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Pictured at the ribbon cutting for the new Superstop last Thursday are: Christi Branscom, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy to the Mayor; Dawn Distler, Director of Transit City of Knoxville and CEO of Knoxville Area Transit (KAT); Finbarr Saunders, City Council; Cathy Barkley, KAT operator; Kirk Mills, KAT Operator; Mayor Madeline Rogero; Daniel Brown, City Council; Renee Hoyos, KAT Board Member; Greg Davis, KAT operator; Hubert Smith, KTA Board Member; and Marshall Stair, City Council

Superstop opened during Transit Week

By Mike Steely
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Knoxville's newest Superstop opened Thursday as KAT's system continues to grow and offer updated services. The new sheltered stop is on Kirkwood Street between Magnolia Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue near Chilhowee Park.

The short street is getting a new concrete roadway, sidewalks, security cameras, and new and larger bus shelters. Three bus routes make connections there and, at the stop, bus riders can make transfers to travel to Walmart or Knoxville Center Mall.

Superstops began in 2010 with the idea of comfortable and convenient stops sheltered from the weather. Currently there are similar stops in North Knoxville at Fountain City and on Walbrook Drive in West Knoxville. A Superstop is also being planned for West Knoxville.

The Kirkwood Street stop officially opened as part of KAT's "Try Transit" week which featured a bus ride with Mayor Madeline Rogero and council members, rides for Neighborhood Associations and a Free Friday on all city buses.



PHOTO BY ERIC VREELAND, CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Mayor Madeline Rogero boards a bus with citizens who wanted to "Ride With The Mayor" during the Try Transit week. The week included trips by Neighborhood Associations and a Free Friday ride for anyone.

Education Commissioner Announces Changes to Tennessee Assessments

By Sally Absher
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Tennessee finalized the contract with Questar for the 2016-17 state assessment last week, and Commissioner Candice McQueen announced "significant changes" to state assessments in response to feedback from educators, parents and students.

One of the biggest changes is that overall testing time has been reduced by nearly a third. For students in grades 3-8, the tests will be a total of 200 - 210 minutes shorter. The typical third grader will have state assessments this year totaling three and one half hours shorter than last year. Which means that last year, the typical third grader spent approximately 10.5 hours taking standardized tests... if they were able to get through the test period before the testing was suspended.

That's in addition to hours of test prep, test practice, and other distractions that are keeping today's students from developing a love of learning and creating an increasingly dumbed down citizenry. But kudos to the department for reducing the testing time by three and a half hours.

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Third Thursday Concerts at New Harvest Park continue this week

Knox County Parks and Recreation's new summer concert series, Third Thursday Concerts at New Harvest Park, continues on Thursday, July 21 with country music singer Mae Beth Harris at 6:30 p.m. and folk singer-songwriter Shane at 7:30 p.m.

The free concerts, held June through August on the third Thursday of each month, take place following the New Harvest Park Farmers Market from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 4775 New Harvest Lane. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets or lawn chairs.

The remaining dates and bands for summer 2016 are:

July 21: Mae Beth Harris at 6:30 p.m.
Shane at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18: The Blue Jay's at 6:30 p.m.
Mae Beth Harris at 7:30 p.m.

If any concert has to be canceled due to inclement weather, a notification will be posted to the Knox County Parks & Rec Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/knoxcountyparks/> and the Knox County homepage www.knoxcounty.org.

The 2016 Third Thursday Concerts at New Harvest Park are sponsored by WIVK 107.7 FM and Knox County Parks & Recreation.

County Commission

Commission Work Session has 47 Items on Agenda

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Of the 47 items on the agenda for this afternoon's Knox County Commission work session, more than 24 are proposals from the school system.

Such proposals are generally approved without discussion and today will include money for Powell Elementary School,

plumbing services for all schools, landscaping at Northshore Elementary and an Algebra program for Central, Gibbs and Fulton High Schools.

Also among the items is the donation of \$47,600 from the Pond Gap PTA for upgrades at the school's playground. Mayfield Farms will apparently be chosen as the milk supplier to the

nutrition program and Amherst Elementary should be approved for a \$17,696 donation for playground equipment, mulch and a shade structure.

The commission will also discuss fuel cards and additional body cameras for the Sheriff's Department, an agreement with Pellissippi State for the Career Magnet Academy there and an

agreement with CAC for the use of old Anderson Elementary for a Head Start Station.

The county libraries may be authorized to accept a grant of \$ 10,000 from the East Tennessee Foundation in support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond will update the commission regarding

efficiency and Commissioner Charles Busler wants to talk about changes for the group's August meeting.

The County Commission Audit Committee meets today at 3 p.m., the Finance Committee at 4 p.m. and the main work session starts at 5 p.m.

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Are you renting property in Tennessee?

Are you renting property in Tennessee?

This article contains basic information about the applicable laws that might affect you if you're renting property, and specifically, in East Tennessee



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if you don't know your options. Many renters have their rights violated during an eviction process because they don't know that Tennessee law grants them certain rights.

where my experiences have been with eviction proceedings, but first, let me paint a picture for you:

You decided to rent a place to live. The landlord seemed nice enough when you first moved in, but after you got behind a few days on rent, he threatened to throw you and your stuff out if you didn't have the rent to him within the next 24 hours!

What do you do? Do you have any rights? I get phone calls all the time from individuals who want to know what their landlord can and cannot do. Conversely, I've had landlords with one or two rental properties call and ask for advice on how to deal with troublesome renters.

Facing an eviction can be frightening, especially

Very strict rules govern the circumstances that allow a landlord to evict a tenant and they can be found in Title 66, Chapter 28 of the Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.). If the landlord doesn't follow those rules he or she simply cannot legally evict someone, but that does not mean they won't try. The best way for tenants to respond to an eviction threat is with solid knowledge about their legal rights and the steps a landlord must follow before a legal eviction can occur.

Step 1: Written Notice

The first thing a landlord must do is provide the tenant with a written notice that an eviction will occur in 30 days if the tenant does not comply with the terms of the lease within 14 days.

This notice is required by T.C.A. Section 66-28-505. This notice must be served before a landlord may formally file for an eviction and it may be as simple as a one page paper handed to the tenant.

Tennessee law permits landlords to evict tenants for several specific reasons: non-payment of rent, end of lease term, breach of lease contract, safety or noise issues, illegal activity, or property abandonment. If other reasons are included in the lease, they may be permitted, as long as they can't be classified as some sort of discrimination.

Keep in mind that a tenant hasn't actually "received" written notice unless the notice is provided in one of these three ways: hand delivered by landlord, posted on the property (i.e. taped to the front door, put in the mailbox, etc.), or sent via certified mail.

Step 2: Eviction Papers

The next step a landlord must then perform is to file an Eviction Notice with the general sessions court in

the county where the property is located. The landlord may set the date for the hearing of this matter for whatever day they desire (in Knox County, evictions are heard every Tuesday and Thursday), but it is usually a few weeks to a month from the date on which they filed for the eviction.

The landlord must provide either a written copy of the eviction paperwork to the tenant through a process server or a written copy of what was posted on the property or sent via certified mail.

Step 3: The Eviction Hearing

At this point in the proceeding, if not before, you may desire to hire an attorney to represent you to show to the court that the eviction is fraudulent, based upon inappropriate grounds, or that the landlord has failed to comply with the terms of the lease or the requirements of Tennessee law regarding evictions, such as providing proper notice of the pending eviction. If you, as the tenant are successful, congratulations! If not, there are still several steps the

landlord must comply with before you are required to vacate the premises.

As a landlord, keep in mind also that if you have a limited liability company or corporation that owns the property instead of an individual, you must have an attorney represent the company. A company cannot represent itself in legal proceedings.

Step 4: Period for Appeal

A tenant has 10 days to appeal an eviction judgment in Tennessee. If a tenant decides to appeal, he or she must file an appeal in circuit court and file an appeal bond with the general sessions court. Remember to file the appeal bond or you will be defeated in your appeal before you start. A new trial date will be set in circuit court, and at that time, the tenant must appeal the decision with evidence contesting the eviction.

Step 5: Writ of Possession

The landlord can do nothing to remove you from the property until the 10-day appeal period has run. After that time period has lapsed,

the landlord must then file with general sessions court a Writ of Possession for the leased premises. The writ gives possession of the residence back to the landlord. At that point, within 2-3 days of the Writ being filed, a tenant will be physically made to leave by a sheriff and all of tenant's property will be removed from the residence.

Finding yourself in the process of being evicted is not an enviable position but it is important to know the many time periods and requirements so that you are able to keep yourself on the premises for the entirety of the period to which you are entitled.

Hopefully, you'll never be evicted!

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'Neighborhoods To Nature' walks promote proximity to outdoor play

The City of Knoxville held a first-of-its-kind series of "Neighborhoods to Nature" walks last Monday, designed to encourage citizens to discover nearby parks and greenways while also promoting physical activity.

Residents from Parkridge, Fourth and Gill, Old North Knoxville and Austin Homes started on their walks at 6 p.m. and convened at the Ashley Nicole Dream Playground near Caswell Park at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Madeline Rogero, police officers, members of City Council and other City officials accompanied residents on the walks.

"It's quick and convenient to get from just about any community to a

park or greenway," Mayor Rogero said when announcing the walk. "I hope that many of our citizens will join me for Monday's planned group walk. It's a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better while enjoying a summertime walk."

Booths and food trucks were set up on the festival lawn closest to the Ashley Nicole Playground after the walk.

The City plans to host more Neighborhoods to Nature walks in other parts of the city in coming months. For more information, call 311 or visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/knoxN2N. To follow and post on social media, please use the hashtag #knoxN2N.



Officer Herman leads his young friends along Winona Street as part of last Monday's Neighborhoods to Nature walk.

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Education Commissioner Announces Changes to Tennessee Assessments

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High school students will also see shorter End of Course (EOC) assessments - shortened by 40 to 120 minutes. The total time spent taking EOCs will be approximately 225, or 3 hours and 45 minutes shorter - compared to last year.

Another major change is that the TCAP (known as TNReady), which was divided into two testing windows (Part 1 and Part 2) last year, will be given during a single three-week assessment window towards the end of the school year. The test, which covers English language arts, math, science, and social studies, will also be divided into shorter

subparts. Many district and school administrators complained about the difficulty of fitting last years' longer sections into the regular school day. Details on the test timing, and specific changes to each subject area are available on the Department's website (<http://www.tn.gov/education/section/assessment>)

The 2016-2017 social studies test in grades 3-8 will be a field test, and will be administered to every student. Last years' social studies test was also a field test, but because the TCAP was suspended for 2016, the state did not have enough field test data items to build the social studies test for this year. Field tests

are not reportable and do not factor into students grades or educators evaluations, but will provide the department with information to develop an assessment for the 2017-18 assessment, which will be "fully operational."

There will also be a separate field test for the English and US History writing prompts, given at a different time from the main testing window. Approximately one-third to one-half of students will participate in the field test each year on a rotating basis.

The department claims Tennessee teachers already have significant input in the test development process as they review

and approve every TCAP question, including those that will be on the 2016-2017 assessment. And starting this fall, Tennessee teachers will also be engaged in developing and writing questions for future TCAP administrations.

Of course, we were told that the common core standards were written by "educators from your state" as well - which has been proven to be false. It is also odd that the department claims that teachers can review and approve every TCAP question when they are threatened with dismissal if they as so much look at a test question, much less discuss it.

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Publisher's Position

Does Trump Really Want to Win?



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One question I've been asking myself is, "Does Donald Trump really want to win?"

If he does want to win, he really needs to focus like a laser beam on the four issues that I believe are most important to the vast majority of Americans: the economy, national security, immigration and trade.

Much of the mainstream media and the professional political prognosticators are wringing their hands, unable to grasp why Trump's candidacy hasn't already fallen completely apart. Considering Trump's mistakes — and there have been several — the national media cannot fathom why Trump still has an opportunity to be elected President of the United States in November. For one thing, the media is used to having its way, directing and manipulating the news. Believing they are smarter than most everyone else, the news media feels it has

an inherent right to guide the thinking of Americans. They do that by managing the news and skewing events rather than merely reporting the news.

Yet Americans are showing a growing propensity to pay little or no attention to the media, which has the media puzzled and horrified. Polls last week showed Trump tied with Hillary Clinton in both Ohio and Florida, two vital swing states, and ahead in Pennsylvania, which no Republican has managed to carry since 1988. And just so you know, the polling data came from a Democratic pollster.

With the people of Great Britain rejecting the almost universal drumbeat by their own media, which always seems to be allied with some elitist element, and voting to leave the European Union, politicians and the press alike have been stunned. The candidacies of both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders have been fueled by the growing frustration of the American public. Trump's message on the economy, national security, immigration and trade is resonating with a lot of people who simply don't give a hoot about the media's continuing barrage against him. For one thing, they cannot hardly demonize Trump to the point where he is as bad as Hillary Clinton.

