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City budget passes but with some questions

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Mayor Madeline Rogero's proposed city budget passed on final reading Tuesday as well as a three percent employee pay raise and funding for the various city departments. The passing of the proposal did not go without questions from citizens and Councilwoman Seema Singh Perez who questioned the issuance of \$36 million in new bonds.

Several people spoke in favor of the budget and several spoke against it. The opposition mainly focused on only budgeting \$2.5 million for Community Development while allocating \$10 million to create a gateway entrance to the Urban Wilderness at the end of James White Parkway.

Perez asked if each item would come back before the council for approval. Finance Director Jim York said that the city will issue \$55 million in new debt bonds next year to include funds for a new "Safety Center" for police and fire departments on Knoxville College property and \$9 million for renovations at the Civic Coliseum and Auditorium.

Mayor Madeline Rogero said the funding won't all be spent in the coming year and the approval allows the city to get started on those projects.

"That's a great deal of money, I just wanted to confirm that we will be involved," Perez said.

"There are a lot of steps along the way," York said.

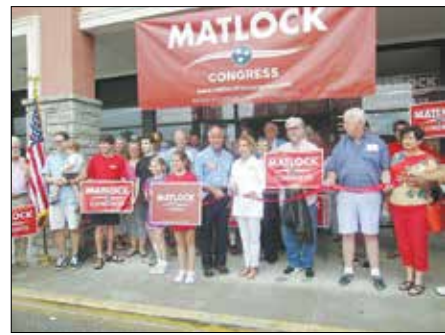
Perez joined the other council members in approving the budget once she

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Matlock opens Knoxville campaign office



State Representative Jimmy Matlock and his wife, Dean, give thumbs up at the opening of the Matlock for Congress Campaign office Saturday morning at 1645 Downtown West in Knoxville. Dozens of people including elected office holders and candidates came by to hear the candidate and celebrate the opening. The campaign announced earlier this month that outgoing Congressman Jimmy Duncan is endorsing Matlock in the race to replace him in Washington. Photos by Mike Steely.



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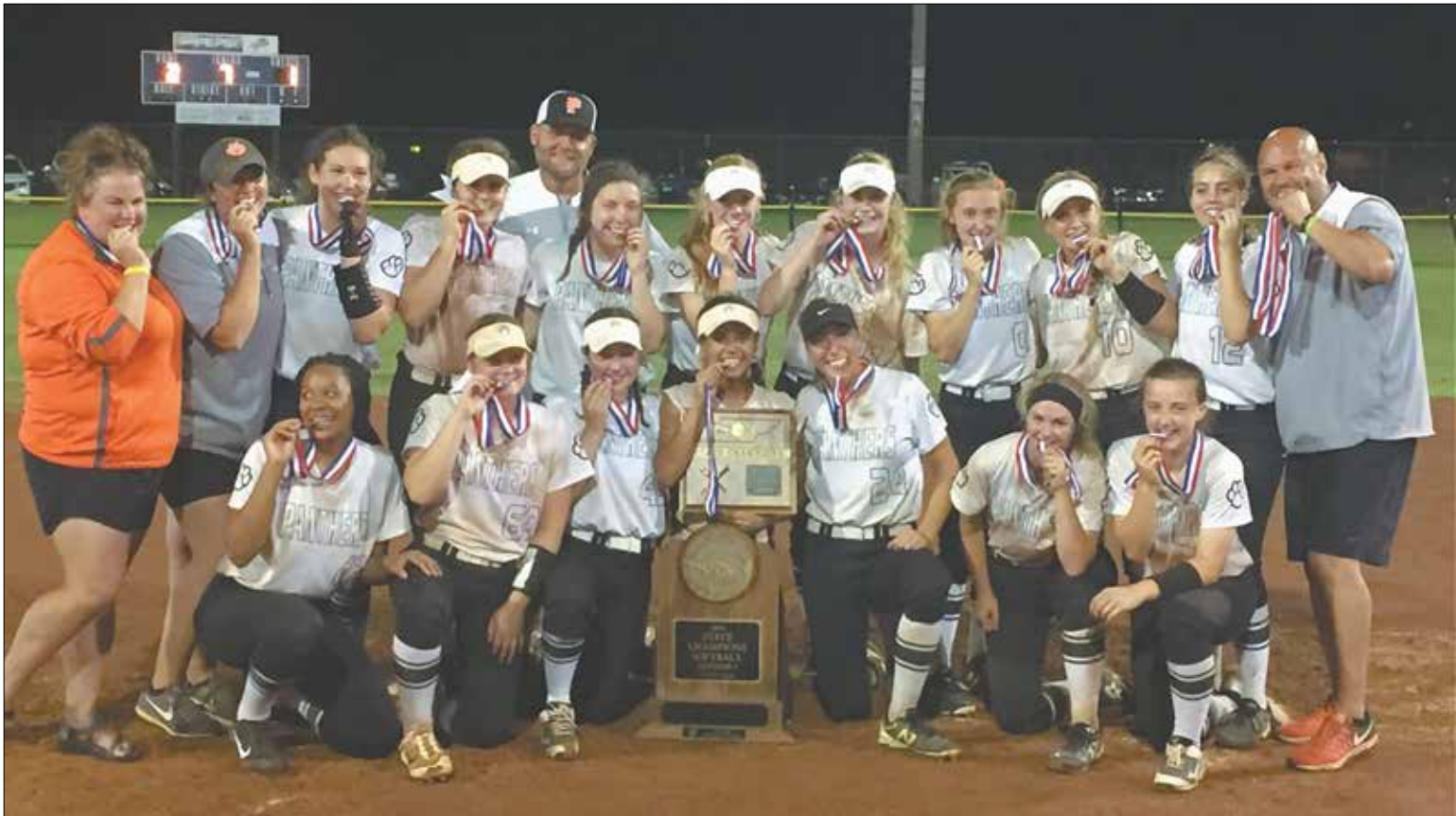


PHOTO BY CHRISTY DAUGHERTY

Hungry for Gold! The Powell Lady Panthers playfully bite down on their championship medals to see if they're for real after defeating Walker Valley 2-1 in the TSSAA state softball tournament Friday night in Murfreesboro. See story on Powell and other coverage from Spring Fling XXV in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Parkridge historic expansion might not be dead

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The failed plan to extend the historic overlay zoning to all of Parkridge was on the agenda Tuesday at city council. Because the council had voted to postpone any decision for 120 days the item automatically reappeared on their agenda but was dead on arrival.

City Attorney Charles Swanson told the council that any planning commission request must be acted on in 120 days and that it

had been 222 days since the MPC voted to extend the historic overlay there.

"This matter is dead and will have to start all over again with the planning commission," he said. The proposal may not be as dead as some thought.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said she lives in an H-1 historic overlay neighborhood and said that the Parkridge neighborhood is being pummeled with offers to buy up property there.

"H-1 can address that

and something needs to be done," she said.

"What happens is that they buy small homes for \$50,000, bump it out and sell it for \$300,000," Rider said, adding that the renovated and expanded homes are not compatible with the historic neighborhood.

Opponents feared expanding the historic designation to the entire neighborhood would harm small home renters on fixed incomes. Three citizens spoke in favor of the

designation and three spoke against.

Swanson also said the prohibition of demolition in Parkridge expires next month and may come back for renewal.

Mayor Madeline Rogero recalled the original historic overlay proposal and the division it caused in the neighborhood. She said the city has had eight meetings with residents in Parkridge along with Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie and Debbie Sharp, director

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Expanding the historic overlay in the Parkridge Neighborhood in East Knoxville returned to the agenda of city council Tuesday but time has expired and the matter can't be approved.

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What Tennessee Law Actually Says About Acting in Self-Defense

We have all heard that we can act in self-defense when someone is trying to hurt us but what does Tennessee law actually say we are allowed to do that? There are actually three very short statutes that spell out what you can do when acting in self-defense.

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Tennessee Code Annotated section 38-2-103 states, "any other person, in aid or defense of the person about to be injured, may make resistance sufficient to prevent the offense."

So not only can you act in self-defense, but individuals who see what is going on and come to your aid are also protected.

On top of that, you can also act in self-defense in order to protect the taking or injury to your property. The most common example of this would be preventing a purse snatching.

These three, short statutes tell you what you need to know about acting in self-defense in Tennessee.

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Ride and Decide discussed at Halls B & P

Gordy Noe, president of the Knoxville Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors (PHCC) and owner of Pioneer Heat and Air spoke to the Halls Business and Professional Association about the Ride and Decide Program at the May meeting. He explained the issue of quickly declining number of skilled trade workers, the level of college debt and the number of students for whom college is not the best fit. The Ride and Decide Program pairs students with trade industry contractors and allows them to experience all facets of a specific trade while assisting in paid work functions during the summer.

For every four tradesmen and tradeswomen retiring only one enters the field. At the current attrition rate, in 40 years there would be virtually no one in trade industries to train new tradesmen and tradeswomen. The shortage of skilled labor is felt in new construction, home remodeling and repair. Noe said, "The current trade leaders have a responsibility to pass these skills on to the next generation."

For many students, college is a great fit, but many students benefit more by hands on training for immediate entry into the workforce. For some a combination



Gordy Noe introduces Whitney Almaraz, Halls High graduate. Almaraz was an AP and Honor student who participated in the Ride and Decide Program and is currently apprenticing as a Pipe Welder.

of on-the-job apprentice training with either trade school or some specific college courses leads to a successful career path. Careful planning with all the right information could save families a great deal of money and give a young person a jump start to their future. The Ride and Decide Program is a step in students getting practical experience and information to help them make those important decisions.

To be eligible, students must be 16 or older, have completed their sophomore year of high school, have a C average or better and excellent school attendance. Students are recommended to the program by an educator, school administrator or PHCC member.

More information for businesses interested in participating or for students or educators can be found at www.rideanddecide.com.

Beverly Road rezoning postponed 30 days

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A proposed development along Beverly Road, just east of Fountain City on White Creek, drew an objection from one commissioner and several citizens last week when the developer asked for another 30-day postponement during the Knox County Commission's Work Session.

Residents in the area of Beverly Road and Oakland Drive met en masse recently and Commissioner Michelle Carringer pleaded with other commissioners not to postpone the rezoning request which was set for tonight's regular commission meeting. Jamie Rowe of Fountain City said the matter has already been postponed 30 days and plans to get residents to the meeting today, including chartering a bus, are already underway.

to recommend approval in a 9-5 vote.

Rowe said the developer, Randy Guignard, has no plans submitted and a postponement isn't favored by local residents. She said that White Creek flows into First Creek and warned of flooding if the subdivision is permitted.

The plans, to rezone the property to build about 172 homes, calls for rezoning from General Residential, Industrial and Floodway to Planned Residential and Floodway.

"Our community is very much against the rezoning. The city has no plans to widen Beverly Road and the railway is concerned about flooding," Carringer said.

"It's the only development I've seen in 40 years that the entire neighborhood is in agreement against," she said of the opposition, adding, "75 people have

signed a petition."

Chairman Randy Smith said the item is on the agenda but added the developer "called today and asked for a 30-day postponement."

"He's had 30 days. We didn't get his plans and I gave him 30 days," Carringer replied, referring to a motion she made last month.

Commissioners Brad Anders and Carson Dailey said that it is a courtesy to extend a developer's request for postponement. Commissioner John Schoonmaker pointed out that the request last month wasn't made by the developer but by Carringer.

Chairman Randy Smith agreed and told Guignard's attorney Taylor Forrester that if the developer will send a letter he would grant a postponement.

"It's a chairman's decision," the chairman said.

HZC takes action to preserve historic cabin

By Pete Gawda

At their meeting on May 24 the Knoxville/Knox County Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) discussed preserving an old cabin and possibly demolishing other historic structures. They were in agreement on the former, however there was some disagreement on the latter issue.

The HZC unanimously recommended the Knox County Commission change the zoning from agricultural to agricultural/historic overlay for the historic Donaldson-Sterling house located at 1623 Cove Creek Lane. The oldest part of the cabin, which has been added to through the years, was built in 1796 by Stockley Donelson, brother-in-law to President Andrew Johnson. It was located on a 300-acre land grant. The proposed zoning

change would affect only the acre and a quarter of the land the cabin sits on. After Donelson's death the house passed through several generations of the Sterling and Barger families. In the twentieth century it went through several owners and was used for a time as rental property. Among the twentieth century owners was Knoxville socialite Eva Miller and Samuel Beale who founded the restaurant chain "Ruby Tuesdays." In the 1960s it was a hippie commune connected with a sensational murder trial that riveted Knoxville..

The logs of the cabin were joined together with hand carved dovetail joints. The cracks between the logs of all but the outermost walls are sealed with Tennessee

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Audit Committee looks at internal auditor position

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Knox County Internal Auditor Andrea Addis' job got a lot of attention during last week's meeting of the audit committee, which saw the supervisory authority of that position passing from the committee chairman to the committee itself.

Who actually oversees the internal auditor has always been a bit unclear and it was thought that the committee chair, currently Jim Morrison, was the

supervisor. Now Andrea Addis will be under the committee as a whole.

A performance evaluation of Addis has also been completed by past Audit Chair David Shields and past Commission Chairman Dave Wright and will be forwarded to current Commission Chair Randy Smith. Details of the evaluation are not public.

Addis reported to the committee that the large number of hotline calls last month took up a lot of time. The auditor's office is

down two employees and Addis said that responding and investigating the calls cost her office 50% of their time. She said the number of calls was unusual and, since that duty was assigned to her office, only two or three calls per month were the average. She said she resolved ten of the calls and four still remain in active status.

She said hotline calls are a priority and added, "We're working as fast as we can." Addis said she is looking to hire two

more employees including an IT specialist and one that would focus on the school system. Committee member David Shields suggested she look to outsource the IT duties.

She reported on several audits are still underway.

Chairman Morrison asked Addis to prepare to audit those county offices that will change leadership following the election. That includes the court clerk, register of deeds, sheriff and mayor's offices. Finance Director Chris

Caldwell said an audit would be done as current office holders leave office and another when the newly-elected person takes over. He suggested dividing up the audits between internal and exterior auditors.

"That will be a big one," Caldwell said of the sheriff's department audit. Chairman Morrison said an audit of the sheriff's evidence inventory is important.

The committee also discussed the change in

the mandatory rotation of the external auditor and Deputy Law Director David Buuck informed the group that the change must be passed on a second reading by the full commission and might appear on the August Ballot for approval by voters. The idea is to not set a term of contract for the outside auditor and permit Pugh Associates to continue beyond their current two terms.

