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## County Commission questions Care Center location

By Mike Steely  
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Former Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown sat up front during the commission's work session last week and listened to the many, many questions coming from the elected officials about the proposed Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.

For eight years Brown spearheaded the commission's efforts to create such a center, then called "The Safety Center." Some

of the sitting commissioners' questions seemed to reflect the thinking of the neighbors who oppose the location of the center just off Western Avenue. Working with Sheriff J.J. Jones, mental and physical health officials, and volunteer citizens the effort passed a unanimous approval by the Metropolitan Planning Commission recently.

Today's commission meeting may decide the contract with Helen Ross McNabb Center to operate

the facility and lease a former church at 3343 Dewine Road, next to the center's northern location, for creation of a 32 bed facility.

After questioning McNabb Center Director Jerry Vagnier and Knox County Sheriff J. J. Jones the commission voted to pass the issue onto today's regular meeting without a recommendation but Brown didn't like the way the questions seemed to be going.

"Don't throw the baby out with bathwater," Brown said, taking the podium just as the commission was adjourning. He held their attention briefly.

"The basic elements of this are in place," he said, adding, "We know that Helen Ross McNabb is capable." Brown recalled the eight-year effort and added "Now is the time to do something or get off the pot."

The work session concentrated on the Urgent

Care Center proposal with Vice Chairman Randy Smith moving the "no recommendation" suggestion and Commissioner Brad Anders seconding the motion. Smith then said, "I fully support something to help people" and then added he is concerned about the location of the facility.

He asked Vagnier about the proposed number of beds and how the patients would be transported to and from there. Smith

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Former Knox County Commissioner Mike Brown told the current commissioners to "get off the pot" and approve an agreement to create an Urgent Care Center for mentally ill people arrested on minor offenses.

## KAT Upgrades Trolley Stops



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

New transit shelters suddenly appeared on Main Street at the City-County Building last week, having been installed over the weekend. Dawn Distler, Transit Director, told The Focus that smaller shelters are available for other locations including on Summit Hill below Summit Towers. She said those would be installed when road work is completed there and other sites are being considered for additional shelters.

## Celebrate SPRING

The first day of spring has passed, which means Dogwood Arts, a 60+ year-old East Tennessee tradition, is gearing up for its annual celebration with a number of exciting events and activities throughout the Spring season. New this year – Dogwood Arts events will expand beyond just the month of April!

Dogwood Arts will feature events for residents and visitors to experience from the large-scale sculpture exhibit Art in Public Places to the blooming beautiful open gardens and dogwood trails to live music and performances of the Rhythm N' Blooms Music Festival and so much more.

Starting this week, The Focus will be running its annual Knoxville in Bloom four-issue series, providing Dogwood Arts trail maps and event listings for the season.

## State Supreme Court kicks off HELP4TNDAY



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Supreme Court Justice Sharon Lee spoke Tuesday about the state court's effort to partner with local legal organization to provide free legal services to people who can't afford an attorney.

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Tennessee Supreme Court justices fanned out across the state Tuesday to bring attention to free legal advice and education in the state. In Knoxville, Justice Sharon Lee, a Monroe County native, spoke at the University of Tennessee's College of Law about how the effort is partnering with local legal services.

Knoxville City Attorney Charles Swanson appeared for Mayor Madeline Rogero and presented a document declaring April 1st as "HELP4TNDAY." Swanson told the audience "the greatest security we have is the rule of law."

Justice Lee said the effort began in 2008 to encourage attorneys to provide free service to needy citizens dealing with civil legal needs such as foreclosure, evictions, etc. She said lawyers are encouraged to give at least 50 hours per week of free

advice and service.

"It is part of our profession to help those who cannot afford to hire an attorney," Lee said.

Several other East Tennessee attorneys spoke including Melanie Wilson, dean of the UT College of Law; Deborah Taylor Tate, administrative director of the Office of the Courts; Deb House, director of Development and Compliance of the Legal Aid of East Tennessee; Tony Seaton of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; and Josh Hedrick, a pro bono attorney.

House said she has worked with Legal Aid of Tennessee her entire career.

"Not everyone can afford an attorney," she said, adding that advice and services from most attorneys can cost from \$150 to \$200 per hour. She said that in 2016 Legal Aid assisted 2,300 people in the 23-county region. She added that her

office cannot serve every person who needs legal aid and can only help about 20% of the needs.

Seaton said he helped form a Free Legal Clinic in Johnson City and, today, almost all of the 31 Judicial Districts have such an office.

Anyone wanting more information can find information on the internet at [www.help4tn.org](http://www.help4tn.org). Legal help provided includes healthcare, family law issues, landlord and tenant relations, and debt.

The HELP4TNDAY campaign is an effort by the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, the Tennessee Bar Association, and Legal Aid of East Tennessee.

Other Supreme Court justices made similar presentations Tuesday in Memphis, Jackson, Nashville and Chattanooga.



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# Commission questions Care Center location

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suggested the agreement include "something in writing" from the sheriff's department about their involvement.

Vagnier replied that plans call for 16 "crisis" beds and 16 immediate care beds, plus 8 detox beds. The director then backtracked and said the number of beds could be changed "If that's the desire, we don't have to have them under the same roof."

"My concerns haven't been answered yet," Commissioner Brad Anders said, adding, "I'm for a facility but we've got to talk more about detox." He asked Vagnier if the facility would simply be a "dry dock" for people picked up by law enforcement and said there is currently no policy in place.

Vagnier countered that patients being brought in by the police or sheriff's department would be observed for the first 24 hours to see if they are going to benefit from a 72-hour stay.

Law Director Bud Armstrong said that beds for detox are not currently part of the proposed contract between the county and Helen Ross McNabb.

Commissioner Hugh Nystrom asked about the training of law enforcement to deal with mentally ill persons and Vagnier said the center currently provides

40 hours of training for law enforcement in East Tennessee. Sheriff J.J. Jones said that 45 to 50 of the deputies are trained and that the Knoxville Police Department has more officers that have received the training.



The proposed location of the Urgent Care Center just off Western Avenue got a go-ahead from the Planning Commission recently but the location and use faced some tough questions last week during a commission workshop.

"My goal as sheriff is not to provide a 'drunk tank.' My interest is to help people who can be put back successfully in our county."

Commissioner Bob Thomas asked what would have happened if Helen Ross McNabb had not responded to the county's request for bids and then asked Vagnier if the proposed facility will "fit into the community and look nice."

The director responded that it will "be a good neighbor" and promised landscaping and other improvements. He said the center will have 24-7 care, 365 days a year and provide food.

Commissioner Schoonmaker asked about people apprehended who have infectious diseases and the sheriff replied that such a person "would not be a candidate" for the facility and added, "We have a facility for that," referring to the

county jail.

Asked by Commissioner Evelyn Gill about following patients after they are treated there for 72 hours Vagnier said they will be tracked, community resources provided, and be taken to another facility, to their home, or taken downtown and released.

Vagnier said that case managers would be provided as well as housing, benefits and medication.

Smith asked about how or when people picked up and placed in the facility would be charged with an offense. Randy Nichols of the sheriff's department said the people could be picked up and held "for their own well-being" and law enforcement officers would not need to charge them with anything.

Smith questioned whether eight detox beds could treat the 900 people in the county waiting for services. He asked Vagnier if it is possible to add on to the current

treatment facility next door to the proposed property and Vagnier said the topography there could not permit expansion. Smith then suggested that a buffer could be built to separate the facility from the neighborhood. Vagnier said a new entrance from Ball Camp road is being considered.

Law Director Armstrong said the agreement would run for three years with six possible renewals for a total of 20 years.

Commissioner Ed Brantley said that all of the questions and answers being posed will probably be repeated during tonight's regular meeting.

Chairman David Wright said he wanted all the questions to be discussed during the work session in preparation for the regular session.

"I fully intend to have an up or down vote Monday," Wright said.

## 'Safety Center' agreement before Knoxville City Council this week

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The Behavior Health Urgent Care Center, also called the Safety Center, may be one step closer to creation Tuesday. The Knoxville City Council will consider a request Tuesday from the law department to authorize the mayor to execute a "Defined Services Contract" with Helen Ross McNabb Center and Knox County, with Knox County as the lead agency to develop and manage the center.

City Law Director Charles Swanson told The Focus that the agreement clarifies that Knox County will be the operating agency of a center. The current status of the creation of such a center awaits the approval of the Knox County Commission.

John Zimmerman, a neighborhood homeowner near the proposed facility just off Western Avenue adjacent to the Helen Ross McNabb Center there, has

appealed an approval by the Metropolitan Planning Commission to city council.

Swanson said the "Defined Services Contract" may pass but he expects Mayor Madeline Rogero to hold off on signing the agreement until the appeal is heard, probably in the council's May meeting.

The Helen Ross McNabb Center may receive \$25,000 from the city to help fund the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in a request from the police department. The department is also asking city council to authorize the mayor to apply for a \$300,000 grant over

three years to hire a volunteer advocate to work with churches and community partners to match up youth with mentors to divert youth from criminal activity.

The council may express its appreciation to the Bearden Council for their efforts to complete the Everly Brothers Park project and permit the mayor

to accept donations for the improvements.

Also on the agenda is a two-month extension of the current contract with Goodwill Industries to staff the city's five recycling drop-off centers and giving \$5,000 from Parks and Recreation funds to the Fountain City Lions Club toward maintenance and upkeep of Fountain City Park.

Another item up for consideration is a \$1,550 donation from Community Improvement Funds to the Old North Knoxville, Inc., to be put toward a neighborhood historic sign project.

Mayor Madeline Rogero is asking the council to approve the reappointment of Debbie Helsley to the Civil Service Merit Board and the council may also discuss the MPC's proposal on zoning regulations for auction houses.

The Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Project may move ahead with a request from Redevelopment and Engineering to enter into an agreement with Vaughn & Milton Consulting for right-of-way acquisition services. The contract would be for \$98,420.



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Whether you are married or not, if you and the other parent of your children decide to part ways, it is necessary to put a custody arrangement in place.



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for children, and typically courts will only hear a child's preference when that child is at least 12 years old. That preference is only one of the 15 factors the court is

to consider in making a custody determination.

Some of the other factors that court will consider in making a custody determination are: the ability of the parents to take care of the children's needs, the relationship of children with siblings and step-siblings, the work schedule of the parents, the importance of continuity in the children's lives, and the character and behavior of other individuals who live in the home with the parent.

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He works in many areas, including criminal, personal injury, landlord-tenant, probate, and estate planning. Visit [attorney-knoxville.com](http://attorney-knoxville.com) for more information about this legal issue and other legal issues.

## College Night at A-E April 3

Advise TN is hosting an Educational Credit Management Corporation College Night on Monday, April 3, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. at Austin-East Magnet High School.

The event is open to students and their families. It will be held in the Performing Arts Auditorium, on the back, lower level of the school. There will be free pizza and beverages and important college planning tips. The topics will be "How College Can Change Your Life," "Choosing the Right College," "Paying for College," and "Scholarship Searches." There will be colleges present as well for additional information or questions. Three \$500 scholarships will be given to three lucky students who are present.

The colleges in attendance will be Pellissippi State Community College, Roane State Community College, ETSU, UT Knoxville, Carson Newman, The Aveda Institute, Maryville College, Tusculum College and Lincoln Memorial University. The Marines will also be present. Students and parents may visit [www.collegennights.org](http://www.collegennights.org) for more information.

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# Publisher's Position

## A New Beginning for Knox County Schools

# Superintendent Bob Thomas



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After eight long years of Jim McIntyre as superintendent of Knox County Schools, the people of Knox County were ready for something very different. The board of education appointed Buzz Thomas to serve as the interim superintendent and one could begin to feel the tensions ease.

Following the election of a new board, which saw most of the McIntyre puppets and rubber stamps either defeated or opt to retire, the members began the search for a new superintendent. After a lengthy and exhaustive process, the selection narrowed down to two candidates despite the efforts of Buzz Thomas and the Chamber of Commerce crowd to insert Jon Rysewyk into the mix. Rysewyk's candidacy needed life support before finally expiring.

The two finalists were Bob Thomas and Dale Lynch. The two men were quite different in styles and approaches; Lynch has a gregarious personality that begs a comparison to the term "good ol'boy." Bob Thomas is friendly, yet

not one to push himself on others and epitomizes graciousness. Lynch is the superintendent of the Hamblen County school system, while Bob Thomas has been an assistant superintendent in the Knox County school system since 1990.

Bob Thomas' candidacy was doubtless aided by the disastrous superintendencies of Dr. Charles Lindsey and Jim McIntyre. Lindsey came from South Carolina and McIntyre from Boston. For decades the Chamber-types, the self-proclaimed "good government" folks have lectured us we should seek out the "best" possible candidate, which was merely another way of saying they thought the superintendent ought to be hired from some place besides Knox County and they should do the picking. McIntyre's reign was so toxic it soon became readily apparent the people living here were completely opposed to the idea of hiring another person who knew nothing about Knoxville, Knox County or our community. Say what you will, but with every passing day, I become more convinced institutional memory should be treasured. Bob Thomas has the institutional memory of the Library of Congress for things Knox County. While Thomas did not make final decisions, he was usually present when the hard decisions were made. As a result, Thomas knows the background of most everything that has occurred inside the Knox

County school system since 1990—the who, the how and the why.

No less important is Bob Thomas' knowledge of local government. Never one to tilt at windmills, I believe Bob Thomas will be able to accomplish more with quiet persuasion than a hundred indignant press conferences, a million marches and ten million protests. All too often folks tend to forget, it really does make a difference just what kind of relationship a school superintendent has with the county mayor and the county commission; the mayor submits a budget to the commission and the commission, like it or not, remains the board of education's funding body. That was something Jim McIntyre ignored until he had spent down the school system's reserves and couldn't force through a tax hike. Faced with financial difficulties, McIntyre and the board were forced to agree to live within their means and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Knox County. It was not the sort of foolish and arrogant mistake Bob Thomas would make; for one thing, Bob Thomas is a practical man. Secondly, Bob Thomas is about as arrogant as a twenty-year old shoe.

After McIntyre's resignation, what Knox County Schools needed more than anything else was a person at the top who could usher in a period of healing. Thomas has worked with just about every group imaginable—students, teachers, parents, grandparents,



Superintendent-elect Bob Thomas

legislators and taxpayers. That may well explain why so many different people and groups supported Bob Thomas for superintendent. Bob Thomas has always listened, given honest answers, and tried to help if he could. Even while having broad support, Bob Thomas comes into office without owing any special interest group anything. If any special interest believes it can receive special favors or treatment from Bob Thomas, that group is sadly mistaken.

A true public servant is one who does it for love of people and community, making it a genuine service to others. Bob Thomas is the kind of man who values every child and sees no difference in a custodian as opposed to a banker as a human being. The Board of Education could not have made a better choice than Bob Thomas precisely because anyone who knows him will readily tell you, Bob is one of the finest human beings there is anywhere. Bob's heart

belongs to his work and we the people.

