

# Amber Rountree shines at South Knox Alliance Candidate Forum



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9th District school board member and candidate Amber Rountree addresses a large crowd at the South Knox Alliance candidate forum last week at Dogwood Elementary School.

By Rose King

The South Knox Alliance hosted a Candidate Meet and Greet last week. Candidates for Knox County Commission at-large Seats 10 and 11, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and School Board were each given five minutes to discuss three questions related to the office they are seeking. Adam Fritts, SKA board member, introduced the candidates and posed the discussion questions. Despite being the final speaker of the evening, Amber Rountree radiated enthusiasm as she discussed her accomplishments and her vision for Knox County Schools. Amber Rountree, who currently represents the 9th District and is serving a second term as vice chair of the Knox County Board of Education, returned to Dogwood Elementary for the candidate forum. As the school board member representing the Community

School, she had been there earlier in the day visiting classrooms and seeing some of the great work going on. The mother of two boys not yet in school is working on her doctorate degree in education and literacy. The former Halls Elementary School librarian has a passion for children and education that has made her a driving force in growing great schools in Knox County. She was instrumental in the recently completed comprehensive rezoning which allows students to attend the schools closest to them. “I feel that neighborhood support is so important to our kids,” she emphasized. Rountree talked about the benefit of the community school program such as Dogwood. “This model brings services, partnerships and mentors to our school, which has contributed to our students’ success.” Another recent success she mentioned has been

the South-Doyle library which, thanks to a generous grant by Randy Boyd, has had a half million dollar renovation. She invited everyone who hasn’t already seen it to schedule a visit. The model library has been visited by other schools in Knox County as well as those across the state. She was a member of last year’s Superintendent Search Committee along with school board members Tony Norman and Susan Horn. Rountree was happy to select Superintendent Bob Thomas, a selection which she says has brought an increased positive school culture and morale. She is also proud of the work accomplished by the educational disparity in educational outcome task force of which she was a member. Rountree believes that there is still much to be done and said she has great plans for the future of Knox County Schools and the schools in South Knoxville. A top priority that she

is currently working on with Superintendent Thomas is addressing safety and security concerns at South-Doyle High School. Speaking about the development and expansion of the early literacy program, she said, “It’s probably no surprise given my background that I believe literacy is the key to our students’ academic success. When gaps in literacy skills aren’t caught early, it is hard for students to close those gaps and become successful. We have a great Pre-K program here at Dogwood. I want to see this extremely successful early literacy program continue to expand throughout Knox County.” Candidates for county commission at-large seats present were Ronnie Rochelle, Larry Smith, Justin Biggs and Tori Griffin. Daniel Gerke was represented by Danny Wilhoit and Larsen Jay was represented by Scott Broyles. The candidates were asked to

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# Questions answered at mayoral candidate debate

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Campaign supporters and interested citizens packed the auditorium at Jewelry Television’s mayoral debate Thursday. WBIR’s John Becker hosted the debate and the questions were submitted prior to the event by registered guests. Present were Republican candidates Brad Anders, Glenn Jacobs and Bob Thomas along with Democratic candidates Rhonda “Mousie” Gallman and Linda Haney. The two questions involved raising property taxes in the county and the possibility of a metro-type government in the future.

## Raise Taxes in Knox County?

Haney said the county may have to raise taxes “if we want to advance.” Gallman said she might consider it but “can’t promise.” Anders said he wouldn’t take raising taxes “off the table” and said the county “has no margin to operate.” Jacobs said “No,” stating

that money is “better in your pocket than in some politician’s hands.” Thomas said “No” and said that the county needs to “use business sense” and look at programs that could be reduced and save money.

## What about a Metro Government in Knox County?

The candidates for Knox County Mayor were asked about their opinions on creating a metro-type government between the county and city. Haney replied she favors an eventual consolidation of the two governments and added she has lived in a metro-government area and it “works well.” She also said she understands that county residents would probably oppose the idea. Anders responded that the “county isn’t set up for that” and cited the cost of it but suggested that some departments, like Parks and Recreation, might be merged.

Jacobs agreed some departments could be consolidated and said he “lives in the county and don’t want it.” Thomas said he “can’t imagine that” and noted that a move to metro-type government doesn’t originate in the county mayor’s office and “won’t take a foothold.” He added there’s “no question of some consolidation of services.”

## Biggest problem in Knox County?

When asked what the biggest problem in Knox County is, Anders cited the infrastructure citing a 30-year old road plan. Thomas cited the opioid crisis and said abusers are treated like criminals and need a chance. Jacobs mentioned the opioid problem and said the county can’t incarcerate its way out of it. Gallman cited opioids, safety, and school safety and said “everybody is afraid.” Haney said the largest problem is the education

system, safety, teachers pay and the need for drug education at an earlier age. The candidates were also asked about neighborhood safety, pay raises for teachers, major employers in the county, TIF and PILOT financing, and requiring sidewalks in new developments. In closing remarks Haney said she is “a proud Democrat” and asked her party members to step up and support another voice in the county. Gallman said she was a student of politics and referred people to her Facebook campaign. Thomas said he has more than 30 years of business experience and said he wants a better future for his children and grandchildren. Anders cited character and leadership, adding, “Nobody on this stage has more experience in county government.” Jacobs said that while other candidates have lots of experience in government that there “may be some things they don’t want you to see.”

# Early voting starts Wednesday

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Early voting in Knox County begins Wednesday and the races for sheriff and county mayor seem to be driving the turnout. There are lots of other offices on the ballot, everything from commission races to non-partisan school board races. All in all whichever party primary you vote for, the ballot is going to be a bit longer than you might expect. Early voting runs until April 26 with the county general election slated for May 1. Registered voters in the county, which includes Farragut and Knoxville, will find the early voting locations open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays, except for the Karn’s Senior Center. Cliff Rogers, Administrator of Elections, told The Focus that the commission hopes for 50 to 60,000 voters. He said that only about 30,000 voted four years ago but noted that there was no opponent then in the county mayor’s race and the sheriff was an incumbent. “We’d like to see more but will be happy to see the turnout doubled,” he said. Locations of the early voting include the small assembly room at the City-County Building, the Love Kitchen at 2416 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., 1645 Downtown West Blvd Unit 34, New Harvest Park at 4775 New Harvest Lane, 4952 Clinton Highway in the Clinton Plaza, Farragut Town Hall, the Carter Library at 9036 Asheville Highway, the Halls Recreation Center at 6933 Recreation Lane, and one new location: Meridian Baptist Church South at 6513 Chapman Highway. The Karns Senior Center, at 8024 Oak Ridge Highway, will not be open on Saturdays because of other events scheduled there.



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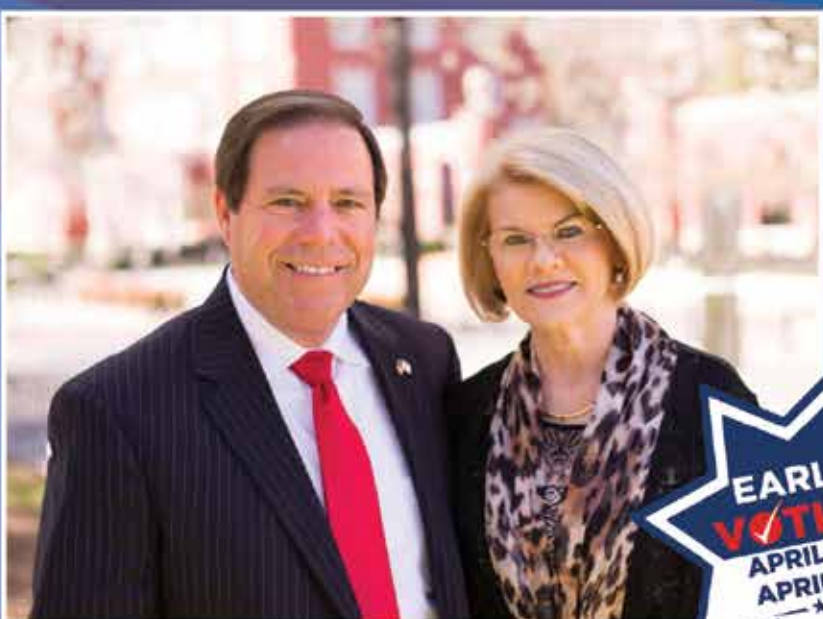


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discuss their plan for Knox County in this position, their plan for education and their feeling on tax credits.

Ronnie Rochelle, candidate for Seat 10, explained his vision and priorities for Knox County, "The number one thing we have got to change is that we are trying to grow the future of Knox County on a mountain of debt." If elected he vowed to reduce the debt and stay on budget allowing more funding for schools and road improvements.

R. Larry Smith, candidate for the at-large Seat 11, promised to give top priority to upholding the county charter. He pointed out Knox County is financially sound with a triple A bond rating. He is committed to adequate pay for teachers, sheriff employees and county employees. He claimed his personal relationships with city council members, county commissioners, state representatives, senators and school board members will be a great asset in open communication and interacting

with budget planning.

Seat 11 commission candidate Justin Biggs emphasized the many great companies who are looking at Knox County and the importance of recruiting those businesses. He would like to update the road system, give attention to those areas of Knox County that have been overlooked and work with the school board to fund programs in early elementary school to address opioid abuse and mental health. He would like to see tax credit programs stretch out across the county.

"Economic development needs to spread throughout the county," said Tori Griffin, candidate for at-large Seat 10. "East Knox County needs some attention so it matches the rest of the county. It is important that we bring jobs that offer a livable wage. We need to think long term 10-15 years ahead." He told the crowd that he sees tax credits as okay with helping small businesses grow and develop as long as the county sees a return on the investment. These credits need to

go to businesses that bring jobs and build economy.

The six Circuit Court Clerk candidates were asked their plan for Knox County if elected and their thoughts on records being accessible to the public.

Bo Bennett said he plans to do what he already does on a daily basis as director of operations for a software company specializing in software systems and efficiency for fee offices. "I have been in these offices and have learned how to make them more efficient by cutting down customer wait lines and decrease employee workloads and save a lot of money."

Scott Smith sees the election for Circuit Court Clerk as the hiring of a business manager who can take care of dozens of employees and the need for someone who will be comfortable managing and who understands HR issues. He would like to digitize the office for instant information when cases are delayed so that those involved will be notified.

Candidate Sheri Ridgeway is experienced in

helping families and children in the Juvenile Court system and wants to bring that experience to Knox County. She believes that excellent communication and customer service are a priority for the office.

Tim Wheeler believes that his experience as deputy clerk and chief deputy clerk sets him apart from the other candidates. One of his top goals would be to work within the budget and turn over excess fees to the Knox County general fund as other fee based offices have.

Don Ridings believes his 36 years as a business owner overseeing budgets and staff as well as his background in IT make him the best candidate for Circuit Court Clerk. He would like to see technology changes that would give customers, judges, attorneys and the public the ability to file online while also retaining the ability to file in paper for those who do not use or have access to the internet.

Both candidates for County Clerk were asked to discuss their plan for

the county, and technology and accessibility of public records.

Roger Kane was in Nashville on legislative business. John King spoke on his behalf: "If elected as Knox County Clerk, Roger's plan would include a top to bottom review of the programs offered to see where technology and customer service practices need to be enhanced or improved and seek the staff for advice on how improvements should be made. As a business leader he knows the significance of great customer service. He would like to see the option for vehicle registration to be renewed every two years which would save customers time and possibly some money."

Candidate Sherry Witt's plans for Knox County include building a team of professionals with advanced knowledge of laws of Tennessee Code annotated and the Knox County Charter and finding the best balance and blend of innovative technology to advance the services offered by this office.

Candidate for Register of

Deeds Nick McBride has served as the Chief Deputy to the Register for over ten years. He explained the role and function of the office that maintains records such as property deeds and Military Discharge records. If elected, he promises to continue advances in modernization of the office, and to safeguard, protect and maintain dependable off-site backup of our vital documents.

Candidate Kristi Kristy faces incumbent Amber Rountree in the race for the 9th District seat on the board of education. She listed her experiences as a mother and volunteer in the schools where her children attended. She shared her concern for a declining graduation rate despite an increase in ACT scores, the need for career and technology programs in the schools and the need for more counselors and social workers in the schools.

The candidates gave plenty for voters to think about as they go to the polls. Early voting is April 11 through April 26. Election Day is May 1.