Clinton's rise in politics came right on the coattails of her husband; without Bill, there would be no Hillary. Mrs. Clinton is the epitome of an establishment figure in a year when the establishment has continued to take a drubbing. While not indicted, FBI Director James Comey's scathing report about Hillary Clinton's email use while Secretary of State certainly didn't help her any. The Clinton campaign can hardly mesmerize the public about Trump's supposed failings and business dealings when Hillary and her husband have become stupendously wealthy and questions still swirl about the questionable dealings of the Clinton Foundation. Even with the press and social media pounding Donald Trump relentlessly, Hillary Clinton's negatives keep rising.

The frustration with many of the mainstream media, most of whom are on the left of the political spectrum, is understandable. No longer can they direct and manage the news on behalf of the establishment.

If Donald Trump will avoid bullying, stay off Twitter and simply focus on the economy, national security, immigration and trade, he stands a good chance of beating Hillary Clinton in the fall.

Young people are graduating college and the number of them either

underemployed or not finding a job at all is both frightening and appalling. It is no wonder that so many young people flocked to Bernie Sanders who promised free college educations. Imagine coming out of college deep in debt from loans and finding no work. The best thing one can hope for is a JOB. America needs a healthy economy, something Barack Obama couldn't deliver and Hillary Clinton will do no better. Everybody can't work for the government or pay higher taxes for the folks in Washington to spend.

We routinely hear some Americans blame the United States for just about everything under the sun. Those people make it sound like the United States is a terrible place to live, but the fact is Americans have been the most generous people in the world, especially with taxpayers' money. Over the last few years, the United States has given Russia \$380 million; Egypt got \$1.45 billion; Kenya got \$816 million; the Sudan \$816 million. Pakistan got a cool \$2 billion and Iraq \$1.08 billion. In total, it amounts to quite nearly \$15 billion. Yet we are told we don't have enough for a plethora of programs in our own country.

The media has hijacked any number of issues in this country to promote an agenda; immigrants, for one thing, are people who

have immigrated to this country legally, otherwise they are illegal aliens. Nor is the left particularly bothered by a Justice of the Supreme Court commenting on political candidates and elections, something no justice has ever done publicly before.

Again, if Trump really wants to win, he needs to focus on his message. Hillary Clinton can only offer more of the same as Barack Obama, albeit more of it and likely more expensive.

Trump has the opportunity to speak for the tens of millions of Americans who are tired of liberal elitists trying to determine everything for everybody. They actually believe they should determine how everybody else should live and have the firm conviction that they are best able to spend other people's money.

I cannot overemphasize how important our national security is to most

Americans. Being safe in our homes, schools, places of worship and other public places should take second place to nothing. Public places should be safe for Americans and voters need to keep that foremost in mind.

And finally, unfortunately too few of us don't remember that the golden rule is neither red, yellow, black or white; it is golden. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That may be old fashioned to some, but not to me. That really is golden and abiding by it is what really matters.

Trump can win by focusing on what is most important to the vast majority of Americans: the economy, national security, immigration and trade.

Oh, and by the way, he should also inject one key ingredient that has been missing from American leadership for far too long: COMMON SENSE.



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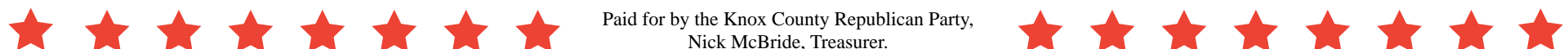
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Bits of News About Local Education

By Sally Absher
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TONIGHT!! Meet and Greet with Susan Horn

Bring some friends and join 5th District Knox County Board of Education candidate Susan Horn for dessert Monday, July 18th, from 6:30 - 8:30 at Copperstone Clubhouse, 1345 Copperstone Lane. The event is hosted by Jennie Councill, Alison Dotson, Beth Duncan, Blair Kerr, Melissa Mason, Janet Morgan, and Sarah Starkey.

Fifth District BOE candidates were featured on WBIR's Inside Tennessee on July 10. If you missed the show, you can find the videos here: <http://www.wbir.com/local/inside-tennessee>. (Part 3 and Part 4 of the John Schoonmaker, Sheri Ridgeway, Susan Horn, and Reuben Pelot episode).

Fifth Annual First Day Event Going On NOW!

First Day is an annual clothing/school supply drive to benefit the Boys and Girls Club in Vestal. This program, started by Bailey Butler, gives members of the Knoxville community a chance to make a difference in a student's life.

The event is going on now through July 29. And with the back-to-school sales already in full swing, it's easy to participate!

Simply contact firstday-knox@gmail.com and they will send you the name, photo, sizes, grade, school, favorite color, etc. (you can state a preference to sponsor a boy or a girl). Then go shopping! Pick out a new backpack with school supplies, 2 new outfits, shoes, socks and underwear, and anything else you can think of to make their FIRST DAY special.

Your clothing and school supply donations can be dropped off at Calvary Baptist Church, 3200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. If you can't drop your donation off, they will even come pick them up from you!

If you don't have time to go shopping, you can still help by donating money and someone will do the shopping for you. Checks can be made out to Calvary Baptist Church with "First Day" designated in the memo line. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to Calvary Baptist Church,.

Two Local Students Awarded East Tennessee History Scholarships

The East Tennessee Historical Society has awarded three scholarships to students who participated in the East Tennessee History Day competition, a division

of National History Day presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society.

Noah Dunlap from the L&N Stem Academy received the First Place for the East Tennessee History Scholarship. Noah participated in a senior group exhibit titled "The 1982 World's Fair: Knoxville's Rise to Prominence," which analyzed the fair as a turning point in Knoxville's history that drew people from around the world to explore energy development. Noah, a four year National History Day participant, remarked "My experiences in National History Day competition have made me a demonstrably better student. I have been pushed to look beyond surface level text and delve deeper into the driving forces behind events... I genuinely feel a deeper appreciation now for East Tennessee and American history." Noah's project won first place at district and second place at the state competition.

opposing groups, Jewish physicists and Nazi rocketeers, brought to America for scientific research after WWII. Abigail comments, "I know my passion for history will make me a better person, because learning about the past helps all of us make better decisions about the future." Abigail's project won first place at district and second place at state.

Also honored was Kendall Williamson from Cosby High School in Cosby, Tennessee, who received the Second Place for the East Tennessee Scholarship.

The scholarships are made possible annually through the generous donations of Randy and Jenny Boyd, known across the state for their strong support of education.

Haslam Appoints Mike Krause to Lead Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Last week Governor Haslam announced the appointment of Mike Krause as executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

THEC oversees development of the state's master plan for higher education, makes recommendations for capital appropriations in the governor's budget, establishes tuition levels and approves new academic programs.

Krause will replace Dr. Russ Deaton, who has served as THEC's interim

executive director since the retirement of Dr. Richard Rhoda in 2014. Deaton will serve as deputy executive director of THEC.

Krause has served as executive director of the Drive to 55 since 2014 and successfully managed the launch and implementation of Tennessee Promise and other initiatives under the Drive to 55 umbrella.

In addition, Krause will jointly lead the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), which administers state and federal student financial assistance programs, including the state lottery scholarship program, which serves 100,000 students with \$300 million in awards.

Prior to directing the Drive to 55, Krause, 34, served as assistant executive director for academic affairs at THEC, where he led the statewide expansion of the SAILs (Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support) program, pioneered state efforts in massive open online education and coordinated multiple grant programs.

Before joining state government, Krause served for eight years in the US Army and TN Army National Guard. Krause earned his bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University and MS in public policy from Vanderbilt.

In summary, we have another policy wonk, with little to zero actual classroom education experience at the helm of the state Higher Education Commission. What could go wrong?

Bike Classes Held at Safety City

I Bike KNX is hosting several bike classes throughout the day on Thursday, July 28. Children and adults alike can choose from six different classes held at Safety City, 165 S. Concord St, just off Third Creek Greenway. Safety City is a kid-sized replica of Knoxville with real streets and intersections and is a safe environment for children and adults who want to learn or brush up on traffic rules and get practice riding their bicycles.

All six classes are taught by instructors who are certified as League Cycling Instructors by the League of American Bicyclists and are customized based on what those attending want to learn. Instruction can include teaching children to ride without training wheels, basic traffic rules for riding on the road, how to get back on the bike after time off, and much more.

"Many folks get busy with family, work, and other obligations throughout the year. This is a great time to

refresh skills and build confidence in bicycle riders of all ages. We want to assist those that have a desire to ride their bike more, or are interested in riding to a greenway trailhead rather than feeling they need to rely on a vehicle to get there," says Lori Goerlich, Parks and Greenways Coordinator for the City of Knoxville, and one of the class instructors.

Those planning to attend must RSVP to ambassadors@knoxtrans.org and specify their preferred time in order to have a spot in the class. Each attendee is asked to come prepared with a bike, helmet and water. To borrow a bike, an email request with the size needed must be sent by July 25.

- Class times:
- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 - 11:00 a.m. - noon
 - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
 - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Janice White at 548-0326.

Sevier County Tea Party Meeting

Marcus Hayes, PhD, will be the guest speaker for the Sevier Co Tea Party meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016. The event will be held at 6:30 on the 3rd floor of the Sevierville Courthouse (125 Court Ave., Sevierville TN). Dr. Hayes will discuss the latest on the federal government's ability to go into your neighborhood and dictate the type housing to be built in order to make up for any supposed imbalance of ethnicity, race or income. The meeting is open to all free of charge.

Heiskell Community Rummage Sale

The Heiskell Community Organization will hold a Rummage Sale on Thursday and Friday, July 22 and 23 at The Community Center located at 1708 W. Emory Road in Powell (formerly Wheeler Karate building).

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The public may see the homeless who frequent beneath the Interstate 40 bridge near the KARM Center on Broadway during the day but 77 percent of those interviewed report seeking emergency shelters at night and 31 report sleeping in locations like streets, cars, public places and camps.

Who are Knoxville's Homeless?

By Mike Steely
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The image you may have of the homeless population in Knoxville may not be accurate according to the information available from the Mayor's Roundtable on Homelessness. The group, created and appointed by Mayor Madeline Rogero, met for its quarterly session last week and heard reports from the Knoxville Homeless Management Information System, Knoxville Police Department and other Knoxville-Knox County Homeless Coalition agencies including CAC's Homeward Bound program.

Highlighting the meeting was an update from Lisa Higginbotham of the Homeless Management Information System, who gave a summary of interviews with 249 homeless individuals. The city and county have an estimated 9,339 people who accessed homeless services from 18 partnering agencies, a slight increase of 1% from 2014.

Higginbotham told The Focus Tuesday that she was surprised that about 64% of those interviewed reported mental health issues. Most of the homeless are white, male and between the ages of 31 to 60 years old. About 47% reported chronic health problems, 46% reported being hospitalized while homeless, and 54% said they have no health insurance.

"There's a lot of chronic health issues," Higginbotham said.

Eleven percent of those interviewed were military veterans. More than 70% report their last permanent address as Knox County or one of the surrounding counties.

The reasons for homelessness might be surprising. Higginbotham said the main reasons are economic

issues including the loss of a job and the lack of affordable housing. Those homeless who are working only earn an average income of \$8,000 a year.

Misty Goodwin, with the Homeward Bound program of the CAC, told The Focus that there's a slight increase in the survey of people 61 years and older, which could be caused by more data being reported and the fact that the word is on the street about available services.

She said that many of the elderly who draw Social Security have the money deposited directly into their bank accounts, mailed to their post office box, or use KARM as their address. Some 70% of those homeless interviewed used overnight housing at KARM or other agencies.

Goodwin voiced concern for the lack of affordable housing and noted that even those homeless working minimum wage jobs don't make a living wage and can't afford housing. Over the past year some 1,951 individuals were placed in positive housing, an increase of 2% over 2014.

The Knoxville Police Department's Thomas Clinton reported to the coalition on efforts to help the homeless in various outdoor camps around the area. He said the department's efforts are combined with a continual outreach to those campers. Praised for the department's efforts

by those members of the coalition Officer Clinton said, "We've mapped out those camps and when we enter the camps we see what kind of services are needed and help to get them relocated."

He said he is developing a list of the homeless at the camps and stressed that the city's efforts to clean out the camps is "not to be mean" but to provide information on local services available.

Officer Clinton said that there have been 129 camps located and the few arrests made at the camps involve outstanding warrants and two people charged with trespassing.

"We try to visit these camps once a week," he said.

Goodwin told The Focus that her department also has two individuals who visit the camps and offer information on services.

Michael Dunthorn, coordinator of city's Office of Homelessness, said the state is preparing to adopt a Homeless Plan and said it will probably be similar to the city's plans. He called a state policy "a long time coming."

He also said that affordable housing has had some success but needs to be the key objective.

Dunthorn added that the Salvation Army has reallocated \$135,000 toward permanent housing for 24 units as part of their Boot Strap Program. He said people can't make it on

minimum wage and it is "finally time to talk about housing."