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Publisher's Position

Restorative Justice and Disparities In Schools



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The Disparities in Educational Outcomes Committee met recently at Fulton High School. Much of this has to do with implementing restorative justice in the drive to decriminalize certain behaviors. The policy originated with the Obama administration's pressure on school districts to revise discipline policies to reduce the number of suspensions for students of color. Max Eden, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute authored a report, "School Discipline Reform and Disorder" which cites data from

the New York City school system over a period of four years, 2012 - 2016. Eden explains the policy plainly in language just about anyone can understand: "The new discipline imposed on public schools is called restorative justice. Rather than punish a student through exclusion (suspension), restorative justice encourages the student who has misbehaved to reflect on his behavior, take responsibility and resolve to behave better in the future." The outcome, according to Eden, is not what one might expect. Max Eden comes to the conclusion the new policy has led to "increased violence, drug use and gang activity." Examining the New York City Survey of teachers and students indicate violence has increased in 50% of schools, while only decreasing in 14% of schools. Similarly, gang activity has increased in 39% of schools and decreased in 11%; use of drugs and alcohol has increased in 37% of schools, while decreasing in

7% of schools. Lest one think the results are reflective only of New York City, Eden cites experiences in other school systems. A teacher in Chicago was quoted by the Chicago Tribune that the new restorative justice policy created "a totally lawless few months" at her school; another educator in the Denver school system reported to the publication Chalkbeat the new discipline policy resulted in instances where students had either threatened harm or to kill teachers "with no meaningful consequences..." An educator in Oklahoma City said after discipline policy was revised there under increasing pressure from the Obama administration, "we were told that referrals would not require suspension unless there was blood." Eden cited yet another Oklahoma City teacher saying, "Students are yelling, cursing, hitting and screaming at teachers and nothing is being done but teachers are being told

to teach and ignore the bad behavior. These students know there is nothing a teacher can do. Good students are suffering because of the abuse and issues plaguing these classrooms." A teacher in Buffalo, New York who had been kicked in the head by a student was quoted as saying, "We have fights here almost every day. The kids walk around and say, 'We can't get suspended - - we don't care what you say.'" John Choi, Ramsey County attorney in St. Paul, Minnesota, notes assaults against teachers doubled from 2014 - 2015. A former educator from Philadelphia testified before the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights he was told by a student, "I'm going to torture you. I'm doing this because I can't be removed." Of course all of this is swept under the rug in conversations about restorative practices. Teachers begin the process by being told they inherently have biases, which make them incapable of meting out

fair treatment of students. Locally, the school administration routinely points to the example of South-Doyle Middle School as a success story for restorative practices. Admittedly, South-Doyle Middle School was a travesty; fully 2/3 of the teachers at South-Doyle Middle School retired or left due to the lack of discipline and other problems over a short period of time. For those knowledgeable about the situation, few believe restorative practices had much to do with turning the school around and most give the credit to principal Andrew Brown. Clearly, Andrew Brown is living proof the absolute difference a truly good principal can make. Unfortunately, the Knox County School system publicly likes to give less credit to Brown's leadership than its own revised discipline policy. In all of this mess the one thing that seems to be forgotten is educating the children. The focus is less on educating children than

social engineering and the perception of social justice. This might be forgivable if academic achievement in our schools were at a pinnacle of success. Nor is there any consideration of the fact the learning of other students is undermined by troublemakers who are the direct beneficiaries of a foolish policy. We're told they are victims, while ignoring the fact many of these students have perpetrated acts of violence upon other students and teachers. All too often our schools are being smothered by self-appointed social justice warriors who care little or nothing about the quality of education and schools districts are expected to cure every social ill under the sun. School districts are expected to resolve problems that families and parents apparently cannot. These policies have little to do with education and absolutely nothing to do with justice.

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was assured that most of the spending will come back to the council for approval.

David Brace, chief operation officer, explained that the Sequoyah Hills neighborhood has raised \$100,000 for the maintenance and upkeep of Talahi Park and that the fountain there is owned by the city. Perez voted along with the other members to approve the donation of \$10,000.

In other action the

city approved Rogero's naming of former mayor and city councilman Daniel T. Brown to the Public Building Authority and George Anna Yarbrow to the Board of Equalization.

The council also gave final approval to \$20,000 for development of the Everly Brothers Park and approved various zoning requests. Also approved was \$135,050 for repairs to the Coliseum Garage "C" and janitorial services to various recreation centers.

Parkridge

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of the office of neighborhoods.

She also said she's working with McKenzie to extend the moratorium.

Rogero announced a public meeting for Wednesday, June 27th at the O'Connor Senior Center to again talk about a historic overlay

designation for the neighborhood. She said there are "still some strong feelings but I hope we can reach a compromise."

In a related measure the council denied amending and adopting guidelines for the existing Edgewood-Park City Historic Zoning Overlay as 120 days had passed on this agenda item as well.

School employees brought under county worker's compensation plan

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A vote by the Knox County Commission last week approved bringing all school employees into the county's self-insured worker's compensation program. The memorandum of understanding between county government offices of risk management, the mayor, school system and the board of education was approved with a proposed savings of \$1 million per year.

In a related school system request the commissioners found that Project Grad's memorandum of agreement is on the consent list, meaning it may pass along with dozens of other agenda items today. The agreement, between Mayor Tim Burchett and the school system, would split about \$130,000 in the needed funds to continue Project Grad and magnet school programming for one year.

The commission meeting today could see more than 90 items on the agenda including zoning requests.

A grant from the Knox County Library Foundation was approved giving support to the children's programs



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Commissioners Hugh Nystrom, John Schoonmaker and Dave Wright chat prior to the Knox County Commissioners Work Session last week.

in the county libraries. The foundation donated \$9,685 to the effort.

The work session also approved a \$265,076 contract with Gresham, Smith and Partners for a Sidewalk Master Plan study.

A mobility study by the planning commission was authorized for Hardin Valley for \$147,600 on a request from Engineering and Public Works and \$524,157 was approved in a contract with Whaley Construction, LLC, for improvements to Maryville Pike to include left and right turn lanes at I.C. King Park.

A Litter Grant of \$169,000 from the state was approved as was a litter outreach education and coordination

services with Keep Knoxville Beautiful funded by the state grant.

The commission also approved a \$50,000 change order with Merit Construction, Inc. for the renovation of the Carter Convenience Center to provide funding for rock excavation and undercutting of unsuitable soils there.

The dog park at Tommy Schumpert Park was approved to be named in memory of Emma Jane Walker and a the commissioners voted to approve a request from Mayor Tim Burchett to ask the state legislature to repeal Tennessee's preemption of local smoke-free and tobacco-related

laws, giving the city more power to regulate where smoking can take place.

A motion from Commissioner Hugh Nystrom to give the Big Ears Festival \$25,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund wasn't received very well. Although local hotel owners said the festival is a plus for business Commissioner Carson Dailey asked why the funding isn't going through Visit Knoxville. Commissioner Brad Anders said the direct funding request is "out of the norm" and described the resolution as "bland," asking the commission to stay with the normal request procedure.

Dailey said the request is "without a defined program, and I have a problem with that."

Commissioner Dave Wright said the commission has "a long path getting to the policy" and called the request "Money outside the pot."

Nystrom then moved to pass it to the regular meeting with no recommendation.

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Art lovers celebrate expansion of public art

Last week, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, members of City Council, the City's Public Arts Committee, Central Business Improvement District (CBID) members and representatives of other arts organizations gathered for a ribbon-cutting at the staircase connecting the Gay Street Viaduct with the Old City's Jackson Avenue below.

The decades-old black metal stairs have gotten a complete makeover, courtesy of a colorful, bold mural, created by Robin Easter Design and commissioned by the CBID. The "Stories" mural depicts iconic images of Knoxville, and CBID also upgraded the lighting on the staircase as part of the project.

The stairs will become an even more important pedestrian connection later this year, when Jackson Avenue at Gay Street closes for about 12 months while the 98-year-old ramps are rebuilt.

But apart from the logistics of replacing ramps and maintaining pedestrian access, the City's latest addition of public art in itself is noteworthy.

Mayor Rogero emphasized that today's ribbon-cutting was actually a celebration of the many pieces of public art that have been installed recently. She touted the collaboration between arts groups like Dogwood Arts, downtown organizations and other supporters of public art.

The City has funded more than \$1 million over a half a decade for public art in downtown Knoxville.

"One measure of a city's vibrancy is its embrace of public art," Mayor Rogero said. "People want and expect to see murals, sculptures and all types of intellectually-stimulating pieces of art as they experience and enjoy downtown.

"With support from partners like Visit Knoxville, CBID and Dogwood Arts, and the expertise of the Public Arts Committee, we're quickly enhancing our collection of public art – both in terms of quantity and quality."

Public art in Knoxville used to be a rare treat, but it's no longer such a novelty, said Liza Zenni, Executive Director of the Arts and Culture Alliance and staff liaison for the City's Public Arts Committee.

In the last few years, public art valued at more than \$250,000 has been or is being installed throughout Knoxville, funded wholly or partially by the City-supported Public Arts Committee.

That commitment to the arts will almost quadruple in the next year, as plans are finalized to redesign the Cradle of Country Music Park at Gay Street and Summit Hill Drive and adorn it with a signature piece (or pieces) of art. The \$500,000 sculpture will be complemented with a new \$400,000 landscaping design for the park.

You've probably been noticing the artistry that's been transforming blank expanses of concrete into murals. And the sculptures popping up throughout downtown. And the billboard-sized reproductions of historic photos that have adorned the gray walls of parking garages, and smaller wraps covering traffic signalization boxes at intersections.

Zenni pointed to the once-drab concrete staircase at Cumberland Avenue and 11th Street as an example of how art can transform a nondescript public space and give it a lively, unique sense of place.

"I wonder how many times people have walked or driven past these stairs at Cumberland and 11th Street and never even noticed them," Zenni said. "But now, that's impossible. The staircase has become an instant landmark – it's fun and inviting; the colors pop. The artists put fresh eyes on a dull piece of infrastructure, and they turned it into something special."

The City's Public Arts Committee, as its name implies, reviews and approves plans for installation of pieces of art on public property. Often, the City through the committee

commissions pieces of art. (Individuals or companies can independently add art to their private properties without the committee's review.)

Here's a list of current City-funded or supported projects, in chronological order, that the Public Arts Committee since last year has approved, along with details about the installation and the City's contribution toward the artwork:

Volunteer Landing Mural – painted by Eddie Mendietta; completed in April 2017 (about \$16,000);

Art in Public Places – Dogwood Arts in spring 2017 installed 17 temporary outdoor sculptures in Knoxville; this year, 15 outdoor sculptures were installed (\$50,000 in annual City support; project total, \$75,000 annually)

11th Street Stairs – "Weaving Rainbow Mountain," painted by Jessie Unterhalter and Katey Truhn; completed in July 2017 (\$16,500);

State Street Garage sculpture – contract authorized by City Council in August 2017; the sculpture by John Medwedeff is being fabricated and could be installed this year (\$60,000);

Gay Street Metal Relief – Robert Barnum's "Rhythm of Knoxville," installed in December 2017 (\$15,000);

Cradle of Country Music Park – the Public Arts Committee received submissions from more than 100 artists from around the globe; it selected five finalists in February, and the selected team – artists and landscape architects – will collaborate on a site-specific plan later this year (up to \$500,000 for the artwork, \$400,000 for the landscaping); and

Murals – multiple murals are being commissioned – one on a wall off World's Fair Park Drive, for example; another in the alley next to Market Square Garage (\$75,000).

Here's a list of projects that the Public Arts Committee and/or the City have partially funded:

Chilhowee Park Mural – painted in 2016 by Brandon

Donahue; commissioned by six neighborhood associations (the Public Arts Commission contributed \$4,466 to the project; the East Tennessee Foundation, \$5,000; Tennessee Arts Commission, \$6,000);

"Ki-net-ik" sculpture, at Hill Avenue and Volunteer Landing Lane – created in 2016 by artist Derek White; funded by individual residents and businesses, the RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association, and the Central Business Improvement District (the Public Arts Committee contributed \$3,600);

Third Creek Greenway Mural – painted in 2016 by Roger Peet, Noah Greenwald and Tierra Curry; funded by grants from the Center for Biological Diversity and the City's Parks and Recreation Department (Public Arts Committee contributed \$750; Parks and Recreation, \$2,500);

Febb and Harry Burn Memorial Sculpture – to be installed behind the East Tennessee History Center, honoring the East Tennessee mother who encouraged her legislator son to cast the crucial vote to approve the 19th Amendment (\$20,000 City contribution; total project, about \$400,000).

The Public Arts Committee also has approved projects that other groups commissioned.

In addition to the CBID's Gay Street Viaduct staircase, these include the Emporium Center's Underground Mural, by LC Studio Tutto's Sofia Lacin and Hennessy



Christophel, completed in August 2016 (funded by the Arts Alliance and Visit Knoxville); the "Before I Die" chalkboard mural behind the Oliver Hotel, completed in fall 2016 by Catholic High School students; and 11 traffic control boxes wrapped with reproductions of historic photos and artwork, supported by the Knoxville History Project and City People.

In addition, Visit Knoxville in the last year beautified the privately-owned Walnut Street Garage and the Knox County-owned Dwight Kessel Garage by adorning them with large reproductions of historic photos.

To access a map showing new additions as well as older pieces of public art, visit <https://knoxvillepublicart.com/current-collection/>.



"Before" and "after" photos document the dramatic make-over by Jessie Unterhalter and Katey Truhn. Their 11th Street Stairs project, entitled "Weaving Rainbow Mountain," pays tribute to the craft revival movement that took hold throughout Knoxville and most of Appalachia from the 1890s through 1945.

HZC takes action to preserve historic cabin

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mud, horsehair and corn-cob mud daubing. The cabin has the original stone and mortar chimney with an iron cooking arm inside the fireplace. It has two Pre-Colonial double hung muntin-barred windows. The cabin also has an original plank door several inches thick.

Owner Everette Lyde feared that after her death there were those who would demolish the historic house and she wanted to preserve it.

Knox County Commissioner Hugh Nystrom, whose district includes the cabin, said he was proud to see this effort at historical preservation in his district.

