like to continue, but authorization to continue has not been given.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting includes a follow-up discussion of the recent Retreat by the BOE and Commission, a report on "possible guidelines to manage future conversations between BOE and CC," and a presentation of communication presses developed for the Joint commission.

A final discussion is on managing school real estate and facilities and titling of those schools and school property.

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at 7215 Middlebrook Pike to Dan and Albert Harb for \$30,000. Built about 1933 by a coal company president, the house most was recently the site of a group home for troubled girls. Originally the property contained more than 70 acres, much of which became the site of the Bearden Middle School.

To be memorialized during the commission work session is Richard Frederick (Rikki) Hall, a local writer on political and environmental issues who died recently. Also to be honored will be Andy Black upon his retirement from Helen Ross McNabb, UT's Basketball team and Coach Cuonzo Martin, UT Lady Vols Basketball team and Coach Holly Warlick, and the Salvation Army's 115 years in Knoxville.

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EMORY ROAD, CORRYTON, KARNs

By Mike Steely
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EMORY ROAD

During the settlement of Tennessee there were no “roads” in the territory, only Native American trails running here and there. The white settlements in the east were separated from the Nashville area settlements with no real way to take a wagon to and from either way. In the middle was a huge chunk of what is now the Cumberland Plateau that was then Cherokee territory.

By the late 1780s the North Carolina legislature began allocating funds to build roads through the valley and across the mountains and Emory Road began with 400 axe men blazing a road. In Knox County Emory Road, even today, more or less follows the path of that first road west. Peter Avery started the effort at Blaine and worked his way all the way to Nashville.

Today historic Emory Road starts in Knox County at Rutledge Pike, heads ever westward to across Washington Pike to Corryton and then across Tazewell Pike at Harbison’s Crossroad (Gibbs) and past the old Nicholas Gibbs house. It then continues west (ever westward) to north Halls Crossroads, across Maynardville Highway and Norris Freeway, to beneath Interstate 75.

From the interstate, Emory flows westward to Powell where a new bridge and roadway will soon bypass that community and connect with Clinton Highway. The road then runs a couple blocks along Clinton Highway and turns left and runs to the Karns



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Quilt makers begin a pattern called “Underground Railroad” that depicts the struggles of run-away slaves headed to freedom prior to the Civil War. The Corryton Senior Center is noted for fine quilts and (left to right) are Mary Miller, Judy Evans, and Gail Anderson.

community.

In Karns, Emory Road continues west but more or less disappears into Karns Valley Road. Eventually it emerges in Anderson County as “Old Emory Road” before it disappears near Claxton. Bits and pieces of Emory continue here and there on its ever-westward route to middle Tennessee.

The Knox County communities along the way we’ll feature are Corryton, Gibbs, and Karns since we’ve looked at Powell in a past issue.

CORRYTON

Corryton is unincorporated but looks like it might have made it to become an official town at one time. There’s a little downtown section with several buildings and hundreds of houses spread around. Corryton is located just off Emory Road and Tazewell Pike. The community sits

just inside Knox County near the Union County line.

The little community is nestled between Clinch and House Mountains. House Mountain is the highest point in the county at 2,100 feet. The 500-acre natural park is managed by Knox County Parks and Recreation. Views from the mountain are spectacular. There are four miles of surfaced trails varying from easy to difficult. The parking area also has a picnic shelter and restrooms.

Children in Corryton attend Gibbs High School and Corryton Elementary but have no local middle school and are bussed for 45 minutes to an hour to Holston Middle School just off Rutledge Pike. Efforts are underway to push for the building of a middle school in the community and it is apparently in the long range plans of the school superintendent.

The social activities in the area take place at the churches, library, or the Corryton Senior Center.

“We have a laid back, open, friendly center here,” said Greg Hill, center coordinator. He said that the Corryton Center is one of five around the county and those include Halls, Frank Strong in West Knoxville, Carter, and South Knoxville.

“There’s a new senior center coming for Karns,” he said.

“Many people depend on this place to be interactive,” Hill explains. The center offers an indoor walking track, exercise room, craft room, billiards room, and computer room. The center is also known as the creation site for prize-winning quilts and, in the hallway, is a special quilt depicting the history and landmarks of the community.

He said the center takes

part in the SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) program sponsored by the Knox County Health Department and every Monday and Friday an exercise class takes place there that is well attended.

“It’s for everyone, people at different levels of exercise,” he said. The center also offers activities such as square dancing, tap dancing, a lending library, and computer classes. Veteran services are offered the second Tuesday of each month.

You can contact the Corryton Senior Center by calling 688-5882 or email the coordinator at greg.hill@knoxcounty.org.

The Corryton Public Library is part of the Knox County Library system and is open Monday through Friday from 1:30 until 5:30. It is located in the former Corryton Train Station and you can call the library at

688-1501.

Several historic churches are located in and near Corryton including the Little Flat Creek Baptist Church, established in 1797, the Corryton Church, and Rutherford Memorial United Methodist Church.

HARBISON CROSSROADS, AKA GIBBS

If you’re not from Harbison Crossroads, you probably know the community as Gibbs for a couple of reasons. First, Nicholas Gibbs was probably the earliest settler there and the pioneer home sits today along Emory Road just west of the community. Actually Harbison Crossroads (or Gibbs) is very close to Corryton and often thought of as part of that community.

The two neighboring communities have much in common. Joe Longmire, owner of Midway IGA on Tazewell Pike, told *The Focus* that his parents owned and operated Longmire Grocery in Corryton from 1947 until 1982. Today there’s a tire store at the former store, just across the street from the Library.

“My brother and I bought the Midway store in 1988 and it was up at Emory and Tazewell Pike before moving to this location,” he said.

Another commonality between the two neighborhoods is the lack of a middle school. School Board member Mike McMillan represents the area and is pushing for a school there. The school system owns two pieces of land nearby that could be

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Jimmy “JJ” Jones

KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF

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used for school construction but, for now, the middle-school aged children are forced to ride the bus two hours each day just to attend school.

The proponents of a middle schools have established a website at www.gibbsmiddenow.com.

Gibbs is named for the family of Nicholas Gibbs, an Englishman who was born in Germany and then moved to the Colonies about 1747. He ran away from home at 14, became a sailor, joined the British Army, married and moved to North Carolina. After 1791 Gibbs was residing along Emory Road in a large two story home with his large family on "Beaver Dam Fork of Beaver Creek."

His son, Nicholas Gibbs, Jr., who was one of Andrew Jackson's captains in the war of 1812. He fell in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama at age 42. It is said that the war hero is buried at the Gibbs homestead there just off Emory Road but others claim the stone there is a memorial and that the son of the pioneer is buried at Fort Williams Memorial Park in Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

Today Harbison Crossroads, or Gibbs, is a growing community with new homes in subdivisions along Emory and Tazewell Pike. There are several businesses where the two roads connect including a pharmacy, banks, restaurants, ice cream parlor, and fire station.

KARNs

Who would think of naming their community for a school superintendent? Seem unlikely these days but that is what the Karns community did. Back in 1913, Professor T. C. Karns, the first Knox County Superintendent of Public Instruction, promoted the building of the high school there. The school became the Karns

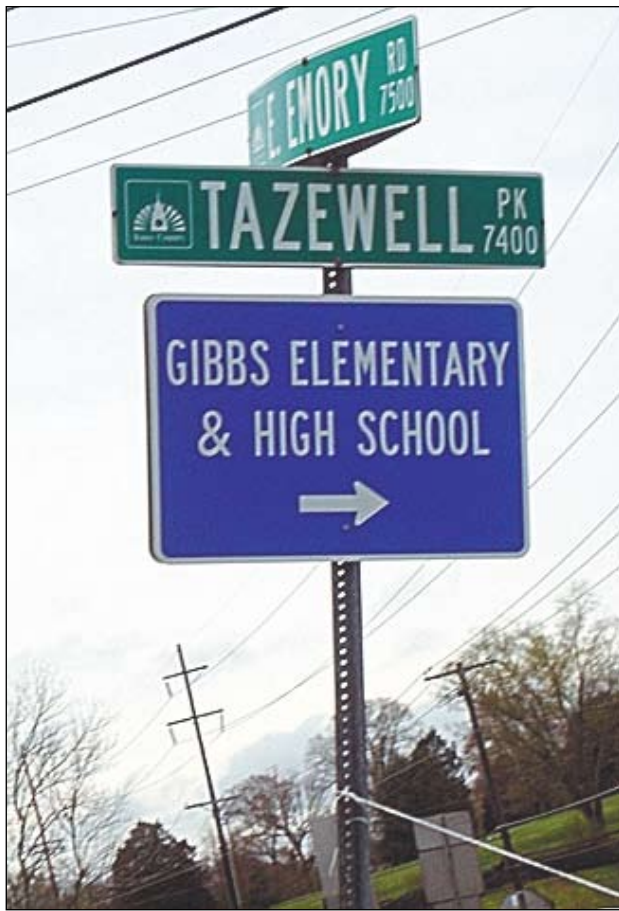


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What's missing from this sign? Corryton and Gibbs middle school students must ride a school bus for about an hour each way to attend school at Holston Middle School in East Knoxville. What's missing is a "Gibbs Middle School" and parents in the community are pushing for a promise of construction there. The proponents of the middle school have established a website at www.gibbsmiddenow.com.

High School and, by the 1950s, the communities of Beaver Ridge and Byington decided to call their area Karns.

The Karns area today grew from a farming neighborhood into one of about 20,000 people. Farms still exist and so do thriving neighborhoods, subdivisions, restaurants, schools, and industry. Elementary, Middle and High Schools are there as well as Grace Christian Church and Academy. The growing population in Karns has led to a robust and community-minded area. Nearby are Pellissippi College and the new Hardin Valley Academy.

The community also boasts of a well equipped and well used Public Library, a post office, and the Karns Community Club building and Karns ball fields. There's also a fire station, veterinarian offices,

drugs stores, supermarkets, convenient stores and very active history organization.

Karen van Rij, Director of the Karns Library, will proudly tell you all about the library and told *The Focus* that Karns native Calvin (Cylk) Cozart will be speaking there on May 6th at 6 p.m. Cozart has been in more than 30 films and more than 20 television shows. The child of a Native American mother and African American father, he was active in sports, went to King College in Bristol and studied Child Psychology. He had wanted to play professional sports but a foot injury ended his athletic career.

Cozart then went into modeling and began his film career in 1983. He has also written, directed, and produced movies and musical recordings and has



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Grace Baptist Church in Karns is a landmark in the community. The large facility draws members from throughout Knox County and also offers the Grace Christian Academy for educating K-12, plus it has an outstanding championship sports teams.