The Knoxville-Knox County Homeless Coalition partners also include Angelic Ministries, Knox County Schools, Volunteer Ministry Center, Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Cherokee Health, Compassion Coalition, Family Promise of Knoxville, Highway and Byways Ministries, KCDC, Southeast Housing Foundation, Knox Leadership Foundation, Knox County Public Libraries, Community Development and Health Department, Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Lost Sheep Ministries, Hell Ross McNabb Center, Veteran's Administration, Mental Health Association, Parkridge Harbor, Public Defenders Office, Ridgeview, Tn. Housing Development Association, Water Angels, Volunteer of America, YWCA and Connect Ministries.

Information on the survey of homeless can be found at www.KnoxHMIS.org. If you'd like to volunteer, you can contact Higginbotham at lhiggenb@utk.edu.

City Council Homeless funding, Old Baptist Hospital, and Election Day changes

By Mike Steely
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The homeless in Knoxville may get some attention Tuesday when the City Council considers four resolutions to allocate funds to different agencies. The agenda calls for \$80,000 from city operating funds to go to the Volunteer Ministry Center to provide services to the homeless who utilized the Day Resource Center and Minvilla Manor.

The council may also authorize \$50,000 in Emergency Solutions Grants from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency to the Ministry Center to provide support services for people who use the Bush Family Refuge and dental services at the VMC Dental Clinic.

State Emergency Service Grant funds of \$100,000 may also go to the Community Action Committee for the Homeward Bound Program. The money would be used for the Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention Programs.

In other action the former Baptist Hospital site is subject to two agenda items.

The mayor may be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Community Development Corporation to provide administrative and technical assistance, as well as unspecified financial contributions, to allow the agency to enter into agreements to redevelop the former Baptist Hospital site with Riverwalk Investors, LLC, and Grant Oak, LLC.

Another resolution calls for a similar agreement with the Industrial Development Board in conjunction with Regal Cinemas and a parking easement agreement at the former hospital location.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe is asking that the city election dates be changed from the last Tuesday in September of odd-numbered years to the last Tuesday in August.

Other actions by the city council may be to accept a "pocket park" created by the Forest Heights neighborhood, hearing an appeal from Quint Bourgeois on a planning commission denial of apartments along Bruhin Road and an appeal from Deborah Thomas on the construction approval by the planners of a Habitat Home on Springdale Avenue.

The council meeting begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, an hour earlier than usual.

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A special day in voting rights

By Mike Steely
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One month from today, August 18, is the 96th anniversary of an important date in United States history. Dr. George Schweitzer of the East Tennessee Historical Society reminded those present at the candidates forum last week of the event at the East Tennessee History Center.



Dr. George Schweitzer

"You are meeting in the second most appropriate place to me. The first most appropriate place to meet will be told to you at the end of my remarks," he said. "I want to take you back to the 4th of June, 1919. On that date the Federal Congress proposed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, the amendment for Women's Suffrage.

"I take you to the date of the 18th of August, 1920. Thirty-six states were required to ratify the Constitutional Amendment. Thirty-five had done it and it was in the state house in Nashville. At that time, in the Tennessee House of Representatives, the vote was tied forty-eight to forty-eight.

"One of the interesting persons, the youngest member of the House of Representatives, was Harry Burns. Harry got up and, as he did, was handed a letter from his mother. Harry had decided to vote 'Nay' and the letter from Momma said 'Harry, be a good boy and vote Aye.'

"Harry switched his vote and 21 million ladies got the vote. It happened here (in Tennessee). The best place for you to meet is the cemetery in Niota, Tennessee, because if you go down there you will find Harry's grave and his Momma's grave.

"The day after Harry's vote the anti-group accosted him and he replied 'I had to, because a good boy always does what his mother asks him to do.'

"Let's pretend, tonight, that we're all down at Niota," Schweitzer said.

Small Turnout for 18th District Candidates

By Mike Steely
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Turnout for the League of Women Voters candidate forums Tuesday was low as four Republican candidates for the District 18 state legislative seat spoke at the East Tennessee History Center. Only a handful of people attended the forum, much like the turnout for a forum recently for county commission candidates in the First and Eighth Districts.

Early voting is underway and ends July 30. The Primary Election is August 4th, only two weeks away.

Tuesday's 18th District forum had the four candidates making statements and answering questions from the League of Women Voters and audience members. John North of WBIR moderated as the four men each declared their conservative principles. Within the small audience was Brandi Price, the Democratic nominee, who will face the winner of the Republican Primary.

President of the League of Women Voters, Rynn Dupes Rynn, welcomed the audience to the second in the series of forums.

Incumbent Martin Daniel is being challenged by former representative Steve Hall, attorney James Corcoran and Bryan Dodson, advisor to former state Senator Stacey Campfield.

While the candidates did agree on many issues there were some differences.

Corcoran was the only one to publically say he would have left the Hall Tax in place.

The Focus submitted a



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The four Republican candidates for the 18th District seat in the state legislature appeared at a forum Tuesday and answered questions from the League of Women Voters and the small audience.

question about possible state funding for the proposed Safety Center in Knox County and the candidates all agreed such a facility, an alternative to jail for mentally ill and drug abusers, should receive state funds. Daniel and Hall said they would introduce legislation to allot state funds for the project.

Asked about state-wide health care coverage Corcoran split with the other three and said he supports Insure Tennessee and noted that the state will eventually have to deal with the Affordable Health Care issue. He said the state is not currently taking advantage of the available federal funds.

Daniel said that Insure Tennessee doesn't currently have the votes to move forward. Hall said the state will have to do something this year and will be affected by the outcome of the presidential race, depending on who is elected. Dodson said he does not support Insure Tennessee and called it "socialized medicine" and said the plan would bankrupt the state.

The governor's proposal to outsource several state agencies to private companies saw Daniel remark that the people in the district are opposed to it unless there is clear evidence it would save money. Hall said he was opposed to outsourcing, especially when it involves UT employees.

Dodson said he favors outsourcing if it saves money and said that 20% of current state employees are not needed. Corcoran wondered how outsourcing would provide quality service and how a private company could make a profit from it. He urged caution in considering it.

Asked about Tennessee's abortion law, now that the similar Texas law has been struck down by the Supreme Court, all the candidates declared they are "Pro-Life" but varied in their comments.

Hall declared that abortion is "murder" and Dodson said 97% of abortions are "for convenience" and the national law needs to be overturned. Daniel said the state should wait and

see how the overturning of the Texas law concerns Tennessee.

All four candidates pledged to represent all residents in the district no matter what political party the people belong.

In closing Dodson recalled his "16 years" of public service and knocking on doors for Stacey Campfield. He said that citizens should be "unencumbered by government."

Hall said the legislative seat is "a service position" and said a representative should be easy to reach by constituents.

Daniel referred to Hall not by name but as the "former legislator" and called him the least effective member of the state house.

Corcoran said, if elected, he would focus on the opioid epidemic and said our area is the 8th most drug-ridden sections in the nation.

Another forum is scheduled for tonight, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the Emporium that features candidates for commission candidates for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Districts.

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Our Neighborhoods

Northeast Knox County Growing

By Mike Steely
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The recent release of the Northeast Sector Plan contains lots of information about the growth of that rural section of our changing county. The report was generated by the Metropolitan Planning Commission and focuses on past, current and future plans. But it doesn't tell the entire story.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe called recently for an economic summit this fall to focus on the East Towne area, which is struggling for recognition. He's asking everyone to reply to a survey at surveymonkey.com that focuses on both East Knoxville and the entire Northeast segment of the county.

The North East section of Knox County contains about 89 square miles and is the largest land mass within the 12 planning sectors. About 68% of the area is still zoned agricultural but that's changing.

The political influence of the North East Sector has

grown over recent years and has seen the final approval and construction of the Gibbs Middle School. County Commission District Eight occupies the majority of North East Knox County but two small pieces also fall into District One and District Seven. Major communities in the area include Gibbs, Ritta, Mascot and Corryton. Dave Wright, a Corryton resident, now sits as chairman of the Knox County Commission.

Over the last twenty years more than 8,000 new residents have moved to the area bringing the population to more than 27,000 as of 2010. The vast majority, 95 percent, of the employed residents don't work in their home sector.

The majority of residents are 45 years old or older and the growth in new homes and residents grew to more than 22% prior to 2010, higher than the 12% for the rest of the county. Over the next 15 years the Sector Plan estimates 5,300 to 11,100 new residents. The area is the 4th



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The ground around the Gibbs Middle School is being prepared for the construction of the school. The Northeast section of Knox County is growing, turning from rural agricultural to residential and commercial as various projects are planned for the area.

largest growth area in the county, just beyond the Southwest, Northwest and North sectors. If you consider all of North Knox County the area is growing quicker than the West sector.

The reason for the growth is the large amount of open land available as former farms and large holdings begin to disappear. About 50% of the available

land is considered prime farmland.

In order to accommodate the growth, the intersection of Tazewell Pike and Emory Road is being reworked and plans are underway to four-lane Washington Pike from the Target Store to Murphey Farm. Emory Road is developing in the area and, along with Rutledge Pike and Tazewell Pike, has become

a major pathway to and from the sector.

The MPC held three public meetings prior to the release of the plan and comments from citizens recognized the need to preserve the rural character of the area, the loss of farmland, expanding waste water control there, the commercial development around Harbison

Crossroads and concerns about the land use around Knoxville Center Mall.

Other suggestions included expanding the hours of operation at the Corryton Library, expanding parking at the House Mountain Park, connecting the Loves Creek Greenway to Walmart and retail stores, creating equestrian trails on farms, and access to the Holston River for non-motorized and public activity.

Historic sites in the area include the Nicholas Gibbs House, Alfred Buffat Homestead, Chesterfield, Strawberry Plains Civil War Fortifications, Arminda Store, Babeley House, Chamberlain-Little House, Legg-England House, Love-Cole House, Luttrell House, Mascot Mine Area, McBee Bridge and House, Miller Lutheran and Rising Sun Methodist Episcopal Church, Roseberry Creek Bridge, Sawyer-McBee House, Shipe House, Stoffel-Jenkins House, Strong-Kern House, and the Tarver-Cassady House.

Corryton Seniors are active

By Mike Steely
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The growing number of senior citizens in Knox County, estimated to be 21% of the population, has meant the creation of various Senior Centers in the county and city. There are

about 145,000 residents in the county over the age of 50 years and that number is increasing each day.

Senior Citizen Centers are scattered across the county and city. There're facilities at the John T. O'Connor Center on Winona, the

Larry Cox Center on Ocoee, the Strang Center on Lovell Heights, the South Center on Martel Lane, the Halls Center on Crippen Road, the Carter Center on Asheville Highway, and the Corryton Center on Davis Drive.

All of these centers

provide services, activities, and information for our growing senior population.

But the Corryton Center isn't your usual senior facility. The most northern and rural of the county's senior centers keeps a full calendar of activities, adventures,

and things to do.

A visit to the Corryton Senior Center on any day, Monday through Friday, finds folks there active and involved. The center, operated by Greg Hill and Jill Green, has daily events that vary from billiards and dominos to Zumba and Euchre. The facility is open from 7:30 until 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and from 8 p.m. until 4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On the schedule at Corryton Senior Center this week are various activities including billiards, dominos, Zumba, Euchre, Pinochle, quilting, crochet, cross stitch and S.A.I.L. Senior exercise classes.

On Friday, July 29, the Center will host an indoor yard and craft sale.

The center also hosts guest speakers and special presentations each

month including Final Expense Planning, hearing screenings, veterans' benefits, insurance consultations, scrapbooking, health screening, and much more.

On August 5, the seniors can visit the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and dine at Sweet P's Barbeque, and on September 16 they can attend Mayor Tim Burchett's Senior Appreciation Picnic at John Tarleton Park.

The Corryton center has an indoor walking track, an exercise room with commercial grade treadmills and elliptical machines and a multi-use gym. There're also two regulation sized pool tables, a computer center, an arts and crafts room and a meeting room.

More information can be obtained at (865)688-5882 or at www.knoxcounty.org/seniors/corryton.



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The Corryton Senior Center is located in the historic Corryton community and offers a variety of daily and weekly programs.

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Neighborhood Council hears from the new PARC director

By Mike Steely
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Clarence L. Vaughn, III, spoke to the Neighborhood Advisory Council at their monthly meeting at the Cansler YMCA. Vaughn, the new Executive Director for the Police Advisory and Review Committee, gave a brief summary of PARC and noted that he reports to Avice Reid, senior director of Community Relations, and to Mayor Madeline Rogero. Reid had headed PARC and replaced Thomas "Tank" Strickland as senior director in his new department.

Vaughn reminded the neighborhood leaders

that PARC became an official part of the city government in 2001. He said that PARC stands "in between" the public and the police department and the goal is to build trust between citizens and law enforcement.

He said that between 100 and 150 complaints are received and reviewed each year, most involving rudeness by individual officers. He said the committee works with the police department's internal affairs office. The complaints, Vaughn said, come from citizens upset by interactions with policemen

or from citizen advocates about police conduct.

"We live in a great city. We don't have the same issues that now face some cities," he said.

He said he'd like to "put more boots on the ground" in working with community outreach groups and said most complaints are acted upon within 48 hours. Vaughn also said that PARC works with Police Chief David Rausch and provides 16 hours of diversity training for police officers.