Bob Thomas' selection as superintendent of the Knox County school system really does usher in a new era. That era, I firmly believe, will be marked by common sense, courtesy, and genuine concern for one and all. The people of Knox County should be grateful to the Knox County Board of Education for their unanimous vote to hire Bob Thomas as the next superintendent of Knox County schools.

## Thomas picked unanimously to lead Knox schools

By Ken Lay

It took less than 30 minutes for the Knox County Board of Education to appoint the district's new leader.

In a special meeting, the board voted unanimously to offer the position to assistant superintendent Bob Thomas, a veteran educator of more than four decades. The final vote was 9-0 and Thomas, who was passed over for the position in 2008, was chosen over Hamblen County Director of Schools Dale Lynch.

Thomas, who has worked in the Knox County Schools central office for more than 30 years, said that he's eager to begin his tenure as the county's next superintendent.

"I'm grateful to the board for selecting me and I was overwhelmed when I found out that the vote was 9-0," Thomas said. "I appreciate

the board very much and I feel honored to have the opportunity to serve our students and our community and the board and our educators and our employees."

The final vote may have been unanimous but the decision was a tough one according to board members Lynne Fugate and Gloria Deathridge.

"I've been on this board when it has been divided," Fugate said before the vote. "I want to make it perfectly clear that we have two great candidates and I also want to make it perfectly clear that I will support whoever the board selects as the next superintendent."

Deathridge agreed. "I did my homework and I went to Hamblen County," she said. "Mr. Lynch has done some wonderful things in Hamblen County.

"He would be a good

superintendent for Knox County, but I don't think he appears to have the support that he needs to succeed here."

Thomas was offered the job but he must work out a contract with board chairperson Patti Bounds and the county law department to negotiate the terms of his deal, which include his salary and length of his contract.

Board co-chairperson Amber Rountree, who chaired the search committee, said she was looking for Thomas to serve a two-year term and added that his annual salary would range between \$200,000 and \$240,000.

"We have a [salary] range

and I would like to see a two-year contract," she said. "I'm happy that we selected Bob Thomas. I'm happy that this marathon is over."

"I think a big difference is that he's here and he has some good ideas and he can hit the ground running."

Rountree said that she hopes that the contract will be settled in time for the board's next work session meeting in early-April.

During the interview process, Thomas said that he hopes to promote teacher empowerment and student achievement. He also pledged to continue to eliminate educational disparities.

"My priorities are student achievement and teacher empowerment," Thomas said. "We have to get our students ready for college, And for those who don't go to college, we need to get them ready for work. I want to eliminate the educational disparities."

"We want to provide the best opportunities we can for all our students, and that speaks to the academic side and also the career-ready side."

Interim superintendent Buzz Thomas is looking for a smooth transition and noted that he's hoping that will be complete by May 1 after that, Buzz Thomas plans to return to his previous position as head of

the Great Schools Partnership.

Bob Thomas, a lifelong educator, said he expects to have a contract quickly.

"I feel like I'll be pretty easy to work with," he said. "I feel like I have a good relationship with the Knox County Education Association."

"I'm just eager to get started. I'll work with the board in whatever fashion they want me to work with them to make the transition as smooth and as quickly as they want to make it."

Bob Thomas was endorsed by KCEA President Lauren Hopson before the board voted.



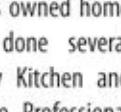
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# Back When (Part 5)

"In the mid-1920s, Dad and Walter McBee bought the store in Corryton from the McClellans and called it The Luttrell & McBee Co. Our family moved from Luttrell House to the apartment above the store. Luttrell House was rented to tenants," he wrote. The late Woodrow Luttrell documented many of the Luttrell family's challenges as he remembered them.

His grandfather, Amos Carter Luttrell, and grandmother, Margaret, were living on their 44-acre farm on Burkhardt Road in the Ritta Community. "He had a team of small mules used for farm work and to pull his two-seated hack with a top. Grandpa had a stroke about 1926. Dad and family members made arrangements to sell that



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farm and move them to Luttrell House," Woodrow recalled. "The hack and 'girl' mules, Maude and Sally, were moved also, plus furniture and tools. In 1927, or early 1928, as an 11- or 12-year

old, I was sent down to live with them." Woodrow shared more childhood memories of everyday life: "Grandpa could walk with a cane, but mostly had to sit in a chair. When weather was good, he always sat out on the front porch. There was one garden back of Luttrell House and another larger one up in a field back of the orchard. Up in the larger garden, there were several rows of Irish potatoes. Bugs were really plentiful and eating up the leaves. Grandma and I would go up every three or four days with a coal bucket

and a small broom for her to gently knock the bugs off the plants into the bucket that I held. When finished, we took the bugs back to the house and sprinkled them with kerosene."

On the afternoon of May 18, 1928, the Luttrell family's life changed. "We rushed to finish as a bad storm was coming up and we began to see lightning and hear thunder. Grandpa was not in the house, so I hurried out on the front porch," Woodrow recalled. The young boy found his grandpa on the floor between his chair and the front door. He was dead. "It was raining rather hard, but I went running across the road to where the Tarver sisters lived to tell them to come and help. As I crossed the road, Dad happened to be driving by in the Model-T from a trip into Knoxville and saw me. He stopped to see why I was there and was told the

"I must say there were many grandchildren and great grandchildren who roamed the farm, explored every room, and played in the attic and on that front porch. We also climbed that tree," Rada recalls.



*Picture of Luttrell House in the spring framed by a pink flowering dogwood tree, by Lauren Crowe Cunningham and provided by Rada Simmons Rolison.*

sad news."

Events that took place in the Luttrell family's life were important, and Woodrow remembered them in great detail: "Not long after that our family was moved back to Luttrell House with Grandma. In due time, Dad rented all of the Tarver farm

across the road. Molly and Prince and Maude and Sally were all used to do the farming for a few years, and I believe the pair of mules outlasted the horses. I always tried to use Molly to plow the garden because Prince was harder to keep from stepping on plants."

## Rogero reaffirms Knoxville is a 'Welcoming City'



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Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero declared last Tuesday as "A Day of Immigration Action" and, in a presentation on the 5th floor of the City-County Building, reaffirmed that although Knoxville is not a "sanctuary city" it is a "welcoming city."

Rogero repeated that city police "are not ICE officers" and will not be asking the nationality of people stopped for minor offences. City Police Chief David Rausch stood beside her and was in agreement.

The "Immigration Action" Day was part of the U. S. Conference of Mayors' nationwide efforts to recognize the contribution of immigrants. Rogero noted that her forefathers and foremothers were from Spain and Italy. She said she and the other mayors are asking the Trump administration and Congress to make "common sense reforms" to fix the nation's immigration system.

The mayor noted that she had invited about 20 immigrants who live and work in the community to join her during the ceremony.

"Our county was born and

prospered because of immigrant labor, whether they came willingly or not," the mayor said.

"Right now our country is dependent on the labor of many people, some with documents and some without," she said. She recalled that many groups arrived in Knoxville to face intolerance initially, such as the Germans and Italians, but added, "They built Knoxville."

The mayor also said that many immigrants are frightened by rhetoric but noted that "Our police departments are not required by law" to be immigration officers,

adding, "We don't want people to be afraid to call us" to report crimes.

She said the city will continue to help families to get passports to travel and make sure their rights are protected. She pledged to continue working with refugee groups.

"There are 90 different languages spoken in our schools and more than 3,000 students who speak another language," she said, noting that the number of non-English language teachers now has grown to 79.

*Mayor Madeline Rogero and Police Chief David Rausch address the media and a small audience during Tuesday's "Immigration Action" Day. They were joined by City Councilman Finbarr Saunders.*



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# The Loss of Mecklenburg, Ramsey's home

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East Tennessee's history hasn't always been glorious or gallant. From the early days some of our more prominent citizens have found themselves at odds with one another. A feud between Andrew Jackson and John Sevier almost led to a duel. Even earlier John Sevier and John Tipton were at odds over the State of Franklin, a disagreement that led to a gun battle, a death, and the arrest of Sevier by North Carolina. The hostility between the Ramsey and the Brownlow families, who took opposite sides before and during the Civil War, was so extreme that a house was destroyed.

The feud between James Gettys McGready Ramsey and "Parson" William Gannaway Brownlow was long and bitter. The two forefathers of Knoxville and Knox County had very different opinions about which side to support as the Civil War approached.

Brownlow, a publisher and strong Union supporter, was outspoken and often harsh.

Ramsey, the son of a Tennessee Statesman who founded the Ramsey House and author of "The Annals of Tennessee," was a supporter of Tennessee removing itself from the Union. Both men were very vocal in their opinions.

Dr. Ramsey built his own home on the south side of the river, atop an ancient Indian Mound at the junction of the French Broad and Holston Rivers. The location was ideal and was close enough to the Ramsey House to communicate easily.

The two-story home, which he called Mecklenburg for the family's original home in North Carolina, included his physician office and so many relics, books and records that visitors often referred to the place as a "museum." The death of Ramsey's father added to his continual collection

of old state and regional papers. Among those relics, estimated at more than 4,000 books, were documents from John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, William Blount and many other early patriots.

When the Confederates moved into Knoxville in the early days of the war Brownlow was arrested and jailed, accused of aiding the bridge burners who destroyed several East Tennessee railroad bridges. The Ramsey family demanded that Brownlow be hanged but instead he was released and fled the state, despite a letter from Dr. Ramsey to Jefferson Davis demanding that Brownlow face a court martial.

Dr. Ramsey served as a Confederate Treasury Agent and two sons served in the Rebel Army. He continued to support the Southern Cause even though a son was killed in action, two daughters died and two other sons were captured by Union

forces.

With the Union Army moving to capture Knoxville Dr. Ramsey and his family fled the state. His home, Mecklenburg, was burned by a Union soldier, which Ramsey claimed was sent by Brownlow, and his collection of relics and documents destroyed. Brownlow had his townhouse in Knoxville taken and expelled Ramsey's daughter from the city.

Ramsey moved about in the south to avoid capture and at the end of war was living in Charlotte, NC. Brownlow was by then governor and refused to pardon his old enemy but Ramsey got a pardon from President Andrew Johnson. He returned to Knoxville in 1872, took up practicing medicine again, and sued successfully to regain some of this property.

In his life he helped establish the East Tennessee Medical Society and the East



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

This historic marker bemoans the loss of the original "Mecklenburg" home of Knoxville doctor and author J.G.M. Ramsey. The home stood at the forks of the French Broad and Holston River and was burned during the Civil War. The marker designates the site of his later Knoxville home.

Tennessee Historical Society. His "Annals of Tennessee" has become an important history source and his brief story about the history of the Lebanon-in-the-Forks Presbyterian Church gives vital details of that history.

It is said that Ramsey's funeral, in 1884, was the largest event ever witnessed in Knoxville until that time. Ramsey is buried in the Lebanon-in-the-Forks Cemetery on a hill above the site of his original "Mecklenburg" home.

Brownlow is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville. If Ramsey had any triumph over Brownlow it is that he outlived his old enemy by seven years.

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## What is Lent?

A history lesson today, which everyone probably knows but, I think, it always bears repeating at this time of the year.

The word "lent" comes from Old English "leneten," which means "spring." In Old German the related words "lenzia" and "lenzo," which probably comes from the same root as "long" and referring to "the lengthening of days" as the earth moves from the winter solstice toward the spring equinox.

In the Christian church, Lent refers to the period of abstinence preparatory to the Feast of Easter. As this fast falls in the early part of the year, it became confused with the season and gradually the word Lent, which originally meant spring, was confined to this liturgical use.

The length of this fast and the rigor with which it has been observed have varied greatly at different times and in different countries. In the second century

A.D. the fast before Easter was very short but very severe. Nothing was eaten for 40 hours between the afternoon of Good Friday and the morning of Easter.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, that begins on Ash Wednesday which signifies the accounts of people in the Old Testament using dust and ashes as symbols of repentance and/or mourning.

Should a Christian observe Ash Wednesday? Since the Bible nowhere explicitly commands or condemns such a practice, Christians are at liberty to prayerfully decide whether or not to observe Ash Wednesday; It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Sundays in Lent are not counted because each Sunday represents a "mini Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Let us remember that Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday eventually comes Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

Thought for the day: A man's worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes. Thomas H. Huxley

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## Harry Brooks

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# Tennessee and American Neutrality Part Four

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Secretary of State Cordell Hull had finally made clear the position of the Roosevelt administration on revision of America's neutrality laws. Before writing letters outlining the position of the administration to key committee chairmen, Hull had consulted with influential members of both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Hull had invited congressmen and senators to his apartment to discuss the proposed revisions of the neutrality laws. Newspaper reporters quickly noticed two ranking members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee had not been invited to Hull's apartment at the Carlton Hotel. The Secretary of State had declined to consult either Hamilton Fish of New York or George Holden Tinkham of Massachusetts. Both congressmen were, not coincidentally, violent opponents of the Roosevelt - Hull foreign policy.

Hull had certainly given the Roosevelt administration's supporters something to coalesce around, but he had also given the isolationists a target to shoot at. Within days of Hull's announcement, Senate isolationists had dramatically declared they would filibuster to death any bill containing the Secretary of State's recommendations. If necessary, they would form a "battalion of death" and fight to the last man. Despite the determined opposition of isolationists, Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, seemed hopeful. "It is my belief that a majority of the committee will favor the principle" of the bill crafted around Secretary of State Hull's recommendations, Pittman said.

The fundamental difference between administration supporters in Congress and the isolationists or non-interventionists was quite simple. Nobody was for war, but the noninterventionists saw themselves as being genuinely for American neutrality, while believing the Roosevelt administration was intent upon taking the country into war, one way or the other. The isolationists saw the proposed changes in America's neutrality laws as specifically designed to aid Great Britain and France, which frankly they were. Irrespective of the rhetoric employed by the administration, President Roosevelt strongly believed propping up Britain and France against Germany was in the long term best interests of the United States. Senator Bennett Champ Clark said Hull's plan "is simply calculated to lead us into war in the same way we were lead into the last war."

