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Now Open: Gibbs and Hardin Valley Middle Schools



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Bystanders snap pictures with their phones as county officials and students cut the ribbon to open the new Gibbs Middle School Tuesday. Pictured from left, Knox County 2nd District School Board representative Jennifer Owen, Law Director Bud Armstrong, 6th District BoE member Terry Hill, County Commissioners Bob Thomas and Charles Busler, BoE Chair Patti Bounds, 8th District BoE representative Mike McMillan, Mayor Tim Burchett, Gibbs Middle School principal Cindy White, Superintendent Bob Thomas and Commissioner Dave Wright.

A Triumph of Convictions

27-year wait ends as ribbon is cut on new Gibbs Middle School

By Richie Beeler

Desire is one thing. Conviction is quite another. When Knox County officials cut the ribbon on the new Gibbs Middle School

last Tuesday, it was much more than the dedication of a building. For the Gibbs community it was the celebration of a victory.

The opening of the facility marks the first time a

middle school has existed in the Corryton zip code since 1991, when Gibbs Middle was closed as part of a system-wide desegregation plan by Knox County Schools. Although 27 years was far too long for Gibbs residents to endure its absence, the new state of

the art building made some feel like it was almost worth the wait.

It was the election of Mike McMillan to the Knox County Board of Education in 2010 that restarted the fight to build a new Gibbs Middle School. Mayor Tim Burchett cheerfully admits

without Mike McMillan "there would be no new Gibbs Middle School." It was easy to see McMillan was especially happy at the ribbon cutting ceremony and his eyes twinkled with delight as he greeted friends and neighbors.

The new school is

everything one could have hoped for; the first room one encounters after entering the building is the gymnasium. Spacious, fully equipped, and adorned with everything "Gibbs" including the giant "G" on the wall, the gym is

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Hardin Valley Middle School opens its doors with ribbon-cutting

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Middle School officially opened Tuesday afternoon. The school had its ribbon-cutting just hours after Gibbs Middle had its opening ceremony.

Boy Scouts from Troop 246 raised the flag on one of Knox County's newest campuses, which will open its doors to students on August 8 and will house 1,200 students on the first day of the fall semester.

The school's cheer squad cut the ribbon and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Several school board members were in attendance along with a number of elected officials, including Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett and two county commissioners.

Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas said he was excited to see both Gibbs and Hardin Valley open their doors to a combined 2,000 middle school students.

"This is a unique and exciting day for us because we have a chance to open



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Hardin Valley Middle School cheerleaders cut the ribbon to officially open one of two new schools in Knox County. From left, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, County Commissioners Randy Smith and Brad Anders, 6th District BoE member Terry Hill, Superintendent Bob Thomas, Hardin Valley Middle School principal Cory Smith, BoE Chair Patti Bounds, 5th District BoE member Susan Horn, and Commissioners Evelyn Gill and Bob Thomas.

two new schools in one day," Thomas said. "It's nice to see our students here and excited. They look like they're ready to start school tomorrow, but we'll give them a few more weeks."

Hardin Valley Middle School, located behind Hardin Valley Academy, at 2280 Steele Road, features state-of-the-art technology, including a media center, acoustically designed

choral and band rooms and motion-detecting lights in all of its classrooms.

Burchett noted that Hardin Valley Middle School would complete the educational experience for students in one of Knox County's fastest growing communities.

"I'm a proponent of education. My parents were educators," Burchett said. "Hardin Valley is one of the

rapidly growing communities in Knox County. This school really rounds out the community."

Anders, who represents the community on the Knox County Commission, agreed.

"Now, students can go to elementary school, middle school and high school, and they can get a Master's Degree at King University," Anders said. "They can do

this, all in the same neighborhood."

Cory Smith was appointed principal of Hardin Valley Middle, and like Thomas, he's excited to see the new school open its doors.

"This is an exciting day for us," Smith said. "I would like to welcome everybody to Hardin Valley Middle School. This is an awesome facility. We have a great gym, great classrooms and a great

media center.

"But bricks don't make a school. It's the teachers, the students and the administration. We have some things to celebrate and I feel fortunate and thankful to have this opportunity. The physical building is now done. But we have a lot of work to do. Now, it's all about getting schedules and other things ready for our students."

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Early voting underway

By Mike Steely
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Early voting for a long county general election and state primary election ballot is underway and runs through July 28. The voting began Friday and you can cast your ballot at any of the early voting locations. Knox County Election

Commission Director Cliff Rodgers told The Focus that he's anticipating 85,000 to 90,000 total voters in the primary and general election. He said he's hoping for 100,000 voters and wishes that at least half of the voters turn out for the primary election. "We've got three Saturdays

for balloting and that's unusual," Rodgers said. Some polling places have different hours and days of operation. None are open on Sundays. Most precincts are open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday with a few exceptions.

The Karns Senior Center is the only location to open at 9 a.m. through the week but is closed on Saturdays. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23, 24 and 25, most of the polling places are open until 7 p.m. Meridian Baptist is the exception as it will close at 6 p.m. that Wednesday.

On the final day of early voting, Saturday, July 28th, most polling places will close at 5 p.m. Registered voters can choose from the following locations to cast an early vote: City-County Building, Karns Senior Center, Meridian Baptist, The Love Kitchen, Downtown West, New

Harvest Park, Farragut Town Hall, Carter Library, Halls Recreation Center, Karns Senior Center and the Expo Center. You can get additional information about the primary polling locations, their addresses and hours of operation by going online to www.knoxcounty.org/election.

What is an Expungement and Can I Get One?

So, individuals who have had an encounter with the law occasionally ask me if what they were charged with or what they pled guilty to is able to be expunged.



By Jedidiah McKeehan
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When a charge is expunged, in the eyes of the law that charge never happened. The official records of the charge are destroyed and the individual who obtains the expungement is able to honestly state on job application and other forms that they were not charged with the crime that was expunged.

But what charges are available for expungement and how do I go about getting one? Knox County Clerk's office actually has a fantastic website that walks you through the process to determine if you are eligible and they even have a couple of afternoons a week where you can go down to the courthouse and they have individuals who will help you fill out the forms to obtain your expungement.

If you have charges that were dismissed or found not guilty (essentially you were not found guilty or you did not enter a plea), then those charges are eligible for expungement.

Next, if you have charges that resulted in you pleading guilty but you were placed on judicial or pretrial diversion and

you successfully complete probation, then those charges are eligible for expungement. A diversion is typically only available to people charged with their first crime ever. It is a one shot chance at getting your first charge resolved and potentially expunged.

Finally, if you are convicted of a crime after a trial or by pleading guilty, some charges can still be expunged. Those charges are listed in Tennessee Code Annotated section 40-32-101(g). Some notable charges that are never able to expunged are assault charges and driving under the influence charges.

I would encourage you if you have ever wondered if you could have an old charge expunged to reach out to an attorney or check with the clerk's office in the county where you live to see if you can clean up that old criminal record.

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the crowning jewel of the school. But everything from the highly functional classrooms to the wide hallways to the massive auditorium is top shelf quality.

Walking the hallways it was hard to miss the pride in people's eyes, not the least of which was community supporter and former school board member Steve Hunley, who led the fight for a new Gibbs Middle School the moment the original one was closed in 1991. It was Hunley's resolve that kept the issue in the forefront of the community's awareness for 27 years, as he worked tirelessly behind the scenes as well as in the public forum for a cause he passionately believed in.

"From the beginning this has been about doing what was right for our community," said Hunley. "It's never been about taking from someone else, or wishing ill on our neighbors. This has been about conviction."

That conviction included a strong sense of injustice felt by the community when its middle school was closed back in 1991. Although the move was purported to be necessary for a desegregation plan implemented by Knox County Schools, the closure of Gibbs actually resulted more in re-segregation. Holston High School, the most racially balanced school in the county, was closed as well to make way for Gibbs students to be bused to newly created Holston Middle. Opening with an over 80% White demographic, Holston Middle was never able to achieve the racial balance of its predecessor.



PHOTO BY ROSE KING.

Gibbs Middle School Principal Cindy White and Knoxville Focus publisher Steve Hunley.

But despite the assertions of some outside the community, the fight to return Gibbs Middle School was never about race. As Hunley emphasized, it has always been about conviction. That conviction was never more evident than it was in Dave Wright. The county commissioner from the 8th District simply would not accept 'no' as a viable answer to the question of building a Gibbs Middle School. He wouldn't accept 'wait' either.