Calvin (Cylk) Cozart will speak at the Karns Library next month.

his own production company. He has been spokesperson for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and is founder of "Hoops for Hopes" Basketball Charity Game. He recently was a judge for "Dancing with the Knoxville Stars."

If you get by to hear Cozart or drop by the library at any time, you've got to stop and wonder at the Steel Stallion on display there. The chrome sculpture was constructed by Bill Timm and is made entirely from car and truck bumpers, clothing racks, steel tubes, casters, nuts and bolts, transmission gears, door hinges, water pipes, etc. The 300-pound glistening horse took 128 man hours to build from a total of 267 parts and is on sale for \$7,200.

"The Steel Stallion" on display at the Karns Library by artist Bill Timm. The sculpture is made of 267 auto parts. Photo by Mike Steely.

THE KARNs HISTORY GROUP

Jim and Barb Stevens are into the history of Karns and Jim explains that Barb is the "real" historian. The two are members of the Karns History Group which is made of about 20 to 30 people and meets the third Tuesday of each month in the community center (the old library). One of the things they do is video record senior residents and others with Karns connections, make a DVD, and sell the recordings for \$10 to help raise funds for care and preservation of the Beaver Ridge Cemetery.

Jim Stevens said the history group was initially meeting in the library but attendance became so large they had to move to the Community Center.

"Thelma Hickey, a local historian, was our first speaker and she came back for a second session. That was the first DVD we produced," he said.

"In May we have a couple from Alabama whose forefathers were instrumental in founding the old cemetery. We may be back in the library for that meeting," Stevens said.



New city transit head named

By Mike Steely
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Changes are coming for Knoxville's transit authorities. The mayor announced last week that Dawn Distler has been hired as the new Director of Transit.

Distler was the general manager of operations and maintenance in Davidson County and started her career as a bus operator in Akron, Ohio, rising

through to become operations manager there for paratransit services and assistant director of customer services.

Melissa Roberson, KAT General Manager, has been overseeing the transit system and will apparently be working for Ms. Distler, who will report directly to the mayor. She will take the position June 1. "We are fortunate to have someone with

Dawn's experience and demonstrated leadership skills coming on board at a crucial time for transit services in Knoxville," the mayor said.

Mayor Rogero reviewed more than 30 applications for the Director of Transit position and is still considering further changes. The system had been under a contracted manager whose term expired last year and the system

has gone several months without an official department head. Other changes being considered at the recommendation of the Gobis Company consulting firm include combining some of the transit boards, reducing the number of members, and shifting responsibility.

KAT meets Thursday, April 24 at 1 p.m., followed by a KTA meeting at 3 p.m.

New faces at NAC

By Mike Steely
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The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) met Wednesday afternoon with their six newly appointed members in, basically, a "get-acquainted meeting."

David Massey, coordinator for the city's Office of Neighborhoods, asked each of the new and current members to speak briefly about themselves, their background, families, etc. and each took a few minutes to do so.

Those present were also asked to name the concerns they would like the group to consider. The topics included the rapid change from single family homes to multifamily dwellings; creating responsible landlords;

training renters; nuisance businesses; equality in housing; zoning changes; getting more people involved in their neighborhoods; leadership and communications; traffic calming; gangs and crime; and connecting the city greenways.

The 15 member board is made up of two from each of the six city council districts and three at large. The new appointees to NAC are: Deborah Sharp, Secretary of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association; Donnie Ernst, President of the Wesley Neighbors; Anna Compton, Co-Chair and Social Network Manager of the Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch; Kimberley Fowler, President of the Burlington Residents Association; Amy Midas, President of the Forest Heights Homeowners Association; and Travetta Johnson, Board member of the Parkridge Community Organization.

The NAC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 4:30 until 6 p.m. at the L.T. Ross Building at 2247 Western Avenue.

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The Greatest Campaigner of Them All: Senator Estes Kefauver

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Pages from the Political Past



By Ray Hill
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Senator Estes Kefauver won a resounding reelection victory in 1960 after facing a bitter primary contest with Judge Andrew “Tip” Taylor. It was to be his last campaign.

Kefauver never relied on the usual gift of the Southern politician, oratory. A terrible public speaker, Kefauver was one of those rare politicians who connected on some more personal level with voters. His ability to win, despite the odds, was remarkable and readily acknowledged by his peers, not the least of whom was Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Kefauver seemed not to be able to make a campaign appearance anywhere without making a gaffe that would have seriously embarrassed and wounded a lesser politician. Kefauver’s biographer, Charles Fontenay, recounted one such gaffe while Kefauver was campaigning in California. Kefauver had been introduced by actress Shelley Winters and the Tennessee senator had promptly thanked “my fine friend, the charming and lovely Miss Shelley Williams.” Kefauver went on and referred to Shelley Winters as ‘Shelley Williams twice more before distraught campaign aides pointed out the glaring error to him. Kefauver then managed to compound the error with his apology.

“I’ve been calling Miss Winters ‘Miss Williams’, when I know her name very well,” Senator Kefauver told his audience. “You know, you get confused over names on a campaign like this, and I was thinking about another very old, dear friend of mine, from my own start --- Tennessee Ernie Williams.”

The reaction of Miss Winters being confused with Tennessee Ernie Williams was not recorded.

Despite Estes Kefauver’s connection to voters, his own wife, Nancy, admitted that her husband was “not an easy person to know.” She also confessed, “He’s great with the mass of people, but not much interested in individuals.” Yet there were tens of thousands of people who believed they knew Estes Kefauver well and were devoted to him.

Kefauver was also one to be so preoccupied that the small details of every day life eluded him. Fontenay recalled in is excellent biography of Kefauver an instance where the senator had to keep his hands in his trouser pockets as he had somehow forgotten or lost his belt. Kefauver also insisted on packing a pair of black shoes whenever

he was traveling, but at least once packed two right shoes.

One reason Estes Kefauver connected with people was he had mastered the art of the personal gesture. Kefauver’s correspondence rivaled that of Senator McKellar whose correspondence with Tennesseans was in excess of the number of residents in the state. Kefauver sent tens of thousands of Christmas cards annually, giving folks the feeling the senator remembered them during the holiday season. While not uncommon now, Estes Kefauver was one of the first to send Christmas greetings to so many friends and supporters. Kefauver would frequently pen a postscript on letters to friends in his own hand.

Always extraordinarily ambitious, following his reelection campaign in 1960 and the election of a Democrat to the White House, Estes Kefauver finally seemed to relinquish his quest to be elected president. For the first time in his political career, Kefauver had no larger goal in mind and buckled down to the hard work of the United States Senate. Kefauver’s drive to be elected president had been one of the primary reasons his Senate colleagues resented him, as they felt he was less a workhorse, than a show horse. Some believed Kefauver was far less interested in the actual work of the Senate than issues and investigations which might generate headlines. Some senators complained that Kefauver was quick to promise help on issues of importance to them, yet when the Senate roll was called, Kefauver was off campaigning.

Kefauver’s constant campaigning had affected his family life. The senator was gone so often, his children were surprised when he was home. After finally seeming to surrender his ambition to be president, one of the happier aspects for his family was that Kefauver was home far more often.

Estes Kefauver clearly loved his children and when home made a point to spend as much time with them as possible. Kefauver also loved dogs and in spite of their different political affiliations, the Kefauver family got along quite well with that of Vice President Richard Nixon. Nixon’s famous cocker spaniel, “Checkers,” was discovered to be in a family way and the vice president intimated the father of the puppies was Estes Kefauver’s cocker spaniel, “Jo-Jo.” When Kefauver



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Senator Estes Kefauver and family, 1961

discovered Nixon believed the paternity of the puppies was being attributed to his dog, the senator said he didn’t believe Jo-Jo had made any visits to the Nixon household for quite some time.

The Kefauver household was a lively one and the senator’s penchant for inviting anyone and everyone to drop by exasperated his wife. Yet, the Kefauver home was frequently the site for entertaining. Two Tennessee friends helped financially, providing additional funds for Kefauver’s personal expenses.

Having given up his presidential ambitions and finally his determined bid to serve on the Senate’s Foreign Relations Committee allowed Kefauver to concentrate on issues important to Tennessee. Still, he had been bitterly disappointed when John F. Kennedy had received an assignment to the Foreign Relations Committee instead. Kefauver wrote a lengthy letter to Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, pointing out he had entered the U. S. Senate four years before Kennedy and flatly stated he believed he had “been done very badly.” Later, Johnson granted Kefauver’s request to serve on the Appropriations Committee and an open spot on the Foreign Relations Committee went to Kefauver’s Tennessee colleague, Albert Gore.

Kefauver was also a product of his time, with a fondness for Scotch, cigarettes and women. The Tennessee senator made quite a stir while on an official visit to Europe when he arrived at an event accompanied by the city’s most notorious prostitute. According to Kefauver’s biographer, despite his straying, Henrietta O’Donahue absolutely believed “the only woman he ever really loved was Nancy.” Ms. O’Donahue claimed, “She was everything to him.”

Nancy Kefauver was not blind to her husband’s weakness and on at least one occasion, a particularly attractive young woman who was employed on her husband’s staff was let go and found another

position.

Senator Kefauver’s health began to deteriorate following his 1960 reelection campaign. Kefauver was a very heavy smoker and despite having tried to quit smoking several times, continued to smoke for the rest of his life. Kefauver undermined his efforts to stop smoking by asking others for a cigarette. Senator Kefauver eventually suffered from high blood pressure and his heavy smoking and drinking helped him not at all. Kefauver’s biographer, Charles Fontenay, describes the senator as “considerably more than a moderate drinker.” Evidently Senator Kefauver could hold his liquor and drink most of the day without suffering any obvious impairment. Still, Fontenay wrote that Kefauver “as he grew older he sometimes swam in a mild alcoholic haze.”

The last year of his life, Estes Kefauver did not slow down his activities, but his wife recalled it was a very happy time for the family, remembering, “It was as if that last year, Estes knew he had to wrap things up.”

An inveterate letter-writer, it was appropriate his very last letter was to his daughter Lynda, who was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. Kefauver closed his letter, “We are thinking of you and love you.”

Kefauver took the little subway from the Senate Office Building to the Capitol and went to the floor of the Senate. There he, along with senatorial allies, led a filibuster against legislation he had sponsored with Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon. During the course of the Senate debate, Kefauver went especially pale. Senator Frank Lausche of Ohio asked the Tennessean if he was all right. Kefauver sat down at his desk and complained his stomach was hurting. Senator Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania begged Kefauver to leave and get medical attention. Kefauver refused, insisting he was needed in the Senate. Finally, Kefauver’s discomfort became so intense he decided he needed to leave the floor

of the Senate.

He then spoke what would be his last words inside the United States Senate.