However there was not as much harmony when the HZC considered the petition from Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center to demolish or move three houses and an old store building to make way for

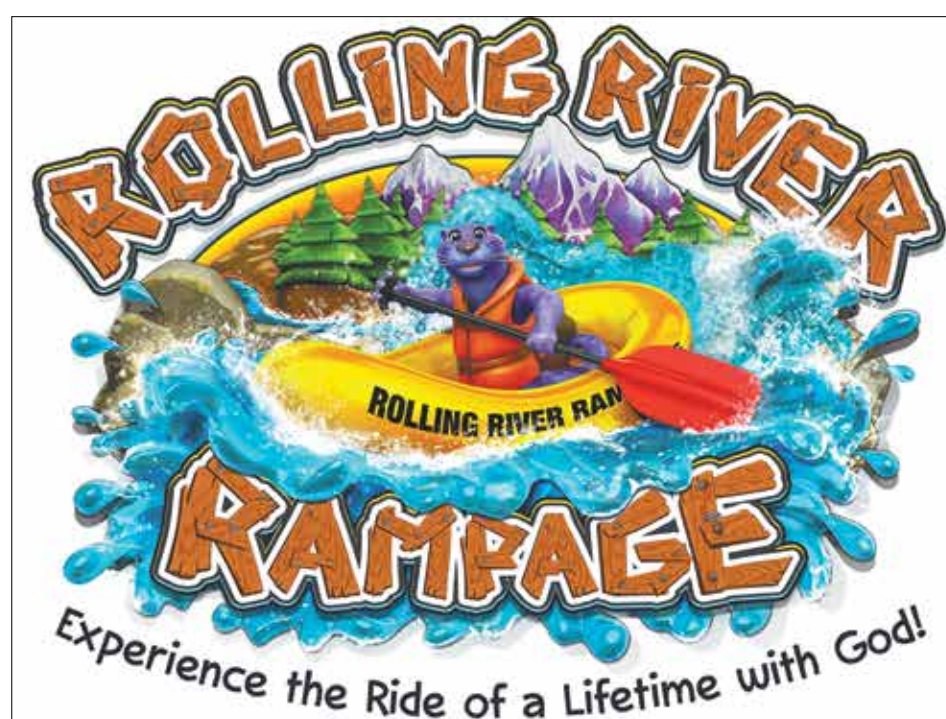
the expansion of a parking garage. There was lengthy discussion about the possibility of moving one or more of the houses to different locations. The hospital owns a lot and is willing to move one of the houses to that lot. A spokesman for the hospital expressed the possibility of moving the other two houses if a suitable lots could be found. The hospital has been working with Knox Heritage to either move the houses or if they couldn't be moved because of structural deterioration, demolish them and save whatever distinctive architectural features were salvageable.

By split 4-3 votes the HZC voted to either demolish or move an old store building at 307 Eighteenth Avenue and residences at 1802 Highland Ave., 1804 Highland Ave., and 1810 Highland Ave.

The HZC approved

owner Heather Casteel's request for a covered deck at the rear of her 1801 Washington Ave. house. David Holmes was given permission to construct a rear dormer, a rear deck and repair the porch at 401 E. Oklahoma Ave. The HZC approved Sean Martin's application to construct an enlarged rear gable at 146 Leonard St. John Holmes was given permission to reconstruct the front porch of his 1605 Forest Ave. house using the original porch posts or suitable reproductions.

Several minor changes to houses in historic districts, such as repair of porch posts and steps and replacing wood siding, which did not require full commission approval were authorized by staff. Those changes includes houses in Fourth and Gill, Fort Sanders and Old North Knoxville.



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Burlington's future taking shape

By Mike Steely
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The future of East Knoxville's Burlington neighborhood, once a thriving commercial center near the junction of Martin Luther King Jr. and Magnolia Avenue, is beginning to take shape.

A survey of local residents there conducted by the East Tennessee Design Center was discussed in a meeting recently at the Burlington Library. Leslie Fawaz of the East Tennessee Design Center and Dr. Dasha Lundy, president of the Burlington Residents Association, spoke with a large crowd about suggested future ideas gleaned from a survey.

"We went out into the community to make sure everyone was included in the survey," Dr. Lundy said.

Fawaz reminded the audience that the suggested improvements in Burlington are not yet funded and that the survey was helped by a grant from the City's Community Development Department. She said the neighborhood had suffered "from decades of neglect and suffers from vacant and run-down properties."

"Residents are ready," she said for renovation there. About 150 people took part in the survey which asked what the current problems are and what



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Leslie Fawaz and Dr. Dasha Lundy presented results of a survey taken of Burlington residents and what those citizens feel are the needs and hopes for renovating the East Knoxville neighborhood.

residents would like to see eventually in their neighborhood.

Respondents brought up the need to rehab poor buildings and add landscaping, lighting and sidewalks. Suggestions on what might help the community included restaurants, theatres, and recreation facilities.

What was not wanted in Burlington were cash advance stores, night clubs and bars.

The survey also had requests for trees and street parking, lower signs at businesses, clearly indicated crosswalks, the addition of bike lanes, enhanced bus stops, more pedestrian lighting, street furniture like benches, dumpster

screening, and public art like murals and sculptures.

Other suggestions included historic markers along Speedway Circle, district markers on entering the neighborhood, and possibly ending MLK at the entrance to Magnolia Avenue.

Fawaz went through a slide show depicting suggested changes. She said the next step is to coordinate with businesses, churches, KUB TDOT, and look at zoning changes.

Funding of the future project could come from public and private partnerships, grants, state and federal funding and tax credits for business

development.

Dawn Michelle Foster, director of community development, told the audience that the current city budget proposal designates \$350,000 for Burlington and suggested that the presentation with the slide show be presented to Mayor Madeline Rogero. She also said that the nearby Magnolia Avenue Street Scape Project has a bidder and that contract will go before the City Council on May 22 with work possibly being started this summer.

At that meeting this Tuesday, the City Council authorized the mayor to contract with The Franklin Group in a \$4.17 million agreement to begin the streetscape Project.

She also said that the city is seeking bids to sell the property at 1200 McCalla Avenue.

Dr. Lundy said, "I will fight hard" for the Burlington renovation, adding, "We want black, white and Hispanic involvement."

Several local residents spoke on the future project, one expressing concern that residential rent rates might increase as the neighborhood improves.

The citizens also discussed difficulties in obtaining bank loans to purchase or improve property there.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful to Host Trash Run from Last Days of Autumn Brewing

Keep Knoxville Beautiful will host a Trash Run in East Knoxville on Thursday, May 31. Check-in will begin at Last Days of Autumn Brewing at 808 East Magnolia Avenue at 5:30 p.m. and the run will start at 6:00.

The Trash Run is a non-competitive fun run and litter pickup for runners/walkers of all ages. There is no designated route for the event; rather, participants are encouraged to spend an hour running or walking and collecting litter in the area. Keep Knoxville Beautiful will provide maps, gloves, bags, safety vests, and litter-pickers.

At the conclusion of the run at 7:00, participants are invited to enjoy \$2 off beer and will have the chance to win prizes. The event is free but participants must register by visiting KeepKnoxvilleBeautiful.org and clicking on the Upcoming Events link.

East Knoxville is Keep Knoxville Beautiful's Community of the Year through June 2018, and this is one of the last events that KKB will host in the area. Please join Keep Knoxville Beautiful at the Trash Run and help make East Knoxville a cleaner, greener, more beautiful place to live.

Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group builds window display downtown

By David Klein

To raise awareness for farming, the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group built a Farm Bureau display at The Flower Pot floral shop in downtown Knoxville on Gay Street. Pam Stoutt, chair of the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group, said the display is approximately seven-feet long and can be seen in the window of the shop. "There are animal cutouts and we made a wheelbarrow into a garden, by pouring dirt into it and dropping seed into the dirt."

The Farm Bureau display also features hand-painted cattle and a red Pick TN sign and will be on display at the Flower Pot until June

30, Stoutt said. Last year, the Farm Bureau display was at Knoxville Center Mall.

According to the tnfarmbureau.org website, the Tennessee Farm Bureau's mission statement is "to develop, foster, promote, and protect programs for the general welfare, including economic, social education, and political well-being of farm people of the great state of Tennessee."

Store manager Annie Browning said that Emily Campen, owner of The Flower Pot and Betty's Florist, passed emails back and forth with the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group and that's how the window display

began.

Stoutt said it took about 2½ hours to build the garden display the Monday following Mother's Day.

Besides window displays, the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group promotes the values of farming and agriculture through various events. One of these events is Farm Day, which the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group co-hosted on May 8 at Chilhowee Park Fairgrounds. Stoutt said there were 1,086 students, 67 teachers, 267 chaperones and 22 commodities at the Farm Day.

Since last May, the Knox County Farm Bureau



The Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group's window display will be featured at The Flower Pot on Gay Street through June.

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A wedding in the mountains



Roan State Park is in a beautiful, lush mountain area in Carter County, near the little town of Elizabethton, Tennessee. The hills are symmetrically dotted by spruce-fir trees that bedazzle one's eyes and later become Christmas trees. Also, there are many other varieties of trees. Among this acreage are beautiful rustic cabins built by different owners who were brave enough to move materials up those hills.

Roan Mountain is the highest point of the Roan-Unaka range of the Southern Appalachian mountains. It also includes the largest natural Rhododendron garden of its kind in the world. It is close to the North Carolina border.

The United States Forest Service purchased 7,000 acres atop Roan Mountain and Tennessee acquired 2,000 acres of land that would eventually become Roan Mountain State Park. A 20-room lodge was built atop the mountain, where many occasions are held amidst these beautiful scenic views. There are



The view approaching Roan State Park.

thirty cabins and many campsites for one's enjoyment. The cabins may be rented and consist of a front porch with rocking chairs, a fully outfitted kitchen, full bath with tub/shower, wood burning stove and gas/heat. There are no televisions.

One of those occasions was my granddaughter's wedding. There's nothing more inspiring or hauntingly beautiful as a wedding. It's the start of a beautiful lifetime of sharing between two people who love each other. There are so many notices in the newspaper of marriages that lasted fifty, sixty, some even seventy years, and to visualize that time is hard for some of us to imagine. But it can be done, the facts are there for everyone to see.

In this day and age, it is the norm to live together before getting married. I

asked one couple why they wanted to go that route and they said, "so we could get to know each other before we marry." I told them, "but that's what courtship is for." Sad to say, many of those couplings do not end up in marriage. Some say, "we don't need piece of paper to formalize our coupling". Well, no, you don't, but what you do need is the ceremony to consolidate your oncoming life together. It makes it so much more meaningful. Pity those who don't partake in it.

God bless you, Emily and Nick. May your life be one long, loving journey.

Thought for the day: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Eleanor Roosevelt

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or call 865-748-4717. Thank you.

Northwest B & P plans Karns Fair, hears Senator Briggs

By Mike Steely
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The longest continuously running community fair in Tennessee is scheduled for Saturday, July 28. The Northwest Knox Business and Professional Association plans to meet at 6:30 on June 5, 19 and July 10 and 24 in preparation for the popular Karns Community Fair.

Cassie Kiestler gave an update at the BPA's May meeting and said that advertising spots are still available on the fair mailer which goes out to 2,200 homes. She said the fair should draw more than 5,000 people. It's held at Karns High School just off Oak Ridge Highway.

Kiestler said that there are new sponsors this year and about 118 vendors were there last year. The Saturday Night Cruisers classic and antique cars will be at the fair and Chairman R. Larry Smith reminded the business members that all the proceeds from the event come back to the association.

The Karns Fair is free to everyone and features begins with a parade. The step off is at 9 a.m. in the Ingles parking lot, goes up Oak Ridge Highway and turns on Byington-Beaver Ridge Road to end at the high school.

Booth space is still available and information is on the Karns Community Fair Facebook page where you can also assign up to volunteer.

The guest speaker for the Northwest Knox group's meeting was State Senator Dr. Richard Briggs who displayed 47 summary pages of more than 400 legislative bills introduced in Nashville this year. He spoke of a few of the bills that passed and a few that failed.

Briggs said the state has the lowest unemployment rate in the Tennessee history, is number one in business growth and number one in foreign investment. He said the senate and house overhauled workman's compensation.

The senator said that the graduation rate of high school for students has is now 89%, the highest in history. He said increased pay for teachers is up but "still isn't enough." He said the legislature cut more than \$572 million in taxes, reduced food tax by 20% and cut taxes



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

State Senator Dr. Richard Briggs speaks to the Northwest Knox Business and Professional Association about legislation passed in the past session.

on manufacturers. "We have the lowest personal income taxes in the nation," Briggs said, adding, "We have no road debt and an AAA credit rating."

Briggs also said the state has \$900 million in rainy day funds, the highest-rated pension fund, and operates on a balanced budget.

The senator also said that the state has a huge health and opioid abuse problem and noted that employers are finding it hard to hire because so many applicants can't pass a drug test.

"There's a lot to blame—doctors, the federal government, the drug companies who promoted prescribing narcotics, and the insurance companies," he said, adding that new legislation would limit pain prescriptions to a three-day supply. He also talked about the increase in gang theft and organized crime involvement in drug activity.

Senator Briggs talked about his proposed but failed bill to outlaw smoking in a car when children under 14 are present. If passed it would make smoking in a vehicle, windows up or down, a non-moving violation and a Class C misdemeanor.

Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Group builds window display downtown

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Women's Group has increased its membership by about 50 percent, Stoutt

said. She mentioned that June is Dairy Month, which promotes dairy farmers.

Browning also contributed to the display. "I added a little Chevy teal pick-up truck," she said. "They did a wonderful job on the display," she added of the women's group.

For information on the Knoxville Farm Bureau Women's Group, call Pam Stoutt at 865-224-1333.

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East Tennessee Historical Society to participate in Blue Star Museums

For the eighth year, the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS) is pleased to announce its participation in Blue Star Museums to offer free museum admission to the nation's active duty military personnel and their immediate families, as well as National Guard and Reserves, from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2018. Blue Star Museums is a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and 2,000 other museums across America. The program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn

more about their new communities after completing a military move. The complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. "As the Volunteer State, Tennesseans are always among the first to respond to our country's call," says Cheri Henderson, ETHS executive director. "The Blue Star Museums is a wonderful way for us to give back and to say thank you for your service and sacrifice."

"Visiting a museum is a great way to get to know a community—whether it's in your hometown or a stop on a road trip," said NEA Chairman Jane

Chu. "We appreciate the enthusiasm of museums all across the country who open their doors for military and their families to spend time together and have new arts experiences."

This year's participating Blue Star Museums represent not just fine arts museums, but also science museums, history museums, zoos, nature centers, and children's museums. Museums are welcome to sign up for Blue Star Museums throughout the summer by emailing bluestarmuseums@arts.gov.

"As many military families spend the summer months moving from one duty station to another, or reconnecting with a parent who has returned from deployment, Blue Star Museums helps service members and their families create memories," said Blue Star Families Chief Executive Officer Kathy Roth-Douquet. "Blue Star Families has great appreciation for the generosity of the museums across the country who roll out the red carpet for the families who serve alongside their service members. We are thrilled with the continued growth of the program and the unparalleled opportunities it offers."