At one of the preliminary meetings that ultimately led to the project's approval, some in attendance suggested it might be better to wait a year or two to continue the fight in hopes that the makeup of the school board would change in favor of Gibbs. Wright's response was clear and firm.

"No," he said. "This year." If Dave Wright was a rock of resolve, Mike McMillan

proved to be an immovable object. McMillan's knowledge of the legislative process and political acumen helped him to skillfully guide the project to success, oftentimes in the face of fierce opposition. McMillan's hand never faltered and he remained steady until the end.

The sense of urgency rallied the Gibbs community, as residents flocked to town hall meetings across Knox County expressing their support for the middle school. Parents rallied. Alumni rallied. Churches rallied. Prayers were offered. And the tide began to turn, capturing the attention of key school board members like Doug Harris. The representative from the 3rd District became the crucial swing vote that led to the board's approval of the new middle school. But still, the question of funding remained unanswered.

That's when Mayor Tim Burchett stepped to the plate. Burchett and his staff worked with members of the county commission and the school system, and found a way to fund the construction of new middle schools in both Gibbs and Hardin Valley.

The ribbon cutting was an event befitting the tenacity and faith of the community, which turned out in overwhelming numbers. Director of Schools Bob Thomas opened the ceremonies by introducing Principal Cindy White. It was Ms. White who received a

warm, welcoming ovation from those gathered, as her leadership since being named the school's first administrator is already having an impact on the culture of the community.

Ms. White then yielded the podium to school board member Mike McMillan, whose role in the building of the new middle school cannot be overstated. McMillan likely received the loudest applause of the ceremony, which is fitting considering how pivotal a role he played in making the new Gibbs Middle School a reality. Mike McMillan's remarks were brief, gracious and self-effacing.

The last speaker was Mayor Burchett, who as he always does, deflected the credit to others.

"I'm just the guy that gets to fall across the goal from the 1-yard line," he quipped. "You folks took this the other 99 yards."

But it was the words of Commissioner Dave Wright that captured the spirit of the day perhaps more than any others.

"When I got here this morning," Wright said, "I didn't know how big the crowd would be, so I parked down the hill at the elementary school. It took me less than two minutes to walk up here. Along the way I thought about how what used to take a 45-minute bus trip can now be done in a 2-minute walk."

Amazing what 27 years, and a whole lot of conviction can do.

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Kavanaugh Great Pick for Supreme Court



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President Donald Trump's selection of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court could hardly be better. Numerous Democratic senators have already come out in opposition to Kavanaugh's nomination,

which is hardly surprising. While the left cries about abortion rights or this or that, what it comes down to is leftists will oppose any prospective justice of the Supreme Court who believes in the Constitution. The left prefers justices and judges who make the law, not interpret it. These are the same loons who loudly proclaim they are the majority, they alone hold a monopoly on love and caring, all the while saying it is just fine to harass people with a different viewpoint anywhere and everywhere. They are the same crazies who proudly refer to themselves as the "Resistance", as if they were freedom fighters. When you

get right down to it, they don't even believe in freedom or free speech. They wish to impose their own vision of America on everybody else. For those worried about abortion rights, according to the Pew Institute, only 25% of Americans believe in unrestricted rights to abortion. Only 16% of Americans are absolutely opposed to abortion altogether. The great majority - - - 57% of Americans - - - are somewhere in the middle, with most believing in some form of restrictions. Neither Brett Kavanaugh nor any other Trump nominee is likely to end abortion rights. Of course many on the left see abortions as merely part of

a woman's health care. When Barack Obama was campaigning in 2008 and smugly intoned, "We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America", the leftists in this country believed it heart and soul. That is precisely the reason they are so unhinged now. No president of either party has ever lost more elective offices in the history of the country than Barack Obama. Repudiation followed repudiation at the polls. Despite the all too often smug air of self-satisfaction these people exude, they apparently did not accurately read the tealeaves. These people believe America desperately needs to be

transformed, while most of us are happy to improve our country. As Democrats in the Senate rage and fume to excite their respective bases in the left wing of their party, do not forget to them Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications mean exactly nothing. For those who are not unhinged, Judge Brett Kavanaugh is an outstanding choice to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Kavanaugh sits on the most influential circuit court in the country; Kavanaugh is widely and profoundly respected by other jurists, as well as lawyers and perhaps most importantly, legal scholars. Kavanaugh has won that respect

by his own propensity for legal scholarship, having taught at some of the most prestigious law schools in the country. Brett Kavanaugh has acknowledged his views as a human being have grown since he was a young man, which is a sure sign of both intelligence and maturity. President Trump has picked an ideal nominee for the Supreme Court. Of course that won't inhibit for a moment the political theater of the left and the highly partisan Democrats in the U. S. Senate. The left is increasingly resorting to political theater with poor results. Shrill and hysterical voices rarely ever constitute a majority.

School Board Honors Robotics Teams, Retirees

By Anne Primm

Eight school board members attended Wednesday's brief Knox County Board of Education meeting with Representative Lynne Fugate absent due to travel difficulties.

Before the agenda was approved, items 7-3 and 7-10 were withdrawn and Representative Tony Norman evoked personal privilege on item 7C3 involving custom evaluation software for TEAM observers.

Next, Shannon Jackson of Knox County Schools introduced the 2017-2018 FIRST Robotics Championship High School Teams:

- 2017 Hardin Valley Academy, World Championship Qualifiers, team name, "Rohoc-tis."
- 2017 L&M Stem Academy, team name, "Stempunks."
- 2017 South-Doyle High School, Team name, "For the Win."
- 2017 Farragut High School, Team name, "Flagship."
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- 2018 Halls High School, Team name, "Red Nation Robotics."

Following recognition and pictures with the robotics teams, Knox County School Board members acknowledged the life-long commitment of the 2017-2018 Knox County Schools retirees present

at the meeting. The honorees included: Kathy Alexander of A.L. Lotts Elementary, Laurie Drinnon of Carter Elementary, Ervin Hines of Green Magnet Academy, Coach Robbie Howard of South-Doyle High School,

Linda Miller of Halls Elementary, Irene Patterson of Halls Elementary, Sonya Sanders of Carter Elementary, Tracie Barbara Shelley of Fair Garden Elementary, Gary Spencer of Knox County Schools Central Office, Janna Waldrupe of Farragut Middle School, and Jay Wormsley of Halls Middle School.

All Items and Contracts were passed without discussion as were Board Policies and Grants.

A short discussion proceeded about Regular Agenda item 10-C involving discussion and possible action on the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. First District Representative Gloria Deathridge proposed a motion to discuss the Strategic Plan and the motion was seconded by Ninth District Representative Amber Rountree. Yet before any discussion could take place, Second District Representative Jennifer Owen proposed a substitute motion to postpone this agenda item for thirty days. The substitute motion was also seconded by Rountree. The substitute motion was voted on and carried leaving the Strategic Plan discussion for the August meeting.

Knox County School Board Reviews Strategic Plan

By Anne Primm

Chairwoman Patti Bounds called the July 9, 2018 School Board work session to order at 5:02 p.m. All nine school board representatives were present as was Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill.

The meeting began with Chairwoman Bounds introducing the 2018-2019 Board of Education Student Representative, Hannah Selph of Hardin Valley High School. Hannah is the winner of many Tennessee TSA competitive awards, the HVA Soaring Hawk Award, the STEM student of the month Award, Gold Card Student and 4.0 Honor Roll Student Awards.

Hannah is also involved in many extra and co-curricular activities ranging from fund raising for the American Cancer Society to the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Society. An excerpt from one of her letters of recommendation said it best: "If selected as student representative, Hannah would certainly be one of the most qualified and experienced to ever hold the position. I've met with many leaders from both inside and

outside the TSA and Hannah is undoubtedly one of the best."

Superintendent Bob Thomas revealed four people who will become principals for the 2018-2019 school year: Dr. Elizabeth Howard will be principal of Powell Middle School, Jason Myers will be principal of Bearden High School, Rick Glenn will be principal at Karns Middle School, and April Partin will be principal at Shannondale Elementary School.

Superintendent Thomas also mentioned that on June 29, 2018 a team from Carter Middle School participated in an experiment with the International Space Station involving the influence of microgravity on tooth decay.