Senator Kefauver reminded Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana that he had requested a vote on his bill. “I spoke to the Majority Leader about having a yea-and-nay vote on the amendment,” Kefauver said.

Kefauver, instead of going to see a doctor, went to the office of the Senate’s Sergeant-At-Arms. He was given some pills for indigestion and had a drink. Kefauver’s Administrative Assistant, Charles Caldwell, urged that the senator go to the doctor, but Kefauver insisted he was merely suffering from heartburn having eaten Mexican food the night before. Finally Caldwell was successful in convincing Senator Kefauver to go to Bethesda Naval Hospital. A secretary intended to drive Kefauver to the hospital, but the senator refused to go and decided to go home instead. Once home, he made himself as comfortable as possible and had a bowl of soup. Unfortunately, Senator Kefauver could not make himself quite comfortable. By the time Kefauver arrived at Bethesda, the doctors had left for the night.

It was the next day when doctors determined Senator Kefauver had experienced what they described as a “mild” heart attack. The physicians decided the senator needed extended bed rest, but Kefauver was displaying other symptoms, which caused the doctors to change their diagnosis. According to Kefauver’s biographer, the senator was afflicted with a “dissecting aneurism of the wall of the ascending aorta”. The main artery to Senator Kefauver’s heart was dangerously enlarged. It was determined Estes Kefauver needed immediate open heart surgery.

Charles Caldwell telephoned Nancy Kefauver who was in Sedalia, Colorado with two of the Kefauver daughters visiting friends. Mrs. Kefauver instantly insisted Caldwell

find the finest heart surgeon in the country for her husband. The best surgeon Caldwell could find was making a speech in Toledo, Ohio but was flown back to Washington by the Air Force. Even with heart surgery, doctors believed Kefauver had a small chance for survival. Senator Kefauver refused to have the operation until his wife arrived back from Colorado. He demanded the surgery take place the next morning, allowing time for Nancy to arrive at the Capitol.

At 3:33a.m. that morning, Senator Kefauver’s aorta burst and he passed away quietly. He was only sixty years old.

By the time Nancy Kefauver reached Bethesda Naval Hospital, the senator had been gone for almost an hour. She later said she sensed the moment she had lost her husband.

Estes Kefauver’s earthly remains were taken home to Madisonville, Tennessee. Vice President Lyndon Johnson led a delegation of some thirty-one Congressmen and senators. Senator Kefauver’s coffin rested on the front porch of his Aunt Lottie’s house, while his widow sat beside it in dignified silence. Estes Kefauver’s coffin was then carried by Air Force servicemen through the field adjoining the house to be lowered into the fertile Tennessee soil. It began to rain and Nancy Kefauver and her children slowly walked back to the house.

Some of the nation’s most important personages mingled with people like my grandmother that day. She was there to pay her last respects to a man she had liked and admired, yet throughout her life I cannot recall her being especially interested in either politics or politicians. Hailing from Madisonville herself, she thought of Estes Kefauver as a friend, just as did tens of thousands of other Tennesseans. He really was a man of the “people” and the greatest campaigner of them all.

Bearden falls to Indians in tournament game



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Bearden catcher Brock Vaughn attempts to tag a Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett shortstop Caleb Cook. Cook scored in the Indians' 10-5 victory Friday at Phil Garner Ballpark.

By Ken Lay

Some shaky pitching and a few tough breaks spelled defeat for the Bearden High School baseball team Friday night as the Bulldogs came up on the short end of a 10-5 decision against Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett Friday afternoon in the Diamond/DeMarini Tournament at Phil Garner Ballpark.

"We didn't pitch well and we didn't get the breaks today," Bearden coach John Rice said. "We hit the ball hard but they made plays.

"They hit the ball hard and theirs fell in."

The Bulldogs and Indians were locked in a 1-1 tie before Dobyns-Bennett broke things open with five runs in the top of the third inning. The Indians took a 2-1 lead when a groundout to first by Payton Marshall plated Caleb Cook with the go-ahead run.

Later in the frame, Newley Burton had a two-run single and Sammy Stewart had an RBI double to make the score 6-1.

Bearden (14-6) would

battle back. The Bulldogs, who left the bases loaded in the fourth, scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth. Elijah Helton had an RBI single and David Beam had a three-run double to make the score 6-5.

Beam's extra base hit chased Indians' starting pitcher Jeb Lambert, who baffled the Bulldogs with a nasty slider.

"Their starting pitcher did a good job. He had a slider and we couldn't handle it," Rice said.

It didn't take long for

Dobyns-Bennett to retake control of the game after Bearden fought back to make things interesting.

The Indians took advantage of a walk, a wild pitch and a throwing error to extend their advantage to 7-5. After that, Christian Bailey had a scoring single to give Dobyns-Bennett a three-run lead.

In the bottom of the inning, KPDB reliever Josh Holt surrendered a leadoff single to Connor Cameron. Holt then slammed the

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Live Like Will Foundation honors McKamey's legacy, helps others

By Steve Williams

Will McKamey touched the lives of people far and wide, old and young, those who knew him and even some who didn't.

The McKamey family is hoping Will's way of life will continue to inspire others and they are honoring his legacy by helping others with the Live Like Will Foundation.

McKamey, a TSSAA Mr. Football Award winner at Grace Christian Academy in 2012, died March 25 from complications stemming from a head injury he suffered after collapsing March 22 during spring practice at Navy, where he was a freshman cadet and slotback on the Midshipmen's football team.

"Will was everything you aspire for a young man to be," noted Matt Mercer, the campus pastor and a coach at Grace Christian Academy. "He was intelligent, athletic, respectful, honorable and had great integrity. I have nothing but respect and gratitude for who he was and the life he lived.

"He is going to be dearly missed. May we never forget the legacy and impact this young man Will McKamey has made on a family, school, city and country!"

Devin Smith, GCA quarterback and University of



"Will McKamey was everything you aspire for a young man to be," noted Matt Mercer, the campus pastor and a coach at Grace Christian Academy. Stated former teammate Devin Smith: "He was a great ball player, but an even better person."

Tennessee preferred walk-on, stated "Will and me were pretty close. We would go to college camps together.

"He was a great ball player, but an even better person. He would always ask how everyone was

doing and make sure he put others before himself. He had very strong faith and put Christ before everything.

He was an overall great kid and a role model for all of the younger kids."

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That's A Riot!

By Alex Norman

It's one of those old sports adages... "Act like you've been there before."

It's what we'd like football players to do after scoring a touchdown. Instead of putting on a show, hand the football to the official and celebrate with the teammates that helped you get into the end zone.

It's what we'd like baseball players to do after hitting a home run. Instead of turning the trot around the bases into a personal parade, step on each base and home plate, and accept congratulations from your teammates in the dugout.

But apparently the good people of Kentucky... at a school which has won 8 national championships and approximately 722 Southeastern Conference titles in men's basketball... believe that winning a game in the Sweet 16 is a good excuse as any to destroy property.

And winning a game in the Elite 8... and winning a game in the Final Four... and losing the National Championship game.

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the past few weeks. State Street in Lexington has been home to burned couches, overturned cars, police in full riot gear, assaults, multiple arrests... And all of these things happen on four separate occasions. Following Kentucky's defeat at the hands of Connecticut in the championship game, the Associated Press reported that police had to use pepper balls to keep some fans in check. A spokesperson for the city of Lexington told the AP that 23 people were injured, 31 were arrested and 19 couches were set on fire. The combination of 18-22 year olds with unlimited responsibility, limitless alcohol and couches which have outlived their usefulness has turned Kentucky into a laughing stock. Wildcats fans aren't alone of course. Rioting connected to the outcome of a sporting event has taken place for decades. The 1984 Detroit Tigers World Series victory was met with civil unrest, in one of the first sports riots. In 1994 and 2011, Vancouver exploded in violence following Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals by their beloved Canucks. Denver Broncos fans celebrated a Super Bowl title in 1999 with a reported 22 arrests and 15 damaged patrol cars as cops used tear gas and batons to subdue the mob. It happened in Los Angeles, it happened in Boston... sadly, it happens in a lot of

different places. Lexington is just the latest.

The people that excuse this kind of revelry as the innocent actions of some excited youth, or excuse the destruction of property as the byproduct of too much beer and testosterone likely did not have their cars tipped over by an angry mob.

Kentucky students reportedly tried to set fire to a house after the Connecticut loss.

Set fire... to a house. Knoxville has been no stranger to this, even if it was on a lesser scale. UT students burned a mattress following Lane Kiffin's resignation in January of 2010. I wonder what the reaction will be this October when Kiffin returns to Knoxville for the first time, only now as offensive coordinator at one of the Vols' biggest rivals, Alabama.

Many of the law breakers aren't sports fans at all... instead they are people just looking for an excuse to break stuff. A major sporting event gives them that opportunity.

Being young and dumb is a part of growing up. Most of us have things we wish that we did differently during our formative years.

But most of us didn't have to be chased out of a roadway by law enforcement.

It's time for some people to grow up.

That time is now in Lexington.

It'll be that time again soon... in another place where a team is playing for a title.

Brannon returns to CHS to coach girls basketball

By Ken Lay

A familiar face at Central High School has been named to coach the girls basketball team.

Josh Brannon, who previously served as an assistant for the school's boys team, was tapped to coach the Lady Bobcats.

Brannon, 26, coached under both Mitch Mitchell and Jon Higgins at Central, was named to replace Tony Patterson, who resigned late last season due to health concerns.

"Central is a great place to be," said Brannon, who was an assistant boys coach at Sequoyah last season. "I have a great relationship

with coach Patterson, coach Mitchell and coach Higgins.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of coaching the girls at Central. They always play hard. They play hard from start to finish"

The Lady Bobcats have been plagued by lack of depth in recent years and that's something that Brannon, a Sequoyah High graduate, is looking to change.

"As a coach, it's my job to generate interest and excitement in the program," he said. "The girls have a lot of potential.

"I've had the opportunity to meet with the girls and I've got to add the pieces to surround them and I know

they're working hard."

Brannon, a self-proclaimed gym rat, devotes most of his time to basketball.

"I'm a gym rat as a coach," he said. "When I'm not on the floor, I'm always doing something pertaining to basketball like looking at film."

Brannon, an avid fan of Tennessee's men's and women's basketball teams, said that he admires the CHS administration.

"The administration here is great and the whole situation here is just a blessing," said Brannon, who currently resides in Loudon and teaches at Sequoyah. He's eagerly anticipating teaching



Josh Braanon, a former Central High school assistant boys basketball coach, will return to Fountain City to be the new Lady Bobcats' coach.

at Central when a position becomes available.