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Publisher's Position

Ethics Committee Witch-Hunt Outrageous



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The ethics complaint filed by perennial candidate Bo Bennett against Knox County Commissioners Charles Busler and Bob Thomas has gone from a circus sideshow to an outrageous witch-hunt. Bennett's complaint was based upon little more than a news story in the Knoxville News Sentinel, allowing the joyous opportunity for the Sentinel to feast on its own carrion. Even at the root of the complaint, once politics is set aside, is a golf tournament sponsored by none other than the News Sentinel. The reporter writing the flow of stories resulting from the complaint for the News Sentinel, flatly


refused to cooperate with the thorough investigation completed by Law Director Bud Armstrong's office. At the heart of this complaint lies political motivation, something Bo Bennett denies. Yet Bennett was defeated in a bid for the Knox County Commission four years ago by Charles Busler and is off and running for Circuit Court Clerk this year. Bob Thomas is a candidate for Knox County mayor in the Republican primary on May 1. It takes little imagination and even less credulity to deduce the charges are politically motivated, nor would it be the first time ethics complaints were filed for political reasons. Bennett's complaint barely reaches the level of "hearsay" evidence, as the source was the original story in the Knoxville News Sentinel. If you are dizzy by this point, it is precisely because this is as circular as a bowling ball. The hearing by the Knox County Ethics Committee last week was little more than a travesty of justice. Chairman Jonathan Cooper seemed to be anything but

fair and impartial, only begrudgingly giving attorneys representing Thomas a continuance, a courtesy routinely granted by every court in the land when sought the first time. As Cooper is himself an attorney, it is hardly a concept that could be foreign to him. It is surpassingly curious that the date selected by Cooper for the hearing, April 13, was precisely the one day when Thomas's attorney had a full schedule of court appearances. There are provisions which are supposed to protect people when an ethics complaint is filed - - the nine member panel must vote unanimously to find an ethics violation and all nine must be present for the vote. Apparently Jonathan Cooper finds that language ambiguous or simply doesn't care. There is a rush to come to some kind of finding before the May 1 primary. Is there any reason the ethics committee could not have a full hearing and come to a finding on any date after the May 1 primary election? Apparently not, which raises the notion the

ethics committee is being used for a political witch-hunt to injure candidates inside the primary. This is not the first time an ethics body has been used for political purposes and sadly, it likely will not be the last. The most fundamental aspect of American justice is the right of any person accused of either an infraction of the law or a serious crime is to be represented by competent legal counsel and face his or her accuser. The very idea Bo Bennett is merely a good Samaritan pushing a complaint solely out of his righteous conviction is utterly preposterous. Perhaps the only thing more preposterous is the fact the complaint is manufactured through a story appearing in the Knoxville News Sentinel. Clearly Jonathan Cooper and some members of the ethics committee care little about even the appearance of fairness and impartiality. That alone is cause enough for concern considering just what an ethics committee should be; the rush to judgment before the primary

election reveals something at the very least slightly disturbing. This hearing is not about right or wrong; it is not about fairness, nor is it really determining whether there has been an actual ethics violation. It is about allowing the Knoxville News Sentinel to construct its own series of events based not on facts, but to push its own narrative. The Sentinel has done the very same thing with Mayor Tim Burchett recently. Is there any objective person in Knox County who believes the editor of the News Sentinel hasn't carried out a shameless vendetta against Burchett in the pages of the daily newspaper? The series of articles appearing in the Sentinel about the county's ambulance contract, the gold tournament and Bob Thomas and Charles Busler have rearranged facts, completely ignored other facts, and pushed a narrative, to put it kindly, that simply isn't true. Clearly, the Sentinel hopes to affect the outcome of the ethics committee hearing. Evidently that strategy

has worked with Jonathan Cooper. Whether the other members of the ethics committee will allow themselves to be influenced remains to be seen. When a community's ethics committee allows itself to be swayed so easily and again - - the only "evidence" is a story appearing in the Knoxville News Sentinel - - it raises the question of justice having been circumvented, if not downright perverted. It raises the question of the constitutional rights of individuals having been trampled. The county commission clearly needs to pay more attention to the quality of people selected to serve on the ethics committee, people of integrity and ability, who are immune to popular opinion and coverage by local news media. Like Caesar's wife, the ethics committee should be above reproach. Otherwise it will not mete out justice, but retribution for someone else's political gain.



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# Potential Knoxville veterans hospital in limbo, other services available

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While it appears a veterans hospital for Knoxville is in limbo there are several other services available to veterans and their families in our area.

Back in July of 2016 Congressman John Duncan said he was working on the possibility of a Veterans Hospital in Knoxville with the idea, then, of possibly using the former St. Mary's Hospital on Broadway. Since then Tennova has announced it is not building a new hospital in West Knoxville and plans to keep the old St. Mary's facility.

The Knoxville Focus asked Congressman Duncan's office if he is still hoping to get a VA hospital for Knoxville. Currently veterans must drive to Johnson City to the Jimmy Quillian VA facility there for any medical service other than basic walk-in care at the

Tallent Center near West Town Mall.

Duncan's Deputy Chief of Staff Don Walker told The Focus recently that the congressman met with the VA last summer and said a veteran's hospital here "is not an if, it's a when" for our area.

"We're looking for a better place and have a commitment from the VA to do something," Walker said.

Knox County Veteran Service Officer Tom Humphries says his office provides help to veterans for various programs. Those include compensation for service connected disabilities, pension programs for housebound aid and attendance, health benefits enrollment, burial benefits including flags, headstones, markers and military honors, vocational habitation and dependents education assistance and notices of disagreements and denial of claims.

The Veterans Service Office visits various community centers to help veterans. A representative will be at the O'Connor Center on April 9th at 10 a.m., Corryton on April 10th at 10 a.m., Strang Center on April 12th at 11 a.m. The Powell Center will be visited on April 17th, Halls on April 18th, South Knoxville on April 19th, Karns on April 29th, the VA Outpatient Clinic on April 24th and Carter on April 25th.

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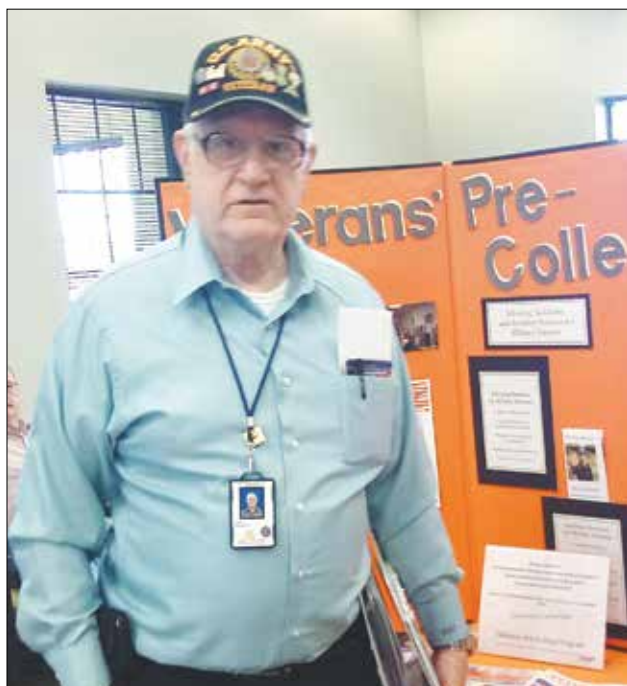
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## Ethics committee could affect Republican Primary

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In a decision that could well affect the upcoming Republican Primary for Knox County mayor, the chairman of the Knox County Ethics Committee has set this Friday for the hearing on a complaint against Commissioners Bob Thomas and Charles Busler.

Ethics Chairman Jonathan Cooper, an attorney, and Thomas' attorney Marcos Garza confronted each other during Wednesday's committee meeting. Garza said that the notice for the public meeting last week stated the event was a "scheduling meeting" and not advertising as a hearing. He said that he and Busler's attorney were not ready to present their clients' case and asked that the hearing be scheduled in late June or late May, following the May 1 Republican Primary.

Thomas, a candidate for Knox County mayor, was named in a complaint by Richard "Bo" Bennett, who had been an opponent of Busler for a county commission seat in 2014. Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong reported to the ethics committee back in March on Bennett's charges and that he found no violation of the code of ethics. Bennett had charged that

both men had benefited financially from playing in a News-Sentinel golf match on the Premier Ambulance team and Bennett charged that both Thomas and Busler had voted against extending Rural/Metro AMR's ambulance contract with the county.

The law director ruled that since Bennett had not witnessed the event and would not name witnesses that the charge was groundless.

Nevertheless Chairman Cooper last month proceeded to call a meeting of the ethics group and request that Thomas and Busler be present with legal representation. Neither commissioner appeared and Busler's attorney was out of town on other legal matters Wednesday morning.

Cooper went into detail about the charges and the committee's obligation. After 90 minutes of discourse between him and Garza, Cooper began asking ethics members who would be available and chose the April 13th date. He invoked his powers as chair to set the date and no vote was taken by the other members.

When Garza informed the committee that he had other legal cases scheduled that day, Cooper suggested that he assign other attorneys in his firm

to handle those and said that Garza was presenting "vague assertions" in order to delay the hearing.

Garza again asked for the hearing to be held May 31 saying that Friday, April 13 was "unreasonable to me."

Cooper told Garza to "arrange your other court dates."

Garza said that neither Thomas nor Busler were attending because it was thought the meeting was to schedule the hearing. He said that getting a continuance was normal in a court of law. Cooper responded, "We're not in a court of law." He said continuing the hearing was inconvenient for the 12 ethics members.

"You've only had 30 days to prepare," Schoonmaker said, adding "The attorneys are here trying to do the right thing for

their clients." Schoonmaker's remark was chided by committee member Barbara Chandler. She said was "not impressed" with Garza's requests.

Ethics member Michael Covington said there was a "dogged determination to find out more with a full blown hearing."

Member Jennifer Roche said it was obvious that the attorneys were not ready and the parties in the complaint were not present.

Committee member Billy Stevens said that the matter should be "resolved as soon as possible to protect the election process."

"I'm not trying to rush their decision, it's difficult for me," Cooper said but added, "There will be no further continuance without good reason."

Cooper then summarized what should happen during the hearing, noting that the complainant has the burden of proof, testimony

will be under oath, evidence may be presented but the chair can rule some evidence inadmissible, and the ethics members may question witnesses.

Any decision reached by the ethics committee must be unanimous but Cooper said that members who have not heard all the evidence cannot vote. He also ruled that "unanimous" means a quorum of members if a few are absent.

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# Plans made to preserve scenic Governor John Sevier Highway

By Pete Gawda

Another step was taken Thursday evening, April 5 toward the preservation of scenic Governor John Sevier Highway (JSH) with a meeting of the stakeholders committee. The highway, designated State Route 168, runs through southern and eastern Knox County from Alcoa Highway to Asheville Highway.

Since 1971 the JSH has been designated as part of the State of Tennessee’s Scenic Highways. However, this program only regulates building height, signage and junkyards within 1,000 and 2,000 feet of the highway. Concerns about population growth, traffic and development along the JSH corridor led the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission to begin studying the highway in June of 2017. As a result an 18-member stakeholder committee, led by Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey, was formed. Since its formation the committee has met several times to discuss challenges to the JSH corridor.

The purpose of the April 5 meeting was to review comments from more than 70 people who attended a public meeting on the JSH corridor on March 4, according to MPC staff member Liz Albertson, who moderated the meeting.

Dailey asserted that the purpose of the stakeholders committee was not to stop development along the JSH corridor but to encourage quality development. “We are growing in the right way,” he said.

The number one concern expressed by the public was protection of trees along the JSH. Albertson said that currently there are few, if any, landscaping requirements. Tree protection is not required. Another major concern

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**Community Development Director Becky Wade and Mayor Madeline Rogero honored Michael Haynes Construction for providing affordable housing in Lonsdale. Pictured, left to right, are Wade, Rogero, Debra Haynes, Michael Haynes and Senior Project Specialist Kathy Ellis.**

## Five honored with Equity Awards

By Mike Steely  
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Five companies and individuals were honored recently at the annual “Equity Awards” breakfast. The city recognized partners and projects that feature fair and affordable housing, job creation, and access and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

Mayor Madeline Rogero said the city “remains committed to fair

housing principals, prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental or financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, familiar status, color, disability or sex.”

She said those honored are exemplary for their positive effects on their neighborhoods and the entire city.

City funding of projects, as low-interest forgivable loans, comes

from federal funding. Projects qualifying must meet specific rules like creating projects that comply with Housing and Urban Development rules and the hiring of local people in the creation of new jobs.

Michael Haynes Construction was honored for contributing high-quality rental homes, four of which were in the Lonsdale Community on lots purchased through the city’s

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# First Creek Greenway inching its way north



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN GIBI, CITY OF KNOXVILLE.