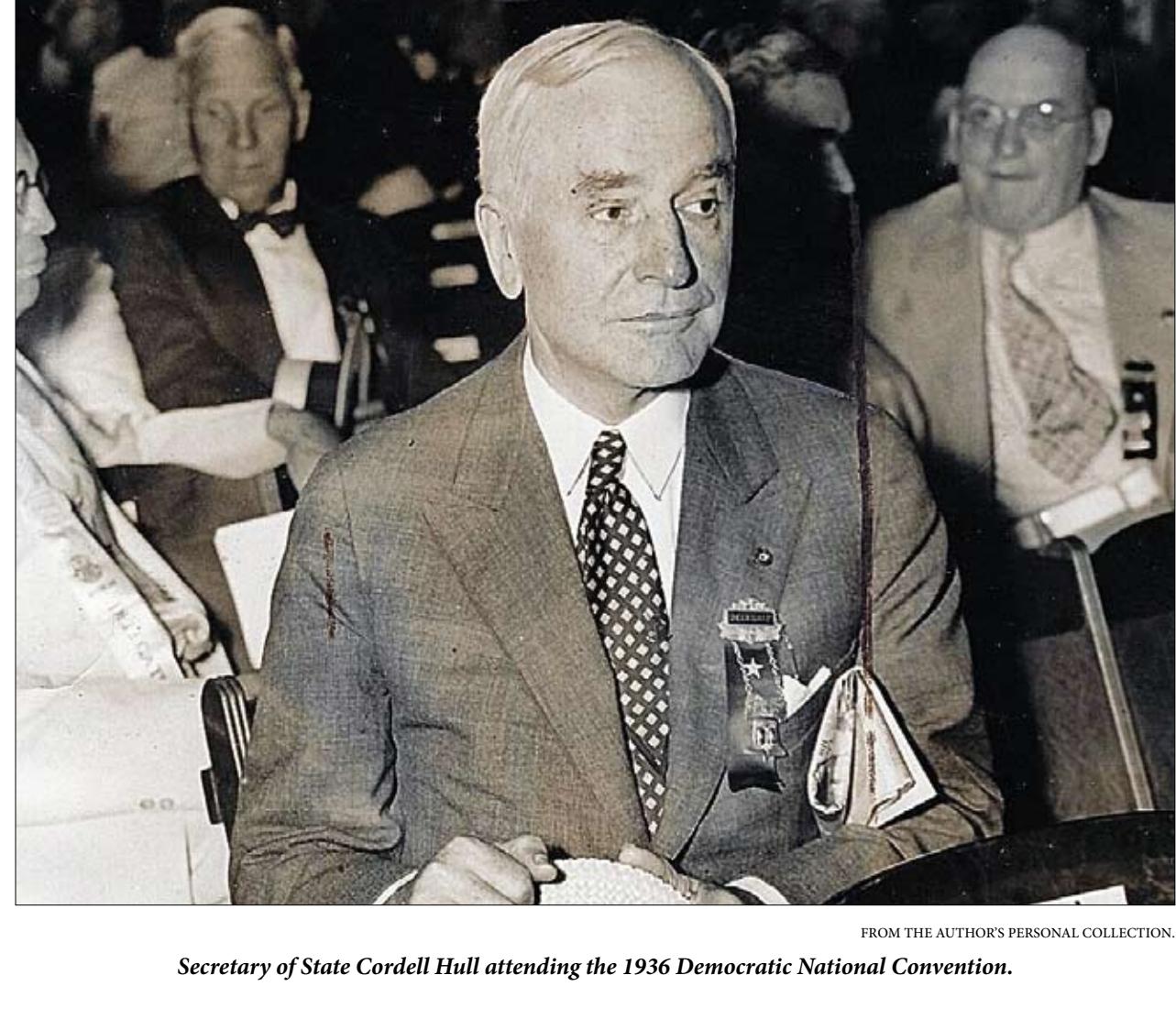
Sol Bloom quickly called the House Foreign Affairs committee together, which

rapidly began approving Hull's recommendations. Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley began to prepare to navigate the rapids of senatorial approval of Hull's neutrality bill through the upper chamber. Barkley was worried, especially as he was hoping to adjourn the Senate by July 15. Hiram Johnson, Bennett Clark and Gerald Nye all threatened to filibuster the bill through the summer months and Barkley knew full well it was not an idle threat. An impending visit to the United States by British monarch King George VI and his Queen did little to help Barkley. If it did not help Barkley, the royal visit positively pained Sol Bloom. The visit of the King and Queen became an issue in the neutrality debate. Congressman James McGranery, a future Attorney General of the United States under President Harry Truman, announced he thought approximately seventy to

seventy-five congressmen would refuse to attend the congressional reception in honor of King George and Queen Mary unless Sean Russell, a member of the Irish Republican Army arrested by the American Secret Service, was released.

Hull's nemesis George Holden Tinkham of Massachusetts, doubtless thinking of his Irish-American constituents, told reporters, "The object of reporting that bill --- which is not a neutrality bill and which is wholly drawn in favor of England---was to present the king tomorrow with the legislation." Sol Bloom, horrified, snapped, "Such foolish statements will get any country into war."

Congressman Tinkham was a colorful and striking figure, with a full beard and nattily dressed, who enjoyed going on safari in Africa and hunting big game. Tinkham, a Mayflower descendant, had been in Congress since 1915 and was unbeatable in his district and while he had been praised as "the conscience of the House" for his determined effort to protect the rights of African-Americans, Tinkham certainly had no affection for the British Empire. Profoundly opposed to anything he believed infringed upon personal liberty, Tinkham had been gleefully opposed to prohibition. The Massachusetts bachelor congressman became a particular nettle under the skin of Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Along with Hamilton Fish, George Holden Tinkham would be one of the loudest voices raised during the neutrality debate. Not one to be cautious, Congressman Tinkham alarmed the Democratic leadership in the House when he wondered aloud if the visit of King George "does in fact signify an entente or



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

*Secretary of State Cordell Hull attending the 1936 Democratic National Convention.*

military understanding between the administration and the British government for the preservation of the British Empire at the expense of American blood and American treasure." Tinkham said it would likely be a good idea for Congress to pass a resolution telling the world that the "United States is not the pawn and ally of the British Empire."

Senator William Borah added his voice to the isolationist chorus, thundering, "If we pass legislation of this type, we will not be doing it to help ourselves but for the benefit of some other nations. We would be lending them our ability and our genius." Borah stated his position succinctly. "I am opposed to selling manufactured war materials to nations at war—I would just as soon send them poison. I will never vote for it as long as I live."

Alben Barkley was vague when asked about the prospects of the neutrality legislation. The Kentuckian opined the bill's fate depended upon the action of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sol Bloom was also having a difficult time managing his Foreign Affairs Committee in the House. Andrew C. Shiffler, a freshman Republican congressman from West Virginia, attempted to retain the arms embargo, an effort beaten back by administration supporters. Hamilton Fish, who was the congressman from President Roosevelt's home district, tried hard to strike out language in the bill which the congressman insisted would "give the President more power than that given any President." Fish was referring to the language in the bill that allowed the President to determine the areas deemed to be combat zones, from which American ships and citizens would be banned.

Congressman Fish argued Roosevelt could arbitrarily say "in a case where Italy and England were at war, that Italy was not a combat area and England was not." House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas was asked by reporters when the neutrality bill might reach the floor of the House. Rayburn did not know.

The strength of the isolationists was revealed in a close vote inside the House

Foreign Affairs Committee on an amendment sponsored by Congressman John M. Vorys to replace the language in the Hull bill to enforce a mandatory arms embargo, which failed by a margin of 11 - 9.

Cordell Hull's standing in the country was affirmed by the speculation about the 1940 presidential race, which was already swirling. Hull was being discussed as a logical successor to President Roosevelt and proud Tennesseans were already forming "Hull for President" clubs. The presidential boom for Hull had been inaugurated by the Wilson County Chamber of Commerce after adopting a resolution urging Hull's nomination by the Democratic Party.

Cordell Hull had left Washington by train to greet King George and Queen Mary in Buffalo,

New York as the royal pair crossed over from Canada into the United States. Hull boarded the royal train, which promptly headed for Washington, D. C. Their Britannic majesties had been seen off by thousands of Canadians, only to be greeted by very few Americans and Cordell Hull. Mrs. Hull, perhaps cognizant of the reaction by some congressmen, went out of her way to praise the royal couple. "She is such a charming person.. He is, too. They're both as natural and courteous and gracious as can be," Mrs. Hull said.

The administration suffered a blow when the House passed a modified version of an arms and munitions embargo shipments to belligerent countries. Cordell Hull said the House action was "a matter of regret and disappointment" but promised to continue to push the administration's neutrality bill. Key Pittman was less restrained in his language, saying. "It seems that, unconsciously, many members of the house, actuated by antagonism (toward war) have really adopted a policy of 'help Hitler.' Speaker of the House William Bankhead of Alabama lamented to lift the arms embargo might "cause the trouble makers in Europe to draw the conclusion that there is not concerted action in this country between the executive

and legislative branches on national policy." Secretary of State Hull insisted the recommendations he made in revising the neutrality law were preferable to the changes made by the House of Representatives. Hull said he believed his proposal was "far more effective in the interest of peace and in keeping this country out of war than the present embargo law or any equivalent." Hull refused to refer to the existing law as a neutrality law, but rather as an "embargo law." The House voted shortly before midnight 200 - 189 to pass the modified embargo in the bill. The isolationist rejoiced with their victory. A dejected Sol Bloom murmured, "Whatever the house did tonight, I hope that divine providence guided it." Charles A. Eaton, a New Jersey Republican sighed and said the House had acted "on its usual level of imbecility."

The action of the House of Representatives naturally emboldened the isolationists in the Senate, who hailed the modified embargo provision as a defeat for the Roosevelt administration. Some senators believed the House had effectively killed Secretary of State Hull's attempt to revise the neutrality law completely.

President Roosevelt, in Hyde Park, put the best face on the situation and made it very clear he wanted Congress to take action on the neutrality legislation. FDR also made it equally clear he strongly supported the position taken by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Few chief executives have ever been as adroit or as entertaining as Franklin Roosevelt in fencing with the press. Asked by a reporter if he would urge the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to report out the neutrality

bill as offered by Sol Bloom, FDR replied details were far less important than objectives. Queried by another reporter who told the President there were reports from the Capitol that Roosevelt was about to travel across the country to speak against certain members of Congress. FDR flatly labeled the report as "crazy." Reminded that some senators had said they would talk through the entire summer if necessary to stop the revision of the neutrality law, President Roosevelt replied airily that was their prerogative if they wished to do so.

While the President bantered with reporters members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee met for a brief fifteen minutes, only to postpone consideration of Cordell Hull's neutrality plan. The senators decided they would meet again in three days' time, a Saturday, despite the desire of many members to adjourn. Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley growled the Senate would remain in session until a bill was passed.

Both Key Pittman and Senator Barkley predicted the Senate would reverse the action of the House and remove the arms embargo. Roosevelt had told Barkley and House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn he did not intend to move one iota from his request for additional discretionary powers. Secretary of State Hull issued a similar statement.

The isolationists, having tasted victory in the House, were equally adamant. The battle lines were drawn for the show down in the Senate.

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# Conversation continues on improving employment outcomes for people with disabilities

The Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI) invites the public to a follow-up Community Conversation hosted by the Knoxville Area Employment Consortium (KAEC) and featuring keynote speaker Michael Hingson, whose book "Thunder Dog: The Story of a Blind Man, A Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero" was a New York Times best-seller.

Hingson will share his story of surviving the Twin Towers attacks on 9/11 as well as advice gleaned from his successful 27-year career in high-tech sales and management.

The meeting will be held 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 27, at Holiday Inn West at Cedar Bluff, 9134 Executive Park Drive. Its goal is to

update attendees on the progress made since stakeholders met in August 2015 to gather ideas and brainstorm strategies to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities in Knoxville.

"I think people will be encouraged by our progress, but there are still a lot of untapped opportunities for employers and people with disabilities," said Stephanie Brewer Cook, the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator. "We want to keep the momentum going to educate the larger community about employment successes, obstacles and ways to create sustainable, meaningful change."

Cook especially encourages attendance by area employers who are interested in hiring people

with disabilities. Job-shadowing and mentoring opportunities also help build a base of support for meaningful disability employment, she said.

Approximately 70 percent of people of working age with disabilities aren't meaningfully employed. That's absolutely unacceptable, considering the ADA is 27 years old, Cook said.

"People with disabilities want the same things as anyone – to be able to live happily in our communities in a manner that is independent and self-sufficient," she said. "But one can't be independent or self-sufficient if he or she is trying to scrape by on a meager Social Security check because there are no available jobs or employers who

are willing to hire them."

In the 19 months since the first meeting, CODI and KAEC have accomplished several initiatives:

- CODI established an Employment Subcommittee, which remains very active;

- CODI and KAEC have partnered on a disability-focused job fair and the creation of several short educational videos to educate the community at large about employment of people with disabilities; and

- KAEC ran a design contest for a window sticker that will identify local employers and businesses who hire and/or mentor people with disabilities.

"Our hope is that, by acknowledging these efforts, other businesses

might consider reaching out to learn how they can get the same recognition," Cook said.

To register and learn more about the meeting, visit <https://knoxville-followup.splashthat.com>. Anyone needing a disability accommodation to be able to attend should contact Cook at [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact the City Law Department at 865-215-2050.

CODI's survey seeking input on how Knoxville can be the friendliest city to people with disabilities and seniors is still open. You can find the survey and more information about CODI at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/ada](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/ada).

## Youthful dumb stunts

Not long ago, a group of teens traveled to the Smoky Mountains for a retreat. While they were lounging in the cabin, the boys in the group noticed an unusual item in one of the bathrooms. A bidet sat prominently in the room, and the boys were quickly fascinated with its operations. They pronounced the name of the things as "BO-DAY." Before long, the chaperones locked the bathroom and refused to allow the boys to continue playing with the thing and making up stories about it. This story is just another example of the goofy stunts boys



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pull.

Many times, a group of boys decides the time is right for a camping trip. Most of the journeys take the gang to the backyard of one of its members. In the country, the

trip might be much farther from the house. They set up tents, collect wood for a fire (hoping that they can actually get the stuff to burn), and spend some time laughing at jokes or telling ghost stories. These guys like nothing better than catching a participant asleep. Shaving cream is placed in the unconscious boy's hand and tickles with a weed or feather are administered to

his nose. With any luck, the sleeping boy will take his hand to rub his nose, thereby smearing his face with said shaving cream. If the trick works, the rest of the crew drops to the ground in stomach-aching laughter.

For some unknown reason, boys are hell-bent on daring each other to do ridiculous things. A foul odor emitted from rotten source always inspires young males to offer dares. One of them will eventually stick his nose to the foul stuff and inhale deeply. At other times, the dare to eat something that is spoiled or disgusting is proffered. Again, one in the crowd steps forward and ingest the nasty item. Heroic stature is assigned if the boy can swallow the stuff and manage to not

throw up.

Older boys make dares that are more perilous. They urge friends to see how fast the cars they drive will go. Sometimes they push drivers to "burn the tires." Of course, that can lead to a loss of control so that a vehicle fishtails and runs off the road and into a ditch. Back in the day, boys gathered late into the night at the one red light in Karns. There, they took both sides of the road, and when the light changed from red to green, they punched the gas and raced to the community center building, a quarter of a mile down the road.