Becoming more visible in the community is a PARC goal and Vaughn mentioned social media as one way to

do so. He said the committee looks at officers accused in repeated complaints and said that information is shared with the police chief.

"We have some influence there," he said.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council also heard from Crista Cuccaro of the City Law Department and Zoning Chief Scott Elder on regulations on neighborhood entrance signs and a new proposal to allow some of those signs on city right-of-ways.



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PARC Director Clarence Vaughn addresses the Neighborhood Advisory Council as Debbie Sharp, Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator, listens.

The Real You

One of the challenges of living in a "selfie" world is that virtually everything is edited or scripted. You now have to have the perfect picture, caption, or speech. By putting out for all to see the perfect "you", you begin

to wonder if people would even like the real you. Due to this, we have trouble being truly authentic. This is not a modern problem. It has been going on since the beginning of humanity. Adam and Eve sinned against God and the first thing they did was to cover themselves with fig leaves and hide from God (Gen. 3). We have been covering and hiding ever since, fearful to show God and others our true selves.

Paul attempts to teach



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

the Corinthians the excellence of the new covenant compared to the old covenant (2 Cor. 3:13-18). Paul refers back to an incident from the Old Testament (Exodus 34:29-35) after Moses received the Ten

Commandments. When he came off Mount Sinai, his face was glowing. Moses did not want others to know that he was losing the glow from being in the presence of the glory-of-God. In order to cover the fading glory, he put a veil over his face. Like Moses, many of us wear a veil at times in order to hide truth about ourselves. Due to insecurity or fear, we want to hide our real self from others. When we sin and mess up, our first thought is not confession, but cover

up. We make excuses or justify our actions. So we put on a veil to hide, to filter our lives so others can't see the real me. Like Adam and Eve, we cover up our shame and imperfections. With social media, we can create versions of self to impress or control others.

So how can we remove our veils and expose the truth of who we really are? Paul told the Corinthians that when they turn to Christ, the veil is removed. You need the help of Christ because you can't do this by yourself. James wrote: "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed" (James 5:16). We don't confess sins to each other to get forgiveness; God takes care of that when we confess to Him. But we confess to each other so that our relationships can grow and be healed. Being real with others by sharing our secrets, struggles, and failures is part of the plan God uses for our healing.

What veils are you wearing? What image of your life are you portraying to others to cover up the real you? Be honest with others, but this doesn't mean you have to share everything on social media. All that you say needs to be true, but not everything true needs to be shared. Some people share too much on social media. When you are in the right place, at the right time, with the right person face to face, you can take down the veil and share.

Turn to Christ to remove the veil from your life. Get approval from His love, not how many people "like" you on Facebook. We live life for the approval of God, not others. Let His grace be enough and your identity in following Jesus.



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A busy Saturday morning at the Dixie Lee Farmers Market.

Nourish Knoxville celebrates National Farmers' Market Week

National Farmers Market Week is August 7-13, 2016. In celebration, farmers' markets across East Tennessee are hosting demonstrations, social media competitions, drawings, and more.

Farmers' markets are more than just an outlet for fresh produce and friendly farmers. According to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistics, these grassroots venues have increased in number by over 60% since 2009 to more than 8,500 today. These markets preserve farmland, stimulate local economies, increase access to fresh nutritious food, improve community health, and promote sustainability. For example, growers selling locally create 13 full-time farm operator jobs per \$1 million in revenue earned, while those that do not sell locally only create three. According to Pick Tennessee Products, Tennessee is home to more than 160 farmers' markets.

In addition to individual market events, Nourish Knoxville is sponsoring an Instagram competition with Farmers' Market Coalition "I heart farmers' markets" temporary tattoos. Customers or vendors can pick up a temporary tattoo at a participating market, place it on someone (or something!) and post a photo on Instagram with the hashtag #LoveMyETNmarket, tag @nourishknoxville, and name the market they love. Prizes will be given for the most "liked" posts and a judge's favorite. Deadline for submission is August 14, 2016. Details can be found on Nourish Knoxville's website, nourishknoxville.org.

Participating markets for the Instagram competition include:

Knoxville: Dixie Lee Farmers' Market,

Market Square Farmers' Market, New Harvest Park Farmers' Market, and UT Farmers' Market

Maynardville: Union County Farmers' Market

Morristown: Morristown Farmers' Market

"Farmers' markets are a central part of many communities, where farmers, artisans, chefs, and the public come together to enjoy and share some of their area's best produce, farm goods, foods, and more," says Charlotte Tolley, executive director of Nourish Knoxville. "In an increasingly global economy, farmers' markets are a very local affair, and communities are deservedly proud of what their particular market has to offer. We're excited to celebrate our individual communities as a part of Farmers' Market Week, while simultaneously showing off all that our region has to offer."

Each market has its own offerings and special programming. Customers can find a list of farmers' markets in East Tennessee in Nourish Knoxville's East Tennessee Local Food Guide, available at area stores and health departments, and online at nourishknoxville.org/local-food-guide/.

"Farmers' markets play a vital role in forming healthy, local food systems," says Jen Cheek, Executive Director of the Farmers' Market Coalition. "By providing the opportunity for farmers to connect directly with consumers, markets serve as education centers. Vendors are teaching customers about agriculture, sharing recipes, and exposing them to new foods. Markets are making people and communities stronger and healthier."

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Washington Widow: Mary Borah

Pages from the Past



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If there is anything sadder than a defeated and forgotten politician, it may well be a forgotten politician's widow.

Once powerful politicians who wielded enormous influence, attended by staff and an abundance of friends, oftentimes find themselves bereft when out of office and without favors to dispense. Many former friends disappear with the trappings of power. Governor Gordon Browning spent an afternoon visiting with Senator Kenneth McKellar when both were out of office. The two had long been bitter political enemies, but put aside their differences and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together. McKellar, once one of the most powerful men in the nation's Capitol was, according to Browning, merely a lonely old man without friends or attention.

For the widows of once powerful men, it was frequently even worse. Some were left without money and had to find not only something to do, but the means to live. A singular few managed to become celebrities in their own right and parlay being a fashionable hostess into much more, as Pamela Harriman did. Others kept up a busy social life in Washington society, vestiges of a time long since past.

Mary McConnell Borah was just such one widow, although her husband and family had left her enough money to live comfortably.

The daughter of Idaho's third governor, William J. McConnell, Mary McConnell was a beautiful and fragile young woman who caught the eye of William E. Borah, one of the most prominent and brilliant lawyers in the American West. Described as a "vivacious, blue-eyed blonde," Mary McConnell would certainly have been quite a catch for any man. Yet the Borah marriage may not have been as much the result of a deep abiding love than an unexpected pregnancy. For years, Washington women gossiped that Mary Borah had become pregnant before she was married to Bill Borah and had an abortion, which left her unable to bear children. Whether or not their union was one of love or convenience, the Borahs remained married for the rest of William Borah's life.

Born at the turn of the century, William Edgar Borah went west to make his fortune and he rose to prominence in 1907 while prosecuting a case involving the murder of Frank Steunenberg, a former Idaho governor, who had been killed by a bomb rigged to the front gate of his home.

By the time Borah served as a special prosecutor in the Steunenberg case,

Borah had already been elected to the United States Senate. Borah would become nationally known as a member of the United States Senate and was reputedly one of the very few senators who could influence the outcome of an issue through his oratory. A powerful speaker, Borah had a compelling personality and eventually became a living legend inside his adopted state.

Senator Borah was so highly esteemed in Idaho, he only attracted serious opposition once during his long career. Incumbent Governor C. Ben Ross challenged Borah in 1936, a year Franklin D. Roosevelt carried every state in the nation save for Vermont and Maine. Borah defeated Governor Ross easily while other Republican candidates went down to defeat. Following the 1936 election, there were only sixteen Republicans left in the Senate.

Borah's political independence was unquestioned and he was a progressive and considered a constitutional expert by many. Senator Borah was known for his personal frugality and his only indulgence seemed to be his fondness for expensive shoes. "The Lion of Idaho" would become one of the most famous senators of his time.

While Borah and his wife were frequently together, the senator disliked parties and most social occasions. He preferred to leave his office and spend his time in the spacious and comfortable apartment that was his home in Washington, D.C. Mary, known as "Little Borah," kept canaries and liked parties and social occasions as much as her husband disliked them.

Senator Borah was evidently not entirely anti-social. He found time to have an affair with Alice Roosevelt Longworth, eldest daughter of the late President Theodore Roosevelt and perhaps the most famous of all Washington widows.

Like Mary Borah, Alice Longworth outlived her politician husband by many decades. That affair would not have been all that unusual or extraordinary save for one fact: Alice Longworth became pregnant by Borah and gave birth to the senator's only child, Paulina. The Borah - Longworth affair was like most Washington secrets, not a secret at all, but the subject of intense gossip. One Washington wag thought Alice Longworth's daughter should be named "DeBorah." Others snickered about Paulina as "Aurora Borah Alice."

Alice's husband, Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, may have been one of the few Washingtonians who was unaware of Paulina's true



Mrs. Mary Borah, widow of Senator William E. Borah, photographed at age 104 in 1974. A photo of the late senator is prominently displayed

parentage, as he doted on his ostensible daughter.

Unfortunately, Paulina would live a troubled and sad life, which she ended either accidentally or on purpose.

Borah enjoyed horseback riding and would ride his horse every morning through Rock Creek Park. President Calvin Coolidge, noting Borah's reputation for being contrary, wondered how Borah could bring himself to travel in the same direction as the horse.

Borah, a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was a committed isolationist and refused to see the war clouds gathering over Europe as Adolf Hitler's aggression became more and more apparent. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull tried to reason with the stubborn Idaho senator who scoffed at their information, claiming his own sources of information were better and his "sources" may well have been merely British newsletters and magazines.

At seventy-four, William E. Borah apparently fell either in the shower or just after getting out of the shower. He hit his head, which was bleeding when Mary Borah found him. The senator died on January 19, 1940 following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Borah's body was taken back to Idaho where he was buried; one of the majestic peaks of the Lemhi mountain range is named for Borah and there is a monument to the "Lion of Idaho" in Boise.

Mary Borah would outlive her husband by almost forty years and live to the ripe old age of 105.

A Scripps-Howard writer wrote a column about Mary Borah in 1965 and noted the widow refused to reveal her age, but concluded she must be around ninety (she was actually around ninety-five at the time). Mrs. Borah lived in the same apartment she occupied with her late husband, attended by a maid who seemed to be every bit as old as she. Daisy Williams had been employed by Mrs. Borah for forty-five years in 1965.

The writer noted Mrs. Borah still kept her prized canaries and was "lively" and that she lived in "lonely comfort."

Mrs. Borah remembered

her husband fondly, telling the writer, "Billy was such a strong-minded man people just didn't realize all his warmth and kindnesses. He was a sweet man and a fine husband."

The widow Borah proceeded to talk about the late senator's favorite horse, Jester, whom the Lion of Idaho referred to as "the Old Philosopher." Mrs. Borah recounted how the senator especially liked to ride Jester when he had something important on his mind and would let go of the reins and allow himself to be carried whenever the horse wanted to go. One day when caught up in his thoughts, a squirrel scurried by the horse, startling him and Jester reared and quite nearly tossed the senator out of the saddle. Senator Borah used a switch on the horse's hind end, which injured Jester's feelings. Borah was astonished when Jester refused to even look at him and turned his head away when the senator offered the traditional lump of sugar he always provided after every ride.

Senator Borah was upset that Jester was unhappy with him and tried to cajole the horse by petting him and even tried to comfort his sullen companion with sweet talk. Borah was so upset he confided his unhappiness to his wife and found he couldn't keep his attention on his work. Borah left the Senate to return to the stables and eventually Jester forgave the Lion of Idaho, nuzzled the senator and accepted a lump of sugar. Borah never used a switch on Jester again and they remained friends until the senator's death.

Largely confined to her apartment by old age and her infirmities, Mrs. Borah was philosophical, saying, "But I'm so lucky. Most of my friends are gone or are bedridden."

After a moment, Mrs. Borah added, "Sometimes I think I'm a good deal like Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. I could never have dreamed of being shut in, unable to go where I wanted to go."

When asked if she thought she would have been happier had she returned to live in her native Idaho after her husband's death, Mrs. Borah replied, "I tried it and stayed almost a year, but Washington called me. My interests, his interests,

were here. Every Friday, as long as I could, I went to St. Elizabeth's to visit with the boys there. They needed me and I needed them, too. I started going after World War I - - - just to see Idaho boys, but I accumulated friends from everywhere."

Mrs. Borah had made weekly visits to St. Elizabeth's, a mental hospital in the Capitol.

The widow Borah admitted that the young men and friends she had made at St. Elizabeth's was one of the reasons she had decided to return to live in Washington, D. C.

"Those visits and the pull of friendships here brought me back to Washington. I couldn't stay away," she admitted.

Her soft voice trailing, she added, "But now my generation has gone."

Mary Borah had another twelve years to live.