**Mayor Madeline Rogero, surrounded by city employees and council members, cuts the ribbon opening a link of the First Creek Greenway that now connects Fulton High School to Edgewood Park.**

By Mike Steely  
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Someday several years from now you will be able to walk or bike from Fountain City all the way downtown. It’s years away but plans are certainly in the works.

In the interim the First Creek Greenway is, step by step, inching its way north. Last week Mayor Madeline Rogero and others cut the ribbon to officially open the new path connecting Fulton High School at Woodland Avenue to Edgewood Park. The new trail connection, across Broadway, adds a scenic bridge over First Creek and opening access on the paved path to hundreds of North Knoxville homes to the North Knoxville Library, the Larry Cox Senior Center and Broadway Shopping Center.

Tim Hester, Parks and Greenway Coordinator, told The Focus that plans are underway to link up the Adair Park Greenway to Old Broadway where the path will run along the creek there

beside the Lynnwood Cemetery. Currently plans call for that part of the greenway to link up with the future extension of the Fountain City greenway at Old Broadway.

Hester said the next step on the First Creek Greenway project is to connect the North and South portions of the current greenway and then move north to eventually link with the Adair Park and Fountain City greenways.

The new connection was funded by \$1.4 million from two federal grants through the state and the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization. The city put \$406,000 in the project. The new trail segment, just over ½ miles long, contributes to the current 112 miles of paved greenways and trails in the city.

The Broadway Corridor Task Force supported securing the ten easements in front of Fulton High School to complete

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# CNB opens branch next to Kroger in Seymour

Citizens National Bank celebrated the grand opening of its newest branch with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 30.

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The branch offers a full range of CNB products and services, including checking and savings accounts, CDs, IRAs, business products and loans. Hours of operation for this location are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The open floor plan features teller pods that allow the CNB team to stand shoulder to shoulder with the patrons while they are serving them, emphasizing and strengthening the

connection between the client and their banker. Conversations or transactions that require more privacy can be conducted in the manager's office.

"This unique space is moving CNB to a better customer service model," said David C. Verble. "It provides a customer experience that is welcoming, efficient, and emphasizes the relationship CNB is continuing to build with our clients and community."

Citizens National Bank has proudly served its communities since 1973 and celebrated its 45th Anniversary on February 5, 2018. CNB is a locally owned community bank with 21 branch locations and over \$1 billion in assets as of March 31, 2018. For a branch near you, visit CNBTN.com.



Front row pictured L to R: Mackenzie Roberts, Retail Branch Manager; Jodi Ramsey, Marketing Director; Kevin Kilpatrick, CNB Board Member; Greg Patterson, Sevier County Trustee; Mike Comer, EVP and Chief Operating Officer; Jason Holliman, SVP and Chief Financial Officer; and Larry Waters, Sevier County Mayor.

## Easter Bonnet

My, how times change. I haven't heard the song "In Your Easter Bonnet" in years. A lifetime ago, children sang it in school and companies included it in their marketing strategies. Other things during Easter are much different as well.

My brothers and I always got a little excited as Easter approached. We knew that Mother would take us downtown to shop. At least a new pair of pants and maybe one of our two pairs of shoes for the year were purchased then.



By Joe Rector  
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On Easter morning, we put our clothes on and went outside for family pictures. Daddy wore his suit, something much different from the daily work clothes he wore. Mother wore a dress she'd made for the occasion. We'd been to Cooper and Baldwin's barbershop in Lonsdale on Saturday to make sure our hair was cut in short flat tops. Daddy always said he didn't want to see us with long hair or dirty shoes, so by Easter morning, our scalps shone through G.I. type buzzes and

our shoes did as well after a fresh coat of polish and a good brushing.

We rode the short distance to church and attended Sunday School. All of our friends were dressed in their new clothes as well. Girls wore crinolines under dresses of yellow, baby blue or white. Their hands were covered in white gloves. Boys sometimes wore sport coats, but most often, they suffered with dress shirts buttoned at the neck so that clip-on ties could be attached. Easter was the one day when all of us looked cute, no matter how uncomfortable we felt or how bad we appeared the rest of the year.

When we returned home,

several rounds of Easter egg hunting took place until Sunday dinner was ready. We stayed in the house until a parent or our older brother hid the eggs and then burst through the door to look all over our large yard for them. Without fail, one or two eggs remained hidden until a lawn mower shredded them in the summer and spewed a foul smell everywhere.

Mother refrigerated the colored eggs, and we boys ate a few. Then she'd take several and make egg salad for sandwiches for school lunch. At some point, Easter eggs with battered and shattered shells were thrown upon the scrap pile in the back yard. Baskets and the

fake grass were put in the attic to wait until the next holiday.

These days, lots of folks don't attend Easter church services. Their children have new clothes and shoes throughout the year, so the excitement of having new outfits is gone. Families still take the opportunity to gather for a meal and visiting. Some children hunt eggs on Sunday, although many attend large egg hunting events on the Saturday before and are tired of the activity by the time Easter arrives. Baskets are bought but not saved for the next year.

I miss those old days when Easter brought so

much excitement. The smell of vinegar in the kitchen on Saturday night as we colored eggs and dyed-stained fingertips on Sunday morning still remain vivid memories. Hunting eggs with Jim and Dal brings a smile, and the whole family sitting at that round kitchen table to share a meal sometimes makes me long for those old days. The good thing is that because of the resurrection of Christ, I have a chance to reunite someday with all those who have passed. For the time being, I'll enjoy my wonderful life with Amy and my children and other family members, and I'll give thanks for it.

## Plans made to preserve scenic Gov. John Sevier Highway

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was to keep farms and open space along the JSH. Citizens also expressed a need to provide standards for the look of new buildings. Albertson said that currently there is no design guidance for the facades of new buildings.

Concern was also expressed about traffic safety. It was noted that future plans call for the widening of the JSH from Alcoa Highway to Chapman Highway. It was also suggested that a property and

business owners association be formed. The public expressed concern for protection of historic areas. To emphasize the historical significance of the corridor the meeting was held in the 1794 Ramsey House, the home of prominent early settler Francis Alexander Ramsey, which is located just off the JSH on Thorngrove Pike. Concern was also expressed for new standards for signage along the corridor.

The next step in the preservation process,

according to Albertson, could be to hold another public meeting to inform the public of possible actions, then develop recommendations and conduct workshops with the MPC and county commission to refine proposed regulations with the view of the MPC making recommendations to the county commission for their approval.

Those wishing more information about the JSH corridor or wishing to submit comments should

contact Albertson at the MPC by emailing liz.albertson@knoxmpc.org or calling 865-215-3804.

The stakeholder committee consists of Terry Barnwell, Mike Brown, Jim Buckenmyer, Carson Dailey, Art Dyer, Bob Dykes, Joyce Feld, John Gammon, Tim Graham, Buddy Gregory, Cherry Johnson, Mike Todd, D.J. Krahwinkel, Judy LaRose, Ted Lewis, Jan Loveday-Dickens, Mark Mugford, Jim Sturdavan and Bob Thompson.

## First Creek Greenway inching its way north

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the project.

"This trail will help bring neighborhoods together as part of one community and encourage healthier lifestyles," said Sheryl Ely, Director of Parks and Recreation. Funding has been approved and set aside for the next First Creek Greenway extension, a .9 mile segment from Fulton to the Cecil

Avenue intersection on Broadway.

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# Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts

## Pages from the Past



**By Ray Hill**  
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From 1931 until 1947, the Republican Party had suffered shattering defeats largely brought on by the Great Depression. Following the 1936 election, where GOP presidential candidate Alf Landon only won the electoral votes of Vermont and Maine, Republicans in the House of Representatives constituted only 88 members.

Throughout the decade of the 1920s, Republicans had enjoyed healthy majorities in both houses of Congress, which had been progressively thinned out until the Democrats controlled both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. The last Republican Speaker of the House had been Nicholas Longworth of Ohio. A highly personally popular Congressman, Nick Longworth was known for his marriage to Alice Roosevelt, the tart tongued eldest child of the late President Theodore Roosevelt. Longworth, bald, mustachioed and an accomplished violinist, was also known for his sense of fun. Longworth had died suddenly in 1931 and due to the deaths of several other GOP congressmen and a series of special elections won by Democrats, John Nance Garner of Texas became Speaker of the House.

Not until 1947 would the Republican reclaim a majority in the House of Representatives. From 1931 until 1995, the GOP only managed to retain a majority of Congress twice and then only for two years each time. Joseph W. Martin was the Republican leader in Congress from 1939 until 1959. At the time of his death, one obituary writer commented that Joe Martin had “one of the blackest scowls and brightest smiles in Congress.” That same author pointed out something rather curious about Joe Martin’s long Congressional career: “Yet despite his acknowledged political abilities and leadership, Representative Martin never had his name on an important piece of legislation; never made a memorable speech; never achieved the fame or public affection of his Democratic counterpart, Sam Rayburn of Texas.”

Joseph W. Martin was a diminutive, rather dumpy little fellow who had first been elected to Congress in 1924, after climbing the political ladder in his native North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Martin worked very hard throughout his life; he had been a good enough athlete to play for a semiprofessional baseball team and earned the princely sum of \$10 per game. He was still only a lad when he began working for the North Attleboro Evening Chronicle as a

delivery boy. Over time, Martin would become the editor and finally the publisher of the newspaper. Martin was offered a scholarship to Dartmouth College, but preferred to remain at the Evening Chronicle, as he helped his parents put his brothers through school. Earning \$10 a week as an employee of the paper, he saved his money and bought the Evening Chronicle, which he kept for the rest of his life. By 1912, Martin had been elected to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and won a promotion two years later to the State Senate. Joe Martin chose not to run again in 1916.

Martin had been out of office for eight years when he challenged eighty-three year-old incumbent in the Republican primary and won. Joe Martin would remain in Congress for more than forty years.

Martin worked his way up through the GOP ranks and when Republican leader Bertram Snell of New York retired in 1938, Joe Martin was selected to succeed him. The 1938 elections had improved the fortunes of House Republicans, as they had won 72 seats in that fall.

Congressman Martin was, as might be expected, largely opposed to Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal, but he demonstrated considerable ability in working with the majority Democrats when necessary. Long marginalized, Martin helped to forge an alliance with conservative Southern Democrats, which gave both a voice in the House and made that voting bloc a force to be reckoned with. Martin’s own voting record was hardly reactionary, as he had voted for the Social Security legislation, although he was deeply opposed to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1940, Joe Martin assumed the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, at the request of GOP presidential nominee Wendell Willkie. It was an experience that somewhat dismayed the little man from Massachusetts, having been a rock-ribbed Republican all his life, especially as Willkie had been a Democrat for the most of his own life. Willkie ran much better than had the previous two Republican presidential nominees, Herbert Hoover and Alf Landon, but still lost decisively to Franklin Roosevelt, despite some resistance to FDR seeking a third term.

Martin got some unwanted attention during that campaign when President Roosevelt made a famous speech excoriating the GOP, repeatedly using the phrase, “Martin, Barton and Fish,” three Republican congressmen, that was highly effective.



*Photo of Speaker Joe Martin autographed to a fellow Congressman.*

The 1942 midterm elections reduced the number of Democrats in Congress even further and Joe Martin’s coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats grew more powerful. Martin was quite friendly with his counterpart, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. The two were warm personal friends.

After losing another election in 1944 to Franklin Roosevelt, the GOP made a spectacular comeback in 1946, running on the slogan of “Had Enough?” It was a reference to the deprivations suffered by Americans throughout World War II. Shortages of meat, butter, tires, women’s stockings and many other items vexed Americans and President Harry Truman was unpopular. 1946 was one of those rare tidal wave elections and the GOP gained control of both the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Joe Martin was elected Speaker of the House by his Republican colleagues, ousting Sam Rayburn. As the 1948 elections approached, Republicans were utterly confident of holding their majorities in Congress, as well as electing New York governor Thomas E. Dewey president. Nobody seemed more confident than Dewey himself and while he had run a good race against that champion vote-getter, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dewey did not wage a hard hitting campaign. Rather, Dewey campaigned almost as if he were an incumbent. Speaker Martin accompanied Dewey on several of the nominee’s trips across the country and it was Martin’s elderly mother who surprised everyone by scolding the governor about his campaign strategy. Mrs. Martin told a surprised Thomas E. Dewey he could not merely assume he was as good as elected. The outspoken old woman informed Governor Dewey he was far too complacent. Her prediction proved to be all too accurate. The scrappy little man from

Missouri waged the kind of campaign Dewey himself should have run and won the election, much to the surprise of almost everyone. Even more shocking, the Democrats won back control of both houses of Congress. Joe Martin would have to surrender the Speaker’s gavel back to Sam Rayburn.