Drinking alcohol is another area where boys commit boneheaded acts. So many times, a male's first drink

comes amidst a dare just to taste the stuff. Next comes the chugging game, and before a guy knows it, he's comode-hugging drunk. On occasion, a boy is suckered into a drinking game where he consumes too much alcohol. The resulting spinning room, dry heaves, and hangover

come thanks to his daring band of friends.

Some boys are fascinated with stunts involving personal acts. How unbelievably dumb is it for a boy to have someone strike a match and hold it toward his behind as he passes gas? Ooh's and aah's and wows follow as a blowtorch flame appears. Never mind the possibilities that the flame might run the other way. Or what about the old

knife game called "chicken." One person throws a pocketknife into the ground as close to another's foot as possible without stabbing it. The loser is the boy who hits his competitor's shoe. Actually, the one with the knife sticking in his foot is the loser.

Boys just don't have the brain development to make rational decisions. Perhaps the first flows of testosterone is one drawn reason in younger males. At any rate, part of the rites of passage for males is committing a handful of dumb stunts. With luck, those boys survive the acts to become adults who have more ability to think reasonably. At least we can hope that is the case.

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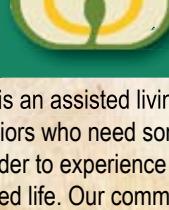
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## THE NEW SEASON — BOYS' STATE TOURNEY WRAP-UP

# Irishmen will be remembered for their effort and tenacious defense



By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic High School's basketball team had gone 102 days since losing, won 28 consecutive games and was ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AA the entire way.

It's no wonder the Irishmen's fall in the state championship game was so painful.

Just a little over 24 hours earlier, Catholic senior point guard Luke Smith had said, "I don't think I've ever been that happy," describing his feelings after his dramatic 3-point shot beat the buzzer and Nashville Whites Creek in the semifinals.

The emotions of Luke and his teammates were just the opposite following the 60-57 loss to Nashville Maplewood in the title game at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro the next day.

Happiness had been replaced with sadness.

Veteran Catholic head coach Mike Hutchens, however, took the high road in putting the entire season in perspective after the tough loss on March 18.

"Well, it's basketball," said Hutchens. "It's the highs and lows, and we had a lot of highs this year."

"Of course, yesterday we hit the shot that put us in the state championship game on the buzzer. That's just the way it goes. That's what I try to tell the boys, 'You have to take the highs with the lows.' They had a great season. They played their hearts out today. Even in the situation we were in, we took a shot at the end to tie it. That's the kind of guys they are."

Maplewood (29-8) trailed only once in the game, when senior reserve guard Davari Reeder's 3-pointer from the left wing gave the Irishmen a 22-21 lead with 3:10 remaining in the second period.

"They're a great team," said Hutchens.

Catholic (31-2) was hampered by foul trouble and below-par outside shooting.

Soon after Reeder gave Catholic its only lead, Smith picked up his third foul on an offensive charge call and sat out the final minute and 52 seconds of the half. Smith also was sidelined



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

*The postures and expressions of the Knoxville Catholic High players and coaches tell the tale of how the Class AA state championship game played out March 18 at MTSU's Murphy Center. After 28 wins in a row and being ranked No. 1 all season, the Irishmen's title hopes were crushed in a 60-57 loss to Nashville Maplewood.*



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

*Mike Hutchens, veteran Knoxville Catholic head coach, reacts during the Class AA state title game. His Irishmen, seeking the school's first state championship in basketball, fell to Nashville Maplewood 60-57 in the finals.*

the first 5:18 of the third period and when he returned to action Maplewood led 37-32.

Brock Jancek picked up two quick fouls midway through the second period and had to sit out the final 3:37 of the first half.

"It was tough when we had to start the third quarter without

Luke," said Hutchens. "At one time (in second period) we were without Luke and Brock."

But Hutchens did not blame the loss on the officiating.

"There's always going to be things you can question," he said. "We had our chances."

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## Catholic's 31-2 record ranks fifth best in Knoxville prep basketball history

By Steve Williams

Catholic may have come up short in capturing the school's first-ever state championship, but the Irishmen will still go down as one of the winningest teams ever in Knox County high school basketball history that played in a TSSAA state championship game. Their 31-2 record ranks fifth best on that list, based on won-loss records provided by TSSAA.

"Simply a great way to remember this outstanding team!" texted Hutchens after being informed of the all-time ranking.

Knoxville Holston is No. 1 on the list. The Warriors, coached by Howard Rash, finished 34-1 after defeating Knoxville Rule 71-51 in the Class AA finals in Murfreesboro in 1978.

## Knoxville's Top 10 all-time records among state finalists

1 - Holston (1978 Class AA champion)	34-1 (.971).
2 - Austin-East (1985 Class AA champion)	33-1 (.970).
3 - Austin-East (1977 Class AAA champion)	34-2 (.944).
4 - Fulton (2016 Class AA champion)	32-2 (.941).
5 - Catholic (2017 Class AA runner-up)	31-2 (.939).
6 - Bearden (2011 Class AAA runner-up)	35-3 (.921).
7 - Austin-East (2000 Class AA runner-up)	34-3 (.918).
8 - Austin-East (1987 Class AA champion)	28-3 (.903).
9 - Austin-East (1999 Class AA runner-up)	34-4 (.894).
10 - Fulton (1996 Class AA runner-up)	29-4 (.878).



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# Rebels stun Farragut in district opener 2-1

**By Ken Lay**

Adam Cupp couldn't contain his joy after a tough District 4-AAA victory on Monday, March 20 and West High School's senior right-handed pitcher certainly had reason to be happy.

And so did coach Buzz McNish and the rest of the Rebels baseball team.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we've beaten Farragut," Cupp said after West notched a 2-1 victory over the Admirals on a cool night in front of a spirited crowd at West High's Lindsay-Hawkins Park. "The last time that we

beat them had to be [long] before I got here. "For me, it was all about pitch location tonight and I'm glad that my defense played well behind me."

"I struggled early and I was barely able to wiggle off the hook."

Cupp did elude major damage in the first after allowing a double to Farragut's Chandler Chambers and issuing a walk to Parker Noland after retiring Admirals' leadoff man Carson Wright. He was able to escape when he caught Jake Hagenow looking for a popup from Zach Yunger.

Meanwhile, the Rebels

were able to manufacture a run in the bottom of the frame.

Kimon Swanson began the rally with a one-out double he took third on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error to give West a 1-0 lead.

Farragut had two players reach in the second, but a strikeout and base running gaffe by the Admirals helped the senior escape again.

In the top of the third, Wright tripled with one out and Cupp was able to keep him stranded there at inning's end.

Farragut got singles from

Justen Freeman and Cade Burkey in the fourth before Cupp got Jake Grooms to rap into a double play to extinguish that threat.

The Rebels extended their advantage to 2-0 in their half of the frame as pinch hitter Kaden Glick's singled plated Jackson Sexton with the game's second run.

The Admirals pulled to within 2-1 in the top of the fifth when Wright doubled home Ashton King. The inning, however, ended as Cupp notched a pair of clutch strikeouts.

McNish said that Cupp battled some adversity

early.

"He was really struggling with his off-speed stuff early," McNish said of Cupp. "But later, he got better and he was really able to keep us guessing."

"He did a good job keeping them guessing when they were looking off-speed and threw them fastballs."

The Admirals, who had base runners in both the sixth and seventh only to leave them, stranded, missed several chances as they left nine on base in the contest.

"We just didn't do a good job today," Farragut coach Matt Buckner said. "This

game has a way of showing you when you don't do good."

"In this game, you have the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Today, we just didn't do a good job and that's the bottom line."

Chambers agreed.

"This game can humble you real quick and we got humbled tonight," said Chambers, who went 2 for 3 with a pair of doubles in the contest. "I have to give it to West, they played a great game."

## Admirals battle adversity, beat CAK 3-2

**By Ken Lay**

Farragut High School's boys soccer team battled some steep odds Thursday night but in the end, the Admirals came out on top against Christian Academy of Knoxville in a battle of two traditional soccer powers. The victory helped Farragut remain undefeated.

But it wasn't easy.

"This is all on the kids. They won the game," Admirals coach Ray Dover said after Farragut notched a 3-2 victory over the Warriors at the Farragut Soccer Stadium.

CAK (1-1) will provide a tough test for any team in Knox County and Thursday night was no exception.

But the Warriors, the defending Class A/AA State Champions, found themselves at a distinct advantage when Farragut (5-0-1) went a man down early when Paul Calkins received a red card in the eighth minute for a foul in the box.

Things then got tougher for Farragut when Warriors senior Matt Zaczek converted the ensuing penalty kick his side a 1-0 lead.

CAK held the upper hand until late in the opening

half.

Farragut pulled even in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute when Wes Jeter's left-footed shot beat CAK goalkeeper Isaac Shoutko and went into the back of the net.

And the Admirals weren't finished. They took the lead approximately a minute later when Austin Bihlmeyer took a cross from Jeter and promptly scored.

Farragut, which enjoyed a 2-1 lead at halftime, had the momentum after the Warriors got off to a fast start. CAK coach Jon Day said it was a matter of his squad briefly losing its competitive edge.

"I think we lost our competitive edge for about eight minutes and a team like Farragut will penalize you every time," Day said. "We're disappointed but I was able to get some of our younger guys some big valuable experience."

"This is a good marker for us. This was a great squad that we played against tonight and this was a great experience for us. But we wanted more."

The Warriors knotted the match at 2-2 when junior Davis Clothier tallied in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Farragut missed a couple



*Farragut goalkeeper Mitchell White prepares for the Admirals' annual match against CAK Thursday. The Admirals outlasted the Warriors 3-2 despite being shorthanded for much of the match.*

of scoring chances in the second half when Dillon Bihlmeyer was unable to cash in on a pair of point-blank shots. The younger of the Bihlmeyer Brothers enabled the Admirals to keep applying pressure in their offensive third of the field.

It would eventually pay off when Austin Bihlmeyer scored the game-winner in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute. Farragut controlled the game late.

"They're a great team and there's no doubt about that," Austin Bihlmeyer said.

"We just kept working a

little harder than they did. "We outwork people. That's what we do at Farragut."

Dover commended his players for successfully battling adversity on this night.

"This is a high character group," he said. "I remember being in a game when we were down a man and it's not easy."

Farragut won its home opener and also avenged last season's loss to the Warriors at CAK.

## Top soccer teams to play in Bearden Invitational

**By Ken Lay**

Some of Tennessee's best high school soccer teams will invade Knoxville this week as they convene for the 2017 Bearden Invitational.

Tournament action begins Thursday night with three games on two fields.

At Bill Young Field (the football stadium) Christian Academy of Knoxville will take on Science Hill at 7 p.m. The Warriors are the defending Class A/AA State Champions.

At Bruce Allender Field, host and defending Class AAA State Champion Bearden will tangle with Gallatin at 7 p.m. Opening night action concludes Thursday at 8:30 when Hardin Valley Academy plays against Christ Presbyterian Academy, the 2015 Class A/AA State Champion Lions are coached by one-time CAK head man Tom Gerlach.

On Friday, tournament play continues with Gallatin playing tournament newcomer Central at 5 p.m. at Bill Young Field. Also at 5 p.m. at Allender Field, Morristown West will tangle

with CAK. At 7 p.m., Green-ville will battle Maryville at Bill Young Field. Henderson-ville and Hardin Valley will play at 7 on the Bearden soccer field.

Bearden will play CPA at 8:30 at Allender field and Webb will entertain Notre Dame at Bill Young Field.

Saturday's games include: CAK vs. Central at 11 a.m. at Bruce Allender Field; Maryville vs. Gallatin at 1 p.m. (at Allender Field); Notre Dame vs. CPA at 1 p.m. (on Bill Young Field). At 3, HVA will take on Green-ville (Allender) and Webb goes up against Science Hill.

The final two matches of the night will be at Allender Field as Central tangles with Morristown West at 5 p.m. and Bearden will play Hendersonville at 7 p.m.

On Sunday all games will be at the school's soccer complex as Notre Dame plays Central at 10 a.m. Morristown West takes on Hendersonville at noon. At 2 p.m. Greenville will tangle with Webb and at 4 p.m., Science Hill plays Maryville in the tournament finale.

# Farr sparkles as Powell downs Halls 6-1

**By Ken Lay**

Allison Farr flirted with perfection Wednesday night.

Farr, Powell High School's sophomore pitcher, didn't quite get a perfect game, no-hitter or shutout. But she sparkled as the Lady Panthers nabbed a 6-1 District 3-AAA softball victory over rival Halls.

"She pitched well," Powell coach Jeff Inman said of Farr, who surrendered just one hit and one walk while hitting a batter and striking out seven before a packed house at Halls. "We didn't have our best game offensively."

"But we played good defense and [Farr] threw a great game. We got good pitching and we played good defense and that will win you a lot of ballgames."

Powell (7-2-1 overall, 3-0 in District 3-AAA) manufactured enough offense to score six runs over the first two innings. The Lady Panthers, who got some help from a shaky Halls defense, used some

aggressive base running to take advantage from some defensive lapses by the Lady Devils (2-1, 2-1).

"They gave us a few things and luckily we were able to take advantage of them," Inman said. "And I think we were aggressive on the bases. We were able to keep the pressure on them."

Powell, which tallied three times in the top of the first, had just five hits in the contest and scored all of its runs with two outs.

The Lady Panthers started their first-inning rally when leadoff hitter Madison Tidmore was hit by a pitch. Brittney Franse then drew a one-out walk and Kiley Longmire reached on a fielder's choice.

Ashley Wheeler then reached on an error when she bunted the ball in front of home plate. Franse scored on the play, when to give Powell a 1-0 lead.

Powell got three more runs with two out in the top of the second. Franse had a two-run double and later scored with the help of another defensive miscue by the Lady Devils.

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"She threw a great game," Gordon said. "She gave up [a few] hits. I don't know how many because I haven't totaled the book up yet."

"But we gave up six runs. All of them were unearned and all of them came with two outs. When you do that, you're not going to beat anybody. We couldn't catch the ball and we couldn't hit the ball. You have to be able to catch the ball and you have to be able to hit the ball. We have a lot of work to do."

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got their lone hit of the frame on Lilly Holston's RBI single that plated Wheeler to make it 3-0.

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In the pitcher's circle, Farr

retired the first 10 hitters she faced before Halls left fielder Paige Calloway blasted a solo home run over the center-field fence with one out in the bottom

of the fourth.

Farr walked a batter and hit another in the frame but was able to avoid further damage when she struck out Megan Wiser and Taylor Gilley to end the inning.

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*Powell pitcher Allison Farr prepares to throw a pitch against Halls in a game Wednesday. Farr, a sophomore, hurled a one-hitter as the Lady Panthers downed the Lady Devils 6-1.*

# After rags-to-riches season, Lewis' Lady Hornets eye future

**By Steve Williams**

The Carter High Lady Hornets were Knox County's Cinderella team this basketball season.