In 1976, the University of Idaho Press published her memoirs, "Elephants and Donkeys," recalling her memories of the famous people she had known during her time in Washington.

When she was 101, Mary Borah participated in something of an oral history and her memories were recorded. Increasingly frail, she moved to Beaverton, Oregon where she lived in a nursing home.

Despite her age, Mrs. Borah remained a lively conversationalist, recalling when her grandmother had taken her, without the permission of her parents, to have her examined by a specialist, as the grandmother thought infant Mary was "disfigured."

Mrs. Borah recalled her experience in buying an "expensive" gown for a White House dinner. Mrs. Borah had not even considered what color gown she would wear and noted the salesgirl rapidly lost interest in her.

The "young thing" who was the salesgirl lazily inquired, "Is the dinner you're going to a formal dinner?"

"I presume so," Mrs. Borah replied. "It's at the White House."

The salesgirl suddenly became much more interested. She then thought to ask her client's name and when she discovered Mary was the wife of Senator Borah, her attitude underwent an astonishing transformation.

Mrs. Borah emerged with a beautiful pink gown, but she feared the thrifty Senator Borah would have a fit when he got the bill. Much to her surprise, Senator Borah told her he wanted her to have the nicest gown possible and seemed indifferent to the cost.

A painting of Mrs. Borah wearing the gown later graced the dress shop.

Perhaps the most poignant part of Mrs. Borah's interview was her memories following the death of Senator Borah. She said Idaho "had changed, everything had changed."

The interview, conducted on October 15, 1971, revealed Mrs. Borah lived in the nursing home with her sister.

Mary McConnell Borah lived until 1975 when she passed away at 105.

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A DVR Life

Like millions of people in this country, I remember a time before television. When a tv set found its way to our house, it was a boxy, metallic gadget that weighed about as much as a gun safe. Over the years, we've witnessed the growth of programming from three channels to thousands and a plethora of shows that compete for our attention. Even when we "can't find anything to watch," the DVR offers another group of shows for our entertainment. Wouldn't it be something if we could run our lives on some kind of DVR?

Just imagine what we could do with a DVR life. First of all, we could re-run or fast forward through all sorts of stuff. How many times have people whispered, "If I could only go back and do that over?" When a mistake is made, all we'd have to do is hit a button and then re-do things. Hurtful words and actions would be wiped away, and life would be a happier, less stressful thing. If we're too lazy, we can simply fast-forward past the situation. Perhaps such abilities could put an end to wars, divorces, economic failures, or domestic abuses. Just this past week, our country could have used a rewind button to undo the deaths of citizens and police officers.

Folks would also use the "Pause" button often. We could hold on to those happy times in our lives. I think about the birth of my children and the wedding



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of my daughter as times I'd like to have stopped for a while. An event when all our family members are present would be another time we'd hold on to. I know that some of those ball games that Dallas played would be on the pause list, and I would like to enjoy once again times when my grandson was small and loved everything I did. I could stop them and savor the moments just a bit more.

The fact of the matter is that we don't have the ability to enjoy DVR lives. No, we're put on earth to draw breaths and make choices that have consequences. It's what's called "choice." Oh, sometimes outside forces or individuals bring about events not of our making, but for the most part, each of us is in control of what happens in life. As masters of our fates, we rarely have anyone else to blame for the messes along the way. At the same time, our personal decisions can bring about much joy.

A DVR life defeats the sweetness of existence. Sure mistakes are costly, but they also are instructive. As a teen, I drove my mother's car home from an event on a rainy night. I came to a stop sign and decided to give the 383 engine the gas. The next thing I knew, the world was spinning by as the car twirled down the rain-soaked pavement. After what seemed to be

an eternity, the back end of the vehicle thumped and came to rest in a ditch. From that point on, I learned the danger of an auto and my limits to control it.

The same thing is true throughout our lives. We learn from the bone-headed things we do. The same is true with sadness. The loss of a pet helps a child to prepare for losses in the future. We learn to be strong in the face of our loved one's passing. Losing a job can teach us about ourselves and what is truly important in our day-to-day lives. Setbacks can really be God's way of telling us that we need to rely on something more than ourselves, or they can lead us to finding a better, more fulfilling way of making a living.

The rough patches in life are the very things that teach us most. Few of us have much desire to learn when everything is going well. As crazy as it might sound, being able to pause good times or fix past mistakes cheapens happiness. Show me a person who is always happy, and I'll show you a bored man or woman. The low times make happiness more precious. I suppose that having a DVR life would cheat us out of a complete existence.



Picture of geese by Ralphine Major.

Summer's Moving On!

Hot sweltering days, stormy afternoons and fireflies lighting up the summer evenings. We are in the middle of July and what is often called the dog days of summer. Those familiar summer scenes we wait all year long to enjoy will soon be giving way to others. Neatly planted rows of corn, beans, and tomatoes in vegetable gardens and golden hayfields that have been transformed into square bales or big round ones remind me that it is only for a season.

It is hard to believe that school supplies are already filling the store shelves, and a countdown of days until the start of a new football season has



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already begun. I check my calendar and see so many unfinished stories to complete before I turn the page to a new month—one that will symbolize the end of so many activities we have enjoyed in recent months and the unofficial start of new ones.

One of my favorite memories from years ago was the family of geese that once dotted the green

pastures. They would wander all the way over to the other side of the field and graze during the day. When evening came, they would begin their march, almost in single file, back to the barn. Cars would often stop to watch them, and some would even take pictures. It was quite an event to see—and one that I now miss.

The scenes of summer are moving on. Enjoy the moments while you can. They will turn into autumn before we know it, and a new season will begin.

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

CAK's Tyler Williamson (gold shirt) battles with West High's Daniel Leadbetter for the ball in 7-on-7 action Thursday night at Bearden. Williamson will look to make an impact for the Warriors on both offense and defense this season.

Football season opens with Kickoff Classic

By Ken Lay

The 2016 high school football season will get underway with the KOC High School Kickoff Classic on Thursday, Aug. 11 at Hardin Valley Academy.

Opening night begins with Anderson County taking on Powell in a matchup featuring one-time District 3-AAA rivals. Gibbs will then face Austin-East. Coach Brad Conley has shaped the Eagles into constant playoff contenders while the Roadrunners, coached by Jeff Phillips, are coming off their most successful season since 2011.

Carter will then play The King's Academy and the first night concludes as the host Hawks tangle with Central. HVA and the Hawks each made the playoffs last season.

On Friday, Aug. 12, action moves to West High School where Halls will take on Lenoir City; Bearden will then take on South-Doyle. The host Rebels will play Karns.

Fulton tangles with Campbell County before Farragut and Webb will conclude play.

Notable Friday night storylines: Halls made a playoff run in 2015 while Lenoir City has missed the playoffs in each of the last three seasons.

The Bulldogs went 6-5 last season while the Cherokees are coming off an 0-10 campaign.

Brad Taylor, a former Bearden head coach, will make his debut as Karns High's coach. Taylor replaces Tobi Kilgore, who is now the school's athletic director.

The Falcons won the Class 4A State Championship before being dethroned by region rival Catholic last season. Campbell County also made the playoffs last season.

The Admirals won 10 games and claimed the Region 3-5A title in 2015 while the Spartans, plagued by lack of numbers last season, made it to the postseason, but had its run of Division II-A State Championships ended last year.

Bearden 7-on-7 tourney ushers in Mozingo Era for CAK football

By Ken Lay

A new era formally began for Christian Academy of Knoxville Thursday night when the Warriors participated in a 7-on-7 passing league tournament at Bearden High School's newly renovated Bill Young Field.

CAK, which has emerged as one of the top Class 3A football teams in East Tennessee, began playing for its new coach. Travis Mozingo is the new head coach for the Warriors.

He replaces Rusty Bradley, who departed for University School of Jackson following the 2015 season.

Bradley guided the Warriors to several deep postseason runs during his tenure and won a pair of consecutive Class 3A State Championships in 2011 and 2012.

CAK's football program is now in Mozingo's hands and the new coach couldn't be happier.

"We've had a great

summer and most of that time has been spent getting to know the kids and they've also gotten to know me," said Mozingo, who came from Georgia and arrived at his new school just in time to run spring practice. "This is great for us because we're getting closer to the start of the season.

"As a coach, the closer you get to the start of the season, the more you focus on things. We're getting closer and this is

just great."

Bradley may have left the warriors after taking them to new heights but he didn't leave Knoxville for West Tennessee when the cupboard was bare at CAK.

And Mozingo knows this and he knows it well.

"We have some great guys," he said.

One of those guys is senior quarterback Cole Smith. Smith became the starting field general

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Precious Johnson's track career to get a restart at TWU

By Steve Williams

Patience comes in handy as West High graduate Precious Johnson teaches a dozen third graders in the Summer Time Enrichment Program at the Wesley House Community Center.

The former KIL track star, who missed her senior season after undergoing hip surgery Jan. 21, has needed even more patience waiting for her body to heal so she can run again. She hasn't made it back to the starting line yet, but she is on the downhill side of the comeback trail.

Johnson signed scholarship papers Tuesday morning (July 12) with Tennessee Wesleyan University. TWU assistant coach Sam Roberts, former high school head

coach at West and Oak Ridge, was on hand to get her signature.

It was a very happy moment for Precious. She can hardly wait to race again. She still has her goals and big dreams, too.

Johnson was one of the top sprinters in the state as a junior in 2015, winning the 400-meter dash in the KIL meet for the second year in a row and placing fifth in the 400 at the state. She also took first place in the 200 at the KIL meet in 2015.

But she had been dealing with a hip injury since the state meet of her sophomore season.

"I had a labral tear on my hip," said Precious, explaining what led to her surgery. "Last fall I was running and I just felt something

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Precious Johnson's track comeback takes a big step forward as she signs scholarship papers with Tennessee Wesleyan University Tuesday (July 12) at West High. Looking on at the signing are TWU assistant coach Sam Roberts, mother Michelle Johnson and sister Chenani Johnson.

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Area tennis stars receive KIL, State honors

By Ken Lay

The all-Knoxville Interscholastic League tennis teams were packed with players who hail from West Knox County.

The county's top area boys and girls players were honored by area coaches recently.

Webb School of Knoxville's girls team had another stellar campaign. The Lady Spartans had a perfect 15-0 season in 2016 and won a seventh consecutive Division II-A State Team Championship. The title put Webb into the state record book as the Lady Spartans became the first team in history to win seven consecutive state championships.

Webb had four players named to the all-KIL girls squad and three of those players are slated to return for the 2017 campaign. Senior Diana Grandas was selected to the squad along with teammates Carina Dagotto, Lauren Yoon and Anna Wisniewski.

Grandas, Webb's No. 5 singles player and lone senior, teamed up with Caroline Ross. Together, that duo won the Division II-A doubles championship.

Ross/Grandas and Yoon/Wisniewski were named to the Tennessee Sportswriters Association's all-state tennis team as the top Division II-A doubles teams.

Catholic High School, meanwhile, won the Class A/AA State Championship for the first time in school history. The Lady Irish were represented on the team by sisters Sara and Erin Allen.

In addition to leading Catholic to a state team title, Sara and Erin claimed a Class A/AA State Doubles Title. Sara and Erin made the Tennessee Sportswriters Association all-state team as one of the state's top doubles tandems.

Bearden had three girls selected to the squad. The Lady Bulldogs made the Class AAA State Tournament for the third consecutive season. They had Julia Adams, Brittany Foust and Veronica Allen named to the squad. Adams and Foust made the state doubles tournament this season.

Farragut junior Hannah Price received all-county accolades after making the State Tournament for the second straight year.

Hardin Valley Academy's Maggie Kohlbusch and Sophia Chu also made the team.

The all-KIL boys team was comprised solely of west side area players.

Bearden, Webb and Hardin Valley all had three selections.

The Bulldogs were represented by Charlie Adams, Griffin Davis and Grayson Marlow. Adams and Davis combined to win the Class AAA State Doubles Championship.

Webb's Harrison Williams, Preston Yoon and Ohm Sharma were named to the team after the Spartans finished second in the Division II-A State Tournament.

Spencer Chaloux, Josh Ott and Derek Ott were named to the team from the Hawks. Chaloux leaves HVA as the school's winningest player in singles.

Christian Academy of Knoxville had two selections in Ethan Fussell and Reed Bristow. Together, they team to post a runner-up finish in the Class A/AA State Tournament.

West High's Aubrey Davis and Matthew Maynard were named to the team after a stellar career for the Rebels. They won two consecutive Class AAA State Doubles titles before being dethroned by Griffin Davis and Adams in the Region 2-AAA Championship match in 2016.

Catholic's Jacob Lorino and Farragut's Gary Carter were selected to the squad after making appearances in their respective state tournaments.

All-State Honors: Adams and Griffin Davis were named to the TSWA's all-state team along with Bristow and Fussell. Preston Yoon and Williams also received all-state recognition. Those players were honored in doubles.

Lorino and Sharma were named to their respective singles squads.

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midway through his freshman year in 2013. He emerged as one of the area's top passers in Bradley's potent aerial attack.