Seymour has long day at Farragut Tournament

By Ken Lay

Seymour High School's baseball team had a long day at the Diamond/DeMarini Tournament Thursday.

The Eagles dropped a pair of games on the opening day of the tournament, hosted by Farragut High School.

Seymour opened the event with an 11-2 loss to Oak Ridge at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

"We were just flat and didn't hit," Eagles' coach Scott Norman said.

Despite a lopsided loss to the Wildcats, Norman did find a positive in sophomore pitcher Devin Davenport.

"He's a sophomore and he's thrown about six innings all year," Norman said of Davenport, who threw a complete game despite being roughed up a bit. "He just pitched and

he was the one bright spot on a bad offensive day."

Davenport finished with two strikeouts and retired Oak Ridge (7-13) in order in the third and the sixth in a tough outing. He surrendered 15 hits but avoided any real trouble in five of the seven frames.

The Wildcats scored five runs in fifth and five in the seventh to put the game away.

"Under normal circumstances, I would've taken him out after two runs in the fifth but this was the first of two games today," Norman said. "I have a district game tomorrow night and a doubleheader Saturday and our JV team has a doubleheader against Farragut tomorrow.

"I had four other pitchers out there today who have already pitched this week."

Davenport had no choice

but to battle and he did so --- valiantly.

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first as they took advantage of a pair of Seymour errors.

Oak Ridge second baseman Matthew Whitaker got a one-out single and advanced to third when Kyler Jones reached on a two-base error. Whitaker scored when Stephen May reached on another Eagles' miscue. Davenport escaped further damage by retiring the next two hitters.

He held the Wildcats off the board until the top of the fifth.

Seymour, which got just three hits in the contest, pulled even in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Kevin Escalona opened the frame with a leadoff walk and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Larry Kennedy. The Eagles got two hits

in the inning and stranded a pair of runners.

Oak Ridge took the lead for good in the fifth. In that inning, Luke Hebert had a three-run triple. May added a scoring single and Landon Williams had an RBI double.

The Wildcats scored five more runs in the seventh. There, Hebert, Sebastian Alig and Kevin Steen had RBI single. Pinch hitter Tyler Kearly added the big blow with a two-run double.

Seymour added a run in the bottom of the inning when a sacrifice fly by Escalona plated Gunner Gibson, who singled to lead off the inning.

A long afternoon became a long night Thursday as the Eagles (9-9) dropped a 12-2 decision to Christian Academy of Knoxville at CAK.

Trotter goes home to coach at Webb

By Ken Lay

Sonny Trotter had to make a bitter-sweet decision recently.

Trotter, the longtime West High School girls soccer coach, decided to take the same position at Webb School of Knoxville.

"It is with a heavy heart that I made this decision but I'm looking forward to the next part of my life," said Trotter, a Webb graduate who spent nearly two decades and help build the Lady Rebels' program from scratch. "A week-and-a-half ago, I talked to [Webb athletic director] David Meske. "We talked and I told him that I've seen the Webb girls play and I think they can do better."

Trotter not only built the

West High program but he was a constant present at several of the school's functions. He was a walk-on coach but poured his heart and soul into Marble City's high school.

"I love West and West will always hold a special place in my heart," Trotter said. "I love those girls and in our program was like a family.

"This was hard for me to tell the girls and I told them that I still expect big things from them."

While with the Lady Rebels, Trotter started the KIL girls soccer jamboree and said that he'll continue to play a key role in the one-day preseason tournament, which serves as a fundraiser for the West High School girls program.

"I told [West High athletic director] Steve Killian that I would continue to help with the jamboree because it's great for the girls and it's a great fundraiser for West," Trotter said. "I also told him that I would do anything I can do for him.

"Steve is a friend and when I told him that I was resigning, he was shocked."

Under Trotter's leadership, the Lady Rebels boasted one of the county's most competitive programs and his players also excelled in the classroom.

"Those girls won a lot of games and that's great," he said. "But education is the top priority and for 18 years, our girls had the highest grade point average of any sport at West."

It was tough for Trotter to leave the Lady Rebels but he's eager to begin his tenure with the Lady Spartans.

"David Meske told me that all I would have to do is coach," Trotter said. "When I was at West I did a lot of fundraising and I had to get the drinks ready on the day of the game and we had to use the football field.

"At Webb, we'll have our own field. At West, we'd have a game at 7 o'clock and the opposing team would show up at six and the football team would still be on the

field and by the time they left, it would be 6:15 before we could get on the field."

Trotter always fostered a family in his days at West and he'll do the same with the Lady Spartans.

"I met with the girls and I told them what I expected from them," he said. "I told them that we're going to play hard and practice hard. I will meet with the parents and I'm going to tell them that I need them. At West, we were a family and it will be the same way at Webb."

Trotter will inherit a young and talented team at Webb

but he'll look to his current players to add depth through on-campus recruiting.

"I told the girls that if they knew of somebody who needed to be playing soccer then they needed to tell those girls to call me," he said.

Trotter noted that he relished the chance to work with Meske.

"This is a great opportunity and I look forward to working with David Meske," he said. "We've been friends for years and he's a straight shooter."

Bearden falls to Indians in tournament game

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indoor as he retired the next three Bulldogs in order.

The Indians, who never trailed in the contest, iced the game on Stewart's two-run round tripper in the top of the seventh.

Holt pitched a perfect seventh for the Indians, who took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on Logan Gentry's grounder that plated Bailey, who drew a base on balls to open the frame.

Bearden scored its first

run in the bottom of the inning when Brady Duncan legged out an infield single. That hit scored Hunter

Henry, who was a courtesy runner for catcher Brock Vaughan, who had a single earlier in the inning.

All joking aside, Denton, Voice of Neyland Stadium, will be missed

There seemed to be more laughter than sadness when family, friends and fans of Bobby Denton reacted to the passing of the popular and long-time University of Tennessee football public address announcer last week.


From the many stories I've read and heard, Denton, the Voice of Neyland Stadium, obviously lived a fun-filled life and his personality, practical jokes and stories also brought joy and chuckles to others, some who knew him well and others who just knew of him.

There were thousands of the latter on any Game Day in the fall who would listen for Denton's trademark pre-game announcement about concession prices at Neyland Stadium – “We urge you to pay these prices and please pay no more” – even though having heard it many times before.

Like checkerboard end zones, running through the T and a \$4 box of popcorn, those words became a tradition.

UT fans also got a kick out of Denton's down-and-distance call in the 2001 game against Lou Holtz' struggling South Carolina Gamecocks.

Trying to move the ball from north to south on Shields-Watkins Field, the Gamecocks were flagged for several penalties and thrown for a couple of losses, leaving them facing third down and a very long



By Steve Williams

situation.

Denton's call: “It's third down and the river.”

“Well, I don't know how quick I went down there,” recalled Bud Ford, then UT's Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations, “but I went to the PA booth and I said, Bobby you can't be making that kind of remark.

“He just stood there and laughed about it.”

Many still laugh about it.

Denton, 73, who died last Wednesday (April 9) of cancer, had been Tennessee's PA announcer for 47 seasons.

The story I heard last week, however, was Denton told Gus Manning he wasn't sure he was interested in the job when Manning suggested he apply for it in 1967. A couple of days later, Gus told Denton, to his surprise, he'd been hired.

Ford said he couldn't confirm the story, but “that sounds like Gus.”

“Bobby had a very distinctive voice and a voice that carried well. It can be difficult to announce with that echo in the stadium. It was a wise decision to hire him.”

Ford pointed out Denton actually got his start as a public address announcer at a Maryville drag strip, then moved to Smoky Mountain Raceway with Don Naman.

“Naman started the Talladega (NASCAR) track and that's how Bobby started doing the Talladega races for 16 years.”




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Bobby Denton had been public address announcer for University of Tennessee football at Neyland Stadium for 47 years. He died last week at age 73.

John Ward had been the PA announcer for UT football, but in 1967 he started doing “voice over” for the film on The Doug Dickey Show, said Ford, and it had to be done while the game was going on. Ward began doing UT football play-by-play on the Vol Network in 1968.

By the way, who started the famous introduction “It's football time in Tennessee!” – Denton or Ward?

Both men could give Vol fans goose bumps with those words. Both said it a little differently, too. “It's football time in Tenne... sssssssss.” Yep, that was Denton's version.

Denton became the longest running PA announcer in the nation.

“He missed a couple of Orange and White games when he moved to Naples, Florida, but I don't think he ever missed a varsity game,” said Ford, who was hired by UT in 1966 as Assistant SID to Haywood Harris.

Haywood and Gus had their radio show, The Locker Room, back then on WIVK, where Denton was an on-air personality before climbing to VP and General Manager of the station.

“There was a lot of involvement between WIVK and the athletic department at that time,” recalled Ford. “Haywood and Bobby got along real well together.”

There was more to the PA job than just announcing who carried the ball and who made the tackle.

“Bobby was a consummate person, who was concerned about pronunciation,” said Ford. “Every now and then we would have some crazy pronunciation. Bobby and his spotters put a lot of work in to be prepared to do the best job they could do from the vantage point they had.”

Harris would provide Denton with “a series of scripts” to follow for each game, said Ford. “Then with the Jumbotron later added, marketing people got involved.”

Former UT coach and athletic director Doug Dickey remembers Denton being “the cement” at Neyland Stadium on Game Day, holding everything together despite so much going on before and during the game.

“The one thing about Bobby, he thought it was a privilege to be the PA announcer,” summed up Ford, who worked in UT's sports information office for 45½ years before retiring in December of 2011. “He thought he had a responsibility to do that.

“A lot of people recognized him by his voice, because his name was never called on the air.

“He would be in public places talking, and somebody would hear that voice, and they'd say, ‘Hey, you're that Tennessee (announcer), oh you're Bobby Denton.

“He thought it was an honor to do the PA.”

Of course, Bobby had to have some fun with it.



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2014 Senior Evening Monday 4/21

Five Gibb's High School softball seniors will be participating in their last regular season home game Monday, April 21 at 6:00 versus Oak Ridge. Please come out and show your support for this class!

Hall of Fame event will be family affair for Heltons

By Steve Williams

The Heltons will be well represented at the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame's dinner and induction ceremony this summer.

Joel Helton, highly successful football coach at Central High School for 27 years, is among the 2014 class of inductees which will be honored at the July 24 event at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Joel's nephew, Todd Helton, who was a star quarterback for the Central Bobcats before going on to a 17-year major league baseball career with the Colorado Rockies, will be the featured speaker.

Joel Helton compiled a won-loss record of 194-105 from 1984-2010 and his Bobcats were TSSAA state runnersup in 1999, falling to Memphis East 20-14 in the Class 4A finals.