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Governor Austin Peay & the 1926 Election Part Two

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Austin Peay had won election as Tennessee's governor in 1922 and had been reelected to another two-year term in 1924 with only nominal opposition. In seeking a third term in 1926, Peay faced a significant obstacle in State Treasurer Hill McAlister. McAlister had cobbled together a coalition of urban interests and enemies of the Peay administration to mount a serious challenge. While Tennesseans frequently reelected governors to a second term, a third term was something else entirely. McAlister had been campaigning for months by the time the governor entered the primary campaign in June of 1926.

With little more than a month to go before the election, Governor Peay was picking up speaking dates, while McAlister seemed to linger in communities. For the first week of July, the Peay campaign announced the governor would speak in Bells, Bolivar, Selmer, Brownsville, Jackson, Reelfoot Lake, McKenzie, Camden, Waverly, Centerville, and Lebanon. Hill McAlister's own campaign only confirmed visits to Lawrenceburg, Weakley County, and McKenzie. It soon became readily apparent the governor was drawing bigger crowds, especially in the rural counties where he was popular. After moving through much of West Tennessee, the governor crisscrossed the state and kept speaking dates in East Tennessee. Austin Peay spoke in Morristown and Greenville on July 13; Knoxville on July 14; Cleveland on July 15 and was on his way back to Middle Tennessee where he spoke in Winchester on July 16 and McMinnville on July 17.

The July 4th holiday has long been an opportunity for politicians to press the flesh, greet old friends and make new ones. Governor Peay spoke at Reelfoot Lake where his supporters sponsored "an old fashioned barbecue." Estimates of those attending the barbecue ran as high as 25,000 by Luke Lea's Tennessean. Whether the number gathered to hear Austin Peay and eat barbecue was that high is quite doubtful, but the number did likely run into the thousands. Former governor Tom C. Rye introduced Peay as "the greatest governor Tennessee has ever had."

Dr. John R. Neal, who would become one of Tennessee's most persistent perennial candidates for public office, returned from having spent eight days in Memphis on behalf of his own gubernatorial campaign. Neal denied a claim by the McAlister campaign headquarters their candidate was rapidly gaining strength in Shelby County. Dr. Neal

claimed he had received "a splendid reception" while in Memphis and believed his "liberal policies had met with hearty support" while in Shelby County. Dr. Neal snorted at the notion Hill McAlister was picking up support in Memphis, snapping the State Treasurer was "practically unknown there." Neal's forecast was wildly skewed. Out of 19,303 ballots cast in Shelby County's Democratic primary, Dr. John R. Neal would receive exactly 231 votes.

McAlister had another former governor active in his own campaign. Benton McMillin, the "Old Warhorse" of Tennessee's Democratic Party, had only narrowly lost the nomination to Austin Peay in 1922. Eighty-one years old, McMillin remained highly popular in much of Tennessee and especially in Tennessee's Fourth Congressional district, which he had represented in Congress for twenty years. McMillin spoke on McAlister's behalf in Orlinda, Tennessee and met the candidate in Gallatin for supper. The former governor also introduced McAlister in Wilson County where Benton McMillin had long been popular.

McMillin had not forgotten Austin Peay had won the Democratic nomination in 1922 solely based upon the election returns from Shelby County. While campaigning for McAlister, McMillin grumbled, "Governor Peay was elected four years ago and he finally had to go to Memphis to do that."

Peay had done quite well in Shelby County in 1922 and had also had the support of Clarence Saunders, the founder of the Piggly-Wiggly grocery chain. As much a showman as a businessman, Saunders had built the opulent "Pink Palace" as his residence in Memphis and had thought to make himself a rival to E. H. Crump as a political power in Shelby County. Saunders soon found himself in the midst of serious financial difficulties while Crump became leery of the governor. Anticipating his 1924 reelection campaign, Austin Peay was practical enough to renew his alliance with the Memphis Boss, although Crump's friend Senator McKellar recommended they remain "neutral for the present." Evidently, Peay and Crump reached an agreement that would give the governor Shelby County's support in the 1924 Democratic primary and the Shelby County legislative delegation in the 1925 session of the legislature. In exchange, Peay would back Crump's candidate for the State Election Commission as well as locate a medical school in Memphis.

By 1926, Crump was dissatisfied with an administration he believed



Governor Austin Peay (seated at desk) and state legislators in the governor's office circa 1927.

favored East and Middle Tennessee over West Tennessee. Previously not much interested in state politics, Crump was forced to reckon with a governor whom he believed was encroaching more and more on local authority. From Crump's perspective, Austin Peay proposed to transfer more power to Nashville from local governments. Crump ended his truce with Governor Peay and gave his all out backing to Hill McAlister.

Peay's friend Clarence Saunders, offended by the notion anyone would wish to seek a third term as governor, came out against the governor. Saunders was no real force in politics, but he was quite adept at attracting attention to himself. Having lost the Piggly-Wiggly stores, Saunders had started a new grocery chain as "The Sole Owner of My Name" stores. Saunders inserted himself in the gubernatorial race with repeated attacks on Peay, whom he described as aloof, cold, and unfeeling.

T. H. Alexander, a political reporter for the Nashville Tennessean, who later wrote the official biography for Austin Peay, turned his column into a virtual extension of the governor's campaign. In mid-July Alexander was quoting "leaders in the mountains" who were predicting Peay would "sweep East Tennessee by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination..." Governor Peay was certainly very popular in East Tennessee and had received much of the credit for citing the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, although it had been Congress who authorized its creation in 1926. Peay serenely campaigned upon his record of reforming state government, building roads and supporting schools, while McAlister was left to decry "autocracy" and placing too much power in the hands of the governor.

Peay was campaigning in East Tennessee, speaking in Johnson City during the last two weeks of July. The governor and his party stopped briefly in Kingsport while traveling by train. Peay greeted friends and supporters before boarding the train again on his way to Rogersville. Peay was confident while campaigning in East Tennessee

and apparently agreed with the predictions he would do well in the region, telling his Johnson City audience, "The politicians can't fool the people. There is little opposition to me in East Tennessee, and I am going to sweep this section of the state." The governor acknowledged he had fared poorly in East Tennessee when he had faced Benton McMillin in the primary. "I carried only two counties in this section," Peay recalled, "Hawkins and Sullivan. I am going to carry both of them again and every other county in the First and Second Congressional districts."

George Fort Milton, publisher of the Chattanooga News, visited Nashville and gave out an interview stating he believed Austin Peay would easily win renomination. "If the election were held today, Peay's majority would be 40,000 or 50,000 votes," Milton said. "By the day of election his majority should exceed those figures, as there is an unmistakable rush in all parts of the state to get on the Peay bandwagon." The notion Peay would win the Democratic primary by 40,000 votes or more became almost a daily staple of articles appearing in Luke Lea's Tennessean.

Peay's supporters underestimated the extent of the opposition to Governor Peay. The 1925 session of the Tennessee General Assembly had been contentious and Peay had encountered opposition from legislators in Middle Tennessee, all of whom were Democrats. Crump, as well as Mayor Hilary Howse of Nashville, was strongly opposed to Peay, most especially because the governor's programs tended to tax the urban areas and redistribute the revenue in rural communities and counties. Crump was also highly suspicious of the close relationship between Peay and Luke Lea, whom the Memphis Boss cordially hated. Suffering from heart disease, the governor had asked Lea to "keep an eye on things" while he retreated to a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan for rest. Still, Austin Peay, despite their warm personal friendship, remained independent. When Lea suggested campaign contributions might flow should the governor

select one particular company to provide cement for road projects, the governor curtly replied such a thing was "unthinkable."

Speaking in Carthage, Tennessee, Governor Austin Peay poked at Hill McAlister, daring his challenger to take a stand on the issue of showing "moving picture shows" in Memphis on Sundays. Peay also took a swipe at Kenneth McKellar, thundering "the people of Tennessee will not be swerved in their choice of gubernatorial candidates by Senator K. D. McKellar or anyone else in Tennessee..." Doubtless, Peay knew McKellar, like Crump, was supporting McAlister. McKellar and McAlister had long been personal friends and while not as open as Crump, the senator was doing what he could for Peay's opponent.

As the gubernatorial campaign entered the last week, both candidates scrapped for votes. The Nashville papers heaped scorn and ridicule upon the candidates they opposed and heaped praise on those they supported. Both sides predicted victory.

Election Day brought Austin Peay a third term, but only barely. The forecasts Governor Peay would win East Tennessee proved to be accurate. The governor won Knox County 3,998 to 1,009. Peay's margins in many of the more rural East Tennessee counties were astonishing; Peay carried Blount County 827 to 111 for McAlister. Peay swept Loudon County 500 to only 97 votes for McAlister. Hill McAlister got a respectable 3,973 votes in Hamilton County, but Governor Peay tallied 5,034 ballots. McAlister began to make up ground in Middle Tennessee and carried Davidson County 9,844 votes to 5,360 for Peay. McAlister ran well enough in West Tennessee, but carried Shelby County 15,415 to 3,657 votes for Austin Peay.

When all the ballots were counted, Governor Austin Peay won the Democratic nomination with 96,545 votes to 88,448 for Hill McAlister. The governor had prevailed by 8,057 votes. Dr. John R. Neal, who had actually traveled all across the state, was likely surprised to note he received only 2,015 votes from his fellow Tennesseans.

"The most progressive and constructive administration in the history of the state has been vindicated and approved," an editorial in the Tennessean crowed. Austin Peay crushed his Republican challenger, Walter White, in the general election, winning almost 65% of the vote. Peay became the first Tennessee governor since the Civil War to win a third term.

Yet Governor Peay's last electoral triumph may well have been a pyrrhic victory. Increasingly ill, the governor had real difficulty with the legislature during the 1927 session of the General Assembly. Peay's heart condition worsened and despite his frailty, Tennesseans were stunned by the governor's sudden death of a cerebral hemorrhage on October 2, 1927. Austin Peay was only fifty-one years old.

The Tennessean bitterly lamented the governor's life had been cut short by "the unceasing, bitter, malignant and intense hatred" of Peay's political opponents "who sought to destroy him because they could not bend him to their selfish will." Luke Lea's Tennessean lauded Peay as perhaps the greatest governor Tennessee had ever had and sadly noted, "Austin Peay gave his life for his state."

As late as 1981, fifty-two Tennessee historians were asked to rank the Volunteer State's governors on the basis of ability and accomplishments and Austin Peay was ranked number one. Thus far, Austin Peay is the only governor of Tennessee to die in office. His legacy endures and Austin Peay State University is named for the late governor.

Austin Peay sleeps in Greenwood Cemetery in his hometown of Clarksville.

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All over the country, folks are assembling at churches, school gyms, and larger facilities to hold graduation ceremonies. Whether the event is for a high school or college, moms, dads, husbands, wives, and children



By Joe Rector
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are celebrating the educational accomplishments of students.

Some historical accounts report that the traditional cap and gown were worn during the 12th and 13th century to differentiate the students from the townspeople at the university where they attended. Others say the garb was worn to keep students warm in the unheated classrooms where they studied.

These days, the cap and gown outfit is a sure signal that a person has completed a course of study. Now, whether that individual has excelled in his studies or has sneaked through them isn't necessarily indicated. Only those with the highest academic successes are labeled with cum, magna, or summa laude. The rest of the graduating class is a hodgepodge of grade point averages.

Some students have been diligent in their pursuits of knowledge. During my high school years, I never let classes interfere

with my education. Instead, I poured more of my energies into friends, events, and mischief. That's not to say that I squeaked by to graduate, but a 2.6 grade point average and a score of 18 on the ACT were nothing about

which to brag. Some of my friends spent little time in study but managed to make A's in their classes. One individual even scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. However, in looking back, the people I most admire are the ones who worked for their good grades.

In college, things are a bit different. Many students arrive on campus with dedication and determination to succeed. I was one of them. It was in those classrooms where I paid the price for not working hard in high school. For my entire college life, I studied long, hard hours; "all-nighters" came before exams. So much of the material made little or no sense to me the first time I read it. Only after reviewing things did I "get it." That studying hard continued even as I worked on a graduate degree. However, most of the materials in that program was stuff with which I disagreed, but to make it through the program, I played the game and regurgitated the stuff

for professors during test and in papers.

A large group of students leave homes for college for different reasons. They are there to make friends, engage in parties, and meander through their lives free of home and rules. Last on their lists are attending classes or studying materials. Consequently, their stays at universities don't last more than a term or two. Then, they return home to figure out what will become of them for the next several years.

College is not for everyone; I've said that for years. However, a basic education is essential in today's world. The old manufacturing jobs of the past that once paid so well either aren't coming back to the U.S. or aren't paying sensational salaries. Having a skill or continuing an education to develop one is essential. Otherwise, individuals are doomed to a life of struggle.

Congratulations to all those who walk across the stage with a diploma in hand. If you have worked to earn it, know that your efforts will be rewarded. If you have done as little as possible and narrowly made it through with an attitude that "D stands for diploma," realize that such an outlook will lead you to disappointment. Each day is new, and with it all of us have opportunities to learn something new.



By Ralphine Major
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I saw her at the end of the line looking grown up in cap and gown. High school graduates were honored at our church on Mother's Day. My mind raced back to a time when I first met the graduating senior as a two-year-old one Sunday.

With this child in her arms, her mother stopped in the church parking lot long enough for us to hear this little one sing "Jesus Loves Me." Stories her "Nanna" had told of trips to the park and library during the summers came to mind, too.

I saw her personality take shape as a three-year-old during the times mother and I had nursery duty during morning worship service. Later, when my brother, Wayne, and I helped teach Mary Coleman's Kindergarten Sunday School class, she was five; and it was humbling to witness her expressions of faith.

Around the age of twelve, she appeared in my Focus column with a paper she had written for a school assignment. It was about Bill Wallace, the medical missionary



Picture of Christina and her mother, Liza, on Mother's Day, provided by Liza Varnes

for whom Wallace Memorial Baptist Church is named. This child was already becoming a Christian leader. I learned she even visited the homebound and often sang to them.

Afterwards, I rarely saw Christina Varnes until years later when we passed in the hall one Sunday morning. I barely recognized the little girl--- now grown up! Christina told me she liked the venue at her high school---the L&N STEM Academy. The talented singer even went to London on a senior trip. Besides her church activities, Christina did volunteer work at the Knoxville Zoo and the Love Kitchen. I rejoice with Christina's family in all she has

already accomplished in her young life and share in their excitement for her as she continues her education at Carson-Newman University and begins a career. Christina has already been a shining example for those of us who know her.