Regarding Regular Agenda Items, Knox County Schools supports the resolution Express Safe Routes to Schools and Active Student Transportation. Metropolitan Planning Commission representative Ellen Zavisca spoke to the group about the success of the Walking School Bus Program and the need to expand other safe ways for

children to get to school. Representatives Lynne Fugate and Tony Norman asked about the possibility of retrofitting older neighborhoods with sidewalks but Zavisca thought that traffic-calming devices might be more feasible.

At this point attention turned to review of the Knox County School System's Strategic Plan. Representative Fugate began the conversation by thanking those in the Knox County schools staff who participated in analyzing the research and compiling this document.

Representative Norman asked Chief Academic Officer Jon Rysewyk about academic goals. Rysewyk responded that most of the Knox County School System's goals are dictated by the state. Norman also asked, "How do we determine if someone is career ready?"

"Right now," Rysewyk replied, "it is 21 on the ACT. It could be industry standards

or multiple ways."

Representative Norman further queried Rysewyk if an ACT composite goal for the school system should be set as the current ACT composite is 21.1. Rysewyk said that we need to do that, However, there are a few slight increases that have already been set: four percent a year. The goal for 2019 is 21.5 on the ACT county-wide.

Representatives Susan Horn, Terry Hill and Gloria Deathridge told the board they had heard comments from teachers about discipline policy J-191. Many teachers are of the opinion that their principals are reluctant to suspend students in light of this policy. This reluctance has manifested itself in disorder in the classroom because students know principals will not suspend them. Superintendent Thomas said he would address this issue at the forthcoming Principal's Institute.



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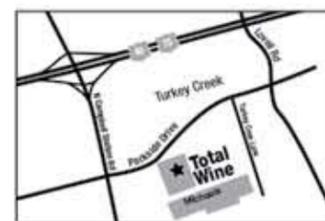


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Hardy Johnson blows out the No. 90 candle during an extra special celebration of his birthday this year at the Dante Missionary Baptist Church. His grandson, Justin Johnson, was on hand to capture the moment with this delicious photo.

An extra birthday for Hardy Johnson this year

By Steve Williams

Thanks to his son, Hardy Johnson had a special birthday celebration this year, and since it was his 90th, it was very fitting.

Jim Johnson is a deacon at Dante Missionary Baptist and the church, which is located between the Halls and Powell communities, provided its banquet/fellowship room for the occasion on Sunday afternoon, July 8.

The extra space allowed for tables displaying old family pictures, Hardy's memorabilia from serving

with the U.S. Army in the Korean War and also items from his longtime shoe business.

The special day also allowed for more folks to enjoy time with Hardy, who would, of course, be working at his shop in Fountain City on his real birthday (July 12) Thursday.

That's what separates Hardy Johnson from just about all other 90 year olds. He still works six days a week and usually 10 hours a day. Birthdays included.

And, yes, there were some who came by to tell

Johnson "Happy Birthday!" on Thursday, too.

Hardy is the third in his family's four generations of shoe cobblers. Son Jim, 58, now owns Custom Shoe Rebuilders at 5503 North Broadway.

Hardy blew out the candles and cut the birthday cake to officially get the festivities going. Then he and Jim stood at the entrance and greeted each person as they continued to arrive.

"It's been great," said Hardy later, describing the large turnout for the event, which lasted over two

hours. "I didn't realize that many people were going to be here. I don't know half of them. But they know my family and Jim, who goes to church here."

Hardy's sister, Ila Grissom, 94, attended the event in addition to other family relatives and friends.

As he relaxed and talked with others, Johnson reflected on being in the Korean War.

"It was one of the best times in my life," he said. "It was different. You were around good people."

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Nine state House and Senate races on August ballot

By Mike Steely
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Of the several races on the ballot for the August 2 primary election, only one race has only one candidate. Incumbent state Representative Rick Staples, a Democrat holding the District 15 seat, is running unopposed with no Republican opponent.

All of the other races, including two state Senate districts, have a Democratic and Republican candidate or more than two in some races.

The number of Democratic opponents in the state house and senate races has increased this election over previous years.

Tennessee State Senate

State Senator Richard Briggs is standing for reelection in District 7 without a Republican opponent and will face unopposed Democrat Jamie Ballinger in the November general election.

State Senator Randy McNally of District 5 is unopposed and will face Stuart Starr, the Democrat, in the general election.

Tennessee State House

Republican incumbent Representative Eddie Smith will face off again with former District 13 Representative Democrat Gloria Johnson. Neither candidate has primary opposition and will meet again in November.

In the District 14 House race incumbent Jason Zachary will face either Democrats Justin Davis or Alex Dunn, Jr. in the general election.

In the 16th District, Representative Bill Dunn will face Democrat Kate Trudell in the General and incumbent Martin B. Daniel will face Democrat Joshua Gregory for the District 18 seat in

November.

In District 18 incumbent Martin B. Daniel will face Joshua Gregory in the general election.

District 19 has Commissioner and former Knox County Commission Chairman Dave Wright facing Donald M. Wiser and Dallas E. Sivley for the Republican nod. The winner will face Democrat Edward Nelson in the general election.

The race for the District 89 House seat has seven primary opponents including five Republicans and two Democrats vying for the seat. The districts stretches from a narrow line along I-75 west to the Knox County line and includes Hardin Valley, West Emory Road, Lovell Road and a stretch up North Clinton Highway.

Hutchison, a former Knox County Sheriff, is one of five Republicans now seeking that office in a field that also includes former state Senator Stacey Campfield, Justin Lafferty, Jesse D. Nelson and Guy L. Smoak. Democrats seeking the nomination include Keifel A. Agostini and Coleen Martinez.

Republicans and Democrats will also choose their state party executive committee members and two races have Republicans facing off for the slot. District 5's Richard Esparza faces Scott Smith and Ted Hatfield faces Mathew Coleman in the 6th District state executive race.

Farragut

Robert N. (Bob) Markli faces Ron Williams for the mayor of the town of Farragut and the candidates for Alderman-Wards 1 and 2, Scott Meyer and Ron Pinchok, are unopposed.

Sheriff and ICE steering committee meeting loud and heated

By Mike Steely
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An overflow crowd of Knox County citizens packed the small assembly room in the City-County Building Wednesday morning to confront the Knox County Sheriff and a spokesman for the U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Knox County is the only jurisdiction in the state to have a memorandum of agreement with ICE to process arrested persons suspected of being illegal immigrants.

The meeting, rescheduled several times by the sheriff's department, took place at 8:30 a.m. next door to the Knox County Ethics Committee hearing on Don Wiser's complaint against Chief Deputy Lee Tramel. The shouts of the crowd could be heard in the ethics meeting.

Most of the meeting was on the 287(g) agreement between the sheriff's office and ICE.

The agreement between the sheriff's department and ICE calls for engaging a community outreach in

steering committee meetings. For about three hours Bryan Cox, regional ICE spokesperson headquartered in Atlanta, and Sheriff J. J. Jones fended off pointed questions and comments.

Although there was a list of community speakers to address the steering committee most of the meeting was a shouting match between the more than 100 citizens, many holding up signs protesting ICE or the current enforcement policies, and the ICE and sheriff's department.

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Glenn Jacobs hosts rally to kickoff summer election season

By Ken Lay

The smell of barbecue permeated the sultry auction hall at Powell Auction's Company's auto sales facility and the Matthew Hickey Band played the tunes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Zac Brown Band and Steve Earle while supporters waited for Knox County Republican Mayoral Candidate Glenn Jacobs to make his appearance at a rally kicking off the early voting for the upcoming election.

The weather outside was hot and humid. The auction hall was also a bit toasty but the supporters braved the heat as their

candidate spoke briefly after being introduced by outgoing county mayor Tim Burchett, who is currently campaigning for a U.S. Congressional Seat.

Jacobs, a business man and professional wrestler turned politician, kept his remarks succinct as he addressed supporters Thursday night in Powell.

"I'm not a professional politician and I'm not going to fill this room with more hot air," Jacobs said. "My motto is 'Together, we win.' Things are going well for Knox County, but we can make things better,

"We need to have better jobs in Knox County and

we need to give our kids opportunities to get those jobs. We need to make sure that if our kids want to work with their hands, or if they want to work with their heads, that we give them opportunities to do that."

Throughout his campaign, Jacobs has not done television or radio advertisements. Instead, he has relied on personal appearances, door-to-door visits and word-of-mouth to spread his message and his vision for the county.