Things would change again in 1952 when the hugely popular Dwight D. Eisenhower won the GOP presidential nomination in a bitter contest with “Mr. Republican,” Ohio Senator Robert Alphonso Taft. Taft had competed for the Republican presidential nomination twice before and lost. Many Republicans realized it was Taft’s last chance to seek the presidency and despite being a sentimental favorite of many delegates, even more believed Eisenhower could bring them victory. Unfortunately, Taft was not destined to live much longer, dying of cancer the following year.

General Eisenhower’s personal popularity enabled him to make inroads in some Southern states; he carried Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Florida. With Eisenhower’s election, the House and Senate reverted back to GOP control. Once again, Joe Martin was elected Speaker of the House.

Yet again, it was but a brief interlude. The 1954 elections reversed Republican fortunes and Martin had to vacate the Speaker’s chair for Sam Rayburn. The Texan was magnanimous to Martin and pointed out they had switched offices so frequently that perhaps Martin should continue to occupy the Speaker’s sumptuous suite of offices in case they had to move once again. For the rest of his time as Republican leader, Joe Martin occupied the Speaker’s office, irrespective of whether he actually was the Speaker of the House.

Joe Martin had done everything he possibly could to advance President Eisenhower’s legislative agenda in the House,

unlike many Republican senators who surprised the former general by opposing many of his initiatives. Had it not been for the frequent cooperation of Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson, Ike would have had a very difficult time getting anything done.

Joe Martin’s political undoing was the 1958 elections. Off year elections are historically hard on the party in power and the United States had sunk into a deep recession, making it much more difficult for Republican incumbents that year. The 1958 elections was a disaster for the GOP. Republicans lost thirteen seats in the U. S. Senate; just a year later, the Democrats would win three of the four Senate races for the newly admitted states of Alaska and Hawaii. The debacle in the House of Representatives was little better, as the Republicans lost forty-eight seats. The defeat was staggering for the GOP.

Disgruntled Republicans who had been fortunate enough to survive the 1958 elections were rumbling louder about replacing Joe Martin as the GOP leader in the House. At first, Martin foolishly dismissed the rumblings as just a few unhappy young congressmen. The burgeoning revolt was actually spearheaded by Indiana Congressman Charles Halleck, the Minority Whip in the House. Halleck had considered challenging Joe Martin for the top spot at least a couple of times before, but could not get past President Eisenhower, who did not look favorably upon deposing Martin.

Halleck gave a quiet dinner for three White House aides and casually brought up the topic of replacing Joe Martin as Republican leader. None of the three were ready to say the president would support removing Martin. Just a few days later, the situation changed. Apparently surprised by the scope of the Republican defeat, President Eisenhower made it clear to Charles Halleck he would not

take part in any contest for the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives. Without the active or tacit support of Eisenhower, Joe Martin was vulnerable.

Halleck beat Joe Martin and a dejected and surprised Martin left the Republican caucus depressed.

A bachelor his entire life, Joe Martin neither drank alcohol, smoked or even danced. According to the late Doorkeeper of the House, William “Fishbait” Miller, Martin “didn’t do anything.” Serving in Congress was pretty much the sum total of Joe Martin’s life.

Following his defeat by Halleck, Joe Martin was something of a lonely and pitiful figure. While still a member of Congress, Martin was bereft of the power he had once exercised as Speaker and Republican leader. For the rest of his Congressional career, Joe Martin was relegated to the sidelines.

Martin contented himself by penning a lively and entertaining autobiography entitled, *My First Fifty Years In Politics*. Congressman Martin remained somewhat bitter about the lack of support he had received from President Eisenhower in losing his leadership position.

Charlie Halleck would suffer an almost identical fate to that of Joe Martin. After the Republicans lost the 1964 elections, a group of young congressmen would support Congressman Gerald Ford of Michigan and topple him from his leadership role.

Yet there was one final bitter disappointment awaiting Joe Martin.

Past eighty, in precarious health, Congressman Joe Martin was challenged in the 1966 Republican primary by Margaret Heckler. Mrs. Heckler, a perky redhead, was a very attractive candidate and had served on the governor’s Council in Massachusetts. Forty-six years younger than Congressman Martin at the time, Mrs. Heckler radiated youth and vigor. Martin, realizing he was in trouble, announced if elected, it would be his last term in office. Although Martin was no mossback, Mrs. Heckler was not only more modern, but also more liberal. The challenger effectively used press clipping gleaned from Joe Martin’s own first race against an eighty-three year-old opponent. There were accusations Martin was in ill health and was spending more time in Florida than in Washington, D. C.

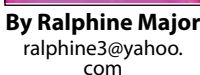
It was a hard fought campaign and while Joe Martin struggled, in the end, he lost.

*I r o n i c a l l y*, Congresswoman Heckler would be confronted by a more progressive opponent herself when she was redistricted into a district with Congressman Barney Frank. Heckler would lose that race and go on to serve in the Cabinet of President Ronald Reagan.

After losing his seat in Congress, Joe Martin’s health continued to deteriorate and he lived just over a year after leaving Congress. Joe Martin died on March 6, 1968.



# ‘Mary Poppins Jr.’



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# Powell looking for a head football coach again

By Steve Williams

Hiring a head coach who could give Powell High's football program stability was a key objective when Rodney Ellison was given the reins in 2015. He became the school's fifth head coach in five years. "We really do look for Coach Ellison to come in and establish a strong foundation for our program and build on that over the course of time," said Brad Carr, then Powell's athletic director.

Ellison hoped to provide that stability.

But the PHS program began another coaching search last week when principal Dr. Chad Smith accepted Ellison's resignation April 2.

"I want to personally say thank you to Coach Ellison for his time and effort in what has been a difficult rebuilding of the Powell High School program," said Dr. Smith in a statement.

After going 1-9 in 2015 and 2-9 in 2016, Powell got off to a 5-1 start last

fall, including a 26-15 road win over rival Halls in its season opener.

Ellison's Panthers also blanked Clinton 17-0 in Week 5 for their first shutout in four years and clawed Lenoir City 42-22 in Week 6.

But Powell finished with a four-game losing streak and ended up in fifth place with a 2-4 record in Region 3-5A, missing the playoffs.

"After some thought and careful consideration, I have resigned my position as head football coach at Powell High School," said Ellison in a statement last Wednesday. "I have enjoyed my time as the head football coach and feel that our staff along with the hard work of each young man that came through this program in the past three years has brought Powell Panther football back into a respectable competitive program.

"With all the experience returning I feel that next year these kids will do some great things on the field.

"I want to thank everyone that supported our program the past three years and the administration at Powell for granting me the opportunity to lead these young men.

"Most importantly I want to thank every young man that played and worked so hard for me. I will never forget them and will always cherish the memories."

Ellison, 39, will remain on the Powell faculty as a teacher.

Ellison began coaching on the high school level in 2006 as an assistant at Bearden and worked his way up. He was head coach and offensive coordinator at Wartburg Central in 2011 and offensive coordinator three seasons at Clinton (2012-14).

**NEW AT GIBBS:** Brad Turner was named the Eagles' new head football coach March 2. The former Gibbs player has coached at his alma mater since 2004 and most recently as defensive coordinator.

Turner replaces Brad



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

**Rodney Ellison reacts to a play against Catholic in 7-on-7 action last July at Powell. Ellison resigned as Powell's head coach last week.**

Conley, who stepped down as head coach Jan. 9. Conley had been the Eagles' head coach for 10

years and was an assistant for nine years prior to that. Conley guided Gibbs into the Class 5A ranks in 2015

and directed the Eagles to the Region 2-5A championship in 2016.

# Top teams take to diamond in Scott Dean Tournament

By Ken Lay

Area high School baseball teams will play in the Scott Dean Memorial Tournament this weekend.

The tournament is dedicated to the late Scott Dean, who played and later served as an assistant coach for the Admirals. Games will be contested at Farragut, Bearden, Maryville, Catholic and Christian Academy of Knoxville. Dean, who graduated in 2004, played on four teams that reached the Class AAA State Championship Games, winning a pair of titles. Dean later coached on the State Championship Teams with the Admirals.

Many of the area's top teams including: the Admirals, the Bulldogs,

the Warriors, the Rebels, Webb School of Knoxville, Grace Christian Academy, Gibbs, Hardin Valley Academy, the Irish and Loudon will be joined by Cleveland, Mt. Juliet, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett and Morristown West.

Action opens Thursday with games at Farragut, Maryville, Bearden and CAK.

At Farragut, the Admirals will host the Spartans at 5 p.m. Farragut will play Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett at 7:30.

At Maryville, the Rebels will host a pair of games as they entertain Loudon at 5 p.m. and take on the Rams at 7:30.

At Bearden, the host Bulldogs will play Gibbs at 5 p.m. Catholic will face the Eagles at 7:30.

At CAK, the Warriors will tangle with HVA at 6 p.m.

Action continues Friday as the Admirals host Mt. Juliet at 5 p.m. Mt. Juliet will then face Grace Christian at 7:30.

At CAK: The Warriors take on Cleveland at 5. The Blue Raiders will then take on the Hawks at 7:30. Games at Bearden include: Dobyns-Bennett taking on the Bulldogs at 5 p.m. and The Indians will play Webb at 7:30.

The Rebels will host Morristown West at 5 p.m. The Trojans and the Irish will close the night's action at Maryville at 7:30.

Webb will play Loudon at Catholic at 4:30 Friday.

The tournament concludes with a full slate of games on Saturday.

Farragut's John

Heatherly Field will host four games. Farragut will take on Cleveland at 10 a.m. Cleveland will play Loudon at 12:30. The Admirals will play Gibbs at 3. The Eagles will play Loudon at 5:30.

At CAK: Hardin Valley will play Morristown West at 11:30 a.m. CAK will play the Trojans at 2 p.m. and the Warriors will take on Mt. Juliet at 4:30.

At Bearden: the Bulldogs will take on the Rams at 10 a.m. Bearden will also play Mt. Juliet at 12:30 p.m.

Maryville will host Dobyns-Bennett at noon.

The Irish will also host a pair of games at Gaylor Field. The Irish will play the Webb at noon before tangle with Grace at 2:30 p.m.

# Childress expects schools to 'turn a negative into a positive'

(Part 2 of an interview with TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress)

By Steve Williams

In what is believed to be an unprecedented move, the TSSAA Board of Control in February left the door open for Austin-East and Chattanooga Brainerd boys' basketball programs to take the steps to have their postseason bans reduced from two years to one year.

"Our staff left the Board meeting that day feeling good about the decision the Board made," recalled TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress at this year's state tourney in Murfreesboro.

"For the first time, the Board gave schools the opportunity to implement

things to create a positive culture and come back and show they had done those things and see if the Board would reconsider.

"It's the first time to my knowledge that the Board has done that."

Austin-East and Brainerd were banned from this year's state tournament after being involved in what some called a "brawl" that broke out in their game in Chattanooga on Jan. 27. At the time, A-E was ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AA in the AP poll and Brainerd No. 5.

After unsportsmanlike conduct occurred on the floor, some spectators came on the court and reportedly made the incident worse. Game officials stopped play with 2:20 left in the first half and Brainerd

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# Hardin Valley has it going the Wright way in track and field

By Steve Williams

A little past the midway point of the high school track and field season, Willington Wright of Hardin Valley Academy appears to be competing like he's on a mission.

The Hawks' senior was No. 1 in the state in three different events as of Friday, April 6, according to the Tennessee Runner MileSplit Outdoor Rankings.

Wright posted a time of 21.8 in the 200-meter dash at the Sevier County meet on March 20. He had a leap of 46 feet, 9½ inches in the triple jump at the HVA Invitational March 23-24. Then Wright turned in a sizzling 47.9 in the 400 at the Farragut Invitational March 31.

All three performances rank No. 1 from Memphis to the Tri-Cities of upper East Tennessee.

Wright has company on the list too from other Knox County athletes.

Bearden senior Joshua Sobota ranked No. 1 in the shot put event with a heave of 61 feet at the South Knoxville Classic last week.

Hardin Valley Academy has three relay teams with the state's best times – its boys' 4x400 (3:28.90) and 4x800 (8:22.51) and its girls' 4x800 (9:51.69). All three of these times were posted at the Farragut Invitational.

The Austin-East boys'



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**Sand flies as HVA senior Willington Wright lands in the long jump pit. In addition to the triple jump, Willington also ranks No. 1 in the state in the 400 and 200-meter dashes.**

4x200 relay also ranks No. 1 in the state with its time of 1:29.83 that was clocked at the Knoxville West meet last week.