Someday, Christina will be in my place looking back to this special time in her life. That is hard to imagine! But, it was hard to look ahead and imagine that adorable three-year-old wearing a cap and gown in a graduation ceremony on May 17, 2018! I wish Christina much happiness and success and God's richest blessings in this season of her young life!



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Sophomore Lillian Holston connects for a two-run homer to give Powell a 3-1 lead over Walker Valley Friday, but the Lady Mustangs rallied to win 7-6 in eight innings, forcing an "If necessary" game in the Class AAA state tournament. Powell came back to win that game and the title, 2-1.

Seymour's magical baseball season ends in state semifinals

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Seymour High School's baseball nearly had the fairytale ending to its season.

The Eagles, who were making their first state tournament appearance since 2007, shocked the baseball world by posting a 3-2 victory over defending Class AAA State Champion Brentwood in their tournament opener. Seymour then posted a 9-3 nine-inning victory over Stewarts Creek after blowing a lead. The Eagles, however, would pass that test thanks to a six-run ninth.

That victory gave Seymour an edge heading into the semifinals. Trouble was they had to tangle with the Bruins, who emerged from the loser's bracket in the half of the tournament hosted by Oakland High School.

The Bruins were obviously out for revenge Thursday afternoon and they made short work of the Eagles (25-15) in an 11-0 six-inning victory.

"I knew coming in that Brentwood was going to be hungry after we beat them on that first night," Seymour coach Kyle Koeneman said. "They came out and they jumped all over us."

"I told the guys just to forget that game. We just couldn't get anything to go our way. We hit the ball hard but we always hit it right at somebody."

The Eagles got just three hits off Bruins pitcher Caleb Pearson, who struck out eight Seymour hitters while surrendering only two walks.

The Eagles and Brentwood, which would lose to Rossview in Friday's title tilt at Middle Tennessee State University, had the rematch and the Bruins would send Seymour home with a 4-2 victory.

Elijah Galyon would give the Eagles a 1-0 lead when he led off the game with the home run. The freshman second baseman and Kentucky commitment would finish the game with three hits.

Seymour also got a double from Landon Matthews and a single from Zachary Wyatt in its final game of the 2018 season.

The Bruins scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning before the Eagles pulled even

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Hungry Lady Panthers wrap up Class AAA softball title

Young Powell team may be back for more

By Steve Williams

Jeff Inman is building a state power in softball at Powell High.

After guiding the Lady Panthers to a second-place showing at the state in Class AAA last year, the Powell coach saw his team knock down the door and hoist the championship plaque Friday night.

Junior workhorse Allison Farr took care of the pitching duties and freshman shortstop Cayden Baker's two-run single provided enough offense as Powell (42-8) out gritted Walker

Valley 2-1 in the finals at Starpex Field 1 in Murfreesboro.

With Farr returning and Powell graduating only two starters, the Lady Panthers should be tough to handle next spring, too.

It was Powell's first state crown in softball since 1989. After waiting 29 years, playing one more game wouldn't be a problem for Powell, after Walker Valley won 7-6 in eight innings earlier in the day to force the "if necessary" game.

The Lady Panthers also were hungry, and that couldn't have been more noticeable in the nightcap. They were on the prowl. Even their fans had turned

up the noise a notch.

Coach Inman, in fact, after the game commented on how his team had been at its best all season in "elimination" games.

"They compete," he said, "and it seems like when their backs are against the wall, that's when they compete the hardest."

"We were in four tournaments this year - two during the regular season and the district and state tournament - and we won all four. It seems like when we got to the single elimination part of it is when we played our best."

"We didn't hit it really well up here (at state), but we did enough to get the win. Man, these girls are good."

Farr pitched every inning for Powell at the state.

"You ride the horse that got you here," said Inman, who is in his sixth season as Powell's coach. "She actually seems to get stronger (the longer she goes). She's good."

Inman believes Baker is a special freshman.

"She seems to always rise to the occasion in the big games," he said. "That girl is a player. And the good thing is she has three more years with us."

Hayden Dye, another freshman, led off Powell's decisive fifth inning with a single. Walker Valley southpaw pitcher Natalie Pruitt couldn't field Mackenzie

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Spartans win State Title as local tennis stars shine at Midstate

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Webb School of Knoxville's boys tennis team added more championship hardware to its rich history last week at the Division II-A State Championships last week at the Adams Tennis Complex.

For starters, the Spartans won a team championship Wednesday when they downed University School of Nashville 4-0. Webb got victories from Harrison Williams, Ben Aikens, Ben Pearce and Anthony Romano.

Webb advanced to the title

match with a 4-0 victory over St. George's as Williams, Aikens, Pearce and Romano also picked up wins in that match.

That was the early part of the week and Pearce wasn't finished collecting championships. He teamed with Ohm Sharman to win the doubles crown Friday. The tandem claimed the title with a 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory over St. George's John Kimball and Walker Stearns.

Webb's team knocked off Middle Tennessee Christian's Will Reeves and Caden Tucker 6-4,

6-3 in the semifinals. Pearce and Sharma opened tournament play with a victory over St. George's team of Jack Graddy and Shaun Burgess.

In the singles championships, Harrison posted a runner-up finish. He dropped a tough three-set match to Christ Presbyterian Academy's Nathan Irwin 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5) in the finals.

Harrison defeated Evangelical Christian School's Hamilton Jackson in the quarterfinals. He downed George Corzine (University School of Nashville) in the

semis.

Corzine beat Aikens in the quarterfinals to open his stay in the singles tournament on Thursday.

Also in Division II-A: Christian Academy qualified for the State Tournament. But the Warriors had a short stay as they dropped a 4-3 heartbreaker to USN.

Davis Brady and Dawson Bristow won for CAK in singles while Cole McDaniel and Reed Bristow claimed a victory in doubles.

Reed Bristow also qualified for the singles tournament where he

toppled Timmy O'Brien 6-0, 6-3 before losing to Irwin in the semifinals.

In doubles: Davis Brady and Chase Bristow fell to Reeves and Tucker in the quarterfinals.

In the Division 1 Large School Team Championships: Bearden made its first appearance in 16 years and the Bulldogs won their semifinal match against Murfreesboro Central 4-1.

Grayson Marlow, James Eaves and Jacob Pearson won at singles while Marlow and Eaves won in

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Harrison, Sharp named hoops coaches at Halls

By Ken Lay

For the second time in less than 12 months Halls High School has named two new basketball coaches.

Savannah Harrison was named the school's girls basketball coach and Clint Sharp was tapped to take the reins of the boys squad on Tuesday, May 15.

Harrison, a former Halls assistant, replaces Tom Poisal, who left the school after just one season. Sharp, who has been the Red Devils JV squad for the last six seasons, was named to replace Jonathan Smith as the boys coach.

Smith left to become head coach at Morristown East after just one season with the Red Devils.

Both Poisal and Smith replaced Randy Moore at Halls High School.

Harrison has previous varsity coaching experience. She coached at West High School for two seasons after serving as an assistant to the late Daedra Charles-Furlow with the Lady Rebels.

Harrison teaches math at Halls, where she assisted both Moore and Poisal.

Sharp coached the Red Devils under both Moore and Smith.

Halls athletic director Meagan Booth had high praise for both of the school's new basketball coaches, who were announced Tuesday afternoon.

"I am very happy that both Coach Sharp and Coach Harrison will be the leaders of our basketball game next year," Booth said in a statement. "They have both shown that they know what it means to be a Red Devil and, without question, have what it takes to lead these programs. They are going to be great for our school, our program and most importantly, our kids."

"Coach Harrison's knowledge of the game of basketball, coupled with her overwhelming enthusiasm for teaching and coaching, makes her the perfect fit to grow our girls basketball team for the years to come."

Booth is also pleased to have Sharp as the next head coach for the boys.

"Coach Sharp has



Savannah Harrison was named girls basketball coach at Halls. Harrison was formerly coach at West High.



Former Halls High School assistant basketball coach Clint Sharp will take the reins for the program. He replaces Jonathan Smith, who resigned recently after one year. Smith is now at Morristown West. Photos submitted.

proven himself to be a great coach with high leadership on and off the court," Booth said. "We are excited for this next chapter for him and our program."

Harrison is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to be a head coach at Halls.

"I am extremely thankful and excited to be named the head coach of the Lady Devils basketball team," Harrison said. "I look forward to building a strong program that makes the Halls Community proud."

Sharp also looks forward to his new coaching job at Halls.

"I am excited and honored to be named head coach of the Halls High Red Devils," said Sharp, who graduated from Seymour High School and went on to play college ball at Johnson University. "I want to thank the administration, players and the community."

"I will give it all I have to make this program successful and our fans proud."



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

New Halls High football coach Jeremy Bosken smiles while he and Teddy Williams talk at the Red Devils' scrimmage against Stone Memorial last week.

'He cares for every kid he's ever coached'

Teddy Williams named 'honorary guest coach'

There's no telling how many Halls High School football players Teddy Williams coached over the years.

By Steve Williams

Oh, he didn't coach them when they were actually playing on the high school team. But he played a big part in introducing them to the sport and was there season after season on Friday nights supporting them.

For almost 30 years, Williams coached the 9-year-old Grasscutter team in Halls' youth football program.

Last week, at Halls High's spring scrimmage against Stone Memorial, Teddy was introduced and recognized as "honorary guest coach" for the contest by Jeremy Bosken, a nice gesture by the Red Devils' new head coach.

"He's been at all the practices and he's been teaching me the history of Halls," said Bosken after the scrimmage, the last of the Red Devils' nine spring practice sessions.

"He's a guy who loves Halls football. He was our guest coach tonight. He got to talk to the team beforehand. He was in Coach Gibby's and Coach Brown's ear just kind of telling them what he wanted.

"We just want him around the program. We want good quality men around here and we want him to feel like he's part of the team."

Williams (no relation to me) started coaching youth football in 1987. That was the same season I started coaching the 7 and 8-year-old Grasshoppers at Inskip-Norwood. I coached seven seasons, including the 9-year-old Grasscutter team the last two years before I left coaching and started officiating TSSAA football. Ted's team and mine would even scrimmage each other in the preseason.

I spoke with Teddy while I was at the Halls scrimmage last week taking photos for the Focus.

"A lot of my players would end up playing the same position on the high school team that they had played for me," said Teddy. "One season, the high school team's entire offensive backfield was made up of the same guys who were my offensive backs as 9-year-olds."

"That's cool," said Coach Bosken when I relayed that fact to him later.

Halls had a strong youth football program for years and stability in its coaching ranks contributed to it. Williams, of course, was a huge part of that stability.

Bosken too knows a good feeder program plays a part in the total success of a high school football program.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Teddy Williams, wearing a hat with the Halls High logo, was named "honorary guest coach" for the Red Devils during their scrimmage last week. Williams coached youth football in Halls for almost 30 years and many of his players went on to play for the high school team.

"It's guys like Teddy that make this community so great," he said. "We want to make sure they are still part of the program."

Caleb Leonard, who is beginning his fourth year as Halls' offensive line coach, played for Williams about 20 years ago. Because of his weight, Caleb said he always had to play in the next age group up, so he was eight when he played center on Williams' 9-year-old team.

"My dad was actually an assistant coach," recalled Leonard, a 2009 Halls High grad. "Teddy's been influential in my entire life. He came to my high school graduation party."

"He's coached at the community park for decades and he's influenced hundreds of kids who have grown into men in the Halls community."

Caleb still remembers how much Teddy cared about his players.

"It's very obvious he cares for every kid he's ever

coached," said Leonard. "He came and ate lunch with us during football season when we were at the elementary school. He didn't even talk about football, just talked about school and talked about our friends at school and actually took an interest in our lives. He did that probably for every single kid he coached."

Williams is retired and not coaching youth football anymore, but you'll still find him near the action in Red Nation on Friday nights.

"He's coaching the coaches right now," said Bosken with a chuckle. "He's keeping us on our toes."

Some guys play golf, Teddy told me during last week's scrimmage. He said he would rather be right where he was - on the football field.

"We appreciate him coming out," said Coach Bosken. "It's been fun."

Teddy will be back, too. He's always around during football season.

Hungry Lady Panthers wrap up Class AAA softball title

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Lamb's grounder.

After the Lady Mustangs turned a bunt into an out, sophomore Madison McGinnis was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Inman put freshman Emma Wright in as a pinch-runner at second. Pruitt caught a soft liner for the second out.

In a pressure-packed at-bat, Baker hit the ball up the middle past a diving shortstop, scoring Lamb and Wright to give Powell the lead.

Farr still had work to do. She retired the Lady

Mustangs in order in the top of the sixth, getting the third out with a nasty change-up.

In the seventh, Farr struck out the leadoff batter with some high heat. Miranda Young singled up the middle, but Farr got Abbey Davis looking at a strike three for the second out.

Powell fans were on their feet. Their noise elevated, too.

Carissa Frost lifted a fly ball way down the third baseline. Senior leftfielder Mackenzie Hayles drifted under it to make the catch.

And the dog pile formed

quickly not far away.

That too was where Powell players, coaches and fans spent most of their time enjoying the championship after awards were presented and pictures taken.

Nobody wearing Powell colors seemed to be in a hurry to leave. Most of them plan to be back next season, too.

GIBBS, last season's Class AAA state champion, took third place in this year's Class AA tournament. The Lady Eagles beat Dyersburg 2-0 and Creek Wood 9-8 before falling to

eventual champion Meigs County 4-1 in the winners' bracket finals. Gibbs then was eliminated by White House Heritage 6-4.

Powell opened with back-to-back eight-inning wins, 3-1 over Walker Valley and 5-3 over Brentwood. The Lady Panthers then edged Ooltewah 3-2 to reach the finals.

Grace Christian Academy finished fourth in Division II-A. The Lady Rams opened with a 9-1 win over Chattanooga Christian, and then lost to Tipton-Rosemark 9-8 and eventual champion Silverdale 4-1.



PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

The eyes of Gibbs senior third baseman Olivia Wheeler are fixed on the softball in the Lady Eagles' 9-8 win over Creek Wood in the TSSAA Class AA state tournament last week in Murfreesboro.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Rebecca Story of CAK is all smiles as she stands above the No. 1 position on the awards' podium after winning the 800-meter run at the TSSAA Division II-A state track meet Friday in Murfreesboro.

Loyd leads CAK to baseball title

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Christian Academy of Knoxville junior baseball player Hunter Loyd had a big day Thursday but he found it a bit difficult to enjoy the fruits of his labor on the diamond.