Helton also had a 122-37-14 record as boys soccer coach at Central.

Todd Helton was a standout on Central High's undefeated 1990 Class AAA state championship baseball team. He went on to play football and baseball at the University of Tennessee, but after being injured as a quarterback, he started concentrating on baseball full time.

Todd helped lead the Vols to the College World Series and was awarded the 1995 Dick Howser Trophy, considered the equivalent of college football's Heisman Trophy.

Helton, a first baseman, spent his entire major league career with the Rockies before hanging up his cleats last season.

The five-time National League All-Star was awarded the 2000 NL Hank Aaron Award for Best Hitter. He also was a four-time Silver Slugger Award winner and three-time Gold Glove Award winner.

Other Hall of Fame inductees in the Class of 2014 are David Douglas and John Bruhin in football, Wade Houston and Nikki McCray in basketball, Jenna Johnson in swimming, Jimmy Pitkanen in tennis, Atlee Hammaker in baseball, Peter Oppegard in figure skating and coach/official Jerry Wrinkle.

Douglas was an offensive lineman for UT and a member of the Vols' 1985 Sugar Bowl team. He played in the NFL, with the Bengals (1986-88) and Patriots (1989-90).

Bruhin, also a Tennessee offensive lineman (1984-87), was a product of Powell High. He went on to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1988-91).

Live Like Will Foundation honors McKamey's legacy, helps others

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At Grace, where his father, Randy McKamey, is head football coach, Will was the Division 1 Class A Back of the Year in 2012, a two-time All-Stater and the Rams' team captain two years. He totaled 4,419 career all-purpose yards.

Will also was senior class president and named GCA's Male Athlete of the Year in 2012-13. He had a 4.3 GPA and made 31 on the ACT before signing with the U.S. Naval Academy.

McKamey had suffered a season-ending head injury in football his senior year at Grace. His mother, Kara, posted on Facebook her son saw many specialists and underwent many tests before being cleared to play again.

In lieu of flowers, the McKamey family is asking donations be made to the Live Like Will Foundation, which will support

Houston, former UT basketball coach, also was a talented player. He averaged 28.9 points as an All-State senior at Hall High in Alcoa and in 1962 became the first African American to sign a basketball scholarship with the University of Louisville Cardinals.

McCray was a two-time All-American guard for the Tennessee Lady Vols (1991-95). She played eight seasons in the WNBA and was a three-time All-Star selection. Nikki also was a member of the 1996 and 2000 United States Gold Medal teams. She's now an assistant coach at South Carolina.

Johnson won two Gold Medals and one Silver in the 1984 Summer Olympics. She swam at Stanford (1985-89) and was an assistant coach in women's swimming at UT (1993-98).

As a player, Pitkanen placed third in state tennis his senior year at Oak Ridge High. Now the head coach at Webb School, his girls teams have won six state titles and his boys teams two state crowns. Jimmy began his coaching career in 1976 and previously coached at Cedar Bluff and Knoxville Racquet clubs.

Hammaker is a former major league baseball pitcher who was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the first round in 1979. He played for the Giants (1982-90), Padres (1990-91) and White Sox (1994-95). A highlight in his career was being named to the National League All-Star team in 1983.

Oppegard and his partner, Jill Watson, won the Bronze Medal in Pairs Skating at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. A three-time national champion with Watson, he has coached skaters to 10 national single and pairs titles and was named to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2004.

Wrinkle was a football and track coach at Fulton High (1959-64). He was instrumental in founding the Knoxville Track Club in 1962 and served as head finish judge for Tom Black Track events for many years. He also was a co-director of the Volunteer Track Classic, a premier high school event, which is now in its 51st year.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony are \$150 each and can be purchased at www.gkshof.org. All proceeds from the event benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley.

people with cerebral palsy. Checks can be sent to Grace Baptist Church, 7171 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, Tn., 37931. (Please write Live Like Will in the memo).

In a statement from the family, the McKameys said they "are overcome with the way everyone has rallied behind the #LIVELIKEWILL movement. Will was able to change the spirit of a community, a school, and several teams, without saying a word. His life was an inspiration to so many and we are thankful for the 19 years we had with him."

Friends, families and even strangers have paid tribute to the young man on twitter.

Navy football coach Ken Niumatalolo and two buses full of classmates and teammates attended Will's funeral service on March 31. Army's football team also was represented at the service.

Halls makes quick work of Oak Ridge in 17-0 win

By Ken Lay

Halls High School's softball team scored in bunches Wednesday night.

The Lady Devils got three runs in the opening inning of their 17-0 three-inning District 3-AAA victory over Oak Ridge at Halls High School.

And that was only the beginning.

Alyssa Mabe's three-run homer accounted for all of the Lady Devils' offense in the bottom of the first of Halls High's three-inning victory over the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Devils then sent 14 batters to the plate in the second and scored 10 runs on just seven hits.

Halls (22-1 overall, 8-0 in the district) scored all of its second-inning runs with two outs.

The big inning packed plenty of fireworks. An RBI single by Katie Scott started the two-out rally. A two-run single by Paige Calloway extended the Lady Devils advantage to 6-0. Katie Corum, Kaleigh Galloway and McKenna Helton each drove in runs in the frame and McKinley Snyder added another two-run single in the frame in which Oak Ridge committed four errors.

Halls coach Bryan Gordon was pleased with his squad's second-inning outburst with two out.

"That's a real testament to them," said Gordon, who saw his team score a combined 35 runs in Tuesday night's sweep of a doubleheader against Campbell County. "They've battled through adversity this year and I'm really proud of them."

"We're playing pretty good ball right now and we just have to stay focused and we'll be OK."

That's perhaps the biggest understatement of the year. Halls, which defeated the Lady Cougars 14-0 and 21-0 on Tuesday, has lost just one game since being upset in 2013 by Farragut in last year's Region 2-AAA semifinals.

Halls lost a 1-0 decision to Collierville early this season but the Lady Devils has been dominant throughout the season.

Other than the loss to Collierville, the only thing that has stopped the Lady Devils has been the weather.

Halls has had three district tilts rained out. The Lady Devils game against Powell was rained out on April 7. The two games against Black Oak Ridge rival Central have also been washed out. Those games will be made up later this month. The Lady Devils will play the Lady Bobcats on April 25 and again on April 30. The Lady Panthers will visit Halls on April 28.

"That will be a big week for us," Gordon said.

Halls added three more runs in the bottom of the third before the Oak Ridge coaches pulled their team of the field with one on and one out.

Lady Devils' junior pitcher Tori Branam got ample run support. She was nearly flawless in a three-inning no-hitter. She had six strikeouts and retired nine consecutive Oak Ridge hitters after hitting Elissa Hastings to open the game.

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Definitions

Do you remember the days of HMOs? Back in the 1990s health maintenance organizations were ballyhooed as the way to reduce medical costs. Basically, this was accomplished by limiting medical services. The justification for restricting care was to limit waste and unnecessary testing, procedures, etc. It didn't work, and HMOs are a thing of the past. My former medical group had an HMO, and we figuratively lost our shirts as we attempted to manage patients' behavior and ER utilization.

We are now in another round of medical alphabet soup, again with the hope of reducing healthcare costs. I'm sure you've heard of the ACA. Nancy Pelosi insists on calling Obama-care, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), though this is an oxymoron because the law, passed

solely by Democrats, is not affordable. I do agree with the President who says he "likes the term Obama-care"; make no mistake, it is his legislation.

Socrates believed that any discussion must begin with a definition of terms. Someone should ask the question, what is affordable, and affordable to whom? By expanding Medicaid, historically a program for the poor, Obama-care will force taxpayers to pay more for those who have less. Much is heard about government subsidies to help people attain medical insurance through Obama-care's insurance exchanges. I think I understand the term subsidy, but who pays the subsidies? We the taxpayers do, because the Government provides these subsidies with money it extracts from citizens

through taxes, borrowing from the Chinese, or by "printing" money, thereby devaluing every dollar in your pocket.

The stated goal of Obama-care was to coerce citizens to purchase medical insurance. As a theist and a conservative I agree with the Apostle Paul. In his letter to the Galatians he said we should "help others with a burden," but each of us should "carry our own load." The problem is that many refuse to take responsibility for their choices and then cry out for others (and the government) to forgive and fix their mess. Now, before big government progressives and liberals start screaming, let me say that I believe in a social safety net for those who are incapable of taking care of themselves. Again, the issue is defining incapable. The philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau said that a utopia can be produced if society just provides enough food and education for the masses. The Great Society philosophy has promoted this for fifty years and is a dismal failure.

The latest medical acronym is the ACO or accountable care organization. The goal of this collaboration between government,

hospitals, and doctors is to hold down costs, all the while promoting good medical care. The latter is in large part determined by so-called metrics (measures) of care purporting to identify best medical practices. Unfortunately for the bean counters, the fact remains that patients and doctors are unique, and a cookie-cutter approach has not been shown to lower costs or improve care. The experts say we have to do something, even financially reward doctors for doing more screening tests which will hopefully translate into lower healthcare costs in the long term. This Kierkegaardian leap of faith is strangely similar to the passionate belief in the global warming computer models that purport to predict the climate twenty, fifty and a hundred years from now. Over the last twenty years these computer models have been even less reliable than the weatherman's next day forecast, and transferring our healthcare to the government to manage is foolish given their track record.

Definitions of words do change over time because we have a living language. If I had mentioned to you a mouse thirty years ago you would have pictured

a furry rodent scurrying in the basement shadows. Today, we would envision a device which orients the cursor on your computer screen. I learned the term concierge on my travels in Europe, but today there is a new meaning.

A hotel concierge facilitates the needs of the guests. Apparently, Mr. Webster is unaware of a new definition. Concierge medicine is a new non-traditional type of medical care. It is less commonly referred to as boutique medicine. In 2005 there were approximately 500 concierge medical practices in the United States. A more recent survey counted more than 5000 such practices in America. I'm told there's even a TV show called Royal Pains which depicts a concierge medical practice among the wealthy in the Hamptons.

A concierge doctor is best described as a patient's personal advocate. The concierge doctor is on a retainer, as you might retain the services of a lawyer. Because he is employed/retained by you instead of a medical group, a healthcare system or the government, his allegiance is clear. Furthermore, he is not obligated to insurance companies or any metrics

of care, and therefore his advice is less conflicted.

I became dissatisfied with the medical system several years ago, but this came to a head last spring. I concluded that I could not continue in my practice and maintain my principles. Therefore, after long and prayerful consideration I left my medical practice of thirty-five years; it was the hardest decision I've ever made.