Smith endured some growing pains during his first season with the Warriors but showed flashes of brilliance. As time went on, he became one of the county's elite quarterbacks. He's had several 400-plus yard passing games and has thrown more than his share of touchdown passes.

"We have some great players, especially Cole," Mozingo said. "He's really good."

The passing league tournaments serve as a call to step up preparation for the upcoming 2016 campaign, which is now



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

CAK head coach Travis Mozingo on the sideline of Thursday night's passing league competition at Bearden High School. Mozingo takes over for Rusty Bradley, who departed for University School of Jackson following the 2015 season.

approximately one month away.

The Warriors, who went 11-2 in 2015 and

reached the Class 3A State quarterfinals before losing to rival Alcoa (which also defeated CAK during

the regular season), will open the 2016 season at Livingston Academy on Friday, Aug. 19.

Local women's soccer team claims conference title

By Ken Lay

The Knoxville Force women's soccer team may have had its struggles during the 2016 regular season.

But fortunately things didn't end there for Knoxville's resident women's semi-pro soccer squad.

The Force, who went 2-6-1 during the regular season, picked up a pair of playoff wins recently in Lawrenceville, Georgia and those victories netted Knoxville a Southeast

Conference Championship and assured it a spot in the Women's Premier Soccer League Regional Tournament in Jacksonville, Florida. The tournament opens on July 24. Game time and opponent were unavailable at press time.

The Force opened conference tournament play on July 9 with a 3-2 victory over the top-seeded Atlanta Silverbacks. Knoxville, which lost the regular-season meeting against Atlanta during the regular campaign,

prevailed in the conference tournament match at Georgia Gwinnett College on a hot and sultry day.

In that match, Knoxville got goals from University of Tennessee player and midfielder Anna Bialczak, Michaela Dooley and Madison Salters.

After dispatching the regular-season champion Silverbacks, the Force earned a shutout victory over the Gulf Coast Texans.

Kelly Pannell and Sarah Price had Knoxville's

markers in a 2-0 win over the Texans.

The playoff victory avenged an earlier loss to the Texans. The teams also played to a draw in another match in June.

The Force has now won four games heading in to Jacksonville and three of Knoxville's victories have been shutouts. The Force, coached by Maryville College men's coach Pepe Fernandez, has blanked Gulf Coast, rival FC Nashville and Alabama in 2016.

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pop."

During the surgery, the doctor also discovered a bone that needed to be shaved down.

Recovery time can be 10 months up to a year.

Johnson was homebound for eight weeks and on crutches for a while when she returned to school.

"I'm still not up to 100 percent yet and I'm having therapy two times a week. I'll be going back to see my doctor soon and he should be releasing me to run.

"It may take me awhile to get back to where I was, but surely and slowly I think I will."

Being sidelined this past season also hurt emotionally. "I broke down a lot of times," Precious admitted.

Getting calls from teammates about times they had run or where they ranked also was difficult to deal with, because she too had set goals

and times she wanted to run her senior year.

"I actually had to make myself go to one track meet," she said. "I had to support my team. But just watching them made me think, 'I can't believe I'm not running,' because I had goals set and times I wanted to run."

After her surgery, Johnson also had to deal with many of her college offers being taken off the table.

Without track, Johnson was still in the National Honor Society and Key Club and involved in volunteer work.

"I got a job and pretty much focused on school and tried to support my team," she said.

"My goal right now is to get through with therapy and get back on the track. I'm going to take things slowly because I don't want this to happen again. I'll try to get back up to where I was with my speed. I know I can do it.

"Hopefully, with this getting fixed,

my times will be a lot faster."

Johnson still hopes she can be in the Olympics one day.

"I have a lot of goals set for myself in track and nursing," she said. "I just have to stay strong and focused."

Meanwhile, Precious has a few days remaining with her kids at the Wesley House.

"What makes this program different from other summer programs is we do a lot of curriculum work - math, reading, social zone and the tech lab where they work on typing," she said.

Her students have heard about their teacher's track talents.

"They think I can get out there and race now," she said. "They wanted to know where I was on the day of my signing."

Precious plans to be back next summer and her kids most likely will then get that race. But like their teacher, they just have to be patient.



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A yummy performance leads Karns All-Stars to title



By Steve Williams

With "Cookie" leading the way, you could call Karns' win over Maryville in the District 6 Little League championship game a sweet one.

Christian Pratt, better known as "Cookie" on the baseball field, pitched a one-hitter and belted a grand slam to lead the 10-0 victory in the 12-year-old division at Karns on Saturday, June 9.

Pratt said a former coach, Bruce Adkisson, gave him the nickname when he was 7 or 8 years old.

"I walked in wearing a Cookie Monster hat one day, and he said, 'That's your new nickname.'" recalled Christian. It stuck.

It also has spread.

"We call his little brother (Easton) Cookie crumb, and I'm papaw Cookie," said Douglas, listening in on the post-game interview.

Karns will travel to Gallatin later this week to play in the State Little

League tournament, the next step on the road that leads to Williamsport and the annual summer World Series. Karns' first-round opponent Saturday will be Goodlettsville.

Cookie, a rising 8th grader at Karns Middle School, finished 3 for 3 at the plate with six RBI. His base-clearing home run highlighted a six-run second inning. He added a pair of doubles.

On the mound, the 5-7, 165-pounder struck out eight. Maryville managed only a double in the third inning. Coach Nathan Haugstad's team reached the 10-run mercy rule in the bottom of the fourth.

"Our pitching wasn't there and errors cost us the game," said Maryville Coach Brian Dutton, finishing up his 14th year in the Maryville LL program. "We had six errors. Karns pitched really well. Pratt did an excellent job."

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The Karns All-Stars (12-year-old division) rolled past Maryville to wrap up the District 6 Little League baseball tournament championship on June 9 at Karns. Front row (left to right): Jackson Adkisson, Jamie Bell, Nolan Wright, Trent Chandler, Jacob McMahan, Hayden Gallop and Ben Smith. Second row: Clayton Haugstad, Cole Barnes, Christian Pratt, Tyler Nettles, Simon Tesh and Jackson Hurst. Coaches: Brian Tesh, Nathan Haugstad and Taco Bell.

PHOTO BY SUSAN BARNES

Homerin' Hagen, Powell product, is livin' up to No. 44

By Steve Williams

The No. 44 in baseball has been associated with home runs since Hammerin' Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves moved past Babe Ruth for the major league career lead in 1974.

That number is doing well these days too for Powell High product Hagen Owenby at East Tennessee State University. The Buccaneers' No. 44 recently won the TD Ameritrade College Baseball Home Run Derby. Just call him Homerin' Hagen.

Owenby, a 6-1, 211-pound sophomore catcher, belted 46 home runs in the three rounds of competition and outhit Joe Davis of Houston 13-12 in the final round at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, the home of the College Baseball World Series since 2011. The former Powell Panther had to hit three homers in the final 30 seconds to pull out the win.

His victory on July 3 gave ETSU its second winner in the seven-year history of the derby - Paul Hoilman won in 2010 - and with that distinction the Buccaneers' program has officially been labeled "Home Run University."

Hoilman also wore No. 44. "The number 44 has been worn by some great players over the last few years at ETSU, and I am fortunate to have it rub off on me," said Owenby, who blasted a record-setting 23 homers in the first round.

"Big Paul Hoilman wore this number and Clinton Freeman took over the jersey after him. Those are two tremendous Buccaneers to wear the Blue and Gold. It's a pleasure for me to come out here tonight and continue that legacy. Tonight was

awesome and a great experience."

ETSU Coach Tony Skole pitched to both Hoilman and Owenby in their HR Derby victories.

Willie McCovey and Reggie Jackson are two other retired major league sluggers who wore No. 44.

Owenby was honored as a second-team Louisville Slugger All-American this past season and selected first-team All-Southern Conference. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 14th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft last month.

After the HR Derby, the Knoxville native returned to the Cape Cod Baseball League, a high-profile summer league in Massachusetts for college players, as a member of the Chatham Anglers.

"I actually do not remember my first-ever home run, but I wish I could," Owenby said when asked about his first homer in youth baseball growing up in Knoxville.

"My most memorable home run in high school was the first-ever home run I hit in the first game my freshman year."

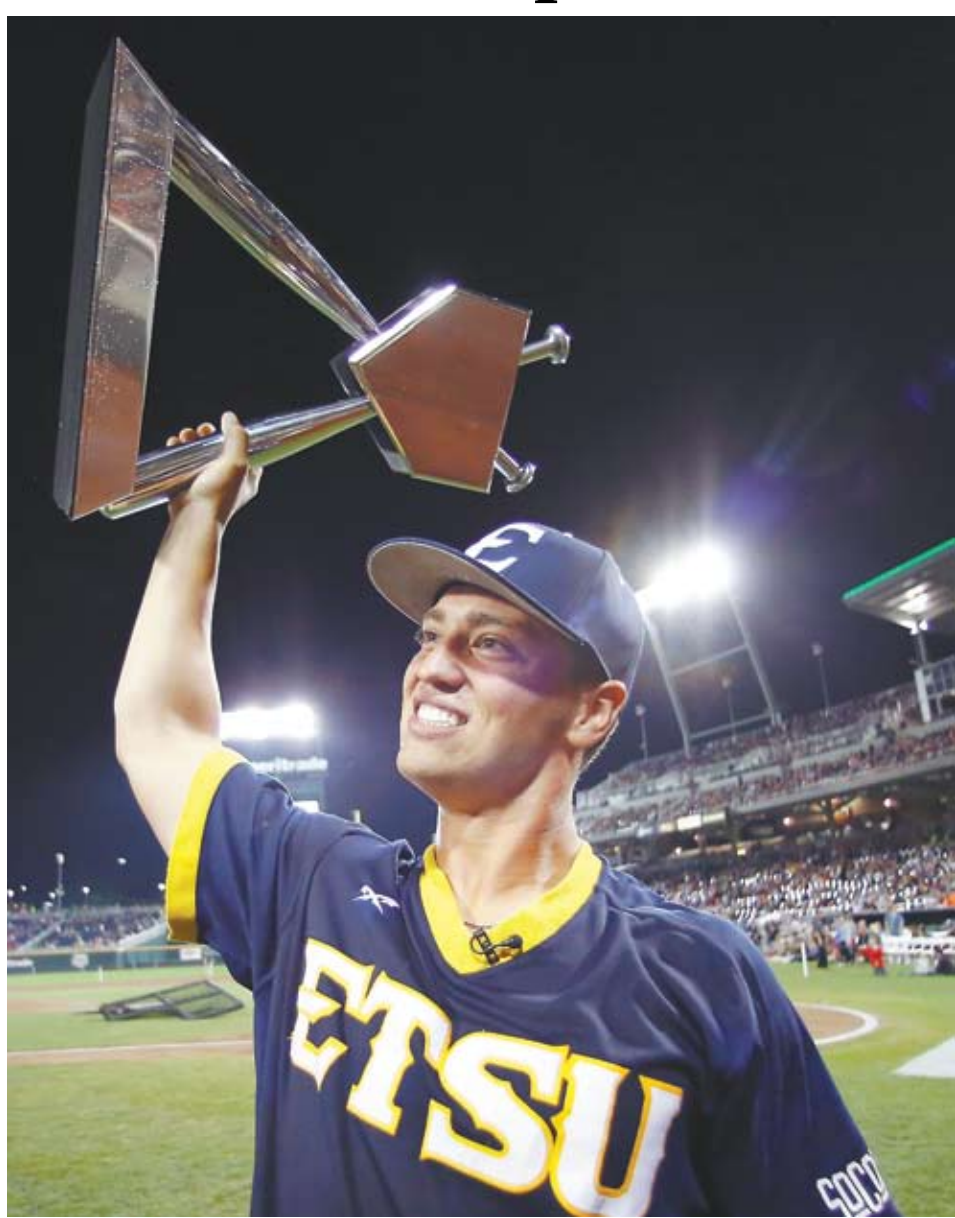
A two-sport standout in football and baseball at Powell High, Hagen also hit a homer in his first collegiate game against Eastern Kentucky in 2015 and went on to be named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American.

His 47 starts were the most for a true freshman, with 39 coming as catcher and the other eight as DH.

In 171 at-bats as a college rookie, Owenby hit .310 with a slugging percentage of .497.

Owenby's power numbers improved as

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Knoxville native Hagen Owenby, a sophomore at East Tennessee State University, celebrates winning the TD Ameritrade College Home Run Derby July 3 in Omaha.

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Our National Anthem, Old Glory and just getting along

With the United States of America's birthday, the Fourth of July, not too far behind us, it's a good time of the year to bring up one of our oldest traditions



By Steve Williams

in sports – the playing of our National Anthem.

As you know, for many, many years now, our Anthem has been played before the first pitch or opening kickoff or tipoff, or prior to the start of whatever the sporting event may be. We hear it at high school, college and professional games, and when we do, we know the game is about to begin.

It hasn't always been that way. Watching "Baseball – A Film by Ken Burns," a documentary I highly recommend to anyone who would enjoy watching the history of baseball and its growth through the decades, I recently learned the Star-Spangled Banner made its debut in the "seventh inning stretch" of the 1918 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs.