"I can't explain my emotions right now," said Loyd, who had an RBI single with two outs in the top of the seventh inning to help the Warriors claim a 6-5 victory over Tipton-Rosemark Academy and win the 2018 Division II-A State Championship at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith Jr. Stadium. "I knew it had to be done. So, I did it."

"That's how I was raised. We had to win this for our seniors. They worked hard for this."

And Loyd was far from finished. He slammed the door on the Rebels in the bottom of the frame as he retired the side in order. He pitched two innings in Thursday's finale.

"He's a cool customer," said CAK coach Tommy Pharr, who has now coached state championship teams in Class AAA, Class AA and in Division II-A. "He had a big day."

"He got two wins and he got the game-winning hit to help us win a championship."

Loyd started on the mound in the first game of the day against the Rebels (30-17). He surrendered just two hits in a five-inning complete game in the Warriors' 10-0 victory.

He walked one and struck out three. He went 2-for-3 Thursday morning.

With that victory, CAK (34-12) avenged Wednesday's 5-3 loss to Tipton-Rosemark, which made the field in Murfreesboro as the fourth seed in the West Region after beating Webb School of Knoxville in a three-game series in the Division II-A State VIII in K-Town recently.

That set the stage for one game with the State Championship hanging in the balance.

The Warriors jumped on the Rebels early, scoring four runs in the top of the first without a hit.

Loyd, Cole Campbell and Austin Kribbs each drew bases-loaded walks and Loyd came home on a wild pitch.

The Warriors got their first hit of the game in the top of the second when junior center fielder Zane Keener led off the frame with a solo home run to make the score 5-0.

The Rebels have proven to be one of the Volunteer State's scrappiest squad's and Thursday afternoon was no different.

Tipton-Rosemark clawed its way back into the contest with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning. Andrew Green's two-run double got the Rebels on the board with one out in the frame to make the score 5-2.

Tipton-Rosemark knotted the game by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth. **Continued on page 4**

Story's final TSSAA chapter is about winning and having fun

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story ended her TSSAA track career in typical fashion ... on top!

The Christian Academy of Knoxville senior swept the three distance races at the Division II-A track and field meet Friday at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

Story won the 1600-meter run in 5:03.93, the 800 in 2:19.64 and the 3200 in 11:00.07. She officially ended her TSSAA career by running the anchor leg on CAK's winning 4x400 relay, which was clocked in 4:07.6.

On a day that included threatening skies,

raindrops and eventually a lightning delay, Coach Tony Cosey said Story's main objective was about winning and not times.

The Stanford signee led the CAK girls to a third place finish in the team scoring behind runner-up Webb School.

Story won her first TSSAA state championship in the 3200 as an eighth grader in 2014.

Counting her part on three state championship relay teams, Story has a total of 15 TSSAA championships in her prep career. That also includes two state crowns in cross-country.

"It was a special last meet, and I was relaxed," said Story. "There wasn't a planned strategy other than to win and have fun."

"Obviously, I was not attempting a PR (personal record) with four races in a few hours, but I am used to that!"

"I was happy with my final State because it ended in a relay with my team. I loved finishing with a relay."

Webb's Lady Spartans were paced by Jasmine Jefferson's victory in the 400 (59.36) and wins by their 4x100 relay (49.75) and 4x800 relay (9:59.11).

In the girls' Large division on Thursday, sophomore Ellie Bachman took first place in the 800 with a time of 2:16.28 to lead Hardin Valley Academy to third place in the final team scoring.

Catholic's girls raced to a winning time of 9:19.64 in the 4x800.

West junior Caroline Lewis finished third in the Large Schools' pentathlon earlier in the week.

Blake Blakemore, only a sophomore, sparkled in Wednesday's Small Schools action as she won the 200 dash in 24.74.

Adams wins singles title, Webb claims another team championship

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Julia Adams is leaving the Tennessee high school tennis scene on top.

The Bearden High School senior and Furman University signee won the Division I Large Schools Girls State Championship Friday when she cruised past Brentwood's Hamsa Javagal 6-1, 6-1 at the Adams Tennis Complex.

Adams is one of only two Lady Bulldogs to make it to the State Tournament four times.

As a freshman and sophomore, Adams teamed with Brittany Foust to reach the State Doubles Championship. As a junior, she

switched to singles and again made it to Murfreesboro.

She made it to the Midstate as a senior and came home with the State Championship medal.

She opened the tournament Thursday with a quarterfinal victory over Obion County's Nelina Wooten in straight sets. Adams won her semifinal match against Oakland's Kylie Humphrey 6-2, 6-1 later on Thursday.

Lady Spartans win another Division II-A Championship: Webb School of Knoxville won its ninth consecutive Division II-A Title.

The Lady Spartans claimed the crown with a 4-0 victory over

Chattanooga Christian Wednesday.

Lauren Yoon, Carina Dagotto, Caroline Ross and Aubrey Yoon all recorded victories for the Lady Spartans, who breezed past St. Andrews in Tuesday's semifinals.

Webb wasn't the only area team to qualify for the State Tournament Field. Christian Academy of Knoxville also made it to the grand stage. The Lady Warriors, however, were eliminated by Chattanooga Christian in the semifinals 4-1. Senior Allison Ivey claimed CAK's lone victory of the day.

Ivey also played in the State Singles

Championships. She won her quarterfinal match against Mia Pretorius of University School of Nashville 6-0, 6-1.

Ivey dropped a 6-0, 6-1 decision to Lauren Yoon in the semifinals.

Yoon claimed the state title with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over St. George's Hannah Grace Howell.

Howell ousted Webb's Caroline Ross 7-6, 6-1 in the semifinals. Ross knocked off Franklin Road Academy's Claire Luthy 6-1, 6-2.

In Division II-A Doubles: The Lady Spartans were assured of a championship after their teams of Dagotto and Anna Wisniewski and

Lili Roth and Aubrey Yoon emerged from the semifinal round. Dagotto and Wisniewski prevailed in the title match 6-2, 6-2.

In Division 1 Large School Doubles: Catholic's team of Sara Allen and Ansley Turley was eliminated after losing in straight sets to Sneha Sinha and Romane Britt in the quarterfinals.

In the Division 1 Large School Team Tournament: L&N STEM Academy downed Geenfield in Tuesday's semifinals 4-0.

Abigail Lee, Armani Hall, Ansley Parker and Sonya Edwards all won singles matches for the Lady Gryphons, who lost in the championship match to

Signal Mountain 4-2.

Lee and Madeline Maben were victorious for L&N STEM in the title tilt.

In Division 1 Small School Singles: Maben brought home a silver medal for the Lady Gryphons. She beat Cannon County's Taylor Meeks in the quarterfinals and ousted Sunshine Fennell (Chattanooga School of the Arts and Sciences) in the semifinals.

Maben lost to Brittney Combest (N. Middle College) 6-2, 7-6 (1) in the championship match.

In Division 1 Small School Doubles: L&N STEM's Abbey Lee and Hall posted a runner-up finishes.

Spartans win State Title as local tennis stars shine at Midstate

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doubles.

The Bulldogs lost in the championship match to Ravenwood 4-1. Eaves won at No. 3 Singles for Bearden against the Raptors.

Marlow and Eaves claim state doubles title: Bearden's doubles tandem won the State Championship Friday. The two seniors cruised past Ravenwood's Cliff Herring and Pranav Saravanan 6-3, 6-2.

In Large School Singles: West High sophomore Alex Austin made it to the Midstate. He lost to Tennessee High's Stone Cozart

7-5, 6-2 despite a valiant effort. Cozart would go on to post a runner-up finish in the tournament.

Gryphons take second in Division 1 Small School Team Tournament: L&N STEM Academy posted a runner-up finish as it fell 4-1 to Trinity Christian in the state title match. The Gryphons picked up their lone victory when Daniel Rogers defeated Clay Phillips 6-4, 6-0.

L&N STEM advanced to the finals a 4-0 victory over Columbia Academy.

Evan Carr, Campbell Maben, Kieran Maben, Samuel Lee and Rogers all won as the Gryphons claimed five wins as two

matches concluded simultaneously. Postseason matches are clinched with four individual wins.

In Division I Small School Singles: Carr posted a runner-up finish. The L&N STEM freshman lost the championship match to Signal Mountain's Gabe Williams 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2.

Carr advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Trinity Christian's Will Richardson in the semifinals. Carr beat Summertown's Brady Bailey in the quarterfinals.

In Division 1 Small School Doubles: Walker Lee and Campbell Maben reached the semifinals for the Gryphons.

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Noland, Gent bring home Mr. Baseball honors

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Two area high school baseball stars were named Mr. Baseball recently by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association.

Farragut High School junior infielder Parker Noland and Grace Christian Academy's Noah Gent were honored Tuesday at Middle Tennessee State University. Noland won the Class AAA award while Gent brought home the hardware for Division II-A.

Noland hit .520 and blasted 12 home runs and legged out 18 doubles for the Admirals, who went 34-8 in 2018 and won both the District 4-AAA regular-season championship and tournament title.

Farragut, which missed the Class AAA State Tournament for the second consecutive season, also claimed the Region 2-AAA Championship. Noland also drove in 43 runs and scored 50. He had a .959 slugging percentage.

Gent, a junior shortstop for the Rams, batted .463 and clubbed 11 homers. He drove in 35 runs and finished the season with 16 doubles. He also walked 14 times.

Grace Christian went 27-13 this spring and reached the Division II-A State VIII.

CAK's Tate was a finalist: Christian Academy of Knoxville junior Jacob Tate was a Mr. Baseball finalist in 2018.

Tate was a top hitter and power threat for the Warriors. The Kentucky commitment had 14 strikeouts and tossed a five-hitter for CAK in its 10-1 opening-round victory over University School of Jackson on Tuesday at LaVergne High School. He struck out 14 and walked two.

He surrendered just one hit over the first six innings against the Bruins, who went 31-4 this season.

Tate also went 2-for-4 with a homer. He drove in four runs.

Bulldogs, Cherokees make early exit from soccer championships

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Two area high school boys soccer teams made last week state championships at the Spring Fling and both had short stays.

Bearden won the 2016 Class AAA State Championship and was ousted in the semifinals late Wednesday afternoon at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.

South-Doyle made the state tournament field in Class AA. The Cherokees were making their first appearance at the Midstate.

But they dropped a 4-1 decision to Loudon to eventual state runner-up Loudon. The Redskins were also making their inaugural trip to the Spring Fling.

In Class AAA, Bearden High won its quarterfinal match on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs outlasted Cookeville 2-1.

Collin Lewis gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead early when he scored in the 13th minute of the match. He tallied off a cross from

Jonathan Meystrik and put the ball in the right side of the net.

The Cavaliers (18-6) got the equalizer just before halftime when Joshua Campbell tallied an unassisted marker in the 38th minute.

Bearden's Ty Trikones got the game-winning goal in the 64th minute when he blasted a shot from 40 yards out into an empty Cookeville net.

The Bulldogs saw their 2018 campaign come to an end with a 3-0 loss to eventual state champion Station Camp.

Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe said that he hopes that his squad learns from its experience in Murfreesboro.

"It was a good experience for them," Radcliffe said after the Bulldogs finished the season with an 18-6 record. "It was good to see the anger and disappointment from the boys after they lost.

"I thought the game was closer than the 3-0 final score would indicate. We had some

chances early. We really had some chances in the first 15 or 20 minutes, but we didn't finish them.

The Bulldogs had a young team in 2018 and Radcliffe knew that no one expected Bearden to make a trip to Murfreesboro this year. But he took very little consolation in that.

"We didn't get the result we wanted," Radcliffe said. "We are a young team but we're Bearden and every time we make it to the state tournament. When we make it, we expect to go down there and win it. We improved a lot from where we started. We got off to a bad start and we lost our first two games to Greeneville [which won a second consecutive Class AA Championship when it knocked off Loudon Friday night] and we lost to Science Hill and we came back and beat them 5-0 in an elimination game [in the Region 1-AA Semifinals]."

Bearden will look to make a return trip to the Midstate but

Radcliffe said he knows that will be a tall order.

"In [Class] AAA, it's going to be a battle and it should be young. We're young but Station Camp is too. Farragut will be good again and Houston will be good too," Radcliffe said.

In the semifinals, the Bison scored early as Tyler Jessen tallied in the eighth minute. The Bulldogs surrendered an own goal in the 35th minute before Donovan Smith closed the scoring early in the second half.

In Class AA: South-Doyle dropped a 4-1 decision to the Redskins.

Lawson Jenkins had the lone goal for the Cherokees (15-5-3) in the 62nd minute of the match.

Loudon's Fransisco Aguilera, who had goals in the 1st, 24th and 42 minute respectively, posted a hat trick.

The Redskins got their other marker from Cherinet Feezell in the 35th minute.

Bearden's Sobota betters state discus record

By Steve Williams

Joshua Sobota left his mark in TSSAA track and field by improving his state record in the discus event.

The Bearden senior unloaded an effort of 191 feet, 2 inches Thursday in the Large Schools' state meet at MTSU in Murfreesboro that also left his competition far behind.

Sobota had set the state record as a junior last year with a 190-03 performance.

The Kentucky signee also

repeated as the shot put champion this year with a toss of 65-1¾. The TSSAA's shot put state record is 67-1¼.

In other boys' action at the state, Hardin Valley Academy senior Willington Wright won the 400-meter dash in 47.77 and the Hawks' 4x400 relay also was victorious with a time of 3:19.04 as HVA placed third in the final team scoring.

Catholic junior Jake Renfree took top honors in the 1600 run (4:12.70).

Austin-East's 4x400 finished first in the Small School division Wednesday in 3:25.29. The Roadrunners scored enough points overall to take third place at the state.

Division II-A highlights by local competitors included Grace Christian Academy sophomore Jackson Bostick's victory in the 300 hurdles (39.93) and Webb's winning 4x200 relay (1:31.16).

Christian Academy of Knoxville placed fourth in the final

team scoring.

CHAMPIONS: Hardin Valley Academy took first place in the TSSAA's inaugural Unified Track Invitational Thursday at MTSU.

HVA scored 35 points, followed by Bartlett 29, Harpeth High 24, White County 21, Sycamore 17, Volunteer 17, Glenc cliff 7 and Lebanon NS.

Luke Defur of Hardin Valley ranked first in the mixed shot put relay with a 46-02 mark.

Loyd leads CAK to baseball title

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runs in the bottom of the fifth. Cameron Berry led off the inning with a single and Alex Langford was hit by a pitch with one out. Langford was lifted for courtesy runner Parker Wells.