“Willington is the brother of our guy (Weldon Wright) that won state in triple

jump and long jump a few years ago,” said Hardin Valley Coach Bryan Brown.

“Our 4x400 relay actually ran without Will (at Farragut Invitational), but with him on there, we finished sixth in the national indoor

meet.”

Wright had a good year as a junior in 2017, but he has made a lot of progress in his times and distances since then.

At last spring's KIL meet, Wright took first place in the

400 with a time of 50.44. He also placed second in the long jump (21-4¼) and second in the triple jump (44-4½).

In the state meet last May, Wright finished fourth in the triple jump (44-2) and

ninth in the 400 (50.39).

The winning mark at the state last year in the triple jump was 48-3½, while a time of 48.18 was tops in the 400.

With Wright already having run faster than that in the 400 this season, he could be going after some gold at the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro next month.

**STORY TIME:** Rebecca Story, Stanford signee from Christian Academy of Knoxville, was slated to make her outdoor season debut Friday in Oak Ridge.

“I am going to run my first race of the season at the Ben Martin Invitational (April 6),” she said. “I will be running at KIL next month. My coach is still deciding what other races I will be running this season.”

**TSSAA HAS NEW** classifications in track and field this year, with Large and Small for schools in Division I. Schools in Division II are classified Class AA and Class A, according to enrollment.

**COMING UP:** Two of the regular season's biggest high school track and field events are around the corner, with the Volunteer Track Classic slated for April 20-21 at UT's Tom Black Track and the annual KIL meet April 30 and May 1 at Hardin Valley Academy.

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# Changes for Tennessee men's basketball

By Alex Norman

Over the past couple of years, the off season was a welcome time in the world of Tennessee basketball. From 2015-2017, the Vols didn't play in the postseason, and frankly everyone was ready for a temporary break. But that was before the 2017-2018 season, in which the Vols exceeded expectations, shared the SEC championship, advanced to the SEC tournament finals and came within a bucket of the Sweet 16.

Last week a couple of stories hit the newswire that are worth paying attention to for a team that is considered by some to be one of the top five in the country heading into the 2018-2019 season.

First, Tennessee announced that senior guard Chris Darrington will be transferring. "We appreciate all of Chris' contribution both on and off the court this past year," said Tennessee head coach Rick Barnes in a statement release by the University of Tennessee. "We all wish him nothing but the best moving forward."

Darrington joined the

program from the JUCO ranks in the off season, and looked good during summer exhibition games in Europe, leading the team in scoring. He would play in 25 games for the Vols during the regular season, but minutes were hard to come by as the season waned on. He averaged 8.4 minutes per game and 2.6 points per contest.

This means the Vols will have two scholarships to offer for next year, including one when senior guard James Daniel III graduated. The Vols are in desperate need of point guard help, and that will be an emphasis this recruiting cycle.

The other big news happening last week involved the popular Rocky Top League, the summer exhibition league that has been a fan favorite since Bruce Pearl sparked the efforts in 2007. Fox Sports Radio reported that the league will not take place this summer. This reasoning behind that decision is that it gives Tennessee's players more time to concentrate on the off season conditioning.

That is completely understandable. In watching those games I often wondered

what the reaction would have been if, say, Tyler Smith had blown out his knee during what was a meaningless exhibition. The league might have been cancelled immediately. So it makes complete sense to stop playing.

But from a fans point of view, it is sad to see the games go. In later years the games were played at Knoxville Catholic. But most of these games took place at Bearden High School. Let me tell know... a gym with no air conditioning in later spring and early summer? Man it was toasty.

But it was so much fun to watch those games. Not only the current Tennessee players, but the alums like Wayne Chism and Ron Slay that would come back to town to hone their skills. Plus, players with local ties that didn't play for Tennessee that got a chance to shine.

The absence of the Rocky Top League leaves a significant void in the summer months. There is only so much sports media material that one can read about the Tennessee quarterback position battle. Think about it. On June 1st

there are still three months to go before Tennessee opens the season against West Virginia in Charlotte. The RTL was a great break in the summer doldrums.

We still have the Tennessee Smokies... and high school football practice starts in

mid-July... but overall it's pretty barren locally.

If nothing else, we are seeing how important Tennessee men's basketball is now to the Knoxville sports fan. It hasn't always been that way...

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## A great sports moment is unnecessarily tarnished

This year there was a lot more drama in the NCAA women's Final Four than in the men's.



By Steve Williams

When Loyola of Chicago's Cinderella run ended against Michigan in the semifinals, my interest in the men's tourney dropped like an air ball.

Meanwhile, those ladies' games had matchups the likes of Frazier vs. Ali in boxing, Connors vs. McEnroe in tennis and Bird vs. Magic in basketball.

(I know, I'm showing my age with these comparisons. But you should YouTube some of those rivalries.)

Seconds after Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale beat Mississippi State 61-58 with that off-balance 3-point shot for the title, I told my brother John that my newspaper headline the next morning would simply say: Giant killer! After all, she had slayed UConn much the same way in the semifinals.

Still, I didn't like how the women's finale ended.

Taking all that time to put 0:00.1 (one-tenth of a second) back on the clock seemed to squeeze a little of the fun out of a Lady Irish celebration that already had begun. And putting the Lady Bulldogs back on the court in a hopeless situation so the last 0:00.1 could disappear just seemed to add to their agony.

By rule, the only way a team can score under 0:00.4 (four-tenths of a second) is with a tip. Mississippi State needed three points in that situation. When was the last time you saw a ball tipped in 20 feet from the basket?

In my opinion, a storybook ending to a great game was tarnished by the impossible.

What if Ogunbowale's shot had given Notre Dame a four-point lead? Would officials have taken time to reset the clock to 0:00.1 and put the Lady Bulldogs back on the court?

Probably, because that's their job. That's what they are supposed to do.

Here's another scenario that could happen in that kind of situation: Tempers flare and a brawl breaks out as players line up for a meaningless play. Would we want an outcome decided by a slew of technical foul shots?

The TSSAA has a rule in football that if a touchdown is scored as time runs out, the extra point is not tried if it has no bearing on determining the winner and the game is over.

Here's a tip (no pun intended) for the NCAA rules committee. Put in a special rule to better end a game like Notre Dame and Mississippi State had.

Call it "the Arike rule." The first name of the ND star is pronounced uh-REE-kay.

When officials determine there is three-tenths of a second or less remaining in a game and Team B is trailing by three points or more, the game is over and Team A is the winner.

If a rule like that had been in the book, the Lady Irish's joyous celebration could have proceeded with no further interruption and the Lady Bulldogs would have had a little easier time dealing with the heart-breaking loss.

And a great moment in sports wouldn't have been tarnished.

## Rebels withstand delay to down Lenoir City 4-1

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catcher Logan Cox drew a walk and was lifted for courtesy runner Grant Tierney, who came into the game and stole second. He, however, was stranded in scoring position when Williams fanned the next two West hitters to get out of the inning.

"Their pitcher [Williams] did a good job," McNish said.

New Lenoir City head coach Dusty Langley also lauded Williams' effort and commended his squad for its overall competitiveness.

"You look at this score and it was a 4-1 loss and I told my kids that I would gladly take that," Langley said. "I have three seniors and I have freshmen all

the way up the middle of the field.

"My pitcher was a freshman and he was making his first start. I had a freshman at shortstop and a freshman second baseman. Our defense was good but in the end, they got the hits when they had to have them. West is a good team. They're 15-2 and they've beaten some good teams."

West took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third when McGilvray doubled in Holocek, who singled and later stole second.

The Rebels added a pair of insurance runs in the fifth as Wilhoit had an RBI single and Brandon Langenberg knocked another run with a sacrifice fly.

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### Reminisces

Sometimes, it's hard for me to remember whether I've written about something or just thought about it. As a result, I have a new project putting my previous five hundred and thirteen Focus essays in a computer file which I can then easily search. If I had realized ten years ago that I would still be writing for The Focus, I would have been organizationally more proactive.

This week I've been thinking about vaccinations, after several of my patients asked me about the new shingles vaccine. I've written previously about vaccines, how they work and shingles prevention in particular. I know this because Mr. Computer and his assistant Mr. Search Engine were able to find these topics in my newly formatted computer file, aptly entitled Knoxville Focus essays!

Shingles is a reactivation

of the herpes zoster virus which most of us acquired in childhood when we had chickenpox. The immune system controls the primary chickenpox infection, but the herpes virus remains dormant in spinal nerve roots forever. Then, as the immune system ages and becomes less vigilant, the virus reactivates to produce the characteristic shingles rash and pain.

I wrote about shingles and the vaccine, Zostavax, after it was marketed in 2006. This vaccine uses a weakened (live-attenuated) herpes zoster virus to stimulate the immune system. Zostavax lessens the chance of having shingles by two thirds and reduces the chance of after-shingles neuralgia by half. Vaccination is also used to prevent primary herpes zoster infection (chickenpox) in children.

Given the fact that the

incidence of shingles increases as we age, vaccination is recommended to boost the immune system for adult patients over sixty years old. Unfortunately, the protective effects of shingles vaccination wane after five to eight years. Furthermore, since Zostavax is produced with a weakened but live virus, it can't be given to patients with a damaged immune system, despite their high risk of shingles disease.

Recently, a new vaccine (Shingrix) has been developed which uses a herpes surface protein (glycoprotein E), rather than a live virus, to boost the immune system. Shingrix is significantly more effective (>90%) at preventing shingles than the older, Zostavax vaccine. Furthermore, the new vaccine can be given to patients with damaged immune systems, though it may be less effective in these patients.

Perhaps, because it is more effective, the new vaccine causes significantly more side effects such as arm pain at the site of the injection and sometimes fever. The new vaccine also requires two intramuscular injections two to six months apart, whereas the old vaccine requires just one subcutaneous injection. Shingrix is also more expensive (\$350) than Zostavax (\$250), though Medicare

and most private insurance companies are covering the vaccines with variable copay costs. Choosing between the two vaccine may be moot, because Zostavax may soon be deemed obsolete and no longer be available. Knoxville Kroger pharmacies have already sent their supply of the older vaccine back to their corporate warehouse.

There is also a newer pneumonia (pneumococcal) vaccination called Prevnar. It's complicated because the older vaccine Pneumovax is actually best used in tandem with Prevnar because both have unique properties, and together expand protection against the most common type of bacterial pneumonia.

There are some things I miss from my previous life of traditional medical practice. Most notably, I miss the patients I once cared for. As a semi-retired doc, I now care for about eighty folks, but in the old fashion "hands on" way. In fact, going over previous essays while organizing my Focus file, brought two patient's stories to mind.

The first story I've told before, but it's so good it merits a retelling. MC arrived as my last patient on the last day of my traditional medical practice. Unbeknownst to me, she had collected every essay

I'd written for The Focus in scrapbooks which she gave me as a retirement and Christmas present. In a 2013 Focus essay I compared her gift to one described in the beautiful short story by O. Henry called "The Gift of the Magi." I have honored my former patient by continuing to collect my essays in now more than a half dozen scrapbooks. However, I needed a better way to search five hundred plus essays than leafing through scrapbooks, so I've created a computer collection of "The Doctor Is In."

I've never shared the second reminiscence, because it involves a tragedy. LP was an attorney, an accomplished poet and like me a migraineur. But, unlike me she was devastated by her refractory headaches which ultimately destroyed her ability to practice her profession and then opioids took her life. I thought of her when I recently reviewed an essay called "The Rat Park" I wrote about two years ago. But I think of her even more often since Becky and I moved to our new home. You find lots of things when you move, and I found a poem LP once gave me. Using a Google search, I could not find evidence that this poem was ever published. So, my homage to LP is to share "The Faith Healer"

with you.

Hands on, in the way of the old folks,  
A healer with science at his fingertips  
Must know still that the path to health  
Is paved with compassion.  
For a great healer must enter  
The heart of his patient;  
Must hear even the unspoken language of pain,  
The unwritten vocabulary of striving,  
The quiet yearnings  
That lie beneath the skin,  
Under the tendons,  
under the bones.  
These elements show  
On no MRI, on no X-ray.  
The true healer must listen to the heart  
Without a stethoscope,  
And when even science offers  
No answers, no hope,  
Must give dignity to suffering  
And even to death,  
Through the small yet colossal acts of love  
That come, in the end,  
only through faith.

When I someday "shuffle off this mortal coil," and my essence transcends to another reality, I hope to find MC and LP and to thank my old friends for their kindness and lingering reminiscences.