At this time in history, the United States was nearing victory in World War I. The playing of the Star-Spangled Banner that day stirred the patriotic fans on hand and really stole the show from the game itself. It would be played in every game in that World Series and at every game from that point on, which was years before the USA officially made Francis Scott Key's battle song our National Anthem in 1931.

How do you spend those three minutes or so when our Anthem is playing? The first thing I do is remove my cap and put my hand over my heart. (It disappoints me that some public address announcers feel it necessary to remind the young men in the stands to do this, but that's the world we live in.)

I'm ashamed I still don't know all the words of our Anthem. Maybe one day I'll take the time to learn them. As it is now, I may sing a few bars and hum through a few others or I may just listen.

I prefer when a soloist sings our Anthem in a conventional way and refrains from bringing attention to him or herself. I love it when a lady hits those high notes. And I was really

impressed by the children's choir that sang at Fort Bragg, N.C., when the Braves and Marlins played in front of the military. That was absolutely beautiful and baseball should do that more often.

Sometimes in those three minutes, I might count my blessings and say a little prayer. In the past, when I have officiated games, I've said a little prayer for me and my partners and asked Him to protect all those in the game from injury.

I've heard and read where some folks think the National Anthem should be stopped from being played at sporting events and that it's a song that glorifies war and military action.

I see it as a way to salute our Armed Forces who are serving our country and protecting our freedom and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I'll take peace over war any day, but unfortunately we're not all on the same page in this world in that regard and we need a strong defense when evil ways threaten our Land of the Free and Home of the Brave.

Have you noticed like me that here lately Old Glory has been spending a lot of time waving at half-staff. It's understandable when our Stars and Stripes have to be slowly lowered for natural disasters or deaths of great leaders in our country, but when man-made events take the lives of innocent human beings, it is a crying shame.

We have seen way too much of that in our country lately. It's even gotten to the point that our country has reached out to respected sports figures to speak out for making better choices.

The recent racial unrest that led to innocent lives being lost is senseless. Maybe those in sports can help. After all, based on my observations, in this day and age, sports is one walk of life where people of different color get along with each other better than in any other. For the most part, they're brothers or sisters on the same team and with the same purpose.

That's the way it should be from sea to shining sea.

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sophomore as he led ETSU with 17 home runs (ranking 18th in the nation) and a .660 slugging percentage. He ranked second on the team with 60 RBI. In 235 at-bats, his average also climbed to a team-high .374 with 16 doubles and 46 runs scored.

The durable Owenby started all 57 games this past spring, had a .987 fielding percentage and threw out 13 of 60 base stealers as the Buccaneers finished 27-30 overall and 13-11 in Southern Conference play.

Owenby told The Knoxville Focus Saturday, "I have chosen to play one more year in college."

Having No. 44 back for another year has to be good news for "Home Run University."

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The Vols are Back... Will They Be Better?

By Alex Norman

Tennessee head coach Butch Jones, and seniors Josh Dobbs, Jalen Reeves-Maybin and Cameron Sutton are in a much different situation today than the one they faced in 2013.

Back then they were getting started on the rebuilding process in Knoxville... a first year coach and three freshmen trying to find a way to keep the Vols out of the SEC East basement.

Fast forward to last week when those four arrived at the SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama, with Tennessee the presumptive favorite to win the SEC's Eastern Division for the first time in nearly a decade.

Yes, the times are a-changing...

"You look back at it and Cameron Sutton was my roommate freshman year," said Dobbs. "Jalen, Cam and I are all close. I look back on the times in the dorm room where we talked about where we wanted to get to at this time in our careers. It is really great to look up and see what we have

done and what is yet to be done. It is definitely exciting to look back at that class (of 2013) and at the guys who are still productive and competing on the field for us. That class was Coach Jones' first class and we have definitely done a lot for the program and we look forward to this season and finishing strong."

"You want those expectations. I think it's a compliment to everyone in our program of how far we've come," said Jones. "It's not where you start, it's where you finish. But I think it is a compliment in how we've grown and developed this football program. That's why you come to the University of Tennessee. That's why you coach at the University of Tennessee. You want those expectations. But like I said, Team 120 has not played one down. We're responsible for what we create on a daily basis. And that's kind of been our theme, is control the controllables."

The Vols have shown improvement each season in the Butch Jones era, from 5 wins and no bowl game in 2013, to 7 wins including a TaxSlayer Bowl

victory in 2014, to 9 wins with an Outback Bowl triumph in 2015. That ascension, along with tons of returning talent (9 starters on offense and 8 on defense are back) puts Tennessee back in the spotlight.

"They've seen what we've done and what we have coming back," said Maybin. "We're focused on our preparation, our setbacks, and what we've got coming up. We're coming in to playing Tennessee football."

"I am excited for the upcoming season. I am excited to get back on the field and compete again," said Dobbs. "Our goals and expectations for ourselves are getting better each and every game of the season. How can we be the best football players we can possibly be by September 1st (season opener against Appalachian State)? We are pushing ourselves every day trying to find the one thing to make us better. It has been a great mindset for our team and we will be ready when the first game comes around."

The Vols will play the "Battle at Bristol" on September 10th against

Virginia Tech. That game will be held at Bristol Motor Speedway in front of what is expected to be the biggest crowd to ever watch a college football game. That contest aside, the biggest game on the UT schedule comes on September 24th when the Vols host Florida. It is well documented that Tennessee has lost 11 straight games at the hands of their Gainesville rivals. Some of the Gators players have engaged in trash talk in recent weeks on social media. At least for now, the Vols aren't getting into a war of words.

"I don't really get into that or get involved in that," said Sutton. "That's not my priority or something I worry about, but obviously we see it because a lot of our guys are connected to social media and it's something we cannot really turn ourselves from, but we have a lot more to worry about than just that."

Tennessee is still a couple of weeks away from opening fall camp. Anticipation grows each and every day. We'll find out soon enough if they are worthy of the hype.

A yummy performance leads Karns All-Stars to title

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Christian said he felt "pretty good" about his performance. "It's been awhile since I did something good like that," he added.

Pratt was most pleased with his pitching but did say the grand slam was "better than two doubles."

After two outs in the opening inning, back-to-back doubles by Simon Tesh and Pratt gave Karns a 1-0 lead.

Maryville's defense again was one out from escaping trouble in the second inning but back-to-back errors with the bases loaded allowed two runs to score. Pratt then made it really hurt with his grand slam.

Jackson Adkisson walked and scored on a passed ball in the third to make it 8-0. Hayden Gallop raced home on a double by Pratt and special pinch runner Nolan Wright tallied Karns' 10th run on Adkisson's bad-hop grounder to end the game.

Pratt has been specializing in baseball lately but said he's going to start playing football again in the future. His dad, Chris, said his son played in the Karns youth football program until about three years ago and did pretty well as a middle linebacker and fullback.

And in football, Coach Adkisson probably would call Pratt "Cookie Monster Man" on defense!



Christian "Cookie" Pratt pitches in Karns' title-clinching win in the District 6 Little League tournament. Pratt hurled a one-hitter and drove in six runs in the 10-0 win over Maryville.

State LL tourney (11s) at Karns this week

By Steve Williams

Karns is hosting the State Little League (11-year-old division) baseball tournament this week.

Eight teams from across the state won district championships to qualify for the tournament, including Karns, which captured

the District 6 title.

In that district, Karns and Maryville played a best 2 out of 3 series. Maryville won the first game 7-5, but Karns came back to post wins of 13-1 and 11-1.

The state tourney was scheduled to start this past Saturday with

Tullahoma playing Greenville in the opener.

Other first-round games on the schedule were Galatin vs. Goodlettsville, Madison Central vs. Johnson City and Karns vs. Montgomery Central in the nightcap.

It is a double-elimination tourney.

The winners' bracket finals are scheduled to be played Tuesday night at 6.

The finals will be Thursday night at 7, unless an "if necessary" game has to be played Friday at 7.

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The Blue Line

I became acquainted with the term “blue line stream” while trying to develop our property in Knox County. The wet weather drainage ditch at the back of our property was deemed a protected waterway by the Knoxville “EPA” acolytes. Mosquitos must be allowed a summertime stagnant water habitat.

We are water creatures, and astronomers continue to search for evidence of water in our solar system and beyond, believing water is a prerequisite for life. Carl Sagan and others have tried to imagine life based on a molecule other than H2O. In his book “Cosmos,” Sagan hypothesized balloon-like creatures floating amidst the hydrogen clouds of Jupiter. And because silicon is chemically similar to carbon, others have imagined silicon based lifeforms.

to flowing water more so than the sea. Perhaps it’s the Smoky Mountains in my soul. Rivers and streams have always been important for life-giving water. Later in history, controlling water, such as the annual flooding of the Nile, and the irrigation of farmland, became important. The Egyptian civilization developed around the construction of dikes and canals. A second cradle of civilization arose in Mesopotamia (Greek for the “land between two rivers”) along the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates. And a third civilization arose along the banks of the Indus River (India).

Several years ago, friends escorted Becky and me on a non-traditional trip to England. We rented a converted canal longboat, in some ways like a houseboat on a Tennessee lake. We learned how to steer a craft sixty

feet long and ten feet wide through old waterways and one hundred and fifty year old locks. The canals were constructed for barge transportation of heavy cargo, avoiding marginal roadways. Our Tennessee River is similarly used for transporting goods by barge.

I previously wrote about the Tennessee River and its headwaters, the Holston and French Broad. This week I continue the “river series” moving southward as the Tennessee River sequentially adds the Little Tennessee, the Clinch and Hiwassee tributaries.

Kids love water. My grandkids never miss an opportunity to stomp in a puddle, and if they’re not watched, splash in our horse troughs. As a boy my brothers and I often walked along the Tennessee River, but even as boys we wouldn’t dip a toe in such a polluted toilet bowl. Just like my grandson, we loved to throw rocks into the river, though we had no shortage of floating refuse for targets. No one in their right mind swam or skied in the Tennessee River around Knoxville in the 1960s, but they do now.

A liberal-progressive friend of mine was amazed to learn that a conservative like me cares about the environment and our rivers. I told him I was recycling

before was it was cool and invited him to come and pick up roadside trash with Becky and me. He looked at me as if I were insane. My problem is not environmental insensitivity, but the bureaucracy of a government (EPA) run amok. Our Tennessee River will never be the blue of deep water. However, with conservation efforts our river is no longer a dirty brown, but a healthy green. I don’t ski anymore, and I was never that fond of swimming, but I would not cringe to be in the river’s water today.

I’m not a big fan of coffee table books. A Seinfeld episode once centered around these books which I’m not sure are even popular anymore. A patient of mine afforded me an exception, a beautiful coffee table book called “Tennessee River, Sparkling Gem of the South.” The book by Ron Lowery features sequential aerial pictures of the Tennessee taken from an ultralight aircraft. It is a unique perspective for our unique river. The picture above is taken from the banks of the Tennessee River just above Chattanooga at the mouth of the Tennessee River gorge.

Unfortunately, another blue line is on my mind these days. For some time I’ve prayed for the men and

women in blue who, like our soldiers, stand between us and anarchy. These professionals stand on protest lines and on the front lines. Colliding perspectives like tectonic plates intersect along fault lines as various groups confront each other across police lines. Why is anyone surprised that fire-works result or that police are blamed for societal woes and are assassinated in New York and Dallas? I’m not excusing officers who abuse the people or the blue uniform. There are bad actors in every profession. Like doctors and teachers, police and soldiers are held to a higher standard of conduct than others in society. There are even dishonest politicians and deceitful media types. I’m surprised there aren’t more abuses on either side given the inflammatory rhetoric that emanates from Washington.

Some deny the obvious, but we are again engaged in a civil war. The Dallas monster said he wanted to “kill white people and white cops.” Jesse Jackson said that “cops are the modern equivalent of the KKK.” The Black Lives Matter bunch, driven by the lie of “Hands up don’t shoot” (it never happened), even made Bernie Sanders and Hillary retract their statements that “all lives matter.” I guess they

wanted to promote their victimhood and the class warfare of the New Black Panthers (the bunch Eric Holder refused to prosecute for voter intimidation and who want the territory of five southern states for their new country).

David Brown, the Dallas police chief, invited the BLM protesters to come off the picket line, file an application for the police department and he would put the recruits in their neighborhoods to be a part of the solution. We’ll see how that goes. The point remains, the police can’t protect us, especially since they are required to do so much more than keeping order.

Civilization depends on people following the rule of law. But how can we expect them to abide by the rule of law when the President ignores the Constitution, the former Secretary of State compromises national security and then lies to us all? Is it any wonder that many believe their government is corrupt when the FBI Director and the Justice Department refuse to prosecute Hillary Clinton for malfeasance? No wonder an outsider’s promise to “Make America Great Again” resonates with We The People.