"When I decided to run for mayor, I knew that people didn't want a career politician," Jacobs said. "They wanted one of them.

I am one of you."

Early voting began Friday and Thursday night's appearance was the last for the World Wrestling Entertainment fan favorite before early voting commenced.

He addressed the county's growing opioid dependence epidemic.

"I think that's one of the biggest issues facing us today and we're going to need everybody to change this. Government can spearhead the effort but we also need the help of our schools, our churches and our community."

Jacobs also commended Burchett for his eight years



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Knox County Republican Mayoral Candidate Glenn Jacobs takes a break with the Matthew Hickey Band at a Powell rally to kick off early voting in the upcoming election. The group entertained supporters with country and southern rock tunes.

of service to Knox County. "Because of Tim, I won't

"I would like to thank Tim Burchett for the last eight years," Jacobs said. "I have to come in and clean up a mess."

Ethics complaint against Lee Tramel dismissed

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Ethics Committee sat Wednesday morning at 8:30 to hear the law department's report on a complaint filed against then-candidate for sheriff Lee Tramel by Powell resident Don Wiser.

The problem was that Wiser didn't appear, or at least not when scheduled to speak and take questions. The law department's report, complete with the investigator's inquiries, was given to the committee.

Chairman Jonathan Cooper said that he didn't see "any reference to the Knox County Code of Ethics" in the Wiser complaint. He said he sent a letter and email telling Wiser of the 8:30 meeting and wanted to know if the complainant wanted to add anything to the 50-page complaint sent to the committee.

"I see no one here except for the committee members and the media," Cooper said.

Cooper then opened the floor for the 6 of 9



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Ethics Committee Chairman Jonathan Cooper listens as Don Wiser asks permission to speak. Wiser appeared at 9:30 on his complaint about Lee Tramel's campaign but the hearing was at 8:30 and the complaint was dismissed.

members present and Billy Stevens said Wiser's complaint named "rule after rule" but said Wiser might be trying "to confuse us."

Michael Covington said the complaint, accusing Chief Deputy Tramel of violating the federal and state Hatch Act by campaigning in uniform and using county property in advertising, was "settled on election night" when Tramel was defeated for the Republican nomination by former Chief Deputy Tom Spangler.

Lee Tramel came into the assembly room at this point and sat to watch the proceedings.

Covington moved to dismiss the complaint for "failure to meet any ethics committee criteria." That motion failed for the lack of a second.

Chairman Cooper then said "If everything he says in the complaint is true I still don't see a violation of the Code of Ethics. If he feels strongly (he should be here) but without him

here I'm not getting any clarity."

He said Wiser's complaint has some ambiguity and the judgement has to air on the side of the respondent, Tramel.

Again Covington made a motion to dismiss, got a second, and the voice vote was unanimous among those present.

The dismissal took only a few minutes and the ethics committee moved onto a Cooper's suggestions on rules changes. An hour after the meeting began Wiser appeared at 9:30 and sat up front and waiting until the end of the meeting to speak.

Cooper said the dismissal of his complaint was over and Wiser said he was told to appear at 9:30. Cooper replied that he had notified Wiser by mail and email of the 8:30 meeting.

Cooper responded, "I'm sorry" and Wiser said that the Tramel actions were "a true violation of the law." Wiser then returned to chat with the media about other subjects before leaving.

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Ballot candidates everyone in Knox County will vote on

By Mike Steely
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Early voting began Friday and closes at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28. It's a long ballot and, excepting for district-specific state and county races, everyone's ballot will present the following races for the August 2 primary and general election.

Federal/State Primary Election. Looking for their party nomination to replace Senator Bob Corker will be Republicans Marsha Blackburn and Aaron L. Pettigrew. Democrats will choose between Phil Bredesen, Gary Davis and John Wolfe.

For Republicans the ballot names six candidates for governor: Diane Black, Randy Boyd, Beth Harwell, Bill Lee, Basil Marceaux, Sr. and Kay White. Democrats will choose between three: Karl Dean, Craig Fitzhugh and Mezaime Vale Payne.

Seven people are running in the Republican primary for U. S. House, District 2. They are: Tim Burchett, Jason Frederick Emert, Hank Hamblin, Jimmy Matlock, Sarah

Ashley Nickloes, Vito Sagliano, and C. David Stansberry. Democrats will choose from Renee Hoyos, Joseph W. Schenkenfelder and Joshua Williams.

Knox County General Election. The ballot will show Republican primary winner Glenn Jacobs facing Democratic primary winner Linda Haney for Knox County Mayor.

Larsen Jay, Republican winner, faces Democrat Tori Griffin for the Knox County Commission At-Large Seat 10 seat and Republican Justin Biggs faces Democrat Daniel Gerke in the race for the At-Large Seat 11 position.

County Trustee Ed Shouse and Sheriff-elect Tom Spangler appear on the ballot without Democratic opposition. Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond is also unopposed on the ballot. Other unopposed candidates include Sherry Witt for County Clerk and Nick McBride for Register of Deeds.

In the Circuit Court Clerk race, Republican primary winner Charlie Susano faces Democrat Sheri Ridgeway.

Sheriff and ICE steering committee meeting loud and heated

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One citizen asked that local citizens be included as members of the committee and called for more of the community input meetings.

Linda Maccabe, president of the League of Women Voters, called for the citizens to "vote from the bottom to the top of the ballot" for candidates that would allow people to come to the United States.

Among the statements the ICE representative made was that anyone booked into the Knox County Jail is fingerprinted and the identity run through the FBI data base. He said that everyone booked into jail on a criminal charge would be screened by ICE.

"We want to know who we're dealing with," Cox said, adding, "There's no

screening for minor traffic violations and the deputies cannot arrest you. It doesn't happen on the side of the road."

He said that of 12,000 arrests in Knox County over the first six months of this year 350 were found to be foreign-born, or about 3% of those arrested. He added that enforcement decisions on immigration status are not made by the county sheriff's department.

Often the ICE agent or Sheriff Jones were interrupted by shouts from the audience. Cox said that ICE would investigate any real examples of misuse of the program but that details were needed.

The session ended after about three hours with the audience trickling out of the meeting.

The memorandum of

agreement between the sheriff's department and ICE says the two groups are to meet at least annually but notes that those group "may limit the participation of these meetings in regards to non-law enforcement personnel." Those meetings would be located where ICE chooses and would share information of case reviews, individual participation evaluations, complaints filed, media coverage, and strategic information on immigration enforcement.

The agreement also calls for steering committee meetings and "may engage in other community outreach with individuals and organization or organizations." ICE would participate upon the sheriff's department request for the steering committee meetings.



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Bill Brock of Tennessee

Part Seven

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Franklin Haney was urged to run for Congress from the Third District when Tennessee Young Democrats adopted a resolution during a convention in Knoxville encouraging him to make the race. The twenty-six year-old Haney was receptive and announced his candidacy for Congress in May. Although young, Haney had worked for U. S., Senator Herbert "Hub" Walters and had campaigned for the late Senator Estes Kefauver, as well as Governor Frank Clement. In his announcement, Haney said, "As your own Estes Kefauver believed in the promotion of responsible change to benefit the individual, so my own political philosophy centers around one thing: the inherent worth of each individual." Haney went on to say, "I want each man, woman and child to have an equal chance to develop his potentialities to the fullest, unhampered by the chains of poverty, lack of education or opportunity, and prejudice." Haney was careful to say he did not categorize himself as either a liberal or a conservative. The young candidate said he stood for "a brave new spirit that does not take refuge in the clichés of old and ineffective ways."

Franklin Haney's eloquence did little to stop Bill Brock's ascendancy as a rising star of the Tennessee Republican Party. Carroll Reece's widow, Louise, designated Bill Brock as "the upcoming 'Mr. Republican of Tennessee'", but it was becoming increasingly clear the Chattanooga would not run for governor. "I haven't definitely made up my mind," Brock told a gathering in Dyersburg, Tennessee, "but I will probably run for Congress."

The question of Bill Brock running for governor came down to just who the Democrats would nominate. A race against former governor Buford Ellington seemed less plausible than a race against John Jay Hooker. Even some deeply partisan Democrats thought Brock had a good chance to become the first Republican governor of Tennessee since Alf Taylor's election in 1920 should Hooker be the Democratic nominee.