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## The Crucifixion of King Jesus

Crucifixion was a tool used by the Romans, and other nations, to strike fear into the heart of its subjects. Rome used crucifixion as a means for execution for some eight hundred years. It was a horrible, terrifying death. Crucifixion was so incredibly painful, they actually invented a new term for such suffering – "excruciating" – which means "out of the cross." The executions were public and took place along major roadways so all could see. Cicero, the Roman politician and lawyer, who served as consul in the year 63 BC, called crucifixion the "extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves" and the "cruellest and most disgusting penalty." The first-century Jewish historian, Josephus, called it "the most pitiable of deaths."

Usually, the vertical beam of the cross was left in place at the



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

site of execution. After the victim was flogged, they would be forced to carry the crossbeam, which could weigh up to one hundred pounds. The victims were often left hanging for weeks until their bodies were consumed by birds and wild prey. Some of the bodies were placed on trash heaps, and bones scattered unless loved one's claimed them. The Romans often did not allow families to take the bodies; however, in Jerusalem the people could bury their dead.

The chief aim of crucifixion was to inflict the greatest amount of pain for the longest time. Victims could hang on crosses for several days before they died. The victim's arms could be nailed to the cross at the wrists, which were also considered part of the hands. The arms could also be tied to the cross with ropes. The

feet were always nailed to the cross.

Most crosses were no larger than nine feet tall. They would allow room at the top of the cross for a sign detailing the victim's crime. This would put the feet of the victim only three feet or so off the ground. This would put Jesus only a few feet off the ground in front of the disciple John, his mother, and the soldiers who hurled insults at Jesus.

Many scholars attribute asphyxiation as a cause of death for crucifixion. You have to lift one-self up in order to exhale. The longer you hung on the cross, the more exhausted you became in order to exhale. The buildup of fluid around the heart and in the lungs would also cause congestive heart failure. This was seen after Jesus died, when a soldier pierced the side of Jesus and there was water and blood that came out. The loss of fluids and dehydration would also

contribute to hypovolemic shock. These factors worked against Jesus as he hung on the cross for six hours. What amazing love!

Jesus' nail scarred hands are a perpetual reminder to God of his sacrifice for us. What took place at Calvary is hard to describe with words and the implications are too much to comprehend. There are various views of the Atonement that try to capture all that was accomplished at the cross. At times when we have done something sinful, we feel Christ as our substitute and have been comforted by the punishment he bore for us. At other times we have seen in his suffering the brokenness of our lives and amazed by his love that will not let us go. Other times we have been pushed to give selflessly to others out of debt and gratitude for what Jesus had done for us. His atoning work is amazing.



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For reference to title see the deeds recorded in Deed Book 1467, page 624, and Deed Book 1544, page 645, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

TOGETHER with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, releasing all claims to homestead and any other rights therein. To have and to hold the said premises to the Second Party, and his successors forever, in trust for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

AND THE FIRST PARTIES, for themselves and for their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, do hereby covenant with the said Second Party, and his successors, that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the premises above conveyed and have full power, authority, and right to convey the same, that said premises are free from all encumbrances, and that they will forever warrant and defend the said premises and the title thereto against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions as shown on the recorded map.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the above-named Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Knoxville Teachers Federal Credit Union, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, due to the failure of the makers to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trusts.

Other parties interested as defined by Tennessee statutes and to whom the agent for the Trustee has given notice of the sale include the following: Knox County and City of Knoxville.

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; and 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 and/or agent for the Trustee. Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the agent for the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as agent for Trustee, and subject to the approval of the Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representation or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular purpose.

Notice provided for the foreclosure sale of by: **2523 Adair Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917**

Derek L. Spratley, Attorney  
Agent for Trustee  
448 N. Cedar Bluff Lane #356  
Knoxville, TN 37923  
865 740-1601

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, Bradley Ross Branam and Jessica Ann Branam executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated May 30, 2014 and recorded on June 3, 2014 in Instrument No. 201406030068294, 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, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, 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 26, 2018, 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:

Situated in District Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being all of Lot 12, Block 1, Unit 2, of Bonta Vista Subdivision, as shown in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 44-A (formerly Map Book 53-S, page 65), in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which map specific reference is made for a more particular description of said lot.

Being part of the same property conveyed to Bradley Ross Branam and wife, Jessica Ann Branam, from Lela Elizabeth Tipton, being one and the same as Elizabeth Tipton and Lela E. Tipton, executrix of the Es-tate of David L. Clark, and individually, by Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014 and of record in Instru-ment No. 201406030068293 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 028KD-013  
Address/Description: **7508 Pinen Drive, Knoxville, TN 37938.**

Current Owner(s): Bradley Ross Branam.  
Other Interested Parties: Southeastern Emergency Physicians, LLC dba UT Medical Center Emergency Department 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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department  
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919  
File No.: 17-15115 FCO1

## 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 June 30, 2016, executed by Nicholas J. Jones, an unmarried man, to Charles E Tonkin, II, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on July 1, 2016, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201607010000153.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at the North Side Entrance 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, to wit:

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

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 24, Block B, GOVERNOR'S MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 271-C (formerly Map Book 44-S, page 86), Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to restrictions, easements, setback and other conditions recorded in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 271-C, Map Book 44-S, Page 86, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SUBJECT to restrictions, easements, setbacks, and other conditions recorded in Deed Book 1317, Page 923, Deed Book 1339, Page 216, Instrument No. 201110110019457, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

ALSO subject to any and all applicable restrictions, easements, building setback lines and other conditions as are shown in the records of said Register's Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Nicholas J. Jones by deed dated June 30, 2016, of record in Instrument No. 201607010000152 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 136PA-034

Commonly known as **6500 Martin Mill Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920**

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

Current Owner(s) of Property: Nicholas J. Jones

Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Nicholas J. Jones; Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed liens) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

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; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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

Clear Recon LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
5751 Uptain Road  
Suite 514  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411  
Phone: (877) 319-8840  
File No: 1292-545A

Newspaper: The Knoxville Focus  
Publication Dates: 3/26/2018, 4/2/2018 and 4/9/2018

PLEASE PUBLISH ALL SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE INFORMATION ABOVE  
Charge to:  
Aldridge Pite, LLP

3575 Piedmont Road, N.E.  
Suite 500  
Atlanta, GA 30305

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY  
WHEREAS, Karen L. Walker, unmarried executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated October 31, 2008 and recorded on November 13, 2006 in Instrument No. 200811130031847, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, 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 26, 2018, 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:

SITUATED in District No. 5 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as:

WITHIN the 44th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot No. 9 of the Wooded Acres Subdivision, Unit 2, as the same appears of record in Map Book 87S, Page 61 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Brian Walker and wife, Karen Walker by Warranty Deed dated 11/25/2003 and of record in Instrument No. 200312090060446 in the Register's Office for Knox County, TN. Upon execution of this Instrument, grantor makes oath that Brian Walker and Karen Walker were husband and wife, there being no intervening divorce or legal separation between them until the time of death of Brian Walker on or about \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, Karen Walker obtained title to the above described property as surviving tenant by the entirety. Further, that there is no unpaid claims or taxes due against the estate of Brian Walker.

Parcel ID Number: 092CH-009  
Address/Description: **5905 Slater Mill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921.**

Current Owner(s): Karen Walker.  
Other Interested Parties(s): N/A

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 that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department  
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919  
File No.: 18-02607 FCO1

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 9, 2016, executed by CYNTHIA KRANTZ, conveying certain real property therein described to NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded January 26, 2016, at Instrument Number 201601260043344;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 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 **May 10, 2018 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:

THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SITUATED IN THE CIVIL DISTRICT NO. SEVEN (7) (OLD TWO) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 14, BLOCK "F", UNIT 1, HARRILL HEIGHTS, AS SHOWN BY REVISED MAP IN MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 45, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SAID LOT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST LINE OF LONGWOOD DRIVE, COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 13 AND 14, THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LONGWOOD DRIVE, SOUTH 12/57 EAST 76 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE SOUTH 2/23 WEST, 25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 14 AND 15; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 14 AND 15, SOUTH 77/09 WEST, 177.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTHERLY 90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 13 AND 14; THENCE ALONG THE DIVIDING LINE OF LOTS 13 AND 14, NORTH 74/04 EAST, 185.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM STARR E. SUNESON, A MARRIED PERSON, THE GRANTOR, TO BARRY KRANTZ AND WIFE, CYNTHIA KRANTZ, THE GRANTEE(S) BY VIRTUE OF DEED DATED 3/6/2003, AND RECORDED 3/7/2003, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 200303070079111 AMONG THE AFORESAID LAND RECORDS. BARRY KRANTZ HAVING DIED ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 13, 2014, LEAVING CYNTHIA KRANTZ SOLE OWNER AS SURVIVING TENANT BY THE ENTIRETY.

Parcel ID: 059AB-033

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4019 LONGWOOD DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918.** 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): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF CYNTHIA KRANTZ

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500  
Memphis, TN 38103

www.rublinlublin.com/property-listings.php  
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## COURT NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS  
DOCKET NUMBER 79446-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MARCH 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS who died July 22, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 22 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
DEBRA L HARRIS; ADMINISTRATRIX  
10047 DAYFLOWER WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

MARGO J MAXWELL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
116 AGNES ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH ANN BAYLESS  
DOCKET NUMBER 80103-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH ANN BAYLESS who died Feb 9, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 22 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF RUTH ANN BAYLESS  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
JAMES BAYLESS; EXECUTOR  
7933 SHARP ROAD / P.O. BOX 16  
POWELL, TN. 37849

ROBERT A COLE ATTORNEY AT LAW  
3715 POWERS STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF J BRUCE THOMPSON  
DOCKET NUMBER 80116-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of J BRUCE THOMPSON who died May 30, 2011, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26TH day of MARCH, 2018.

NORMA SUE THOMPSON; EXECUTRIX  
2909 MILLER ROAD POWELL, TN. 37849

WADE M. BOSWELL ATTORNEY AT LAW  
800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 2111  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMAN VINCENT HODGE, SR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 80114-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMAN VINCENT HODGE, SR. who died Nov 19, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 26TH day of MARCH, 2018.

VARIL K. HODGE; EXECUTOR  
6204 MCNEELY RD.  
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

WILLIAM PETTY ATTORNEY AT LAW  
705 GATE LN., STE. 202  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN R SMITH, JR.  
DOCKET NUMBER 80148-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of APRIL 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN R SMITH, JR. who died Dec 31, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior

ESTATE OF JOHN R SMITH, JR.  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
KATHRYN B SMITH; EXECUTRIX  
320 BORING ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934

BROOKE GIVENS ATTORNEY AT LAW  
110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCES G SIDBURY  
DOCKET NUMBER 80145-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of APRIL 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANCES G SIDBURY who died Nov 29, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior

ESTATE OF FRANCES G SIDBURY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
PATRICK L MARTIN; EXECUTOR  
9724 KINGSTON PIKE, SUITE 1102  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922



# The Collingsworth Family to take the stage

The award winning Collingsworth Family is coming to East Tennessee for one appearance only! Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the worship center of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee on Saturday, April 21, 2018, for an Evening of Family Worship and Praise with The Collingsworth Family.

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August, 1986 until now, the ministry God has given Phil and Kim has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family. Their boundaries of influence have expanded as they have sung and played all over the United States (as well as internationally) into their 27th year of ministry. Their constant, persistent attention to cutting-edge arranging, musical excellence, and a proper balance of spiritual emphasis are the keys to success God has helped them tap.

In January, 2000, Phil and Kim transitioned to a



new, all-concert ministry. They began recording professionally and currently utilize Nashville's most award-winning producers, Wayne Haun and David Clydesdale.

Their home has seen the addition of four children across the years and the children are now very actively involved in the ministry. Their two oldest daughters are quite proficient on the violin and play at each of their concerts. Their entire family sings together in an ensemble. Kim is well-known for her phenomenal mastery of the piano and the extraordinary talent God has given her is a part of each

concert, as well as trumpet solos from Phil.

Their newest full-scale studio project, "That Day Is Coming," includes their current national radio single, "When He Carries Me Away" written by Adina Bowman and Rachel McCutcheon.

Russ Woolard, President of New Destiny Productions is pleased to showcase The Collingsworth Family on what will be a magical evening. Tickets are available now by calling 1-800-965-9324 or online [www.newdestinyproductions.com](http://www.newdestinyproductions.com).

## LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

### MISC. NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Clinton Hwy Service Center, 5929 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37912. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of said vehicle at Public auction on April 11 2018 at 9:00 a.m. 2004 BMW x-3 wbxpa93424wa61356

#### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
Executive Board Meeting, April 25, 2018  
The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, April 25th at 9 a.m.** in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website 5-7 days prior to the meeting and can be found here: [www.knoxtrans.org/meeting](http://www.knoxtrans.org/meeting). If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.  
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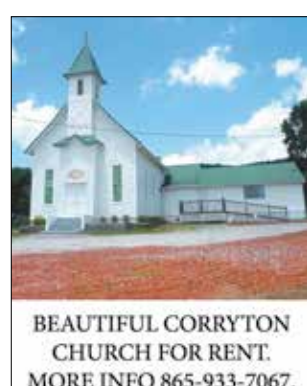
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## I want to know

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Wouldn't we look silly, flying through the air with our heavy bodies? Bumping into each other? We have no wings unless our arms would substitute for wings, but we would soon fall to the earth.

I am a knitter and one time when I was knitting my yarn became snarled. When I untangled it I noticed that

a strand of yarn was made up of miniature strands, no wider than a strand of my hair. How can that be?

The time to start is when we're young. Study whatever interests you. Be filled with wonder, and the answers will come into your brain like a light bulb. There's a reason for everything and intelligent people down through the ages were prone to find out the possibilities in their realm, and we will pass them along to future generations.

I do know one thing, I will never, ever be on the television show "Jeopardy!"

Thought for the day: The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have. Norman Vincent Peale

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# Dogwood Arts Highlights Our Region's Natural Beauty through Featured Gardens

Dogwood Arts is honored that these Knoxville residents are sharing their magnificent gardens with the public for this one weekend only in April. Each one is unique in design and offers a variety of plant material and special features. Please enjoy a tour of these gardens as we celebrate another blooming spring celebrating our region's natural and cultural beauty.

A \$5 donation on-site is suggested

## FEATURED GARDENS

**Saturday, April 14 [10:00 am-5:00 pm]**

**Sunday, April 15 [12:00-5:00 pm]**

### DR. ALAN SOLOMON

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Included in the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens, GATOP [God's Answer To Our Prayers] features many hundreds of botanical specimens such as conifers and hollies, extensive displays of wildflowers, perennials, and groundcovers, as well as numerous water features and large marble outcroppings. Complimenting this unusual garden are stainless-steel, iron, bronze, and stone sculptures. This site features one of Knoxville's oldest marble quarries.



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The gardens began with construction of a pond and waterfall within the old marble quarry located on the property. More woods were cleared in 2013 to start additional woodland gardens and another waterfall cascading over massive marble formations.

A fenced cottage garden features perennials, roses, shrubs and annuals.

### HOME OF EDDIE MANNIS

**3835 Kingston Pike**

These elegant gardens are inspired by the original Gustav Stickley designed Arts and Crafts home - circa 1925. They echo the same casual formality that was found in most Stickley-designed homes.

The large Veranda introduces breath-taking vistas set against a backdrop of Red and White Oak trees that are over a century old. At the bottom of the terraced gardens is an Arts and Crafts fireplace similar to the original Stickley design found inside the home. There is also a hidden grassy alcove surrounded with blossoming hydrangeas and rare Danae racemosa.

The path that circles the entire garden meanders by the original stone pond and stacked stone bench.

The abundant color transforms these gardens into an ever changing panorama of splendor.

Dogwood Arts, presented by ORNL Federal Credit Union, is a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to promote and celebrate our region's art, culture, and natural beauty. For more information on Dogwood Arts, visit [www.dogwoodarts.com](http://www.dogwoodarts.com) or call (865) 637-4561.

## Tennessee Stage Company Presents **SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD**

**Who:** The Tennessee Stage Company

**Where:** Lawson McGhee Library

**When:** April 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m. Sunday Afternoon

**ALL READINGS FREE**

The best way to read Shakespeare's plays is out loud – and with friends!

The Tennessee Stage Company and Shakespeare On The Square invite you to read Shakespeare's plays with the group – out loud!

Getting back into the swing of it, the next reading date is Sunday, April 15, when the company will gather at the Lawson McGhee Library to read the classic comedy "As You Like It," which will also be performed by 70/30 Creative at various locations around town in May 2018.

**IT'S FREE AND FUN!**

Readings are at the Lawson McGhee Library on Sunday afternoons. Readings are free and open to the public. Hearing these plays read aloud offers much more insight into the depths of Shakespeare's work.

The reading will begin at 2:00 p.m. There will be chairs set up and whoever wants to read out loud can choose one. There will be additional seating for anyone who wants to read along silently. Copies of the play will be available but please bring your own if possible.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

All voices, all dialects are welcome. The plays are read for the joy of reading them and to hear and discover more about the plays, especially plays that have not yet been performed by Shakespeare On The Square. Maybe one of these is the one the company should perform next!



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# CHAPMAN HIGHWAY DOGWOOD TRAIL

## CHAPMAN HIGHWAY

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#### Open Garden

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### 2. Berry Funeral Home

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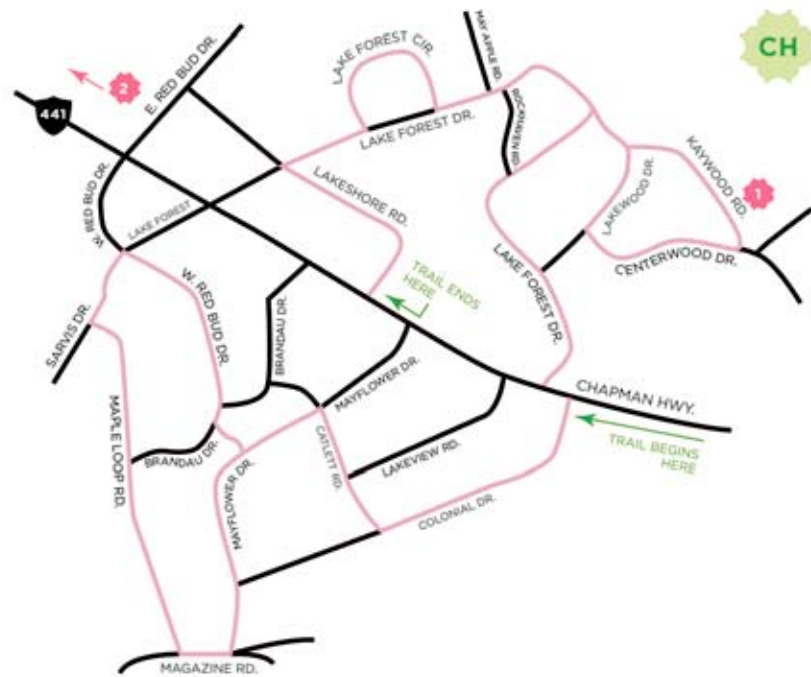
*Berry*  
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follows the winding road around Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, which hosts several seasonal social events for attendees as well as residents.

When you turn left onto Centerwood, behind the third house on the right, there is a fenced-in graveyard where relatives of Sam Houston are buried. Sam Houston lived near here in his youth and became Governor of Tennessee in 1827 before moving to Texas to

# CHAPMAN HIGHWAY

TRAIL BEGINS AT CHAPMAN HIGHWAY AND COLONIAL DRIVE



Welcome to Chapman Highway Dogwood Trail, where wild red bud trees vie with the dogwoods in beauty. Established in 1957, this trail is a two-part story; please follow the pink lines through Colonial Village and Lake Forest Neighborhoods.

On the left is the natural spring-fed Butterfly Lake where Great Blue Herons, ducks and geese are often seen along the edges of the quiet water. A variety of birds and wildlife are drawn to this area because of the old established trees and large wooded areas. Notice the lovely rock gardens with bright candytuft, tulips and creeping phlox. Built in the 1940s, these modest cottage-style houses offer the convenience of easy access to downtown and are a favorite with those who like the feeling of privacy and seclusion. At street intersections, it is possible to look down on drifts of wild dogwood trees whose massed blooms turn the hillside white.

Dogwood branches almost meet overhead as the trail dips down West Redbud Drive. Crossing at the light, you enter Lake Forest and passing the other half of the original spring-fed lake, which was split when Chapman Highway was constructed. The trail

“Remember the Alamo” in 1836.

As you come down the hill on East Lake Forest Drive, you are only a block away from the Post Oak neighborhood entrance to The Urban Wilderness Loop, which connects William Hastie Natural Area (6.3 miles of trails) with Ijams Nature Center and Mead’s Quarry.

Throughout the neighborhood, you will see examples of Tennessee Pink Marble, once quarried in the Knoxville

area. Larger blocks were used in buildings all over the U.S. or carved into monuments, such as the famous lion statues in front of the New York Public Library. Local builders used the smaller left over pieces to construct retaining walls, arched doorways, chimneys, patios, and whole houses.

As the trail comes to an end, turn left and in 30 minutes you will be in the Smokies and turn right and in 3 miles you will be in downtown Knoxville.

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## Knox Heritage calls for nominations of most endangered historic places in Knox County

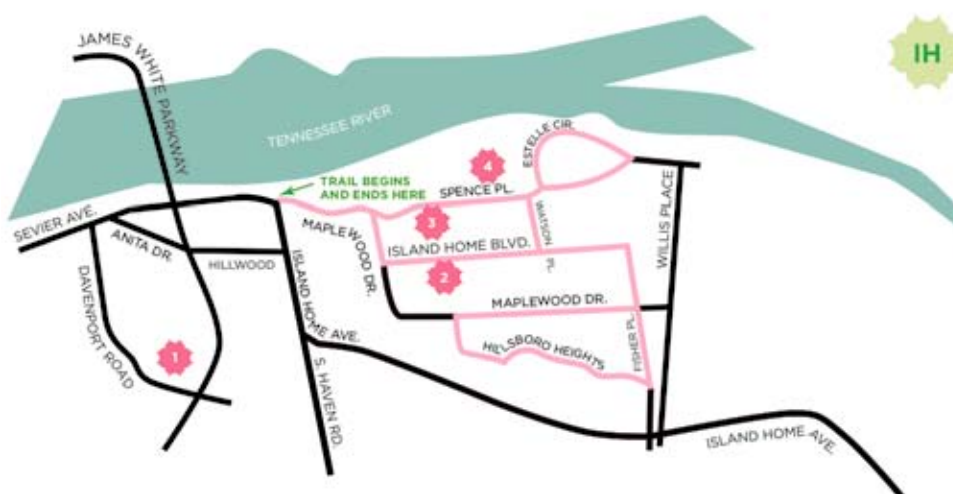
Knox Heritage invites the general public to submit nominations of Knoxville's and Knox County's most endangered places or structures to be included in the 2018 "Fragile & Fading" List of Endangered Historic Places. The deadline for nominations is 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 16th

Each May during National Preservation Month, Knox Heritage announces its "Fragile & Fading" endangered list to educate the public and local leaders about the plight of significant historic resources. The list provides a work plan for the non-profit organization for the next twelve months. Preservation strategies are developed for each site on the

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## ISLAND HOME

TRAIL BEGINS AT ISLAND HOME AVE. AND MAPLEWOOD DRIVE



### ISLAND HOME

#### 1. Monte & Anne Whitney Stanley Open Garden

3029 Davenport Road, 37920  
Driveway north of Stanley's Greenhouse  
Spring blooming shrubs, trees and flowers. Nature trail surrounds large pond.

#### 2. Tim & Candace Archer

2221 Island Home Blvd, 37920

#### 3. Rocky & Lisa Stanley

2100 Spence Place, 37920

#### 4. Craig & Sue Wrisberg

2125 Spence Lane, 37920

## ISLAND HOME DOGWOOD TRAIL

Welcome to the Island Home Trail in historic Island Home Park.

Island Home Park was developed as a streetcar suburb when interest in South Knoxville increased after the Gay Street Bridge was built in 1897-98. The original trolley turn-around (the location of the information box) served the first 1912 trolley line. The trolley soon traveled through the neighborhood along Island Home

Boulevard, reversing at the top of Fisher Place.

The entry columns, erected circa 1899, marked the perimeter of Island Home, the late nineteenth century farm and summer home of wealthy merchant Perez Dickinson. Dickinson's Italianate home remains perched on the hill inside the campus of Tennessee School for the Deaf, the eastern boundary of the neighborhood.

Many Island Home

Park homes and gardens were built during the first decades of the 20th century. The use of river stone on piers and porches of classic bungalows is unique to the neighborhood, which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Homes have been constructed during each decade since the 1910s.

The Island Home Boulevard median and gardens throughout the

neighborhood have state-ly old and newer trees, which replace hardwoods and dogwoods lost after 100 years. Many "grand-daddy dogwoods" remain, including a few original dark pink dogwoods. A champion white dogwood stands on Island Home Boulevard and a Hillsboro Heights home is the location of the Knox County champion white dogwood.