In my "retirement" I finally concluded that I wasn't retired, but on sabbatical, and this month I began a small concierge medical practice. My focus is to provide medical guidance and advocacy for a few instead of treating the thousands of patients I once had. This may sound elitist to some and challenge others, but it is a way for me continue and not bury my talents in the ground.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism once said (and I paraphrase) "Do all you can, everywhere you can, with everyone you can, as long as you ever can." Good advice, even if your horizons become limited.

*Do you have a question for Dr. Ferguson?
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National Healthcare Decisions Day set for April 16

Tennova Healthcare, along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16, 2014, as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD).

As a participating organization, Tennova is providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with Tennessee state laws. These resources are available at www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Specifically, on Wednesday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Physicians Regional Medical Center, North Knoxville Medical Center and Turkey Creek Medical Center are welcoming the public with free information about advance care

planning and advance directive forms. Information booths will be located at the entrance to the cafeteria at each facility. An information booth will be available at LaFollette Medical Center outside the cafeteria on Monday, April 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

The politics of hunger

Dr. John Bohstedt's passionate interest in the politics of hunger is both historical and modern. As a University of Tennessee history professor, his research revealed hundreds of food riots during the Industrial Revolution. Today's struggles over food are again making headlines. Join Bohstedt for a discussion of Food Politics: What everyone needs to know by Robert Paarlberg in Knox County Public Library's Book Sandwiched In, Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 p.m. in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium, at 601 South Gay Street.

"As they did 250 years ago, the social drama of riots brings on stage political forces, conflicts and actors we may not have

recognized," he says. "To the world's hungry people, we can seem like an elephant rolling over in its sleep and crushing millions."

Bohstedt thinks most Americans are probably unaware of the offstage dramas of food politics, dramas that are brought to light in the book Food Politics. "Paarlberg shows us how politics shapes our food chain – from abundance to obesity to e-coli to organic foods to farm bills to Freedom fries.

"Paarlberg raises important questions," Bohstedt says, "such as, how do our farmers – and the 'American food regime' – and ethanol -- and our menus – affect hungry Asians and Africans? Is 'food aid' a

blessing or a curse? Why doesn't 'free-trade' doctrine cover food? What about those 'Frankenfoods'? What might sustainable farming look like? Are we approaching the abyss of chronic food crisis or the sunny fields of the "green revolution?"

"Food is such a basic driver of human affairs," says Bohstedt. "I was lucky enough to teach history at UTK – the histories of England, Ireland, the World, and especially – riots. As I studied food riots in early modern England, I found that customary episodes of crowd violence were a form of bargaining between the common people and their rulers, indeed a first draft of the welfare state. Like

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Jesus had about six months of His earthly ministry left when he paid a visit to some dear friends. It was the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. While there, we encounter a bit of a family argument Martha has with Mary. Martha is busy with household chores providing hospitality and a pleasant experience for Jesus. Meanwhile, Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus and not doing much, according to Martha. We pick up the



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text at this point: "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her'" (Luke 10:40-42).

We find two important phrases in these verses. The first: Martha was distracted. The second is: Mary had chosen. Have you ever gotten distracted? It can happen easily. It can even be good things that distract us. We might have good intentions that after we have gotten everything done at the end of the day we have time for Jesus. But that is one thing on the to-do-list that doesn't get checked off. Hopefully tomorrow we will have time.

Martha was distracted by the preparations. What she was doing was

not sinful or evil. She was doing good things and they were all for Jesus. But Jesus goes on to say that what Mary chose was better. What we may be doing is good, but it can become bad when there is something better to be done.

Martha also does something else that is dangerous. She compares herself to Mary and is keeping score. She points out how much more she is doing than Mary. It is good to achieve, but there is danger. Achievers turn many things into a competition. Here are two

symptoms that you are relying on your own performance for your identity than on God. The first is a constant frustration with people who you don't think are pulling their load. You become critical of others who don't measure up to your standards of performance. The second symptom is having discontentment with your own performance. You allow the success of others to diminish your own performance. You feel like you are not doing enough and you are constantly trying to catch up and you are exhausted.

If these two symptoms describe you, there is a solution. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10). God reminds us that He is in control of the nations and He is taking care of everything. This should take all the pressure off of us and we can trust God with our lives. Be like Mary and choose what is better. Be still, slow down, and know the Lord is God.

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Faith UMC will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 11 a.m. Bring your baskets and eggs and join in on the fun. Hot dogs and chips will also be served. Everyone is welcome.

Faith UMC will have an

Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 20, followed by the regular service at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Faith UMC is located at 1120 Dry Gap Pike. 865-688-1000. www.faith-churchknoxvilletn.com.

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

On Friday, April 18, a special Good Friday service will be held at 7:30 p.m. A highlight of this service will be communion at the foot of a tall cross draped with dark cloth. Easter morning worship services are held at 8:55 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Easter morning services feature the draped cross filed with Easter lilies as the congregation celebrates the resurrection of our Lord.

Glenwood Baptist Church

Glenwood Baptist Church of Powell, 7212 Central Ave Pike, is accepting appointments for the John 5 Food Pantry. Call (865)938-2611 for more information.

Heritage Baptist Church

Heritage Baptist Church will meet to celebrate Easter Sunday Services

at the Clarion Inn behind Red Lobster on Merchants Road. Refreshments and Fellowship will begin at 10 a.m., followed by Worship Service at 10:30. The afternoon service will begin at 4:30 p.m. with special guest speaker, Geoff Blitzler, who will share his testimony of conversion from the Jewish faith to Christianity. Pastor Robert Dalton invites everyone to worship and celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

Seymour United Methodist

The regularly scheduled fellowship meals continue this Wednesday evening, April 16th at 5:15 p.m. Following, there will be various small group studies beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner reservations required by Tuesday noon.

The Groundskeepers fellowship group will gather on Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. for some pre-Easter clean-up of grounds and garden areas. Contact Dave Manners.

Next Sunday, April 20, brings the celebration of Easter – remembering the glory and honor with which Jesus overcome death and

gave hope to us all!

Shannondale Presbyterian Church

For 128 years the bell of Shannondale Presbyterian Church, located at 4600 Tazewell Pike, has called its members and neighbors to Sunday morning worship. Weather and time have taken their toll, and the bell tower needs to be rebuilt. Plans are underway to rebuild the bell tower, and repair the church's original roof tiles, chimneys, and guttering.

An "upscale yard sale" is planned for Friday and Saturday, May 16-17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with all proceeds going toward the bell tower renovations. Donations will be accepted May 9 and 10 from noon to 4 p.m. To schedule pick up of large or heavy items, call 456-6923.

Help the little white church to keep their bell ringing for many years to come!

All are welcome to join traditional worship service every Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church will celebrate Easter 2014 with Living Pictures, a dramatic presentation of the Easter Story Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Free tickets at WMBC.NET,

New Beverly Baptist Church
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19
2:00 p.m.
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- ✿ Prize Eggs
- ✿ Rain or Shine!

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New Beverly Church is located at 3320 New Beverly Baptist Church Road, Knoxville, TN, 37918. Directions: Take I-640 to Exit 8 (Washington Pike). Go North on Washington Pike to Greenway Drive red-light (at Target). Turn left. Church is 1/4 mile on the right. For more information, call (865)546-0001 or visit newbeverly.org.

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Step Three: Know that God loves you and sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to take away your sin. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but, have everlasting life- John 3:16.

Step Four: Trust in Christ alone to save you. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved- Acts 16:31 Faith in Christ alone saves; to add baptism, church attendance or

any other work to faith destroys faith and prevents salvation. For by grace ye are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast- Ephesians 2:8-9

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Step Six: Call on Christ now to save you. For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved- Romans 10:13 Call on the Lord by praying: Dear Jesus I know that I am a sinner and that you died on the cross to suffer the wrath that I deserve. I am trusting you alone as my savior from sin and Hell. Come into my heart now and save me. Thank you for saving my soul and giving me a place in Heaven forever. Amen

For help and encouragement please contact our church.

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Rosie's World

The wild sweet rain of April spills
On golden-throated daffodils
On garden walls and new green bough
On earth fresh-turned before the plough.
It scrubs the pansy's small shy face
And shines each blade of grass in place
to leave the springtime world aglow,
And lift my heart to walk tiptoe
For a long time hated the month of April--literally, especially the eleventh day of April, the day my oldest son went to be with God. A few years later a landlady whom I rented from collected the rent on Friday. The following Monday, April eleventh, she was gone. A few years later another

April Rain

friend was gone on the eleventh. I wanted April to pass quickly. I wanted it over with.

Then one year Easter came in April. The horror of the crucifixion then the phenomenal story of Christ's resurrection stirred my heart. Surely I could erase the horror of my April life--it was nothing compared to what Christ went through. Due to the grace of God, the death and resurrection of His son saved everyone from their sin and shame, and my unhappiness during the month of April. Luke 24:6 states, "He is not here. He is risen" -glorious words for Christians everywhere to remember.

Easter also evokes memories of the beautiful Easter lily. Lilies adorn the sanctuary of my church on Easter morning to commemorate the memories of loved ones who have gone before or for friends who are suffering. We can thank Louis Houghton, a World War I soldier for the popularity of the lily. He brought a suitcase full of hybrid lily bulbs in 1919 to the southern coast of Oregon and gave them to family and friends to plant. The climate there was ideal for growing this lily.

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. Often called, "The White-robed Apostles of Hope", lilies are said to be found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Christ said, "consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Happy Easter!

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

Dear Editor,

Hello my name is Perla Rodriguez. I am a fifth grader at Napa Valley Language Academy in Napa, Calif.

The reason I'm writing is that my class is doing state reports and I have chosen your magnificent state, Tennessee.

I would like it if you posted my letter on your newspaper so that I can get all the help I need for my report. What I need from you or your readers are pamphlets, postcards, souvenirs or anything else that would be useful.

I will be writing about your states agriculture, history, economy, famous people, events, historical figures, and national parks.

I will also be doing an oral report, poster, and Microsoft power point presentation. Thank you for your support and help in making me a great researcher of your astounding state.

Perla Rodriguez
Napa Valley Language Academy
C/o Mr. Moreno
2100 Kilburn Ave.
Napa, Calif., 94558

A God-called leader must learn before he can lead'

It is designed to "move the truths of God's word from the Heart of Heaven to the hearts of humans." Mike Boyd's "Principles of Preaching" was written primarily for those training to become pastors. But, it is a handy resource for teachers, as well. Even those of us not engaged in teaching or preaching can learn a great deal from this book. Boyd certainly has the background to author such a tool. He has spent 40 years in the ministry, but Mike also shares some early life experiences from the time he worked in business.

Miles "Mike" F. Boyd, Jr., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and a Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



By **Ralphine Major**
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in Fort Worth, Texas. He has pastored churches in Texas, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, has called him senior pastor for the past 17 years. The story behind the book is fascinating.