By the middle of May, Bill Brock said he was "90 per cent sure" he would seek reelection to his seat in Congress. Republican polls indicated Ellington was running ahead of John Jay Hooker and that likely helped Brock make up his mind. On May 30, 1966 Bill Brock officially announced he was running for Congress once again. "I intend to run for Congress - - - period," Brock said.

In spite of his youth, Franklin Haney was being taken seriously as a candidate for Congress. Senator Ross Bass came to Chattanooga to headline a \$100 per-plate dinner to

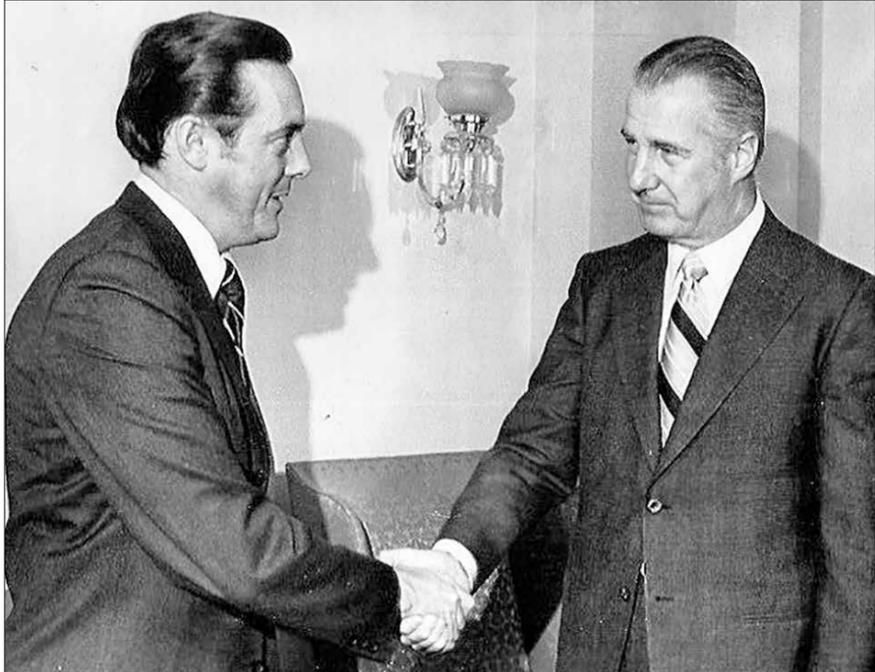
raise money for Haney's congressional campaign. "We hope this young man will be able to unify and solidify the 3rd District Democrats," Bass said. "We're going to have to stand up and fight or else we're going to become the minority party."

Some Republicans had not given up on Brock running for governor and there was an effort to wage a write-in campaign for the nomination. Brock dismissed the idea, saying, "I don't care how much Franklin tries to get me to run for governor. I'm a candidate for Congress, thank you."

A campaign for governor dismissed, Congressman Bill Brock faced twenty-six year old Franklin Haney in the 1966 general election. The fact no more prominent Democrat decided to face off against Brock was something of an admission the Congressman had entrenched himself inside Tennessee's Third Congressional district. Brock opened his campaign for reelection in Athens, Tennessee and said he was running again to "Continue building a better America for this generation and those to follow." Brock dismissed Haney as an "LBJ parrot" who could "only repeat worn-out promises of this (Johnson) administration." Congressman Brock bore down on the failures of Lyndon Johnson's administration. "Despite a record of progress...we are today being told that America is so big, so complex that it is beyond the scope and capacity of the individual... No longer, we are told, are Americans capable of determining their own destiny," Brock said. Inflation was then rampant, an issue which many congressional Republicans gnawed like a dog with a bone.

"Every housewife here knows how much the cost of bacon and potatoes and all necessities of life have gone up," Brock cried. The Congressman said the Johnson administration was "blaming everyone but themselves." Brock was also quick to remind his audience President Johnson and the overwhelmingly Democratic Congress had "consistently" failed "to live within its income... even in time of enormous prosperity." According to Brock, Franklin Haney had said, "Inflation is not half as bad as it is made out to be." The Congressman retorted, "I honestly do not agree." Bill Brock said while he did not personally challenge the patriotism of those folks in Washington who had removed "their ability to respond to the needs of local citizens...I challenge their lack of faith in the individual."

Franklin Haney had opened his own campaign for Congress in Bradley County, decrying what he termed Congressman Brock's opposition to those



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Tennessee Senator Bill Brock (left) with Vice President Spiro Agnew.

programs he believed helped the people of the Third Congressional district. Haney complained Brock had "hitched his political wagon to an ultra right-wing star." Bill Brock was on hand, along with Congressmen Jimmy Quillen and John Duncan, when Howard Baker opened his formal campaign for the fall election in Nashville. Governor Frank Clement had narrowly defeated Senator Ross Bass for the Democratic nomination, reversing his own loss to Bass two years earlier. Clement would face Howard Baker in the general election.

Bill Brock had mailed 115,000 questionnaires throughout his district and the replies indicated his thinking was not much different than that of the people he represented in Congress. More than 85% of those responding felt Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" had been a failure; almost 91% of those responding said they had "felt the effects of an increase in the cost of living over the course of the past year." Brock's political skills had been apparent when he had protected his district when the legislature redistricted in 1965. According to the Nashville Tennessean, Brock had formed an alliance with Congressman Robert "Fats" Everett, a conservative West Tennessee Democrat. The Tennessean fretted that "Brock has moved since his election in 1962 'to assume the dominant position that the late B. Carroll Reece enjoyed in state Republican politics.'" Brock had outmaneuvered liberals who wished to diminish his hold on the Third District by placing heavily Democratic counties inside his district; instead, Brock managed to add Loudon County to his Congressional district, which was largely Republican. Fats Everett had been profoundly concerned that he and fellow Congressman Tom Murray would be thrown together inside the same district. Murray was bitterly detested by not only the Tennessean, but also many liberal Democrats who believed he was a Republican masquerading as a Democrat. Redistricting did manage to injure Tom Murray, who very narrowly lost the Democratic nomination to an up and coming young Democrat named Ray Blanton.

While Franklin Haney raced around the Third District, Brock tended to his Congressional duties, as Congress was still in session during the beginning of the general election

campaign. Brock brushed aside Haney's constant stream of criticism, simply saying, "My opponent proposes to endorse LBJ's 'Great Society' and all its big spending programs. I propose to show the disastrous results of such political expediency."

The Jackson Sun thought Haney's campaign had caught on and described the race as "the most aggressive campaign yet faced by Representative William E. Brock III..." A buoyant Haney appeared in Knoxville to speak to University of Tennessee students and proclaimed, "We are winning because we are willing to discuss the issues frankly and openly and come before the people with our programs and the truth."

As the general election approached, the Tennessean ruefully predicted Bill Brock was likely to be easily reelected. The prediction was accurate, as Brock defeated Haney 71,005 to 59,027. Howard Baker defeated Frank Clement decisively in the race for the United States Senate and Republicans picked up another Congressional seat in West Tennessee when Dan Kuykendall beat incumbent George Grider. Kuykendall had run a campaign against the Johnson administration and the Great Society, which Grider had defended. Republicans made gains all across the country and Bill Brock said the election results were "a significant repudiation of President Johnson and his programs." The GOP also made notable gains in the Tennessee legislature, increasing its membership from 25 to 40, just 10 short

of a majority.

Bill Brock, along with his colleagues Jimmy Quillen, John Duncan, and Dan Kuykendall, all attended a special reception for Tennesseans as Howard Baker prepared to take the oath of office as the first Republican to be popularly elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee after the New Year. It was yet another sign that the Republican Party in Tennessee was growing. Along with most of Tennessee's Congressional delegation and three former governors, Bill Brock was invited to attend the inauguration of Buford Ellington, who took the oath of office as governor of Tennessee for the second time in January of 1967. Brock's first act in the new Congress was to propose a select committee to govern the conduct of House members.

Brock faced off with fellow congressman Richard Fulton at a special seminar in Nashville, combining an audience of students from Vanderbilt and Fisk universities, sponsored by the Taft Institute. Fulton was even more liberal than Brock was conservative and the students received a lively evening of discourse on practical politics from differing points of view.

When 26-year-old Mary Hellen Battle of Oak Ridge came to Washington, D.C. after having been held for fourteen months in an East German prison to attend a reception in her honor in the offices of Congressman John Duncan, Bill Brock was on hand to greet her. Battle's crime was allegedly attempting to held an East German escape to freedom from communist rule.