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# Arts Build Communities grants available through the Arts & Culture Alliance

The Tennessee Arts Commission announces availability of the Arts Build Communities (ABC) grants and will invest over \$45,000 in East Tennessee arts projects and programs taking place August 16, 2018 through June 15, 2019. The funding, administered by the Arts & Culture Alliance of Greater Knoxville, provides vital financial support for projects that broaden access to arts experiences, address community quality of life issues through the arts, or enhance the sustainability of asset-based cultural enterprises.

The ABC grants will be distributed throughout all arts disciplines as recognized by the Tennessee Arts Commission, including dance, music, opera/musical theatre, theatre, visual arts, design arts, crafts, photography, media arts, literature, interdisciplinary and folk arts.

ABC grants are available through the Arts & Culture Alliance for eligible organizations in Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, and Union counties. Applicants must be state-recognized, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations or government entities and must be able to provide a dollar-for-dollar match

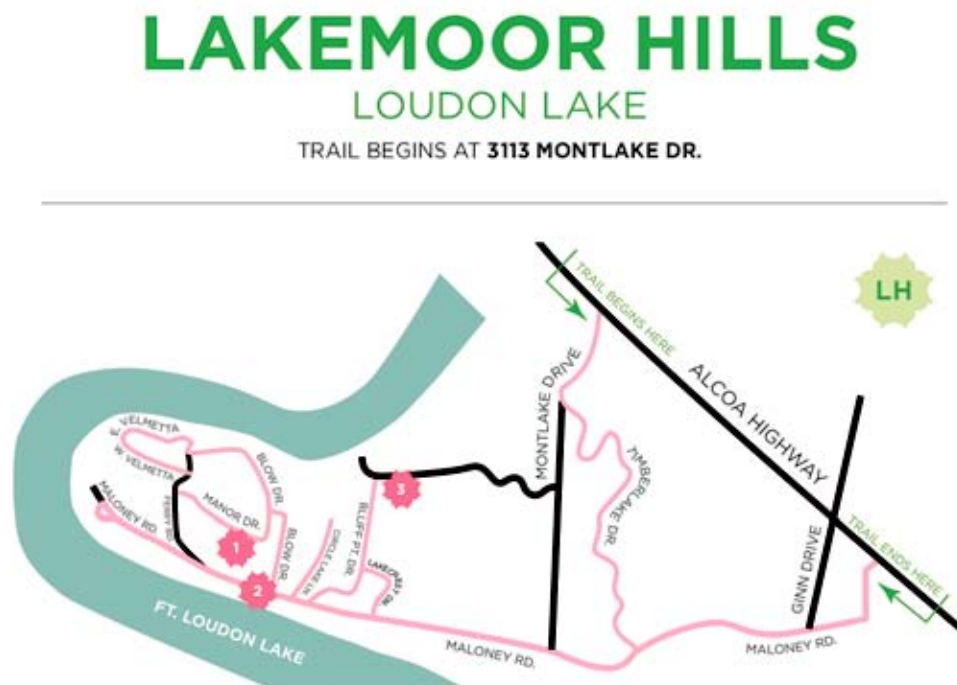
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## LAKEMOOR HILLS

**1. Dr. Richard Gillespie**  
2117 Manor Drive, 37920  
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**2. Bill Stoess & Mary Cartwright**  
4000 Maloney Road, 37920  
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**3. Dick & Ann Graf**  
**Open Garden**   
3505 Bluff Point, 37920  
*Stunning river and city views from atop this lovely garden setting.*



# New Harvest Park Farmers Market kicking off season

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will officially kick off its 2018 season on Thursday, April 12 at 3 p.m. with Knox County Commission Vice Chairman Charles Busler ringing the bell to get opening day started.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the park, located at 4775 New Harvest Park Lane.

“Come join the fun and

kick off the 2018 season with your friends and neighbors,” said Rebecca Saldivar, manager of the New Harvest Park Farmers Market. “It’s a great opportunity to explore the variety of fresh, delicious food that we will have available.”

The New Harvest Park Farmers Market will be open every Thursday through mid-November from 3 to 6 p.m.

The April 12th event will include roughly 20 vendors and will feature an assortment of locally-grown produce, meats, artisan food products, honey, plants, herbs, flowers, crafts and much more. The market will host a number of bigger events throughout the year, including the popular Blueberry Festival. Those dates will be announced in a month or so.

The farmers market participants who spend up to \$20 per transaction on their SNAP card will get a matching amount in tokens to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the market.

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## Knox Heritage calls for nominations of most endangered historic places in Knox County

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list and can include working with current property owners, government officials, citizens and/or potential new owners to preserve these important parts of our community's heritage.

Eligible nominations should include the following information:

Street address of the endangered property, and name if applicable

Nature of the threat to the property

Name and contact information for the individual or group submitting the nomination

Any known historical

information about the property

Name and contact information for the current property owner

Photos of each elevation of the property

Email completed nominations to Hollie Cook at [hcook@knoxheritage.org](mailto:hcook@knoxheritage.org).

Knox Heritage preserves, restores and transforms historic places. For everyone. Forever. The nonprofit organization was founded in 1974 and now serves the entire 16-county Knoxville region. For more information, visit [www.knoxheritage.org](http://www.knoxheritage.org)

# Walkers 'Come Together' to support Alzheimer's Tennessee

Close to 2,000 people who have been touched by Alzheimer's disease and dementia are expected to "Come Together" for the 28th Knoxville Alzheimer's Tennessee Walk in the UT Gardens, Saturday morning, April 14, 2018.

There is no registration fee, but participants are asked to donate and collection donations. Walkers who raise or donate \$100 and \$200 will qualify for additional thank you souvenirs at the walk.

For many who participate, the walk is an opportunity to honor a loved one and support Alzheimer's Tennessee, a locally-based nonprofit organization now in its 35th year of service.

Courtney Fulmer Peace and Jennie Scruggs Johnson are again Co-Chairpersons of this year's Knoxville Alzheimer's Tennessee

Walk, which is a Saturday morning filled with celebration. Participants can bring a photo of a loved one to add to the tribute wall, then enjoy LIVE music, FREE food, door prizes, and fun for all ages. Even pets are included!

Music, food and fun begin at 9 a.m. at the UT Gardens on April 14. The 1½ mile WALK is symbolic and even optional and will start at 11 a.m. Start a team today at [www.AlzTennessee.org/KnoxWalk](http://www.AlzTennessee.org/KnoxWalk), or come to the UT Gardens, 2518 Jacob Drive (off Neyland Drive), and register at the Walk. Ample parking will be available behind the University of Tennessee Vet School.

All proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee, which disaffiliated from the Alzheimer's Association to ensure all funds raised

benefit Tennesseans. The mission of Alzheimer's Tennessee is to serve those facing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, promote brain health through education, and champion global research, prevention and treatment efforts. In addition to its Knoxville headquarters, the independent 501(c)(30) now has offices in the Tri-Cities, Cookeville, Tullahoma, and Nashville.

With the support of WALKers, donors and volunteers, Alzheimer's Tennessee coordinates support groups and resource referrals, educates family and professional caregivers, and offers financial assistance. If you have questions about yourself or a loved one, please call 865.544.6288 or the 24/7 Help line at 1-800-ALZ-GATEway, or 1-800-259-4283.

## Arts Build Communities grants available through the Arts & Culture Alliance

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toward the proposed project.

Awards range from \$500 to \$2,500.

The online application

deadline is 11:59 p.m. (CST) on Monday, July 2.

A free grant workshop for interested applicants will be held on Tuesday, May 8, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Emporium

Center, 100 S. Gay Street, in downtown Knoxville. Please RSVP and/or direct any questions about the grants to Suzanne Cada at [sc@knoxalliance.com](mailto:sc@knoxalliance.com) or (865) 523-7543.

Interested applicants may download grant guidelines and find more information by visiting the Tennessee Arts Commission's website at <http://tnartscommission.org/grants/arts-build-communities-grant-2/>.

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## UT Arboretum society offers monthly hike on April 21

The UT Arboretum Society's monthly hike (third Saturday monthly) for April will be held April 21 at the UT Arboretum, 9:00 a.m.

The weather is starting to get warmer and this is a great time to spend outdoors. Learn about the UT Arboretum's trails on this short trail hike (1 to 1.5 hours). Hiking any trail above your fitness level can make for a less than enjoyable day while out on the trail. Hikes will be varied in intensity level, and the route may be changed due to weather conditions or leader's choice.

This hike will be held outdoors and will be led by a volunteer familiar with the Arboretum and the trail system. Come to the UT Arboretum, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge at 9:00 a.m. Wear clothes appropriate to the weather and boots or good shoes for outdoor walking.

The hike will take place at the same time as the UT Arboretum Society's Spring Plant Sale on April 21. Take this opportunity to hike (or drive) up to the plant sale (until 2:00 p.m.) at the UT Arboretum Program Center after the hike. A variety of spring plants will be for sale.

This is a free program offered by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society.

To learn more about this hike or the UT Arboretum Society, go to [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org). For more information on the program, call 483-7277.

Celebrating 53 years in 2018, this program is one of many lectures and activities that will be offered this year by the UT Arboretum Society. The program is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center.

The Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014, is one of 10 outdoor laboratories located throughout the state as part of the UT AgResearch system. AgResearch is a division of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Institute of Agriculture also provides instruction, research and public service through the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch and UT Extension offices, with locations in every county in the state.

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# UT Gardens' April 2018 Plant of the Month: Koreanspice viburnum

Submitted by Sue Hamilton,  
director, UT Gardens, Knoxville

The cherries have bloomed and so have the magnolias and redbuds. Next we'll see the spring displays of dogwoods, azaleas, and another very special group of plants that I love: the viburnums. Many are not familiar with viburnums, but I can't imagine any landscape not having at least one. They have so many outstanding qualities. Viburnums comprise a huge group of plants that includes more than 150 species and oodles of named cultivars. They include deciduous and evergreen shrubs and even small trees. Most are native to North America or Asia.

If I had to select just one viburnum to have in my spring landscape, it would be the Koreanspice viburnum. Known

botanically as *Viburnum carlesii*, this viburnum is one of the most fragrant spring-flowering shrubs you can have in the landscape. As the common name implies, it is native to Korea and has spicy, clove-scented blooms. Beautiful pink to red buds lead to showy half-inch white flowers that form 2- to 3-inch snowball-like clusters.

In Tennessee, flowering usually starts around late March lasting into mid April. The plant species grows up to 8-feet tall and wide, with a dense, rounded habit. This deciduous shrub has foliage that usually turns dull red in fall but may sometimes display attractive shades of wine-red to burgundy. It prefers full sun to part shade in well-drained soil. Red turning to black, small, drupe fruit mature in late summer. Because

of numerous varieties on the market, this shrub lends itself well for multiple uses in the landscape.

Depending upon selection, cultivars range 3- to 8-feet tall and 3- to 8-feet wide. Use in mass or mix with other plantings. Viburnum species make nice shrub borders, hedges or foundation plants. Small selections can be grown in decorative containers.

Following are the most popular selections of Koreanspice viburnum on the market that I recommend; all grow well in our region of the country.

- 'Cayuga' - This hybrid selection was introduced by the U.S. National Arboretum and is considered a superior plant. It is a large, dense grower that reaches 5-feet tall and 7-feet wide. Striking pink buds lead to pink

fading to white blooms.

- 'Aurora' is known for having a superior floral display. The clusters are larger with pink-white blooms that open from deep pink buds. The fragrance is very strong. This cultivar grows 6- to 8-feet high and wide. Its prolific deep pink-red buds open to pinkish-white flowers.

- 'Compactum' is a dwarf form reaching 3- to 4-feet high. It was originally introduced by a Rhode Island nursery in 1953.

- Spice Bouquet™ grows 4- to 5-feet high and 5- to 6-feet wide. Dark rose-pink buds open to soft pink flowers.

- Spice Island™ grows 3- to 5-feet high and wide. It sports red-pink buds and white flowers. It also features dark green leaves and a red color in the autumn.

- Sugar N' Spice™ grows 4- to

5-feet high and wide. It has dark green leaves and a maroon color in autumn.

- Spice Baby™ is compact growing 3- to 5-feet tall and just as wide.

You can find Cayuga, Compactum, and Spice Baby on display in the UT Gardens, Knoxville.



*Koreanspice viburnum, or Viburnum carlesii, is one of the most fragrant spring-flowering shrubs you can have in the landscape. Photo courtesy H. Conlon.*



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