Both Berry and Wells scored when designated hitter Corey Mitson tripped. Mitson would come home with the tying run when the Warriors committed an error.

Pharr wasn't surprised to see the Rebels fight

their way back into the game.

"They're really scrappy," said Pharr, who won five state titles at Farragut before moving over to CAK (where's he's coached three state championship teams in four years, including two in a row). "I knew they would make a run.

"I didn't think we would help them, but we did."

CAK's championship rally started with two outs in the seventh when Jacob Tate singled and Jesse Osborne was hit by

a pitch. Tate came home with the eventual winning run when Loyd singled.

Tipton-Rosemark coach Brad Smith was pleased with his squad's effort.

"These guys deserved to win a State Championship but we just didn't get it done today," Smith said. "I'm proud of these guys. They've showed me that they are state-championship worthy.

"I'm truly blessed to get the opportunity to coach these guys. They're good kids."

Seymour's magical baseball season ends in state semifinals

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with a run in the third when Wyatt scored.

Brentwood (which finished the season with a 31-10 record after losing the state championship game) would get the game-winning hit in the fifth when Patrick Queener had a two-run double to make the score 4-2.

The Eagles had a pair of baserunners in the top of the seventh as Galyon singled and Wyatt was hit by a pitch with two down in the frame.

But a potential rally was halted when Chase McCarter grounded out.

Seymour advanced to the semifinals with its victory over Stewarts Creek in a game where starting

pitcher Nate Payne had 14 strikeouts. Galyon got the win in relief.

The big offensive blow in the game was Chris Caldwell's two-run single with the bases loaded in the ninth. That hit would provide insurance runs for Seymour, which went ahead 4-3 earlier in the inning.

The Eagles would explode for four more runs before the inning ended.

Even though his team's quest for a first Class AAA State Tournament Championship came up a little short, Koeneman said that he was pleased with the season.

"We're a small [Class] AAA School and nobody really expected us to get as far as we did," he said. "I'm

extremely proud of these boys. They worked hard and they deserved this.

"This team had players-only meetings. They're a family. They're a brotherhood. We started out hot and then we cooled off and I think that helped us. We had seven seniors. But a lot of our guys this year were freshmen and sophomores. They started and made significant contributions in the state tournament."

The Eagles reached the Spring Fling by upsetting the mighty Farragut Admirals 2-1 in a state sectional game on May 19.

Seymour is the smallest school in Class AAA but the Eagles proved they could play with anybody and they'll certainly



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

Allergens

As Becky and I travel, it's not unusual for people to ask me if I'm from Texas. I don't wear a ten gallon hat, but apparently I have an accent confused with a Texas drawl. Actually, my accent is East Tennessee with a nasal drawl. I often respond by noting many Texans came from Tennessee, and the Volunteer State is so named because many went to help Texas in its war of independence from Mexico. Fortunately, with Becky standing beside me, it's obvious that my "Exes aren't in Texas."

It's the same thing every spring. Our eyes water, we become more nasal and some of us cough and wheeze as a result of pollen. We live in a region with water and consequently an abundance of mold, fungi and pollen. If you've ever walked in a forest of the Rocky Mountains, you'll notice that trees are more widely spaced than in our Smoky Mountains,

and those that fall don't decompose as they do in our part of the world. The reason is the relative lack of water in the West, and less fungi. Actually, the abundant pollen on your car, in your eyes and nose is evidence of water, things growing and trying to propagate their species!

Some people are more sensitive to pollen, mold and dust than others. Many of these people have an allergic basis for their sensitivity and have typical allergic symptoms. Skin testing by an allergist can even identify specific pollen proteins causing trouble and the results can be used to tailor desensitization inoculations. In recent years technology has been developed to measure specific antibodies to various pollen proteins in blood samples, though skin testing remains the gold standard.

Humans make five classes of antibodies (IgA, IgG,

IgM, IgD and IgE) whose purpose is to help the immune system defend the body against invasion. The IgE class is associated with hay fever, asthma and parasitic infections. When these antibodies, bound to cells of the nasal and airway passages as well as the eyes and GI tract, encounter foreign protein, an intricate cellular reaction occurs, and the inflammatory response manifests as swelling and redness in the nose and eyes, along with itching, sneezing or even the bronchial spasm of asthma.

Hay fever is effectively treated with avoidance of for example ragweed. In fact, some folks move to Arizona to avoid pollen. Unfortunately, easterners sometimes take their lawns and flowers to the arid desert and reproduce their allergy problems. It's impossible to avoid pollen at this time of the year in Tennessee, and folks with allergies often resort to medications or even allergy shots to help them cope with the allergic inflammatory response.

Therapy can be as simple as using antihistamines which counteract the chemical histamine released in the allergic cellular cascade. Doctors may also use cromolyn to "coat cells" bound with IgE. Another chemical released in the allergy cascade is

leukotriene which can be inhibited with a different therapeutic class of medication. Topical steroids in drops, sprays and bronchial inhalers are also very helpful. As a last resort, desensitization shots can be used which stimulate IgG antibodies and block the allergic inflammatory response. I recommend people try all the simpler methods to control their problem before resorting to expensive allergy testing and weekly or monthly allergy shots which can last for years.

Cough is one of the most common reasons a patient contacts a physician. An acute cough is one present for less than three weeks, and is often associated with viral illnesses like colds or influenza. Coughing is a symptom rather than the problem, so a proper diagnosis is necessary for treatment of a chronic cough, defined as lasting eight weeks. Everyone would cough in a smoke filled house, but a chronic cough in a smoker is especially problematic.

The most common cause of chronic cough is the "upper airway cough syndrome" associated with a post nasal drip, caused by allergic or nonallergic vasomotor rhinitis or even sinusitis. Interestingly, women have a more sensitive cough reflex than men. As an internist who deals

with hypertension, cough is not infrequently associated with ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme) inhibiting drugs used to lower blood pressure. The remedy is to change the blood pressure medication. Things are sometimes not so simple and it is important to exclude various chronic lung disorders before attributing chronic cough to aggravating upper airway drainage.

The second most common cause of chronic cough is asthma which can be on an allergic basis or due to nonspecific irritants. When inflammation occurs in the lower airways, excessive mucous is produced along with swelling and spasm of the airways resulting in restricted air flow and wheezing. People with asthma complain that they can't get a deep breath. Actually, this occurs because spasm traps air in the lungs from the previous breaths, and breathlessness occurs as with an over inflated balloon. The treatment often requires bronchodilator medications via a MDI (metered dose inhaler) to remedy air trapping.

The third major cause of chronic cough is GERD or gastroesophageal reflux disease. The esophagus is designed to carry swallowed food to the stomach where the digestive process begins with the addition of acid and pepsin,

an enzyme which breaks down protein. There is a muscular area at the junction of the lower esophagus and upper stomach designed to prevent regurgitation of stomach contents back into the esophagus. When this "barrier" doesn't function well, reflux occurs which can damage the esophageal lining and can even lead to aspiration of acid, etc. into the lungs and cause cough or pneumonia.

So, what are the take home points from this short essay? If your nasal congestion and cough are short term and associated with common cold symptoms such as malaise and low grade temperature, you don't need an exhausting and expensive evaluation, just some comfort medication and sympathy. If pollen makes your eyes itch and water, makes you sneeze over and over or causes you to cough and wheeze, you probably have an allergic component to your misery. And if your cough is chronic and not seasonal or causes wheezing, you should see a doctor for a proper diagnosis as a guide to treatment.

Sherlock Holmes might say, "Elementary my dear Watson."

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee to host 38th Annual Quilt Show June 15-16 at Knoxville Expo Center

Nearly 200 stunning quilts will be on display June 15-16 in the Knoxville Expo Center at 5441 Clinton Highway (at Merchant Drive) in Knoxville, TN 37912. Hosted by the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee (SMQ), the 38th Annual Quilt Show will take place from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"We invite everyone to attend the show and enjoy these beautiful works of art," said Lynn Sykes, President of SMQ.

Merikay Waldvogel, 2009 Quilters Hall of Fame inductee, will present an antique quilt bed turning

and discuss the history of the quilts on Friday, June 15, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Throughout the show, attendees may shop some 20 vendors and the SMQ Boutique, which offers a unique selection of items handcrafted by guild members. Special attractions also include quilt appraisals by Certified Appraiser Cindy Stuart. Contact her at cstuart1@hughes.net or call (865) 980-2162 for an appointment.

Admission is \$7; a two-day pass is \$10. The Expo Center has free parking and is accessible to the disabled. The Holiday Inn Knoxville North, 5634

Merchants Center Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37912 is offering a special sleeping room rate of \$89 a night for anyone attending the show. Call the hotel at (865) 687-8989 for reservations. For more information about the show and the guild, please visit www.smokymtnquilters.com or follow the group on Facebook.

The Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Messiah Lutheran Church, at the intersection of Papermill Drive and Kingston Pike in Knoxville. A 6:30 p.m. social time precedes

the formal meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. SMQ's primary goals are to promote and encourage the knowledge of quilt making as an art and a craft, to study its history as an integral part of our past, and to promote friendship through shared activities. Guild activities include workshops, block drawings, exhibits, and quilts made for local charities. The guild's more than 100 members are as diverse as the quilts they love -- traditional and art quilts, complex and minimalist modern designs, miniatures and bed-sized, and hand or machine stitched.



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Eight Hiking Tips for Your Dog

Hiking with your dog can be a way to explore the world around you while getting great exercise. As Hobo and I prepare to explore the National Parks in our area we thought 8 Hiking Tips for Your Dog is a must-read before hitting the trail. Hiking with your dog should be fun and enjoyable for everyone including people and wildlife you may encounter along the way. Being out in the wilderness provides mental, emotional, and physical stimulation that may also help reduce destructive behavior in some dogs. Most important, dog hiking is a sport enjoyed most when you are prepared and properly conditioned physically and socially.

A dog spending most of their time being a couch potato it probably is not ready to hike the Appalachian Trail. I recommend starting slowly and progressing as you and your dog build endurance. Discuss hiking plans with your veterinarian and be realistic with any health concerns or recommendations they may have. Make sure your dog is up-to-date on



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

vaccinations and you have a solid parasite prevention plan to protect your dog from fleas, ticks, and heartworms.

8 Hiking Tips for Your Dog

- **Water:** Having clean water for your dog to drink while hiking is essential. I recommend at least sixteen ounces of water per hour of hiking. Take a collapsible bowl or other type water dispenser. I discourage Hobo from drinking water from puddles or streams related to possible bacteria and parasites. The most common parasite found in backcountry streams and lakes is giardiasis which can do more than upset your hike. Giardiasis infections can cause abdominal cramping, bloating, nausea, and diarrhea. I suggest hiking with your own water supply and a filtration or purification plan in cases of emergency.
- **Food:** Avoid feeding your dog a large meal before hitting the trail. We take nutritious snacks for us when hiking—don't forget your canine companion. Carry nutritious /

- energy packed treats for your dog and offering them frequently.
- **First Aid Kit:** A simple first aid kit prepares you for the unexpected curve sometimes thrown your way along the trail. Consult your veterinarian for their recommendations and suggestions. Hobo the Wonder Dog's hiking first aid kit contains: scissors, bandages, gauze, saline wash, rubber gloves, pliers / multi-purpose tool, Benadryl® (consult your veterinarian for dosing recommendations), and non-adhesive bandages such as Coban®.
- **Waste Disposal:** Be good stewards of the Leave No Trace Dog Dogma, use a plastic bag to pick up and pack out your dog's poop. Remember, you represent all dog owners when you are in public and hiking trails are no different please pick up after your dog for the comfort and safety of others and nature.
- **Stay on the trail:** Staying on the trail is always a good idea; you are less likely to attract parasites such as ticks / fleas, and encounter poison ivy, thorns and briars. Steering clear of these off-trail obstacles offer a safer and more comfortable hiking experience.
- **Control:** You are responsible for the safety

- of your dog and keeping them under control at all times while in the Park. Dogs are required to be on-leash in most National Parks and you can be fined \$75 per violation. Leash should be six feet or less. I am not a fan of retractable leashes which are particularly ill-advised for hiking. Having control of your dog is not only the law—it is the easiest way to protect them.
- **Identification:** Your dog should have identification on their collars / harness at all times. If your dog is not permanently tagged by microchipping or tattooing, please consider one of these options to help reunite you if you ever become separated from your dog.
- **Paw protection:** Be mindful of foot protection and wearing the right shoe for the job. Having the right shoe is essential to enjoying your day on the trail. Hobo is no different; paw protection is a must in preventing lameness. I use Musher's Secret year-round on Hobo's paws to protect him from hot pavement, rough terrain, and irritants he may walk-through. Packing a set of dog boots in case your dog's paws become sensitive to the terrain you are hiking in is a good idea. Introduce your



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dog to dog boots before they are needed otherwise it may cause stress to an already stressful situation. Don't get so bogged down in getting prepared that you don't enjoy the hike. Although being prepared is important, don't forget to enjoy the great outdoors and your dog. After all, getting out with your dog will strengthen the human animal bond between you. Be sure to check with the Park Service on their individual policies and trails for dogs in the park. Start slowly and steadily to ensure your dog is ready for the trails and I promise your lives will be enriched in a very significant way.

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I hope to inspire you and your dog to get out and enjoy our National Parks and local attractions this summer. Good social skills and basic obedience are yours and your dog's key to enjoying a lifetime of fun and adventure together. If you do not have a dog, please consider adopting your next-best friend from a shelter or rescue.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 2, 2006, executed by LINDA B. LEWIS, RUSSELL E. LEWIS, conveying certain real property therein described to PRLAP, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 15, 2006, at Instrument Number 200609160024086; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben 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, Ruben 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 **June 21, 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:

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and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben 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, Ruben 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 **June 21, 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:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 32ND WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK A, SHANGRI LA HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, SECTION 1, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET N, SLIDE 378-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF GEORGE A. MCGREW, MCGREW ENGINEERING, RLS 1341, 353 N. CULLOM, CLINTON, TENNESSEE, DATED AUGUST 30, 1996, DRAWING NUMBER 2263-C SAID PREMISES BEING IMPROVED WITH A DWELLING BEARING THE ADDRESS OF 4207 LARIGO DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 070FG002
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4207 LARIGO DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914.** 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): HAROLD TATE AND SUSAN TATE

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SUNTRUST BANKThe 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.