"The trial was a mere formality," Battle said. "They already had the sentence worked out. I had no real chance to talk to my lawyer, except about technicalities — whether I had enough clean clothes. However they did want my sentence to be 5 ½ years, and it was cut down to four." Mary Hellen Battle had attended Vanderbilt University for two years and found herself charged by East German authorities with being a Central Intelligence Agency operative. At the time of her arrest, Battle was studying theology and teaching in a local high school. When teased that she might run for Congress, Battle drily replied, "Not yet. I got mixed up in politics. Unsuccessfully."

Brock continued his efforts to grow the Tennessee Republican Party, constantly encouraging young people to run for office. Speaking in Nashville, Brock predicted the Republican nominee "whoever he is" would carry Tennessee "handily - - - by 100,000 votes." The Congressman also predicted the Republicans would make substantial gains in the Tennessee legislature irrespective of how reapportionment went. "My own 3rd district is a prime example," Brock said. "We've been gerrymandered for 100 years, with more and more Republicans crowded together over in East Tennessee."

As early as 1967, speculation about Bill Brock's future was a hot topic of conversation amongst political prognosticators. Ellis Binkley, who covered politics for the Kingsport Times wrote that Brock was more likely to challenge Senator Albert Gore in 1970 rather than run for governor when incumbent Buford Ellington would be ineligible to seek reelection.

Joe Hatcher, political reporter for The Tennessean, was already forecasting congressman Bill Brock was in trouble following the legislature's redistricting. Hatcher believed Brock had flourished inside Tennessee's Third Congressional district due to the ranks of Democrats being "broken" and facing "weak candidates." Hatcher opined the obvious, that Brock must win reelection in 1968 if he was to be a serious candidate for either governor or the U. S. Senate in 1970.

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Jane Allen is 'the epitome of a Southern lady,' says longtime admirer

By Steve Williams

Susan Hauther Smith surprised Jane Allen at the Chop House in Fountain City on Mother's Day 2016.

"I ran into Jane on Mother's Day and they were putting her in the car, and I jumped in the car and gave her a big, ole hug," recalled Susan.

"She had that big beautiful smile on her face that she always has. She's just one of the sweetest ladies I've ever met."

How did Jane react?

"She just went, 'Oh Susie!'"

Smith and Nancy Allen Hall, Jane's daughter, started in the first grade together at Fountain City Elementary School and their families lived about a half-mile apart.

"I went to school with Nancy at Fountain City Elementary, Gresham Middle and Central High," said Susan.

Smith said her earliest memory of Jane Allen was "being my Brownie and Girl Scout leader at Fountain City Methodist ... always the most pleasant lady I've ever seen."

Smith pointed out Allen being diagnosed with osteoarthritis at 22 or 23 years old. "I never saw the

woman complain, and she's been through cancer and broke her neck not too long ago. She just takes everything in stride and goes on.

"She has very strong faith. She taught Sunday School at St. Paul for years. She's just the epitome of what you would think a mother would be back in the '60s and '70s."

Smith doesn't see Allen as much now like she used to but communicates a lot with her daughter, who lives in Jacksonville. Susan had a mutual friend (Barbara Ray) who passed away and she would also keep up with Jane through her.

"When we used to have the gas station (located where the Fountain City Wrecker Service is now), she would stop and buy gas. And I remember when she found out that Steve and I were getting married;



'Jane Allen (right) has done many wonderful things in her life, not the least of which is Sunday School Teacher Extraordinaire! My children and many others at St. Paul UMC were blessed to be part of her class along with her sidekick, Myrna Greene. So much love, so much fun, and teaching by example what a Christian is supposed to be. A favorite memory are the times Jane and Myrna dressed as fortune tellers for the annual Halloween Party. No one came away worried about the future when Jane and Myrna gazed into their crystal ball. I'm so blessed to be Jane's friend.' -- Janice Grant

she was so excited because she thought Steve was the sweetest thing on the face of this earth."

Susan said in her opinion Jane Allen "is the epitome of a Southern lady. She just has that demeanor."

This past spring, Smith said Jane wrote her a seven-page letter, "and it was so amazing because she brought back stuff that I had totally forgotten."

"She said she was trying to hunt something up to send a sympathy card because a guy had died who had started the first grade with us. I had to really think about, who is she talking about? But she knew exactly ..."

Susan remembers going to Tanasi Girls Scout Camp near Norris one weekend and "Jane there and us having the fire."

"She knew how to throw

a birthday party. She knew how to throw a Halloween party. Everybody just thinks so highly of Jane, they really do."

Smith also recalled a funny conversation one time between a Fountain City Elementary School teacher and Allen.

"The teacher said, 'You need to quit volunteering so much up here. You need to stay home and be tutoring your daughter in math,'" laughed Susan. "Jane said, 'I don't need to be tutoring math. I know about the same (as she does).'"

Smith said Allen was involved all the way through school with Nancy and all of us.

And what about the things Allen did later in life for her community?

"I wasn't shocked with anything she did," said Susan. "She just recently

left the Ministry Center, because she's just not able to do it anymore."

At the Ministry Center, Smith said Allen helped distribute food and took phone calls from people that needed assistance.

A lot of the churches in the community combined to form the Ministry Center that was housed at Central Baptist, where there they gave out food and clothes and different things that people needed.

"Jane was one of those that was always there, always doing something," said Susan.

Smith also recalled Allen being in a leadership role with the PTA.

"She was there working for the schools and working for the community," added Susan. "And she did so much for people that needed help."

Liz to Jane: 'I can't complain because you never complain'

By Steve Williams

Liz Gryder hurt her leg about this time a year ago but couldn't complain. She had been around Jane Allen too long to be negative.

Fifty-five years in fact. They've known each other since 1963.

"Jane is the most caring, wonderful friend to have in the world and no matter what happens in her life, her faith comes through," said Gryder.

"She takes it with such strength and dignity. And she's had many, many things happen health-wise. But she just always smiles and goes on and never complains."

With that said, Liz joked with Jane about her injury.

"I told her, 'I fell in July and busted my leg,' and I said, 'I can't complain because you never complain. This is really rough. I wish you would complain a little bit, so I could,'" Liz recalled, laughing about her request.

Jane has been an influence on Liz in that way.

"In all ways (really)," inserted Liz, "because she is such an example of how a Christian lady should live. We all know Jane hope we can just be a little bit of what she is as far as her faith. It's just wonderful."

Changing the subject, Gryder said her longtime friend also has a great sense of humor.

"Jane's a lot of fun," pointed out Liz. "And genuinely cares about everybody. I say it's like having your own Guardian Angel with you to have her for a friend."

"And there's always a little note or a little card when you need it the most. She seems to sense it and send out something."

"If anybody at the church is sick, they are going to get a get-well card from Jane."

"Even though she's not real physically active anymore, she knows everything about what's going on," continued Liz. "She keeps up with everybody and is interested in the events in their life. She has just not set at home and felt sorry for herself. She has made sure that she has kept active in her caring role for people."

Gryder first met Allen at St. Paul Methodist Church.

"My husband went to church there," recalled Liz. "I came here from St. Louis to go to school and started going to church with him and then we got married. Jane came to St. Paul after I did."

The two didn't do much together the first couple of years. Liz and her husband Bill lived in UT housing in South Knoxville but still went to church at St. Paul.

"I wanted to volunteer for Vacation Bible School and Jane was chairman of it that year, so I called her and we worked a little bit on that, and that's when the friendship started."

The twosome became a foursome that congregated at church and did a lot together. "It was Charlotte Ramsey, who has since passed away, Myrna Greene, Jane and me," said Liz. "And we're all still real close."

"Jane and I taught first grade Sunday School class together for awhile ... then Myrna and Jane taught it for years. They didn't quit teaching until Jane couldn't get around so good."

Over the years, the Allen and Gryder families would become close.

Liz's husband, who was an accountant, passed away 20 years ago this coming October.

"Jane also was very active in the women's society in the day circle and if any of their kids or grandkids were getting married, we'd have a shower and she would offer to help and usually was the main one in charge," added Liz. "She would offer to help in any way they needed with the wedding, too. She always has just been so generous with her time."

An extra birthday for Hardy Johnson this year

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Johnson mentioned two solid companions in particular - Darrell Bindrup and George Teeples.