The "Principles of Preaching" project was a joint effort with the J. Harold Smith Pastor Training Center. J. Harold Smith was a household name that takes me back a few years. Our mother would listen to him every morning as she drove to work. According to his son, J. Donald Smith, the Radio Bible Hour was established as a Baptist Radio Ministry in 1935 by his father and provided the funds to start the Center. He writes in the foreword: "It had long been the God-inspired dream to establish a



Picture of Mike and Sandy Boyd, his wife of 35 years--- provided by the Boyds

training program for bi-vocational pastors who could not afford either the time or money to pursue a full-time seminary education." More than 70% of the pastors in Tennessee work a secular job in addition to pastoring a church.

Dr. Boyd's book has a

The politics of hunger

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'our' recent food riots of 2008, they were politics from the gut where hunger meets outrage."

Bohstedt says he has always been fascinated by community politics - how ordinary folks struggle together to get things done - whether it's electing an official, building a church, or organizing a softball game.

The discussion will continue on May 21 when Joan Hemingway, University of Tennessee's W.P. Toms Distinguished Professor of Law, will explore ways to build a more cooperative, humane, and positive future detailed in the book Conscious Capitalism: Liberating the Heroic Spirit of Business by John Mackey.

On June 18 Dean Rice, Knox County Chief of Staff, will share author George Friedman's predictions for the future as he reviews The Next 100 Years: A forecast for the 21st century.

The public is invited to join the conversation. Bring your favorite sandwich or pick up something from a downtown restaurant. Copies of the books are available at the Library if you'd like to read one before the program.

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Garlic Shrimp Stir-Fry

4 garlic cloves, minced
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3 Tbls. Minced fresh parsley
¼ tsp. Pepper
¼ c. chicken broth
2 Tbls. Butter or margarine
6 ozs. Fresh snow peas
½ c julienned sweet red pepper
1 Tbs. Dried Basil
½ tsp. Salt
hot cooked rice

In a large skilled, sauté garlic in butter until tender. Add the shrimp, peas, peppers, basil, parsley, salt and pepper. Stir-fry for 5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink and vegetables are crisp-tender. Add broth. Cook 1 minute longer, or until heated through. Serve over rice. Yield 4 servings.

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Fountain City Town Hall April Meeting

Fountain City Town Hall will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 14, at Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike. The speaker will be Charles Williams.

Charles has been a cartoonist/illustrator since the 70s, and has designed the t-shirts for Honor Fountain City Day for several years.

Parsley, Sage and Beyond... Xeriscaping with Herbs

Knox County Master Gardeners will present a discussion on using fragrant

plants that thrive in nutrient-poor soil with little moisture on April 19 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Fountain City Library. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact UT Extension at (865)215-2340 or Fountain City Library at (865)689-2681.

Taiji Chuan and Qigong Celebration

All over the world people will be celebrating the benefits of Taiji Chuan and Qigong at 10 in the morning Saturday, April 26, no

matter where in the world they are. Please join Associated Therapeutics, Inc., 2704 Mineral Springs Ave., for interactive movement and some meditative and therapeutic exercise. All are welcome! For more information, call Kathryn Eldridge at (865)687-4537.

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group

UT Hospice Adult Grief Support Group is for any adult who is suffering loss. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of every

month from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the UT Hospice office at 2270 Sutherland Ave. A light supper is served. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Brenda Fletcher, Bereavement Coordinator at (865)544-6277.

UT Hospice seeks volunteers

UT Hospice conducts ongoing orientation sessions for adults interested in becoming volunteers with the program. Training is provided. (865)544-6279.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization - Executive Board Meeting, April 23, 2014.

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, April 23, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. Topics to be considered: Resolution to Amend the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program, Discussion on Air Quality Monitoring, Overview of TDOT's Three Year Program of Projects, Presentation on the Status of Transportation Funding (Highway Trust Fund Ticker); and other business.

If you would like a complete agenda, please contact MPC at 215-2500 or see the TPO web site at www.knoxtrans.org. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact MPC at 215-2500 and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

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Pellissippi State celebrates Earth Week with film, displays, native-plant speaker

Pellissippi State Community College has a jam-packed schedule of events for Earth Week at all five of its locations, beginning Monday, April 21.

"We've had such a great response to Earth Day events in past years," said Karen Lively, sustainable campus coordinator, "that we're very excited to expand our one day of activity at the Hardin Valley Campus to an entire week, with events on all five of our campuses. This gives all of our students, faculty and staff the ability to participate."

"Fuel Up for Earth Day" kicks off the week at the Hardin Valley Campus, 10915 Hardin

Valley Road, and features an automobile exhibit of alternative fuel vehicles. Also that day, Pellissippi State faculty and staff are challenged to "green their offices," and the sustainability staff at the Hardin Valley and Blount County campuses promote Meatless Monday food options.

The film "Water Blues Green Solutions" screens 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Goins Building Auditorium on the Hardin Valley Campus. The film will be shown at site campuses throughout the week.

Tuesday's events include a tap-water tasting; a performance by Pellissippi State's bluegrass band, the Hardin Valley Thunder; a T-shirt

giveaway; and a green exhibit featuring local community and student clubs and organizations that focus on environmental issues.

Wednesday, the Hardin Valley Campus hosts a student recycling competition 11 a.m.-1 p.m. An exhibit in the Courtyard features a household hazardous waste display, solar panel demonstration, organic versus conventional food taste test, and other games and activities.

Pellissippi State members of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society will have a booth for water quality testing Thursday on the Hardin Valley Campus.

Friday, April 25, wraps

up the college's Earth Week events with a celebration of National Arbor Day and a tree planting ceremony. Wyn Miller, an expert on the use of Southern Appalachian native plants, leads a presentation entitled "The Role of Native Trees in Supporting Southern Appalachia's Unique Biodiversity" 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Goins Building Auditorium.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.pstcc.edu/sustainability or call (865) 694-6400. To request accommodations for a disability, contact the executive director of Human Resources at (865) 694-6607 or humanresources@pstcc.edu.

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Do your part to prevent flash flooding while conserving water. Order an Ivy rain barrel that captures rainwater from roof tops by connecting to the downspout from the gutter.

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The Ivy rain barrel, available for

a discounted price of \$70, is made of 50 percent recycled plastic and is manufactured in America.

The City of Knoxville Office of Solid Waste is partnering with the Town of Farragut, Knox County Storm Water Management Department and the Water Quality Forum to offer the discounted rain barrels, which typically retail for \$129.

Order your rain barrel now online at waterqualityforum.org, or call 919-835-1699.

Residents are encouraged to pre-order and then pick up their rain barrels between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at

the Blackstock Avenue parking lot near that day's EarthFest events on World's Fair Park.

"This program is an important step in offering an inexpensive option to help our residents save money and understand the significance of water conservation," said Parci Gibson with the Water Quality Forum.

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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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Fountain City Dogwood Trails

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 1920's 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 Harrill 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.