Head coach Bo Lewis, in his second season since taking over a program that had 14 losing seasons in a row, guided a young Carter team on a rags-to-riches adventure.

A win at Alcoa was Carter's first region tournament victory in 16 years and its first appearance in the region since 2010-11.

Their 22 wins this season were the most the Lady Hornets had recorded since 2001 and gave them their first winning season since 2002.

They produced their first back-to-back seasons of double-digit wins since the early 2000s, following a 12-13 record in Coach Lewis' first season (2015-16).

Carter also finished third in District 3-AA in the regular season and tournament and that's its best showing since the early 2000s.

"It's a joy as a coach just to see the progress each day, win or lose, because this group has worked really hard each day and bought in to what we're trying to do," said Lewis, former head coach at Jefferson County High. "We've got a long way to go I still feel like, but it's heading in the right direction."

The clock finally struck midnight on the Carter girls in the Region 2-AA semifinals, but not before they gave highly regarded

Gatlinburg-Pittman a good scare.

The Lady Hornets were up by seven points going into the fourth period but couldn't hold the lead. Down 50-48, Carter still had a chance with 18.3 seconds remaining but missed a shot from underneath its basket. G-P tacked on a layup before the buzzer to make the final score 52-48.

"We battled," said Coach Lewis. "The region semifinal game is probably the toughest game in the tournament, just to get over that hump the sub-state game. I was proud of my girls. We had a chance there at the end and that's all you can ask."

"You've got to learn from it and hopefully get another opportunity next year."

Carter will have everybody back next season except lone senior Che' Davis, who scored over 1,600 points in her high school career and has signed a scholarship with King University.

Davis, a wing, and junior post Sarah Irwin were starters this season, along with three freshmen - point guard Jordan Heifner, shooting guard Bailey Trumm and post Evie Depetro.

First off the bench were junior shooting guard Taylor Webb, freshman post Z Clark and sophomore wing McKenzie Cook.

The varsity roster also included Hailey Nance, Carley Webster, Holland Bruce, Makayla Lecroy and Lainey Corum.



**Carter Lady Hornets (from left) Jordan Heifner, Bailey Trumm, Sarah Irwin, Taylor Webb and Evie Depetro have fun posing for this photo, just like they had fun putting together a 22-12 record this season.**

Trumm led the Lady Hornets with 439 points. Davis took more of a "support role" with the young team but still ranked second in scoring with 431 points. Heifner totaled 251 points and Depetro 214.

Also scoring 100 or more points were Nance (199), Irwin (122), Webb (121) and Clark (100).

Trumm is an outstanding 3-point shooter. She led the state in made 3-pointers with 111, said Lewis. He added that Bailey's shooting percentage behind the arc (44 percent) was actually better than her 2-point field goal percentage (41 percent).

Bailey's younger sister Reagan was a seventh

grader at Carter Middle School this season and made the All-Knox County Middle School team.

The thrill of the win over Alcoa in the region should help propel the Lady Hornets through the off-season.

"They were extremely excited," Lewis recalled. "We had talked to them a little bit about the importance of that game and what it could mean for our program, as far as keeping our program going in the right direction. I was really happy for our girls to see the excitement on their faces once we got that win."

The Lady Hornets had come on strong at the end

of the regular season, and although they didn't notch an upset win, they took Gatlinburg-Pittman and Fulton into overtime before losing. Both G-P and Fulton were state ranked teams that advanced to this year's state tourney.

"We've been competing," said Lewis. Following their season-ending loss to the Lady Highlanders in the region tournament, the Carter girls received a standing ovation from the Carter fans as they walked off the court.

"I just love the Carter community," said Lewis. "They've really rallied behind our girls this season. I saw a lot of faces in the crowd. We're appreciative

of that. It's a Carter family and I truly believe that."

Being a senior, Davis was disappointed in not getting the win over G-P and advancing in the tournament, but she complimented Coach Lewis for getting the Carter program turned around.

Davis said the key factors in her last two seasons were "giving 110 percent and playing with intensity."

"Coach Lewis led us to this game, working with us after practice and showing he actually cared. He was a really good coach."

Expect the Lady Hornets to give their fans even more to cheer about next season.

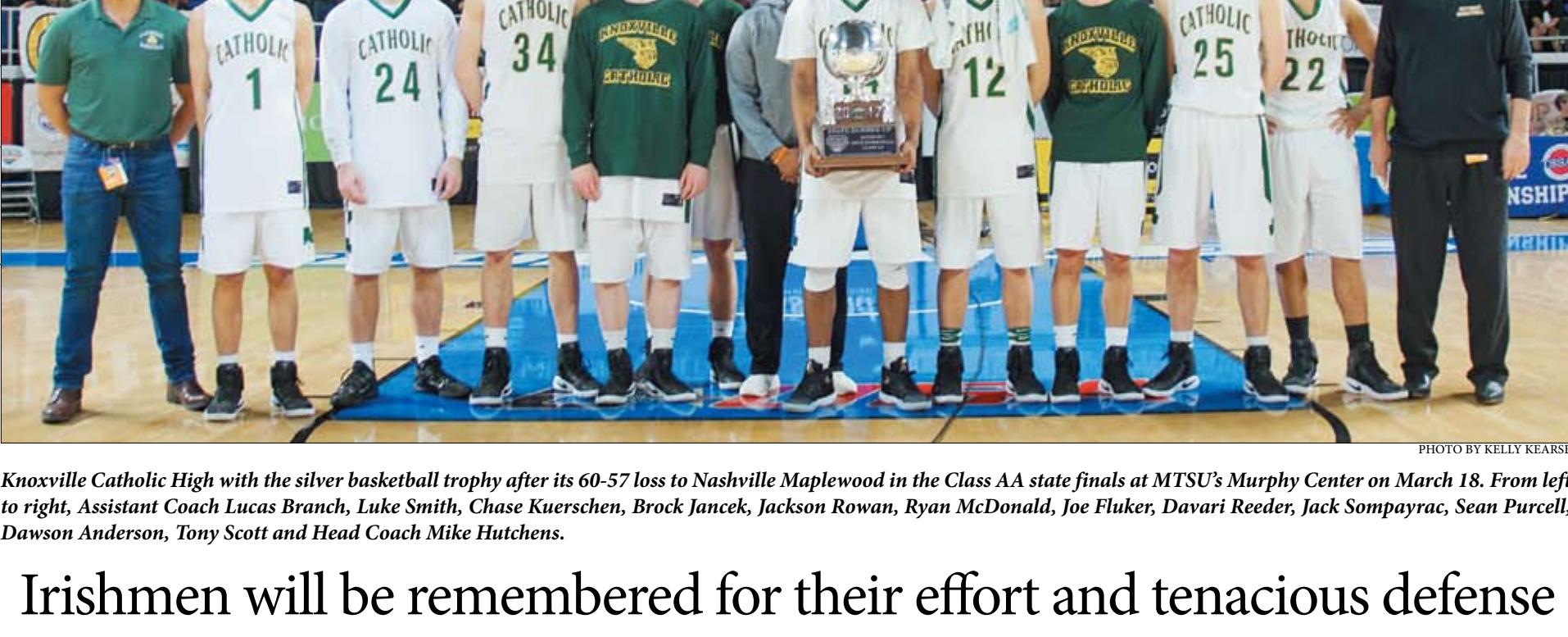


PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

**Knoxville Catholic High with the silver basketball trophy after its 60-57 loss to Nashville Maplewood in the Class AA state finals at MTSU's Murphy Center on March 18. From left to right, Assistant Coach Lucas Branch, Luke Smith, Chase Kuerschen, Brock Jancek, Jackson Rowan, Ryan McDonald, Joe Fluker, Davari Reeder, Jack Sompayrac, Sean Purcell, Dawson Anderson, Tony Scott and Head Coach Mike Hutchens.**

## Irishmen will be remembered for their effort and tenacious defense

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Timetric "Bo" Hodges, selected the Class AA tournament MVP, led Maplewood with 18 points, making eight of nine free throws. Robert Wilcox III and Hassan Littlepage had 12 points each and Timotheus Hodges chipped in 11 points and five assists.

The 6-7 Jancek, dominating inside, scored 16 points and raked off 11 rebounds to lead Catholic. Reeder tallied 11 points, hitting 3 of 6 from 3-point range. Smith finished with 10 points and four assists but five turnovers.

One glaring total on the stat sheet was that Smith and Jack Sompayrac combined to go 0 for 11 on 3-point attempts.

"I never found it in this tournament," Smith said.

Maplewood led by nine points (13-4) midway through the first period. The Panthers were up 15-11 after one stop, 25-24 at intermission and 41-39 after three

stops.

Smith, still off the mark on two 3-point tries in the fourth period, kept Catholic close with four driving layups, the last one cutting an eight-point deficit to six with 25.8 seconds to go.

Maplewood turned the ball over and Sompayrac was fouled on an in-bounds play. His two foul shots sliced the deficit to 58-54 with 19.8 seconds remaining.

A wide open layup by Wilcox restored Maplewood's six-point advantage, but the Irishmen didn't quit. Chase Kuerschen's 3-point shot pulled Catholic within three and the Irish called timeout with 1.2 on the clock.

Panther reserve Craig Blackshear was quickly fouled and missed the front end of his 1-and-1. Jancek rebounded and called time at 0.9.

Smith got off a desperation shot from 70 feet, and as the ball traveled through the air, some probably wondered if there might be some

Luck of the Irish left.

"That's the play we work on in practice," said Hutchens. "Unluckily, we didn't have enough time to get it down a little closer. We got about all we could get out of it and we had the right person shooting it."

This Catholic team had been so good, so fortunate through the season, Hutchens never stopped believing.

"No, till that buzzer went off, I felt like there was a chance, and this team is that kind of team," he said.

In the media room after the game, Hutchens said this team in time will look back with pride on the "historical" season.

"I've had some really good teams," he said. "This is certainly one of the best in our long, great history."

When asked what he thought this team will be most remembered by, Hutchens replied, "For their effort. For playing one of the toughest Class AA schedules

in the state. And for being defensively tenacious."

"It's a prime example of defense still wins ball games, and that's how these kids won a lot of their games this year."

Out of its 33 games, Catholic allowed its opponents to score 60 points only six times.

"I'm going to miss them a whole lot," said Hutchens.

**CLASS A CHAMPS:** Harriman edged Clay County 74-73 for its first state title since 1995.

Oak Ridge also made a good showing among East Tennessee teams at the state. The Wildcats jumped out to a 13-7 first period lead over nationally ranked Memphis East and battled the Mustangs to the end before bowing 63-60 in the Class AAA semifinals. Memphis

East toppled Region 8 rival Southwind 65-45 in the finals.

**ALL-TOURNEY:** Brock Jancek, Chase Kuerschen and Luke Smith represented Catholic on the Class AA all-tournament team. Grace Christian Academy sophomore Grant Ledford was honored with selection to the Class A team.

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# Spring practice underway for Vols

By Alex Norman

If the weather can be a harbinger of things to come, the Tennessee Volunteers had to like what greeted them on Tuesday, March 21st. The first day of spring practice took place under sunny skies with few clouds, and temperatures in the lower 70's.

That weather was not in alignment with the on-field storms that greeted UT in the second half of the 2016 season, as the Vols limped to the finish, missing out on a spot in the SEC championship game.

Tennessee won nine times in each of the past two seasons, including bowl games, but that elusive SEC East title has remained out of reach. The

Vols believe that getting the most out of 15 spring practices will help them take that next step up the conference ladder.

"Spring football is paramount to the development of your football team from a mindset, from a work-ethic standpoint, from your standards, expectations and toughness," said Tennessee head coach Butch Jones. "If you have to wait until August camp to build your toughness as a football team you are in trouble. To me, this is where your team is developed from a leadership, from a toughness... from a discipline, from a fundamental standpoint. Everything that we talked about -- the details, the accountability,

the toughness... it all starts here."

The big question mark is at quarterback. Who will replace Josh Dobbs? Junior Quinten Dormady? Or red-shirt freshman Jarrett Guarantano? The answer likely won't come in the next few weeks.

"We want them to compete. No timetable has been set on a starting quarterback or any starting position," said Jones. "They have to earn that right and they earn that right through their performance on the field off the field in the meetings and from a quarterback standpoint it is consistency. Consistency and performance every single day. Never being too high never being

too low, individuals who can manage our offense get us in the appropriate plays the leadership that is associated with playing the quarterback position, but I would say the big thing is gonna be consistency day in and day out. And competing on a daily basis, when you compete on a daily basis you are going to improve each and every day. And that's what we want to see, constant growth and improvement."

Much like most of the teams in the country Tennessee will be somewhat limited this spring. At least eight players will miss all of these sessions due to injury, including three guys on the Vols defensive line (end Kyle Phillips, tackles

Shy Tuttle and Kendal Vickers). But Jones says don't expect these practices to be light ones.

"We cannot compromise our physicality as a football team, nor will we this spring," said Jones. "And that is vital that we become a much more physical football team and a much more explosive football team."

Those injuries on the defensive line opens the door for players like Jonathan Kongbo, who will move back to his more natural position of defensive end, after being pressed into action in 2016 at tackle.

Tennessee coaching staff went through some major changes in the off season, with four new hires and the promotion of Larry

Scott to offensive coordinator. Jones says those moves have brought more energy to the program, and gives many players a fresh start.

"They have an opportunity. Everyone has a clean slate. And you are responsible for creating your identity both on the field and off the field of how you win every day," said Jones. "These players can walk in and it doesn't matter what you have done in the past. Good, bad or indifferent. You have that opportunity to reinvent yourself you have that opportunity to really be responsible for what you create on a daily basis. And it's been great."

## Vols need to play a real Orange and White game this spring



**By Steve Williams**

the Vols "cannot compromise our physicality" and need to become "a much more physical football team," and they plan to emphasize "toughness" starting with their first spring practice.

Years ago, for its annual spring intra-squad game, Tennessee players would be divided up by the coaches to make two even teams. The Orange would play the White in an actual football game. Fans could choose a team to pull for, perhaps based on the one which consisted of their most favorite players.

Touchdowns would count six points and field goals three points and

when the game was over, there actually was a score like 28-17.

Last year's show, with its untraditional scoring system, ended with the defense beating the offense 70-63 in front of over 60,000 fans at Neyland Stadium.

A real Orange and White contest would provide a true game-like test in the QB battle between Dormady and Guarantano. Otherwise, their first real game action will come against Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Some players perform better in games than they do in practice. Not long ago we saw that here at Tennessee. Reports came out that Josh Dobbs was sometimes awful in practice when he was a

freshman, while Nathan Peterman was a standout on the practice field.

Based on that, Coach Jones rewarded Peterman with the starting nod over Justin Worley at Florida in 2013 and Peterman played like he had stage fright.