"The three of us were always together," he said. "I just wonder if they're still living."

Johnson also recalled his time in the war coming to an end.

"We had one little radio there and you just had that one station - the Armed Forces Network - and they were broadcasting the signing of the truce."

"We all gathered around the radio at 10 o'clock that night, July 27, 1953."

Johnson remembers it like it was yesterday.

"Oh, man, they were really glad to hear it," he added. "It was just a few days later that I started home."

Hardy, who said he began working when he was "11 or 12 years old," says his knees have gotten "much worse" since last year, but he manages to still get around and work.

"I'm too old to have a new knee put in. The doctor won't touch me, so I'll just have to suffer it out the rest of my days. It'll be alright. If there ain't anything no worse than that, I'll be alright," he says, laughing.

Logan Wells, one of the younger folks at the party, asked, "What's the secret to living to 90?"

"Stay with it," answered Hardy.

In addition to his military service, the Optimist Club of Knoxville honored Johnson as Grand Marshal of the Fountain City Optimist Christmas Parade in 2011 and he was named Fountain City Town Hall Man of the Year in 2015.

About Friends

When I was a little boy, I had one friend. My twin brother Jim and I were inseparable. We played together, fought together, and took up for each other. Sixty years later, we're still "tight" and try to spend time with each other as often as possible. Other friends came later as I grew up and extended my world passed the front yard.

Back in the day, kindergarten was something that rich kids attended. The first educational experiences for most of us came the opening day of first grade. Jim was in a different classroom, so I was on my own. Little by little, I ventured out. Even today, I remember some of the first friends I made. Steve Buffalo and Steve Cox were buddies. We played together during recess and sometimes sat together in lunch.

Throughout elementary school, other boys



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became friends. Joey Wallace, Bill Jones, Pat Wright, Tommy Robinson were just a few of them. Our yard was home for football games and baseball games after school. We visited each other's

houses and even spent the night. Oh, fights broke out; in fact, every game we had at some point was interrupted by two boys throwing punches. Then it was all over, and we returned to the games.

High school introduced other new friends. Many of them were in band. Ken Mills, Mark Large, and Randy Allen were just three of them. We had good times after practices and on the weekends. Some of us managed to drink alcohol that wasn't legal for our age. It's a wonder that we lived through those times.

Unlike most folks, I didn't make many friends during college. My time was spent

studying to make up for a lack of educational dedication in high school. I met a couple of girls in English classes who became friends. Not until I began dating Amy my senior year did I meet my best friend. Doing so has proven to be the most defining thing in my life.

I've made a friend or two during my adult years. Most are folks I met on the job at school. Bob Shoemaker was a good friend for years; Glenn Marquart was another buddy of mine, and Joe Dooley is now a solid friend. Others were Jim Pryor, Bobby Campbell, and Frank Kennedy, and we spent plenty of times shooting the bull and laughing during planning periods, before, or after school.

I also made some friends as I worked part time jobs at Budget and Knoxville Toyota. We worked hard and eased the times teasing and laughing.

My two best friends, yes, I have two of them, are Doug Meister and Billy Hayes. I've known both of

them for over thirty years. We've played ball together and coached ball together. I can sit with them today, and it's as if we'd never been apart.

What I do know is that most of the people with whom I made friends are still special folks to me. I might not see them for long periods of time, but all I would need to do is call them, and they would respond instantly. Some of those good friends have passed, and I miss them. The ones still here make the void smaller.

It might do this world well to recognize that we have only a handful of good friends in our lives. They are the ones who accept us even with all of our faults.

No one should ever take friendship lightly; no person should set out to shame or degrade any friend. Losing a friend is a terrible thing because replacing him might prove to be impossible. To have a friend means to be a friend. That is a good motto by which folks and countries should live.

Farragut lacrosse to host German National Team

By Ken Lay

International lacrosse is coming to Knox County and to Farragut High School.

The under-19 German National Team will take on Farragut Thursday night at the Farragut High School Lacrosse Complex.

Game time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and admission is free.

"We're not charging for this game because we want the community to get the opportunity to come out and watch this game," Farragut High School coach Taylor Clark said. "This is not only a great opportunity for our program. It's great for Knoxville.

"Lacrosse is the fastest growing youth sport in the country. We have youth leagues and we're one of the schools to have two lacrosse teams."

Farragut fields both boys and girls club teams and both the Admirals and Lady Admirals are among the area's top public school programs.

Germany is a top team on the world stage and its team will make a stop in East Tennessee as part of a tour of the United States. The team is preparing for the under-19 World Championships.

"I don't know how they did in the world championships but I know that they're a good team," Clark said. "They have 24 players and those are the best 24 players in the country. They have some American kids on the team who have dual citizenship.

"This is part of their training regimen. This is a great opportunity for our kids. This will only make us better. I got a call and they said that they were looking for a

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Grandmother Louise Fletcher, Chris Hunter and mom Sabrina Robinson share a moment together just days before Chris leaves for West Point to be a U.S. Army cadet and play in the Black Knights' football program.

Soon, Chris Hunter can sing 'I'm in the Army Now'

By Steve Williams

An exciting new chapter in Chris Hunter's life is scheduled to begin today.

The young man from Knoxville, an Austin-East High graduate who was the school's male Student-Athlete of the Year, will officially become a cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Hunter, a standout on the Roadrunners' football team last fall, signed to play for the Army Black Knights and will be on its prep school team this fall.

After a "send-off party" Friday night at Emerald Youth Foundation, Chris, along with his mother Sabrina Robinson and grandmother Louise Fletcher, were to

have left Sunday morning on a flight to New Jersey, where Hunter would stay in a hotel with the rest of the new cadet appointees.

"On Monday (July 16) they will have the induction ceremony and Chris will go from civilian to being in the Army," said Fletcher. "He will be sworn in and inducted for prep school. Then he'll be officially in the military."

It's an emotional time, particularly for mom and "Granny."

"It's kind of bitter-sweet," said Louise.

"I'm happy that he got the opportunity to go to West Point. It's a long way away, but it's a good school.

"It's been kind of stressful, especially the

last couple of weeks, trying to get everything prepared and him getting to see all of his friends."

The emotional part of it probably won't sink in "until we actually have to catch the flight back without him," she added.

Hunter is Fletcher's oldest grandson.

"Chris hasn't been away from home a lot for long periods of time, so this will be a first for him and a first for me and a first for his mom.

"He won't have a phone either during the first couple of weeks of boot camp. We'll have to write letters. No phones, no emails. Just old fashion communication.

"In fact, that reminds me, I've got to get by the post office and get

envelopes already with postage on them."

Mom too knows there will be tears again when she and Louise get back on the plane to Knoxville Tuesday. There were tears when they made the trip to West Point earlier when Hunter signed scholarship papers.

"Right now I'm just kind of stuck in the middle of different emotions," said Sabrina.

"But I'm super proud." It's not easy for Chris, either.

"I've lived here all my life and I have a lot of close friends and family," said Hunter, who signed as an inside linebacker.

"So it's really going to be tough leaving, but I know that I've got to do it to excel in my future."

Fletcher believes her grandson will succeed.

"He's a competitor," she said. "Boot camp and the whole experience will be hard, but the fact that he's a competitor and likes to be at the top is going to push him to do the very best that he can do. Hopefully, that's a big positive for him."

Hunter said his No. 1 goal is to graduate from West Point and he would like to come out a Sergeant. He hopes to help Army win some big games and he also has a dream to put himself in a position to play in the NFL someday.

Beating Navy, of course, goes without saying.

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Hunt picked ET Careacter Star Coach of the Year

By Steve Williams

Derek Hunt is the 2017 East Tennessee Careacter Star Head Football Coach of the Year.

In his first season leading the Maryville High program, Hunt guided the Red Rebels (14-1) to the Division I Class 6A state title with a 42-7 win over Cane Ridge.

The former Maryville Quarterback and a 2007 MHS graduate had succeeded George Quarles as head coach in December, 2016.

Quarles, who resigned to become associate head coach and tight end coach at Furman University, had compiled a mind-boggling 250-16 record and 11 state championships in 18 seasons at Maryville.

"I'm very humbled to

receive the Careacter Star Coach of the Year award for many reasons," stated Hunt, 29, Thursday.

"First, because I know this award is voted on by my coaching peers, and there are some fantastic football coaches that I look up to in the area. Second, because an award like this is simply a reflection of the great assistant coaches, players, and support that I have around me.