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 1890's 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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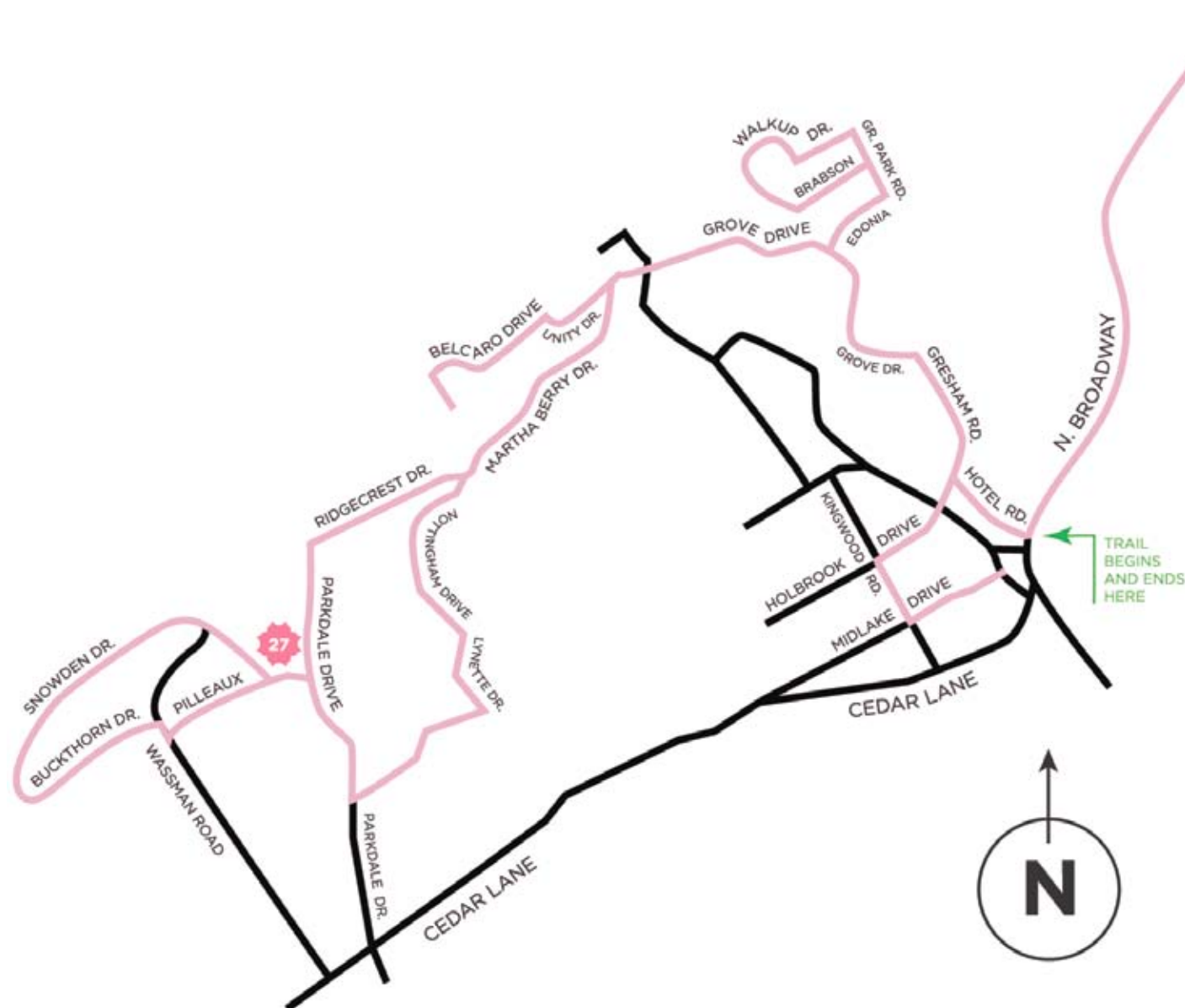
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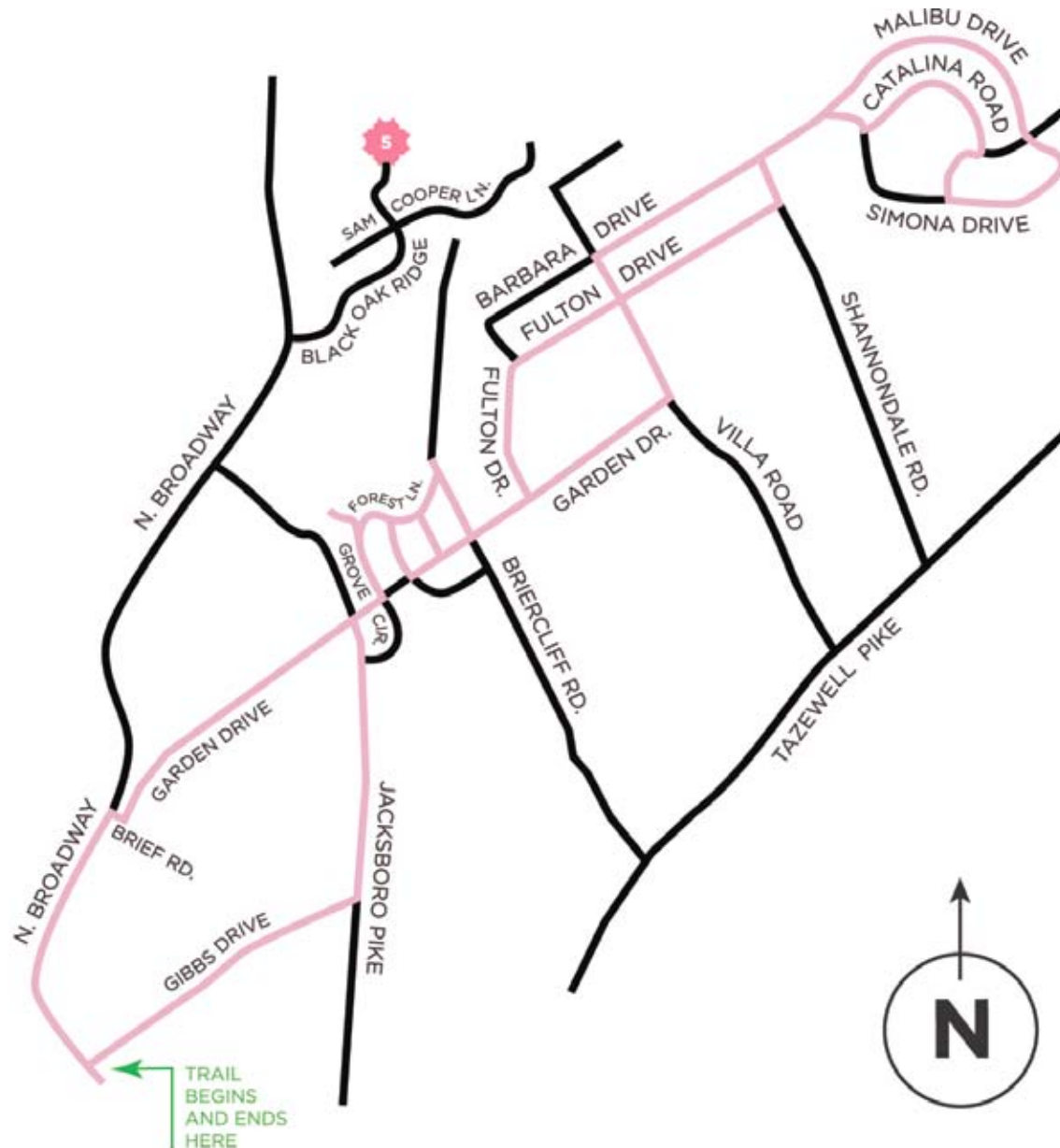
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Trilliums: The Trinity Flower



By Mike Cruze,
Master Gardener

Trilliums are among the native woodland plants that I treasure most. They are sometimes referred to as "trinity flower" because of their three leaves, three

sepals and three petals. They are part of the lily family and are sometimes referred to as wood lilies. While it's tempting to pick trilliums, this act can irreparably damage these delicate plants.

Once established, trilliums are not hard to grow. They are, however, very particular about

their growing conditions and can be very slow to reproduce. Trilliums thrive in full to partial shade and prefer moist, rich soil. They prefer a neutral to acidic pH.

About 45 species of this woodland perennial exists and they grow from rhizomes. The best time to plant is in early fall.

Trillium flowers generally bloom in late March and April and depending on the species and altitude maybe even into May. The flower, when open, resembles either a funnel or a cup.

Every trillium is special in its own way---Some are big, some small, some white, some deep red,

even yellow---trilliums have a lot to offer.

While writing this article, I went outside and was walking around in my garden and into my woodland garden and there were trillium, trillium everywhere!! They were blooming profusely and were quite stunning!! There were red, yellow and white varieties. So let's discuss some of the varieties.

One of the most beautiful trillium is the Large-Flowered Trillium or Trillium Grandiflorum. The big, bell-shaped whit flower, which usually turns to a delicate pink with age, is on a stem 10 to 15 inches

high and appears in April and May. The yellow center of this Trillium helps distinguish it from the erect white variety of Trillium Erectum, which has a dark, and occasionally white, center.

Speaking of Trillium Erectum, also known as Wake Robin, which besides the white form also has a maroon or reddish-purple flower. Because of a slightly unpleasant odor, it is sometimes called Stinking Willie.

Yellow Trillium or Trillium Luteum is also known as Yellow Toadshade, Lemon-Scented Trillium or Wax Trillium. This is indeed

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a lemon-scented species and grows to a height of 8 to 12 inches.

Painted Trillium or Trillium Undulatum reaches a height of 8 to 12 inches. The "painted" part of the name refers to the pink "V" at the base of the white petals. You may have seen this trillium at Clingmans Dome or Mt. Le Conte.

These are a few of the Trillium native to the Southeastern United States. Trillium are the "gems" of the woodland garden.

"He who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth is generally considered a fortunate person, but his good fortune is small compared to that of the happy mortal who enters this world with a passion for flowers in his soul."--Celia Thaxter

Wishing you a Happy Easter!! Don't forget Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;

Death is strong, but Life is stonger;

Stronger than the dark, the light;

Stronger than the wrong, the right...

--Phillips Brooks "An Easter Carol"

Songwriters to teach, perform at Ramsey House

Acclaimed singer-songwriters Mary Gauthier, Jim Lauderdale, Scott Miller, Matt Wertz and Drew Ramsey will conduct one-hour songwriting workshops followed by a songwriter-in-the-round style performance as a fundraiser for Historic Ramsey House on May 10.

The Swan Pond Songwriting Experience brings together five artists who represent some of the most-acclaimed singer-songwriters in the country. Gauthier has been praised by Bob Dylan and Tom Waits. Lauderdale has collaborated with

everyone from Ralph Stanley to Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter. Miller, praised by Steve Earle, became a nationally-known talent during his days with Knoxville's the V-Roys before his successful solo career. Wertz is part of a non-country underground of singer-songwriters and Knoxville-born Ramsey has had his songs recorded by India.Arie, John Legend, Jonny Lang and Robert Randolph and the Family Band and has been a part of several Grammy wins and nominations.

Patrons at the event will participate in one-hour small-group workshops

with each of the songwriters followed by a nighttime performance featuring all of the artists trading songs on stage.

Tickets for the event are very limited and cost \$300 for the workshop and limited number of tickets will be made available for nighttime concert for non-workshop attendees at \$20.

Both the workshops and the concert will take place at Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorngrove Pike. For more information or to sign up visit <http://www.ramseyhouse.org/wp-content/uploads/song-writers-flier.pdf> or call 865-546-0745.

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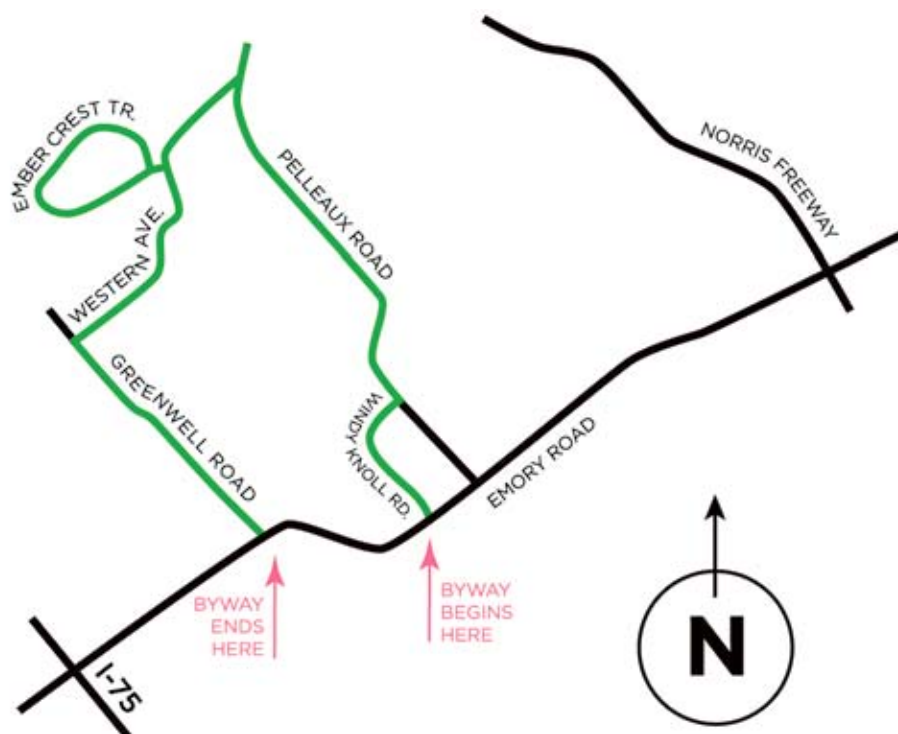
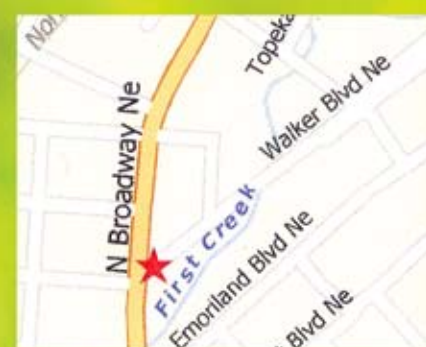
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