Florida was ripe for plucking that day in the Swamp, too. Jeff Driskel, the Gators' starting quarterback, threw an interception and suffered a season-ending ankle injury in the first quarter. The Vols returned the pick for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead. But nervous Nathan managed to throw for only five yards and had four turnovers in the first half. Butch finally benched him and Worley took over. It was too late and the

Vols probably would have won that game if Peterman hadn't started.

The point here is Tennessee coaches need to know which of its quarterbacks can play in front of a crowd and in game-like conditions before the season begins and take advantage of a real intra-squad spring game to help them make that decision.

Like most coaches, Jones doesn't want to take the chance of having injuries.

Several Tennessee players already are sitting out spring drills to recover from injuries or surgeries and the Vols are a little short on depth at a few positions, particularly in the defensive line. But injuries are part

of the game and Tennessee still has enough players to divide up and play a real game.

It's worth the risk. Besides, a football player can be injured anytime – in practice today or in the season opener at Georgia Tech.

You can't let fear get in the way of picking your No. 1 quarterback or making Tennessee a much more physical football team.

The bonus is giving Tennessee football fans a real Orange and White game to see and enjoy and the Vols a real intra-squad game to play in and compete.

On Fan Appreciation Day, I believe the fans would appreciate that more than anything.

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**The Doctor is in**  
a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

## Bots

I suspect every generation, after coming of age, reflects upon the "good ole days." I'm amazed how the world has changed during my lifetime, especially in the last twenty years with cell phones and the Internet. The Net is an invaluable tool for a curious fellow like me. Now, instead of going to a library I just Google my questions, realizing I still have to use my experience and intuition to parse the answers.

My iPhone is always in my pocket, unless I'm in bed or the shower! I no longer buy newspapers because I read the news online through various apps (applications) on my iPhone. I'm no longer bound to a chair, my TV or radio or even a broadcast time slot since I can access the world any time I choose. And fortunately, there are many "news" perspectives, given the politicization of what was

once simple reporting of the facts (fake news).

Caddy Shack is a farcical movie about golf. It's a cult favorite and stars Bill Murray, Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield. A minor character is "Doctor Beeper," so named because he carries a pager. Like me, Beeper was able to manage his patients while away from his office. Have you considered why you no longer hear a page for doctors at UT football games? And smartphones have now replaced beepers.

I no longer buy medical text books; I carry a compendium of medical knowledge in my pocket. The information in textbooks is arguably two years old by the time of purchase. Now, I subscribe to a continuously updated medical, surgical and pediatric online "textbook" available through my iPhone. My patients benefit and so do I. No one can know

everything, but you can ask. I learned long ago there is no shame in asking questions, and looking up answers is a pathway to knowledge and wisdom.

We are more connected than ever before. The telephone was revolutionary, and replaced the telegraph long before my time. And now we use email more than "snail mail" of the postal system. We moderns send text messages and pictures next door and across the country. Social media has become an integral aspect of our modern life. Even if you don't do Facebook or Instagram, you hear of President Trump's Tweets and those of others which the media treats as news instead of doing investigative reporting as was once a standard of journalism.

In my concierge medical practice my patients call me directly, so it was not unusual that my pocket vibrated, but unusual that it began to "speak to me." I shifted my granddaughter to the other hip to retrieve my iPhone, and was shocked to see the face of a friend who lives in Belfast, Northern Ireland! Apparently, I had accidentally "butt-called" him or as the Brits might say, I "bum-called" him. Becky and I use Apple's FaceTime app to see and talk with our daughter and granddaughter in Oregon.

However, I had never called internationally. So, was this FaceTime call to my friend serendipity or Providential?

I'm careful about what I write or cast upon the Internet. However, due to fat fingers, I have accidentally hit the send button before a note was proofread or even complete. To prevent this I now do not enter the address until my note is complete. And I don't Tweet because I was taught that if you're angry you should write a letter, but not send it until it had rested three days in your desk drawer. Instant communication and knee-jerk reactions have obvious drawbacks.

I read an interesting report two weeks ago concerning research from the University of Southern California. The research concerned "bots," short for robot internet accounts. It turns out that up to 15% of the accounts on Twitter are not people, but are automated responders to certain words or phrases or people who tweet. Given the 319 million monthly users of Twitter, there may be 48 million robot accounts used to inflate responses or denigrate the opinion of others.

Today I read a story about emergency drones rather than the ones who spy on the neighbor's sunbathing daughter or

drop bombs on terrorists. These emergency drones can be summoned with a 911 call, delivering a defibrillator and then instruct bystanders how to deliver a resuscitative shock.

Every day we hear how robots are taking over the world. Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates are fearful of advancing AI, artificial intelligence which they worry will enslave humans. The movie Terminator echoed this dystopic view of how the rest of us view our mechanical servitors.

I've always been fascinated by thinking, and how some people don't seem to do so. Scientists have been unable to trace the neural pathways of a thought process. We know there are areas where memories are held, areas which control motor function and areas which control vital systems like breathing or digesting supper. However, in the thought process, the brain seems to collect information from many diverse areas, collates the data in an ill-defined way and thought results.

Computers can crunch information at the speed of light (186,000 miles a second) and render an answer. Human neurons signal each other collectively at 100 meters a second (a meter is thirty-nine inches) and thought ensues. And our ah-hahs

surpass any number cruncher... so far.

Isaac Asimov was a polymath, a man of many talents. He published books in every section of the Dewey Decimal library system. I first learned of Asimov reading his science fiction novels. One salient SF series revolves around artificially intelligent robots. Asimov famously created the three robotic laws for his protagonist R. Daneel Olivaw, a human appearing robot seemingly more capable than mortal man. These laws are:

1 - A robot may not injure a human being or through inaction allow a human to come to harm;

2 - A robot must obey orders given it by humans except where such orders would conflict with the First Law;

3 - A robot must protect its own existence as long as protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

Hawking and Gates need not fear AIs, but should lobby to make sure our machines are programmed with humanity's best interests. Actually, a much larger concern is the Beltway boys and girls of Washington DC who obviously don't have proper programming and the best interests of

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

## Nothing Too Hard for God

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you...I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:17, 27).

The setting of these words was the destruction of Jerusalem at the hand of the Babylonians. Jeremiah prays to God as the city is being attacked. He doesn't want God to



By Mark Brackney,  
Minister of the  
Arlington Church  
of Christ

forget him or his people. God then speaks to Jeremiah and tells of a day when the people will come back after the captivity and live in safety. God says, "They will be my people, and I will be their God" (Jeremiah 32:38). The anguish of the moment will one day turn to joy.

Sometimes it is difficult to remember the hope of tomorrow when the pain of today is so great. We

begin to ask questions like: How can I break this habit? Can I really expect to see changes in my husband or wife? Will I ever feel loved? When will I believe or know God's purpose for my life? Why does it feel like my life is coming apart? Have these thoughts ever crossed your mind? If so, you are not alone. There are days many of us feel defeated, overcome and rejected. It is easy to lose hope and forget the promises of God.

Jesus shouts to us in our distress: "Everything

is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23). The Psalm writer says: "I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me" (Psalm 57:2). The Lord spoke through Isaiah the prophet: "Those who hope in me will not be disappointed" (49:23).

God is performing a work in you. His timing may be different from our timing, in fact, it often is. But we can trust Him. We can know with certainty that He loves us. And a loving personal God knows what is best for us.

The key to breaking destructive addictions, to witnessing changes in our marriages and families, to be loved and to love others, to knowing God's purpose in our life, the answers are found in Jesus. Immerse yourself in His love by spending time with Him. Dive deep into the Word of God and drink from its nourishment. Bask in the glory of God as you enter into His presence with worship. And when you are bombarded with Satan's words that something is too

difficult, perhaps you can remember these words to the song written by Kay Chance, Ah, Lord God:

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and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc. 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 April 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 6TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 90 OF THE COLONIES, UNIT 4, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET F, SLIDE 67-C (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 77-S, PAGE 60), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS, AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT AND IN PLAT CABINET F, SLIDE 67-C (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 77-S, PAGE 60); AND BOOK 1812, PAGE 437, ALL IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Parcel ID: 132LG-013 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 8600 OLDE COLONY TRP, APT 90, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923. 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): DUNCAN RANDOLPH SAUSSER MCKELLAR, MICKINZIE WEVLEY

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Kimberly Etters, did convey in trust to Trustee,

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and WHEREAS, default has been made in the

payment of the indebtedness, the same being now

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declared due and payable in accordance with the

terms of the Deed of Trust, and the Trustee having

been called upon to foreclose said Deed of Trust,

in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell

the real property in satisfaction thereof; and

WHEREAS, Heather A. Quinn-Bader was

appointed successor trustee by instrument of

record in the Register's Office for Knox County, in

accordance with the Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that

by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Deed

of Trust, I will on April 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

(local time), offer for sale and sell, inside the Main

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same on record in 199906150204912, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is

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Other interest parties: Jeff Kear dba Kip

Property Management, LLC; Knox County Trustee,

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE

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200807150003349 in the Register's Office for

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indebtedness, and further said noteholders did

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to advertise and sell the property secured and

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part thereof, the non payment of taxes, and the

failure to provide insurance on the real property,

all at the option of the holder and owner of said

purchase-money indebtedness, after notice to the

Debtor and all interested parties as provided in the

terms of said purchase-money deed of trust note,

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Code Annotated, and advertisement of the real

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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 April 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the City/Court 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:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6), KNOX COUNTY STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK WB 2325, PAGE 334, ID#0476L-059, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO 59 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF STONE BRIDGE GARDENS SUBDIVISION, FILED IN MAP CABINET L AT SLIDE 399D. THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E HINDS SURVEYOR DATED 6-25-91.

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ANESTHESIA MEDICAL ALLIANCE OF TENNESSEE, GE CAPITAL RETAIL BANK, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Margaret Davidson executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, Lender and First Priority Title Company, Trustee(s), which was dated June 23, 2008 and recorded on June 25, 2008 in Instrument No. 200806250096661, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, (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 April 11, 2017, at 10:00AM 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:

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 2651 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914-5340  
2620 E. Fifth Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914  
2633 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914  
Tax Map #: 082KA016, 082KA006, 082KA017  
Parcel ID Number: 069MJ018  
Address/Description: 1539 Claiborne Place, Knoxville, TN 37917.  
Current Owner(s): Margaret Davidson.  
Other Interested Parties: Knoxville Utilities Board and Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any 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 than 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  
PH: 615-550-7697 FX: 615-550-8484  
File No.: 17-01167 FC01

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of August 28, 2009, Mountain View Development, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, conveyed the hereinabove described real property and improvements thereon to Joseph G. Coker, Trustee, by Deed of Trust on record at Instrument No. 200908310016460, in the Knox County Register's Office, to secure certain debts and obligations as are described in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced Deed of Trust was modified by a Modification to Deed of Trust dated September 1, 2013, of record at Instrument No. 201311220032871 in said Register's Office.  
WHEREAS, Stephen R. Wise was appointed and designated to serve as Substitute Trustee under said Deed of Trust by instrument dated March 1, 2017; and  
WHEREAS, an event of default has occurred, and the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, First Volunteer Bank, being the owner and holder of the debts secured by and described in the Deed of Trust, has declared all debts and obligations secured thereby to be immediately due and payable; and  
WHEREAS, the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust has directed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real estate.  
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will on the 10th day of April, 2017, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., at the main entrance to the City/County Building for Knox County, Tennessee nearest the main assembly room, Main Avenue, in Knoxville, Tennessee offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, or on such terms as may be announced at the sale, the following described real estate and all improvements thereon:  
SITUATED in District Two (2) Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 15th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT ONE: BEING all of Lots 9 and 10 and the western 15 feet of Lot 11, Block Z, in what is known and designated as Knoxville Real Estate Company's Cold Springs Addition to Knoxville, as shown by map of said addition of record in Map Book 3, pages 106-107, in the Knox County Register's Office, and said lots and portion of lot lie adjacent, forming one boundary, situated, lying and being in the northern side of Magnolia Avenue, having a combined frontage of 115 feet therein, and running back in a northerly direction between parallel lines 175 feet to the southern line of an alley, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point which point in the northern line of Magnolia Avenue distant in an easterly direction 250 feet from the point of intersection of the northern line of Magnolia Avenue with the eastern line of Cherry Street, said point of BEGINNING being the southeast corner of Lot 8, Block Z in said Addition; then running in a northerly direction along the dividing line between Lots 8 and 9, Block Z, in said Addition, and on a line parallel with the eastern line of Cherry Street, 175 feet to a point in the southern line of an alley; thence in an easterly direction along the southern line of said alley and on a line parallel with the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, 115 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction on a line parallel with the first line herein, 175 feet to a point in the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, thence in a westerly direction along the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, 115 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT TWO: BEING all of Lots 25 and 26, Block Z of Cold Springs Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee and being more particularly described

as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake in the south line of East Fifth Avenue, 300 feet westerly from the intersection of the south line of East Fifth Avenue with the west line of Harrison Street, thence in a southerly direction 145 feet to a stake in the north line of an alley; thence westwardly along said north line of said alley, 100 feet to a stake; thence in a northerly direction 145 feet to a stake in the south line of East Fifth Avenue; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of East Fifth Avenue, 100 feet to a stake in the south line of East Fifth Avenue, the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT THREE: BEGINNING in the northern line of Magnolia Avenue 200 feet from the northeast corner of Magnolia Avenue and Cherry Street; thence continuing with the north line of Magnolia Avenue, eastwardly 50 feet; thence northwardly and parallel to Cherry Street, 175 feet to the south line of an alley; thence continuing with the south line of said alley and parallel to Magnolia Avenue, westwardly 50 feet; thence southwardly and parallel to Cherry Street to the north line of Magnolia Avenue, the place of BEGINNING, and being Lot 8 in Block Z, of Cold Springs Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, of record in Map Book 3, page 107, in the Knox County Register's Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Mountain View Development, LLC, by Warranty Deed from Vernon T. Hamilton, Eugene A. Branch and John R. Simmons, Trustees of Masters Lodge 244 Fee and Accepted Masons aka Masonic Lodge #244, dated June 27, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200207010000186, in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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Tax Map #: 082KA016, 082KA006, 082KA017

Provided, however, in the event of any inconsistency between the description and the addresses or tax map numbers, the property description shall control.

The sale shall be subject to: (i) all matters shown on any recorded plat; (ii) any unpaid taxes; (iii) any restrictive covenants; (iv) applicable easements or set back lines; (v) any prior or superior liens or encumbrances; and, (vi) any other priorities as may appear in the public records or as may be disclosed by an accurate survey of the property. The sale shall be made in bar of all rights or equities of redemption, homestead and dower, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust.

Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned shall convey only as Substitute Trustee, without covenants or warranty of title.