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Hobo Visits Mammoth Cave

Hobo the Wonder Dog continues celebrating the National Park Service’s Centennial year with a visit to Mammoth Cave National Park in south central Kentucky. I assure you this day trip will not disappoint you and will deliver on a fun-filled adventure for the whole family including your dog. From the time we pulled into the entrance of the park we were greeted by wildlife—some of the largest wild turkey we have ever seen. Hobo’s nose worked



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

overtime taking in all the smells and sites of nature along our drive to the Visitor Center. Once we arrived at the Park’s Headquarters we knew right away we were in for a different kind of adventure—the park was vibrant with hundreds of people yet orderly, friendly, and with the occasional four-legged visitors too.

Mammoth Cave National Park is rich in wildlife such as the endangered Kentucky Cave Shrimp, the pygmy shrew (one of the smallest mammals on

Earth), rare bat species, insects, birds, wildflowers, fish, and so much more. It is easy to see how Mammoth Cave has its own delicate and unique ecosystems from cave to forest to rivers and streams and everything in between. Mammoth Cave National Park protects more than 360 miles of cave passages and has earned the title of the longest cave system in the world.

Many roads lead to Mammoth Cave National Park. however, at the suggestion of Ranger Vickie Carson we chose the Cordell Hull Scenic Byway. The scenic route was reminiscent of my childhood road trips with one exception—it

actually saved us travel time to our destination. From Dinosaur World to Daniel Boone’s sister’s grave, the scenic route is sure to please everyone and especially the driver as it saves about an hour in travel time.

Hobo and I had the pleasure of touring the park with Ranger Carson and learning firsthand the policies for enjoying Mammoth Cave National Park with your dog. Leashed dogs are welcome in the park’s three campgrounds, picnic areas, and back country sites. Remember, when in public with your dog you represent all dog owners and the park is no different. Dogs must

be under control at all times, on a leash no longer than six feet, excrement disposed of in a trash receptacle or removed into the wood line at least fifteen feet from any public use area. Be good stewards for all dog owners; control your dog and leave nothing on the trail except paw prints. I advocate having good manners, social skills, and basic obedience for your dog. Mastering the basics ensures a pleasurable time is had by all as it opens a world to explore and enjoy with your dog.

Accommodations and opportunities for pets while visiting

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, LPP Mortgage Bank, LTD, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **August 16, 2016, at 10:00 AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in the Ninth (9th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and being without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described according to the survey of Kenneth D. Church, Surveyor, dated March 18, 1997 and bearing Word Order No. 97-03-19 as follows to wit: BEGINNING at an existing iron rod in the Northwest right-of-way of McCall Lane, corner to property of Patricia Williams (Deed Book 1972, Page 459), said iron rod being located in a Northeasterly direction 1,257.00 feet, more or less, from the point of intersection of the Northwest right-of-way of McCall Lane and Prospect Road; thence from said point of beginning and running with the line of Williams, North 12 deg. 21 min. 31 sec. West, 283.09 feet to and existing iron rod in the line of Derrell Frye (Deed Book 1809, Page 544); thence with Frye, North 77 deg. 01 min. 17 sec. East, 100.52 feet to an existing iron rod, corner property of James Corcoran (Deed Book 1814, Page 873); thence with Corcoran, South 12 deg. 09 min. 25 sec. East, 285.99 feet to an existing iron rod in the Northwest right-of-way of McCall Lane; thence with said right-of-way, South 78 deg. 41 min. West, 99.53 feet to an existing iron rod, the point of BEGINNING, BEING the same property conveyed to Patricia Ann Williams, unmarried, by virtue of Last Will and Testament of Ben Mack Williams, Jr. of record in Will Book 77, Page 786 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

For further reference to property, see Deed Book 1530, Page 433 and Deed Book 1485, Page 466, in the Register's Office. MAP 124A / GROUP C / PARCEL 006.00
 Parcel ID Number: 1244C-006
 Address/Description: 1041 Mccall Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920.
 Current Owner(s): David Lee Williams.
 Other Interested Parties: Gault Financial, LLC.

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

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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
 6 Cadillac Drive, Suite 140
 Brentwood, TN 37027
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 File No.: 16-01705 FCO1

Other Interested Parties: Gault Financial, LLC.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Robert Washington and Sandra Washington executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Home Funds Direct, Lender and Lender Services Direct, Trustee(s), which was dated August 25, 2005 and recorded on September 22, 2005 in Instrument No. 200509220027089, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as the LPSF Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **August 9, 2016, at 10:00 AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATE in District One of Knox County, Tennessee within the 13th ward of the City of Knoxville and being more particularly described as follows:
 BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northwest right of way of Skyline Drive, said iron pin being corner to property of Lora H. Spoon as set forth in deed book 1793 page 403 and also as set forth in map book 37L page 19; said iron pin being distant in a northeasterly direction 273' more or less from the point of intersection of said Skyline Drive and the center line of Wedgewood Drive if projected to the same; thence from said beginning iron pin leaving the right of way of Skyline Drive North 23 deg. 14 min. East 7.28' to an iron pin; thence North 33 deg. 19 min. West 108.33' to an iron pin near a man hole in a sanitary sewer easement; thence leaving said easement North 54 deg. 16 min. East 125.0' to an iron pin; thence South 29 deg. 30 min. East 101.69' to an iron pin in the northwestern right of way of Skyline Drive; thence along the right of way of Skyline Drive South 47 deg. 34 min. West 32.3' to an iron pin; thence South 49 deg. 52 min. West of 92.95' to an iron pin corner to Spoon, the place of BEGINNING; according to the survey of Wade B. Nance,

Surveyor, Knoxville, Tennessee dated December 30, 1985 bearing drawing #A-2196 and being improved with dwelling bearing house address 4327 Skyline Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Clarence Moore and wife, Rose L. Moore by Deed dated January 7, 1986, and of record in Deed Book 1871, page 385, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Robert Washington and wife, Sandra Washington by Deed dated July 16, 1987, and of record in Deed Book 1922, page 1004, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 071PE 00302
 Address/Description: 4327 Skyline Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914.

Current Owner(s): Robert Washington and wife Sandra Washington.
 Other Interested Parties: Internal Revenue Service; AmeriFirst Home Improvement Finance Co.; and Republic Finance, LLC.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201002010050403, Serial Number 620460710. Notice of the sale has been given to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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

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

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **August 22, 2016 on or about 11:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by BOBBY D. SEXTON AND AMY R. SEXTON to ROB V. BUDHWA, Trustee, on May 18, 2006, as Instrument No. 200605220097650 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC3

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:
 SITUATED IN CIVIL DISTRICT EIGHT (8), OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
 BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF:

LOT FOUR-R (4-R), PLEASANT WOODS SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE (1), AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200004030021671, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TOGETHER WITH A 50 FOOT JOINT PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO AARON HIGHTOWER, UNMARRIED AND JENNIFER DONAHUE, UNMARRIED BY DEED FROM ERNEST RAY LESTER, UNMARRIED, DATED 04/24/2004 AND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NUMBER 20000516-0032545 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 2275, PAGE 197, DEDICATION OF EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

M/P 023D-A-004
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 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 10566 PLEASANT HOLLOW LANE, CORRYTON, TN 37721.
 Tax ID: 023D-A-004
 Current Owner(s) of Property: BOBBY D. SEXTON AND AMY R. SEXTON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 10566 PLEASANT HOLLOW ROAD, CORRYTON, TN 37721, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.
 THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TRUSTEE/SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SALE. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR THE DEPOSIT PAID, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: STATE TAX LIEN IN FAVOR OF STATE OF TENNESSEE AND JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-1-117 have been met.

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

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
 MWZM File No. 15-003133-670

JASON S. MANGRUM, JOHN R. ROAN, or JERRY A. BRIDENBAUGH, Substitute Trustee(s)
 Premier Building, Suite 404
 5217 Maryland Way
 Brentwood, Tennessee 37027
 Phone: (615) 238-3630
 EMAIL: tnsales@mwzmlaw.com

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 2, 2002, executed by BONNIE K. PARKER, MICHAEL R. PARKER, conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD M. WEISS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 10, 2002, at Instrument Number 200212100051009;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust II who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **August 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 108, MONTGOMERY COVE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON THE FINAL PLAT FOR UNIT 1, MONTGOMERY COVE SUBDIVISION, OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET Q, SLIDE 228-C, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE AMENITIES AREA AND OTHER COMMON AREAS AS A MEMBER IN THE MONTGOMERY COVE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AS SET OUT IN DEED BOOK 2220, PAGE 646, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES.

Parcel ID: 162LA041
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 12417 MARSHALL GROVE LANE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): BONNIE K. PARKER, MICHAEL R. PARKER
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., Department of Justice (TN), Internal Revenue Service (TN), Montgomery Cove Homeowners Association, Regions Bank

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201301110045843. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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Other Interested Parties: Republic Finance, LLC, Samantha Struder
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Other Interested Parties: Republic Finance, LLC, Samantha Struder
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STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 16 DE-GREES EAST 117 FEET TO AN 18 INCH MAPLE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HOLSTON RIVER; THENCE UP SAID RIVER WITH ITS MEANDERS 1040 FEET TO A 24 INCH SYCAMORE ON THE NORTH BANK OF SAID RIVER AT THE MOUTH OF SPOUT SPRING BRANCH; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES WEST 248.6 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE CENTER OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY ON THE EAST BANK OF SAID BRANCH; THENCE NORTH 37 DE-GREES 32 MINUTES WEST 385 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY CROSSING THE SOUTHERN PART OF SAID LANDS.

Parcel ID: 052-006
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 8750 Mascot Road, Knoxville, TN 37924. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
 CURRENT OWNER(S): JOHN R FARLEY
 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ANESTHESIA MEDICAL ALLIANCE OF E. TN The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition this sale shall be subject to the right of redemption by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument Number 201301110045843. Notice of the sale has been given to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

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Other Interested Parties: Republic Finance, LLC, Samantha Struder
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Smoky Mountain Vittles, Fiddles and Fun Southern Roots, Italian Heritage

"Southern Roots, Italian Heritage." This is the catch phrase of Puleo's Grille. It's a good one, and it works well for them. I'm also a curious cat and like trivia so I



By Rose Davidson

absolutely MUST try next time. A Fried Green Tomato BLT. Yep! Yummy Applewood smoked bacon and lettuce served with a layer of those famous fried green toma-



The Chicken Picatta at Puleo's

toes, then topped with fontina cheese and honey mustard, served on toasted wheat berry bread for \$9.99. I think bacon jam instead of honey mustard would be fabulous but that's just my opinion. I'm certain it will be devoured as is. They serve aged Midwest beef that is hickory grilled, so I ordered the Queen's cut of prime rib with a side of the Napa slaw. It's rare to find a good slaw, and especially an interesting one. This flavorful slaw is bursting with color due to the use of purple and green cabbage, shredded carrots, diced green onions, sunflower seeds, crispy chow mein noodles (reminiscent of the 60's) and an Asian type dressing that pulled it all together. I would have preferred peanuts, but I'm sure they are being courteous to our friends with peanut allergies. The prime rib was cooked at exactly the temperature I requested with a generous serving of creamed horseradish for \$19.99. If you have a voracious appetite, I will suggest one of the add-ons offered with the steak entrees. You can add any one of the following for \$6.99: Italian broiled shrimp or scallops, grilled shrimp, or a Maryland crab cake. As a side note (pun intended), there are fifteen other inviting sides to choose from to accompany your meal. A vegetarian could make a meal out of the various sides.

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drooling and drawing over that regional dish. Need a taste of Roma? When in Rome...There are several dishes to choose from. Start with a fresh Caprese Salad, and then try the Spaghetti with Nona's special sauce, served with Meatballs or Italian sausage, or pucker up with a delightful Chicken Picatta in a lemon-wine sauce over linguine with artichokes and capers. Dessert you ask? You'd better believe it! There are several delectable things to choose from. I had a healthy sized wedge of the Caramel Apple Pie served with vanilla bean ice cream. Although I haven't had it, I will mention they have a "Chocolate Lasagna" that comes in half sized or full sized. I'm pretty sure that is a must-try on my next trip! If you're looking for a Sunday brunch, the Alcoa

location features an array of food from 10-2 featuring over 30 items. Adults are \$17.99 and kids are only \$5.99! (Kids 3 and under are free) They also provide catering. Go to <http://puleosgrille.com/> to find a location near you and check out the diverse menu! Believe me; you'll go back more than once. BUONA MANGIATA Y'ALL!

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Hobo Visits Mammoth Cave

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- Canoeing on thirty-one miles of the Green and Nolin Rivers
- Woodland Cottages are open to Fido and Hobo for \$9 per dog per night

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Mammoth Cave National Park has many

opportunities for you and the whole family to enjoy. Oddly, one of our most memorable observations we made was the cleanliness of the restroom facilities in the Visitor Center. The coolness of the cave and the cool air rushing from the ground gave Hobo the opportunity to cool down on one of the hottest days of the year; making Mammoth Cave a top destination on hot days. No matter your interest you are only limited by your imagination, so come celebrate your National Park Service's 100th birthday close to home.

Hobo the Wonder Dog gives Mammoth Cave National Park four paws up for their acceptance and accommodations for family pets.