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
www.rubulinublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #137265 05/21/2018, 05/28/2018, 06/04/2018

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 4, 1996, executed by HAROLD TATE AND SUSAN TATE, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 5, 1996, in Deed Book 3151, Page 68at Instrument Number 16086;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF WASHINGTON, D.C., HIS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben 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, Ruben 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 **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN CIVIL DISTRICT SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 32ND WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK A, SHANGRI LA HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, SECTION 1, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET N, SLIDE 378-D, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF GEORGE A. MCGREW, MCGREW ENGINEERING, RLS 1341, 353 N. CULLOM, CLINTON, TENNESSEE, DATED AUGUST 30, 1996, DRAWING NUMBER 2263-C SAID PREMISES BEING IMPROVED WITH A DWELLING BEARING THE ADDRESS OF 4207 LARIGO DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 070FG002
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4207 LARIGO DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914.** 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): HAROLD TATE AND SUSAN TATE

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SUNTRUST BANKThe 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.

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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Ad #137265 05/21/2018, 05/28/2018, 06/04/2018

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

119 S. Main Street, Suite 500
Memphis, TN 38103
www.rubulinublin.com/property-listings.php
Tel: (877) 813-0992Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #137690 05/21/2018, 05/28/2018, 06/04/2018

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated August 4, 2016, executed by William Michael Bales and Marisa Ann Bales, husband and wife, to Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, A general partnership, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on August 5, 2016, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201608050008444.

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 **June 7, 2018, at 10:00 AM** local time, 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, 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. five (5) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 43rd Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 3, Oakdale Ridge Subdivision, as shown by map of same of record in Instrument 200510250037093, 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 was conveyed to William Michael Bales and wife, Marisa Ann Bales by Deed from Richard Whittington and wife Roslyn Whittington, dated July 28, 2016 and of record in Instrument 201608050008443, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Tax Id/Parcel ID No. 093HJ003
Commonly known as **4457 Oakbank Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921**

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: William Michael Bales and Marisa Ann Bales

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: William Michael Bales and Marisa Ann

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Bales; Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) 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 and 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: 1292-357A

Newspaper: The Knoxville Focus
Publication Dates: 5/14/2018,
5/21/2018 and 5/28/2018

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **June 19, 2018**, the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

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. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: AHB Enterprises, Inc., and Andrew H. Brewster.

The right is reserved to adjourn the date of the sale to another date or time, and place certain without further publication, upon the announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Christopher M. Caldwell, Substitute Trustee
705 Gate Lane, Suite 202
Knoxville, TN 37909
865-769-6969

COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOHN LEONARD TRUAX AND/OR THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF NOAH MICHAEL TRUAX AND CARA LYNN FAGG

IN RE: ADOPTION OF NOAH MICHAEL TRUAX AND CARA LYNN FAGG

DOCKET #3-128-18 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE PETITION FILED, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE RESPONDENT(S), JOHN LEONARD TRUAX AND/OR THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE CHILDREN, IS EITHER A NON-RESIDENT OF THE STATE OR WHOSE IDENTITY AND/OR WHEREABOUTS CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED UPON DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY, SO THAT ORDINARY SERVICE OF PROCESS OF LAW CANNOT BE SERVED UPON THE RESPONDENT(S). IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE RESPONDENT(S), JOHN LEONARD TRUAX AND/OR THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, FILE AN ANSWER WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK, CATHERINE SHANKS, AND WITH N. DAVID ROBERTS, JR. ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONERS, WHOSE ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 2564, KNOXVILLE TN 37901 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU AND THE CAUSE SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE AS TO YOU BEFORE JUDGE DEBORAH C. STEVENS, CIRCUIT JUDGE AT THE KNOX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, DIV. III, 400 MAIN ST. KNOXVILLE TN 37902. THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS NEWSPAPER FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. THE HEARING ON THE DEFAULT JUDGMENT IS SET FOR JULY 23, 2018 AT 10:00 AM IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND.

THIS IS THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2018

/S/ CATHERINE SHANKS,
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
PUBLISHED: 05/21/18,
05/28/18, 06/04/18, 06/11/18

Gerdau rewards Lonsdale Elementary students with new bikes, helmets



Steel recycler Gerdau on May 14 presented new bikes and safety helmets to students at Lonsdale Elementary School in celebration of best attendance at each grade level. The company presented the rewards to (front row, from left) kindergartners Maisha Niyonishu and Marisol Tomas-Gaspar; first graders Michel Mugisha and Angelina Pedro-Sebastian; second graders Seneida Jose-Martin and Mateo Bartolome-Diego; third graders Angel Luster and Leila Nicolas-Juan; fourth graders Lena Domingo-Geronimo and Destine Irakoze; and fifth graders Cristian Diego-Domingo and Iezhiana Hartsell. Participating in the presentation were (second row, from left) Johnny Miller, Gwen Reichel, Jamie Gass, Jena Kreuzer and Chris Kimble of Gerdau; Caroline Cooley, Lindsey Kimble and Mia Wallace of Bike Walk Knoxville; Madeline Ferguson and Beki Fragomeni of Lonsdale Elementary School; and Kori Lautner of Great Schools Partnership.

Steel recycler Gerdau on May 14 presented new bicycles and safety helmets to 12 Lonsdale Elementary School students in recognition of best attendance during the 2017-18 school year. The presentation marked the seventh year that the Knoxville steel mill has rewarded the school's students with best attendance. The company presented the bikes and safety helmets to kindergartners Maisha Niyonishu and Marisol Tomas-Gaspar; first-graders Michel Mugisha and Angelina Pedro-Sebastian; second-graders Mateo Bartolome-Diego and Seneida Jose-Martin; third-graders Angel Luster and Leila Nicolas-Juan; fourth-graders Lena Domingo-Geronimo and Destine Irakoze; and fifth-graders Cristian Diego-Domingo and Iezhiana Hartsell. The company believes the rewards benefit the children now and into the future. "If we can provide a little extra incentive to help them choose to come to school, the outstanding faculty at Lonsdale has more opportunities to teach and prepare them for the future", said Johnny Miller, vice president and general manager of Gerdau. "Also, a new bike encourages the children to play

outside and be active." Beki Fragomeni, assistant principal at Lonsdale Elementary School, thanked Gerdau for its longtime support of the school. "We are grateful for

Gerdau's generosity and willingness to recognize our children for their outstanding attendance this school year," Fragomeni said. "Both Gerdau and our students are examples of commitment. Gerdau

demonstrates commitment to our school, and the children are committed to their education and future." Gerdau employees find the program gratifying, as well.

"We appreciate this opportunity to partner with Lonsdale Elementary each year on opportunities to help children in Lonsdale and love seeing the smiles on the faces of these students that have worked so

hard when they get their new bikes," Miller said. Kids Love Bikes, a grant-funded program of Bike Walk Knoxville, also was on hand to provide bike safety and riding lessons for the students.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT DIVORCE

To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS
SHARON HOPE WATTS -Vs- ROBERT RAY WATTS
 Docket # 142868
 IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant ROBERT RAY WATTS is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon ROBERT RAY WATTS.
 IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by SHARON HOPE WATTS, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with JANE KAUFMAN JONES, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 18123 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37928, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 14TH day of MAY, 2018.
IS MIKE HAMMOND
 Mike Hammond
 Clerk
 Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT DIVORCE

To: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS
CRYSTAL CRAMIER -Vs- JOSEPH CRAMIER
 Docket # 142887
 IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant JOSEPH CRAMIER is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JOSEPH CRAMIER.
 IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by CRYSTAL L. CRAMIER, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with PROSE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 5111 SHIPE RD. LOT 1 CORRYTON, TN. 37721, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 14TH day of MAY, 2018.
IS MIKE HAMMOND
 Mike Hammond
 Clerk
 Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

To: THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of KANNYN JOSEPH HENDRIX

born 04-16-2018, in Knoxville, TN to LESLIE MACHELL HENDRIX
 IN RE: ADOPTION OF KANNYN JOSEPH HENDRIX DOCKET # 1-146-18
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
 In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the respondent, the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of the child, is either a non-resident of the state or whose identity and whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon him. It is ORDERED by the Court that the respondent, the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, file an Answer with the Circuit Court Clerk, Catherine Shanks, and with N. David Roberts, Jr. attorney for the petitioner, whose address is P. O. Box 2564, Knoxville TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to you before Judge KRISTI M. DAVIS, CIRCUIT JUDGE at the Knox County Circuit Court, Div. I, 400 Main St. Knoxville TN 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. The hearing on the default is set for July 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. if you fail to respond.
 This the 26th day of April, 2018
 /s/ CATHERINE SHANKS, Circuit Court Clerk
 Published: 0507, 0514, 0521, 0604, 02018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HOWARD BAUMAN DOCKET NUMBER 80358-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of MAY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HOWARD BAUMAN 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 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 23 day of MAY, 2018.
 ESTATE OF HOWARD BAUMAN
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JAMES BAUMAN; EXECUTOR
 107 MALTESE LANE
 OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830
 GLENNA W OVERTON-CLARK
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LORA ELLEN COMBS SANDS DOCKET NUMBER 80308-3
 Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of MAY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LORA ELLEN COMBS SANDS who died Jan 2, 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 10 day of MAY, 2018.
 ESTATE OF LORA ELLEN COMBS SANDS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 SUE HENDERLIGHT; EXECUTRIX
 310 BLUEFIELD LANE LEBANON, TN. 37087
 RUFUS W BEAMER, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
 707 MARKET STREET
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARNEST WEBB DOCKET NUMBER 79655-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MAY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM EARNEST WEBB who died Sep 27, 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 MAY, 2018.
 ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARNEST WEBB
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 PHILIP ALAN WEBB; EXECUTOR
 438 W FORD VALLEY ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL W WHISMAN, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 79920-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARL W WHISMAN, JR. who died Dec 10, 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 21 day of MAY, 2018.
 ESTATE OF CARL W WHISMAN, JR.
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 JESSICA WHISMAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
 4303 TRELAWNY LANE
 POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RAMONIA IRENE SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 79434-2
 Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of MAY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RAMONIA IRENE SMITH who died Nov 23, 2016, 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 21 day of MAY, 2018.

VIVIAN MADDEN; CO-EXECUTRIX
 2908 BROCK AVENUE
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY RAY TURNER DOCKET NUMBER 79244-1
 Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of MAY 2018, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of BILLY RAY TURNER who died Jun 25, 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 date of the 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 the 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
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 This the 16 day of MAY, 2018.
 ESTATE OF BILLY RAY TURNER
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
 DONALD FITZGIBBON;
 ADMINISTRATOR CTA
 5409 FONTAINE ROAD
 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

MISC. NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Committee Meeting, June 12, 2018
 The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 12th at 9 a.m.** in the Small 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. 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. 865-215-2694 or jnori.caron@knoxtrans.org.

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on **June 15, 2018 @ 2:00 PM** @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

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- 1993 Blu TC200 1BAAGCSA5PF056122
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- 2002 Che Blaze 1GNDT13WX2K109448
- 1997 Nis Picku 1N6SD1157VC389404
- 2007 Nis Versa 3N1BC11E67L425884
- 1998 Nis Patrl JN8AR05Y8WV262416
- 2000 Hon Accor 1HGCG2252YA030962
- 1993 Sat S Ser 1G8ZK5576P2284593
- 2004 Che Caval 1G1JC524X17296175
- 2005 Hyu Santa KM8SC13D65U997165
- 2002 Vol S60 YV1RS61R922164012
- 2002 Hyo GV-25 KM4MJ51A521203060
- 1996 For Explo 1FMZU22X0TU056402

Super Saturday at the Museum of East Tennessee History: World War I Family Day

PROGRAM: Super Saturday: World War I Family Day | Family Program at the Museum of East Tennessee History

DATE: Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE

Bring the whole family down for a free Super Saturday at the Museum of East Tennessee History on Saturday, June 9, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a World War I Family Day! Come explore "The Great War" as well as its effect on Tennesseans and the world they knew. Activities include living history, crafts, and other family-focused activities that will allow visitors to explore life in the 1910s both at war and on the home front. Learn about life in the trenches and find out if you'd be able to hack it as a "doughboy"!

The event is free and open to the public. The program corresponds with the current exhibition "In the Footsteps of Sergeant York" on display at the Museum of East Tennessee History through July 8. The program will be held at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the program, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

Camp Blanding and Penney Farms

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Next time you're in Northern Florida, whether it's for a UT game in Gainesville, or if you're passing through on the way to Disney, there's a Day Away side trip that's free and interesting. If you're into military history or the ministry, there are two places just east of Gainesville that are worth a drive.

Located on State Route 16 West both public attractions are about eight hours from Knoxville, depending on traffic through Atlanta. The easiest way to reach them is by taking Highway 24 North from Gainesville and drive to Starke, than take State Highway 16.

Much of Highway 16 was actually built by J. C. Penney, the founder of J.C. Penney's department stores. That's later in the story.

Camp Blanding

Camp Blanding is now an active National Guard post but, during World War II, was a training base for several Army infantry divisions. At one time the camp was the 4th largest city in that state, with theaters, post exchanges, a commissary,



PHOTO BY LETTIE STEELY

A statue of J.C. Penney stands outside the Penney Farms City hall and Post Office in a community for retired ministers the department store chain founded in 1925.

mess halls, etc.

Today the camp remains active and you can't go beyond the guard gates but you can visit a very nice military museum with a knowledgeable guide and lots of items to view. The Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park is located outside the gates just off Highway 16.

There are examples there of all the military services and the museum is a neat walk through experience. Plus it's free. One of the unique displays is a

recreated firing stand like those used in the Vietnam War.

The facility is operated by the Camp Blanding Museum & Historical Association and you can find it online or call (904)682-3198. The museum is open most days and even on Sundays and holidays from noon until 4 p.m. The memorial park is scattered with military monuments, tanks, ambulances, and other vehicles and is open always to visitors.

Penney Farms

Just a few miles west along Route 16 is an unusual and unique settlement created by James Cash Penney, better known as J. C. Penney. Back in 1925 Penney bought 120,000 acres in Clay County, Florida and a year later decided to move a group of retired ministers, missionaries and YMCA workers to cottage apartments he built there.

While other millionaires were busy buying other businesses, Penney developed the community, built apartments, cottages and a grand church, and promoted the retirement settlement. He even built and expanded what is now Highway 16 to service the new community.

The church and most of the homes were built in the French-Norman style architecture when Penney had seen while touring Europe. In 1999 Penney Farms became a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today people still live in Penney Farms and the incorporated little town, just off Highway 16, is available to walk or drive through. The church is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The archive of the Penney Retirement Community is located in the boiler room of the church. On the grounds of the settlement is a railroad exhibit, a sharecropper cabin, a park and playground and an exhibit of the Historic Society in Town Hall. You can get more information on the internet or by calling 904-284-8200.

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