Known interested parties: City of Knoxville, First National Bank

The right is reserved to: (i) adjourn the date or time of the sale to another date or time certain without further publication, upon announcement of the same at the time and place for the sale set forth above; (ii) extend the time that the successful bidder has to make settlement; (iii) keep bidding open for any length of time; (iv) reject all bids; and, (v) accept the second highest bid or the next highest bid with which the bidder is able to comply, should the highest bidder fail to comply with the term of the sale. The sale may be rescinded at any time.

This the 10th day of March, 2017.

Stephen R. Wise, Substitute Trustee  
Wise & Reeves, P.C.  
625 S. Gay Street, Suite 160  
Knoxville, TN 37902  
(865)544-1199

Publication Dates: March 20, 2017, March 27, 2017, April 3, 2017.

## 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 September 30, 2008, executed by BETTY LOU ABBOTT, GARY L LONG, MARY L LONG, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 3, 2008, at Instrument Number 200810030023401;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC a Delaware Limited Liability Company 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 April 13, 2017 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:

SITUATE IN THE 5TH (FORMERLY 8TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 23RD WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 294, BLOCK 47, WEST LONSDALE ADDITION, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 106, IN THE REGISTERS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE EAST SIDE OF DAYTON STREET, SAID IRON IN BEING 50 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF DAYTON STREET WITH THE NORTH LINE OF MYOSOTIS STREET, SAID IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING DAYTON STREET AND ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 595 AND 594, 144 FEET TO AN ALLEY; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID ALLEY, 50 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 594 AND 593, 144 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EAST LINE OF DAYTON STREET; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WITH DAYTON STREET, 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (TAX ID: 093LE-003)

Parcel ID: 093LE003  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 2204 DAYTON ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description referred shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): BETTY LOU ABBOTT, GARY L LONG, MARY L LONG

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SYNCNORTH BANK/DILLARD'S CO FKSC 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 a point in the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, 115 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction on a line parallel with the first line herein, 175 feet to a point in the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, thence in a westerly direction along the northern line of Magnolia Avenue, 115 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

TRACT ONE: BEING all of Lots 9 and 10 and the western 15 feet of Lot 11, Block Z, in what is known and designated as Knoxville Real Estate Company's Cold Springs Addition to Knoxville, as shown by map of said addition of record in Map Book 3, pages 106-107, in the Knox County Register's Office, and said lots and portion of lot lie adjacent, forming one boundary, situated, lying and being in the northern side of Magnolia Avenue, having a combined frontage of 115 feet therein, and running back in a northerly direction between parallel lines 175 feet to the southern line of an alley, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 13, 2017 on or about 10:00AM 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 DEBRA W. JOHNSON, to WESLEY D. TURNER, Trustee, on June 15, 2005, as Instrument No. 200506270104610 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Mountain View Development, LLC, by Warranty Deed from Vernon T. Hamilton, Eugene A. Branch and John R. Simmons, Trustees of Masters Lodge 244 Fee and Accepted Masons aka Masonic Lodge #244, dated June 27, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200207010000186, in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

OWNER OF DEBT: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 01, 2005  
PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-WHO4

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:

SITUATE IN THE FIFTH (5TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 39TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING A PART OF THE GEORGE W. CALLAHAN FARMS, LYING ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF BLACK OAK DRIVE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF BLACK OAK DRIVE, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED 171.7 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF BLACK OAK DRIVE AND THIRD AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEG. 46 MIN. EAST, 291.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE 44 DEG. 30 MIN. WEST, 150.4 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 40 DEG. 33 MIN. WEST, 280.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 40 DEG. 24 MIN. EAST, 150.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY BY ACUFF & COLLINGNUN, ASSOCIATES, REGISTERED SURVEYORS, DATED AUGUST 11, 1979.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DEBRA W. JOHNSON, BY QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM BOBBY R. JOHNSON, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2001, AND OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 20012280056437, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS, PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD IN THE KNOX COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS' OFFICE. ALSO CONVEYED ARE ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENTS OF RECORD AT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THE ABOVE LEGAL DESCRIPTION WAS TAKEN FROM THE PRIOR DEED OF RECORD, NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS PERFORMED.

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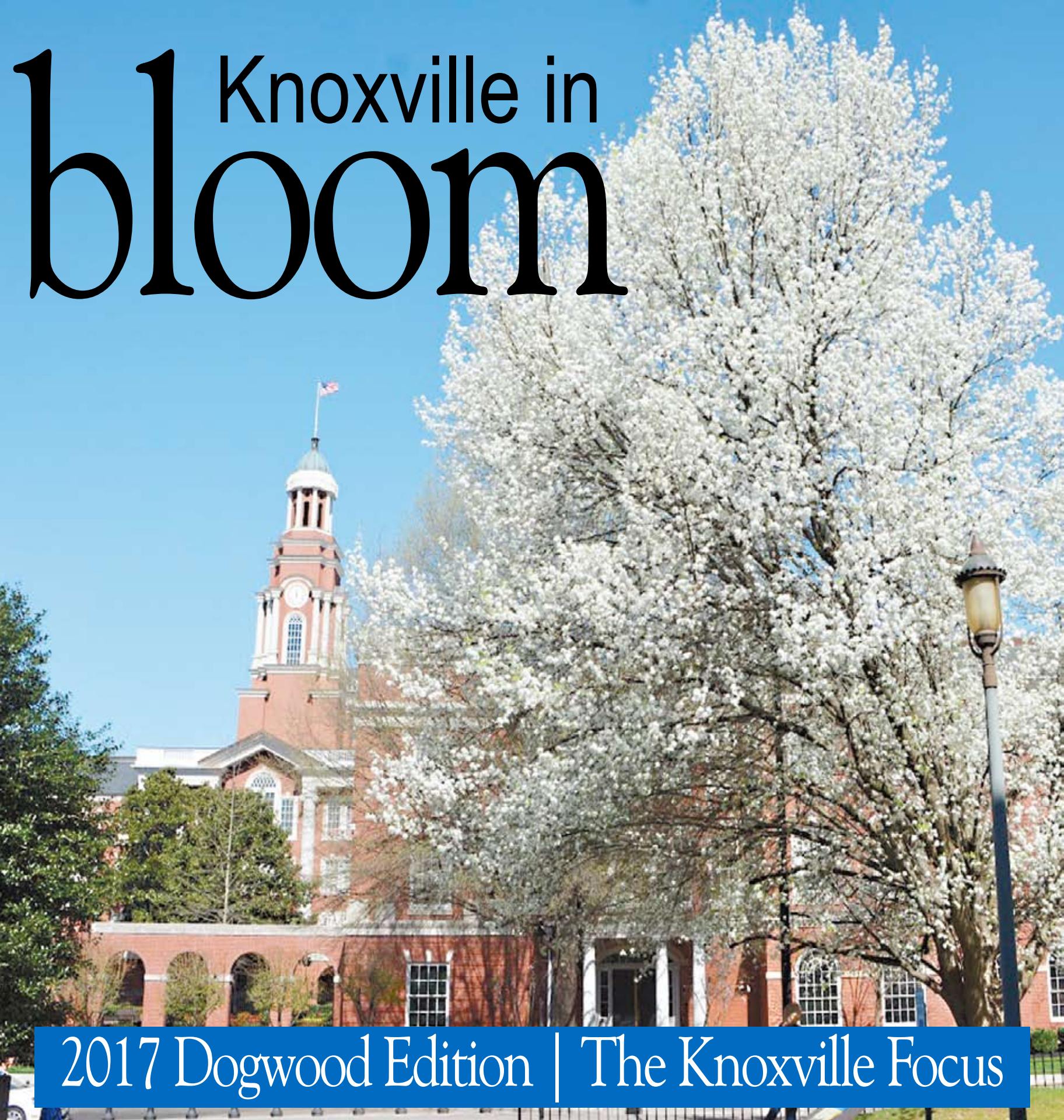
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A photograph of a large white dogwood tree in full bloom, its branches heavily laden with white flowers, positioned in the foreground. Behind it is a red brick building with a prominent white clock tower and arched windows. A street lamp is visible on the right side of the frame.

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# Dogwood Events this week

## A Very Special Arts Festival

A Very Special Arts Festival is a one of a kind event that celebrates Knox County Students with diverse abilities and the various artistic skills they are learning in the classroom. The event is not a competition, but an opportunity for students with disabilities to share their talents, works of art, and accomplishments with the community. Through this event, we hope to encourage and stimulate feelings of self-worth within these students.

The event includes a wide variety of activities in music, dance, drama, and visual arts. Workshops of "make and take" arts and crafts, demonstrations, exhibits of art work, and performances by individuals with disabilities are all elements of the festival. Students will enjoy spending time with local mascot/character favorites, an exhibit from the Knoxville Zoo mobile, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, a DJ, and more!

Supported by AKIMA Women's Club of Knoxville, The Pilot Club, West High School, and West Knoxville Civitan Club, the event is a united effort between Dogwood Arts,



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the University of Tennessee Departments of Art and Special Education, and Knox County Schools.

### Where: West

### High School

**When:** Wednesday, March 29

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

## Artitude Celebrating Courage & Survivorship!

This annual spring event will take place on March 31st from 6-9 p.m. in the Atrium at Cherokee Mills (2230 Sutherland Ave, Knoxville), and will feature upcycled and reinvented works of art for the home and garden, all created by local and regional artists.

A \$50 ticket includes one drink ticket. Craft beer tastings from local brewery Balter Beerworks and wine tastings from Old City Wine Bar will be on hand to pair with hors d'oeuvres from Holly's Eventful Dining.

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Shawn Poynter Photography will be documenting the evening, and his photobooth will be available for some additional fun!

For more information please contact Kate Creason [kcreason@dogwoodarts.com](mailto:kcreason@dogwoodarts.com) or Beth Hamil at: [BHamil@CancerSupportET.org](mailto:BHamil@CancerSupportET.org) or (865) 546-4661. Funds raised provide free programming for people affected by cancer.

**Where:** Atrium at Cherokee Mills  
**When:** Friday, March 31  
**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**How Much:** \$50 ticket

## Chalk Walk Turning Sidewalks into Canvases!

The Chalk Walk remains one of the fan favorites

among Dogwood visitors in April! The street painting festival, whose origination as a featured event of Dogwood Arts, drew inspiration from a 16th century Italian happening, turns Knoxville's downtown sidewalks into a seemingly infinite canvas for the region's most talented professional and student artists.

Dogwood Arts brings this event to Knoxville once again to continue to educate visitors and artists, alike, of this lost art in hopes of keeping it alive for future generations.

Chalk Walk is the festival's largest-community driven event, and is open to the public where novice and professional artists alike can apply for a space on historic Market Square to 'chalk.' Over 25,000 people attend this one-day event, and the winning artists are presented ribbons and cash awards.

Chalk Walk will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Krutch Park and Market Square. Artists begin working at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Market Square & Krutch Park  
**When:** Saturday, April 1

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

## Art in Public Places

Come experience some of the larger variety with Art in Public Places, an annual exhibition featuring large-scale sculptures in Knoxville's downtown public spaces, McGhee Tyson Airport, and Oak Ridge.

Public art beautifies our streetscapes, contributes to civic pride, and identifies Knoxville as a growing arts destination. By displaying sculptures outdoors, we celebrate not only the art but our natural beauty during this year-round exhibition. The sculptures presently on view have been selected and awarded by noted sculptor John Douglas Powers.

**Where:** Downtown Knoxville, McGhee Tyson Airport, and Oak Ridge  
**When:** April 1, 2017-March 10, 2018

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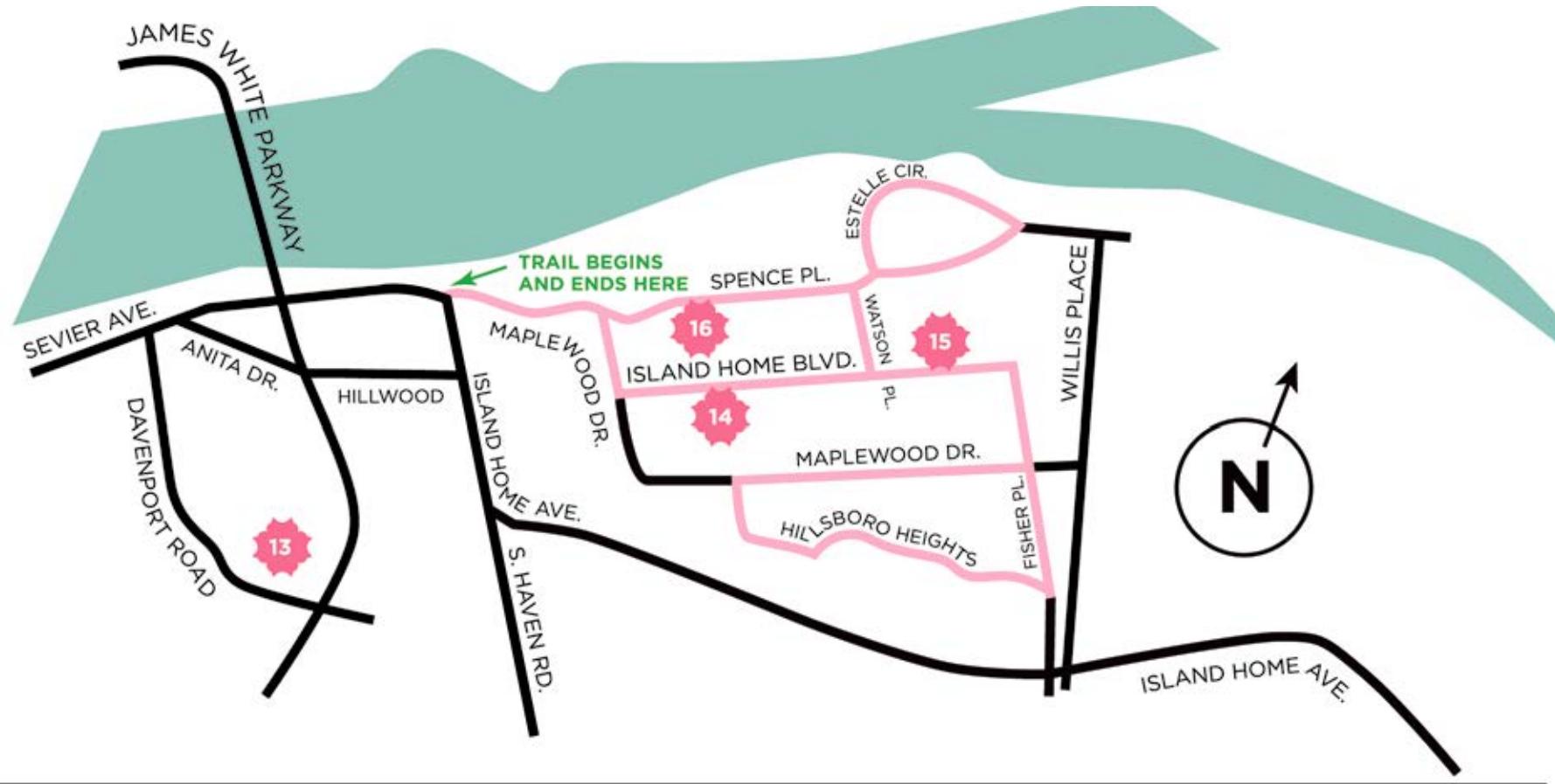
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# Mabry-Hazen House Hosts Park Day Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, April 1, 2017, history buffs, community leaders and preservationists will team up with the Civil War Trust at more than 130 sites in 30 states to answer the call to service on Park Day. Celebrating over 20 successful years, Park Day has attracted volunteers of all ages and abilities bound by their dedication to serving their communities at historic sites nationwide.

Mabry-Hazen House will participate in Park Day on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include mulching, removal of invasive plants, and general spring-cleaning. Some tools will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, pitchforks, tarps, and similar yard tools.

The Civil War Trust is the largest and most effective nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of America's hallowed battlegrounds. Although primarily focused on the protection of

Civil War battlefields, through its Campaign 1776 initiative, the Trust also seeks to save the battlefields connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. To date, the Trust has preserved close to 43,000 acres of battlefield land in 23 states. For a complete list of participating Park Day sites, visit [Civilwar.org/parkday](http://Civilwar.org/parkday)

Mabry-Hazen House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located on six acres atop Mabry's Hill. Housing three generations of the same family from 1858-1987, Mabry-Hazen House served as headquarters for both Union and Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Additional information about the event can be obtained by visiting [www.mabryhazen.com](http://www.mabryhazen.com) or by calling 865-522-8661.

Please RSVP by March 30.

# East Tennessee PBS and Case Antiques announce April Fools Day Appraisal Fair

Case Antiques, Inc. Auctions & Appraisals will host the East Tennessee PBS Antique Appraisal fair at the Historic Cherokee Mills Building at 2240 Sutherland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919 on April 1st from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The appraisal fair is open to the public and guests are invited to bring their items including silver, jewelry, pottery, Civil War memorabilia, Native American, paintings, samplers/textiles, furniture, books and more for appraisal. The cost is \$10 for each item or \$50 for 6 items. All proceeds benefit East Tennessee PBS.

There are three appraisal sessions available. It is recommended to sign up online at [www.EastTennesseePBS.org](http://www.EastTennesseePBS.org) or calling 865-595-0239 to sign up to reduce wait times.

If attendees want to access the VIP session and do not have a PBS Membership, one can be purchased prior to the event by calling 865-595-0239. If available, tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

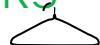
The PBS Appraisal Fair gives visitors a chance to bring in their family treasures and discuss history and value. Case Antiques, Inc. is the coordinating sponsor for the event. Owner John Case, an AAA accredited appraiser, said "these events are always exciting and often bring regional items out of the attic or cellar that have both high monetary and historical value. I have seen a large range of regional items at recent appraisal fairs including a piece of pottery valued over \$30,000 and a sword belonging to Andrew Jackson that was valued between \$75,000 and \$125,000. We also like to use these events to educate and the VIP session will include an educational session covering some of the tools of the trade in determining values."

The East Tennessee PBS mission is to serve the needs of East Tennessee as a community partner affecting positive change by educating, entertaining and challenging minds.

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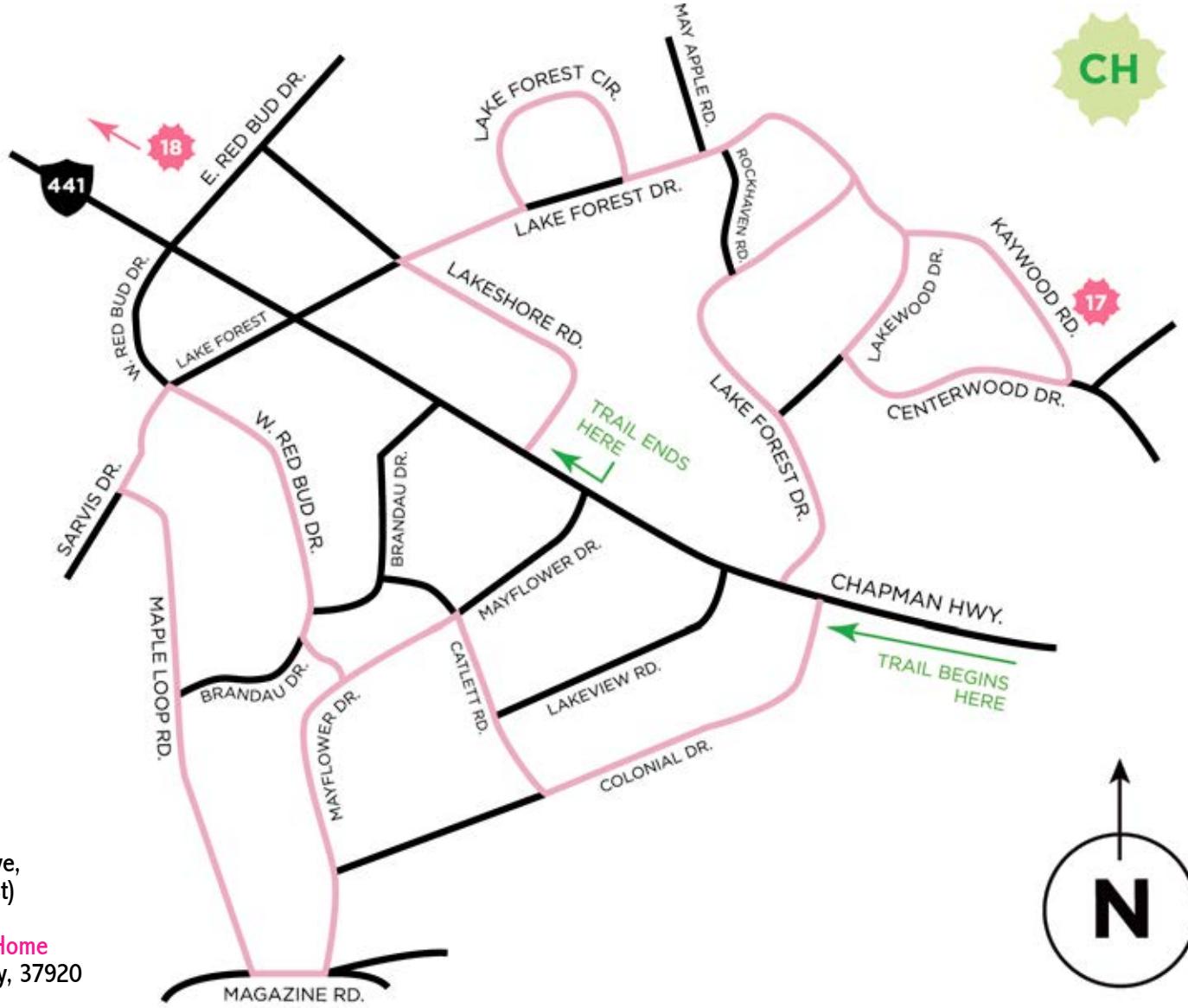
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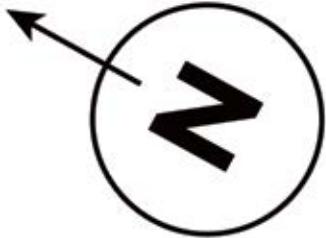
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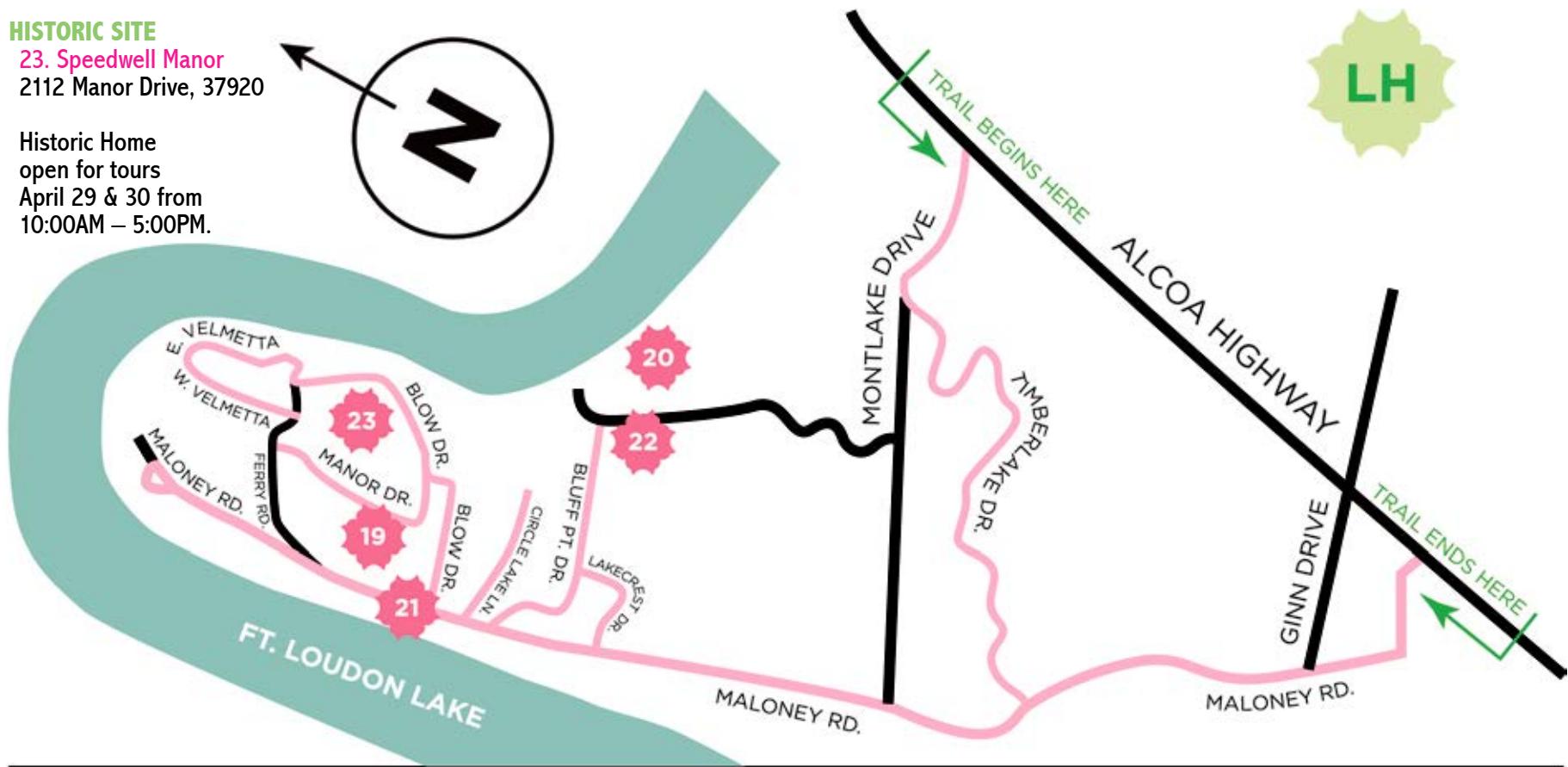
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# March 2017 Plant of the Month: Flowering Dogwood

**By Celeste Luckey Scott,  
UT Extension Agent, Madison  
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As a child, the arrival of flowering dogwood, along with forsythia and quince, marked the beginning of wonderful things to come. Even with Easter's wandering date from year to year, I somehow convinced myself that Easter would come soon with bright white flowering dogwood and warmer days would not be far behind. For me, there is nostalgia and a serene beauty in a woodland dappled with dogwood lying in wait for the flush of spring to arrive.

There is much history and folklore behind *Cornus florida* from the Native Americans' belief of 'little dogwood people'

who served as protectors and guardians, to legend of its use in the crucifixion, and even its historical use as a topical medicine. However, there are some things we know to be fact. First, dogwood is native to Tennessee. The four-petaled blooms (usually white or a pale pink, but sometimes a deeper pink to nearly red) are not petals at all. They are actually scales that become showy bracts.

The flowering dogwood is truly a plant that adds color and interest to any landscape during all seasons. Not only do we treasure the blooms in spring, but we appreciate its low-branched canopy in summer, its vibrant orange, yellow and reddish-purple foliage in the fall, and the plant's bright red berries in

winter.

Though beautiful, this tree also trends toward practicality by providing winter habitat and food sources for more than 40 bird species. With the various growth habits that are available, dogwood can be used with great success as a specimen planted near structures or in groupings in the forefront of dark evergreen foliage for a real kick of contrast.

Flowering dogwood performs well in the understory of larger trees, but it can thrive in sunnier locations. First, attempt to mimic the soil environment of the forest which they love. They are happiest in acidic well drained sites. Next, providing leafy compost, mulching the root zone for cooling effects,

and planting specimens a bit high to improve air exchange will improve your likeliness of success. Although establishing a new planting can be tricky, these tips can help improve your odds.

The flowering dogwood is susceptible to several pests including dogwood borer, dogwood anthracnose, as well as powdery mildew and other leaf spots. However, by selecting the proper planting location we can reduce stress which can alleviate many of these pests.

Selecting resistant cultivars is also recommended. The Appalachian series of dogwood introduced by researchers with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture includes selections bred for resistance

to powdery mildew as well as dogwood anthracnose. Several selections are easily found in garden shops and at nurseries, and they can be viewed in the landscape at both the UT Gardens, Knoxville, and the UT Gardens, Jackson. Among the most popular are:

'Appalachian Spring' - dogwood anthracnose resistant, white. (UT Gardens, Knoxville & Jackson)

'Appalachian Joy' - powdery mildew resistant, white, most recent release. (UT Gardens, Knoxville)

'Karen's Appalachian Blush' - some powdery mildew resistance, white edged in pink. (UT Gardens, Knoxville)

'Kay's Appalachian Mist'

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- powdery mildew resistant, white, good flowering on young trees. (UT Gardens, Knoxville)

'Jean's Appalachian Snow' - powdery mildew resistant, white. (UT Gardens, Knoxville)

At the UT Gardens, Crossville, you'll find selections of Cornus kousa on display in the Discovery Gardens, but we will save that species for another month!

For more information about dogwood, check out the UT publication PB1670, "Dogwoods for American Gardens," which is available online at the UT Extension website: extension.tennessee.edu. Just search for the publication by number.

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Jackson and Crossville. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see the Gardens website: ag.tennessee.edu/utg.

*'Kay's Appalachian Mist' is among the flowering dogwood cultivars developed and released by UT Institute of Agriculture researchers. It's resistant to powdery mildew and features beautiful white flowers even on young trees. Photo by A. Windham, courtesy UTIA.*



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