"Finally, this is special because I remember winning Careacter Star Player of the Week as a junior in high school, and it's simply awesome to see the impact and influence the Careacter program has had in this area."

This is the second year for the Careacter Star football awards, said Dave

Moore, director of the Careacter Star program, which will be going into its 15th year this season.

"Receiving the Careacter Star award as a player himself and now the award as a head coach is a beautiful story in my heart," said Moore. "I'm just so proud of that young man. I believe he's a carbon copy of Coach Quarles."

Moore said he polled head coaches from the Tri-Cities down to the Sequoyah and Tellico Plains area for their votes.

Award winners also were selected in the following categories:

Assistant Coach: Bob Black, Fulton.

Athletic Director: Josh Stephens, Alcoa.

Support Staff: Butch Smith, Knoxville, supporter and sponsor of Rivalry Thursday high school football TV games.

Referee: Wesley Barger, Clinch Valley Officials Association.

Sportswriter: Wes Mayberry, The Mountain Press; and Steve Williams, The Knoxville Focus (tie).

What to Expect from the Vols in 2018

By Alex Norman

OK so I'm going to completely contradict the title. When it comes to the 2018 Tennessee Volunteers, no one knows what to expect. You can say that this is the case for every football team in every season, but I feel that it applies even more for the latest Vols squad.

First and foremost, there are many questions about Jeremy Pruitt. The new Vols head coach has never... you know... actually been a head football coach before. That makes it impossible to really know what a Jeremy Pruitt team will look like. Sure, we have some hints. Pruitt is switching the Vols to a 3-4 defensive alignment. He says that this will be a physical football team, but come on, they all say that. I mean... what coach boasts about having a finesse team?

Pruitt has also proven that he isn't especially happy with what he was left in terms of the roster by former head coach Butch Jones. At quarterback Pruitt got former Stanford quarterback Keller Chryst to play his final season in Knoxville as a grad transfer. This doesn't necessarily mean that Jarrett Guarantano's days as the starter are numbered, but it does show that Pruitt wants another option.

Pruitt wasn't done on the grad transfer market. He got former Alabama offensive lineman Brandon Kennedy and former Michigan State running back Madre London to choose Tennessee. Kennedy has two years of eligibility remaining and will help a young offensive line. London is listed at 6-1 and 218 pounds, and has the big back build Pruitt seems to covet more than smaller backs like sophomore speedster Ty Chandler.

The new Vols head coach was so unsatisfied with his roster that he took time in the spring trying players at different positions. Running back Carlin Fils-Amie spent most of March and April working at cornerback, which is definitely a position of need. Incoming

freshman Alontae Taylor played quarterback in high school, and projects to play wide receiver in college. But with depth at the wide receiver position came an opportunity for Taylor to try his hand in the secondary in the spring.

Getting back to the fact that Pruitt has never worn the big headset, how will he fare as a game manager? This was a point of contention for Vols fans with former coaches Derek Dooley and especially Butch Jones. So many games could have and should have been won, if not for odd and unexplainable decisions by Jones. A few of those go differently and Butch Jones probably is getting ready for a sixth season on Rocky Top.

Pruitt is a defensive guy. Does that mean that offensive coordinator Tyson Helton has free reign on that side of the football?

In terms of the players themselves, we touched on the quarterback battle to come between Chryst and Guarantano. Who will get the start in the season opener against West Virginia on September 1st in Charlotte? Chryst wouldn't have come to Knoxville if he didn't believe that he had a legitimate shot at being the starter.

On defense, what can we expect out of linebacker Darrin Kirkland Junior? When healthy he's one of the best at that position in the SEC. But he missed nearly half the season in 2016 and all of 2017 due to injury. With that move to the 3-4 comes changes up front, and a healthy Kirkland is vital for Tennessee.

Can defensive tackles Kyle Phillips and Shy Tuttle put it all together in their final season at UT? What does fellow fifth year senior Todd Kelly Jr. have left in the tank at safety after missing most of 2017?

Folks, there are so many more questions than answers for Tennessee in 2018.

We will find out together just what kind of a season the Vols have in store in about six weeks.

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Farragut lacrosse to host German National Team

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game. They wanted to play against us because they said that we were an elite public school program.”

Clark was elated about the prospect of a game against Germany. But the

next person he sought out was Farragut athletic director Donald Dodgen, who was also immediately on board.

“I decided that I needed to go to coach Dodgen, and he said that he was

all for it,” Clark said. The German team may be preparing for competition on the international stage, but the Admirals have some high expectations of their own. This game will be

the first step for Farragut’s 2019 squad, which will have 25 upperclassmen on its roster.

“This is the first part of our 2019 season. I have

13 seniors and 12 juniors. We’re going to be pretty good,” Clark said. “This will prepare us for fall ball and for our season.” The German team is

coming to East Tennessee as part of an East Coast tour which also includes stops in Atlanta, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

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A-E and Brainerd waiting for Board of Control ruling

Austin-East and Chattanooga Brainerd boys basketball programs will have special interest in the TSSAA Board of Control's decision Aug. 13 when it announces its decision regarding the second-year of a post-season ban those two programs are currently under for the brawl that occurred in a game between the two teams last season.



By Steve Williams

Both schools have taken steps to try and improve sportsmanship as well as make fans aware that their actions at games could result in sanctions and fines for their teams. Both A-E and Brainerd joined together to host sportsmanship clinics this summer - one in Knoxville and one in Chattanooga.

Fulton AD and longtime head basketball coach, sent in a nice follow-up comment of how Tracy assists coaches and athletic directors:

“Tracy is a jack of all trades with the Knox County athletic department,” started Wright. “She is organized and she knows what she is doing. She is not only very knowledgeable about what she is doing; she always has a smile and kind word for all of us. Very rarely have I ever called her that she didn’t know the answer. She is a blessing to the ADs and coaches in Knoxville.”

In her athletic duties, Miller-Davis works closely with Marion Quinn, part-time Athletics Specialist for KCS.

STORYTIME: We heard back from CAK grad Rebecca Story on June 23, after our feature series on all the local high schools’ Student-Athletes of the Year.

“I will miss running in Tennessee, but look forward to seeing all the future runners in our

area continue to beat everyone across the State! I have started my summer cross country training with my Stanford coaches and head to Palo Alto on Aug. 30,” emailed Rebecca. Story, by the way, won the Open Girls’ 800-meter run at the Music City Distance Carnival in early June with a PR time of 2:10.91.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Morristown will host this year’s Tennessee State Little League tournament, which gets underway Saturday, July 21 at Popkin Field.

This is the tourney for 12 year olds that leads all the way to Williamsport, Pa., and is televised every summer.

Maryville advanced out of District 6 with a 15-0 win over McMinn County in the finals at Karns on July 7. State host Morristown defeated Greeneville 9-3 in the District 4 title game July 13.

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Beyond Amazing Tour is coming to Knoxville

Knoxville is going to get an advanced viewing of the new tour that will sweep across American and beyond. Get ready for the Beyond Amazing Concert Tour, coming to Wallace Memorial Baptist Church on Friday, July 20 at 7 PM. The concert features Brian Free & Assurance, High Road, Karen Peck & New River, and welcomes home Emily Ann Roberts, Knoxville native from The Voice. This is an exclusive opportunity for people in Tennessee to see this tour before its release in 2019. Ray Flynn, President of Abraham Productions says that not only will you be blessed by Brian Free, Karen Peck and High Road, but Emily Ann Roberts will also share music that will soon be released to radio exclusive to her Knoxville hometown! This is more than a concert, it is the Beyond Amazing Tour.

Woolard says that Brian Free of Brian Free and Assurance is undeniably the most recognizable southern gospel tenor of our generation. Since 1982, he has been at the forefront of southern gospel music since first joining Gold City Quartet, then moving on to form his own group, Brian Free and Assurance. Karen Peck and New River is a 5-time Grammy Award Nominated and 7-time GMA Dove Award Winning Southern Gospel Group. Karen was recently inducted into the 2018 Gospel Music Association of Hall of Fame. The

group have had over 20 number one hits. Karen's flawless, delightful soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of Gospel Music lovers across the country and garnered an unprecedented 12 Favorite Soprano Fan Awards from the readers of The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. They have also received many awards from other magazine publications and Internet publications. Currently number 10 on the Southern Gospel Top 80 chart for July is radio single "Gotta Be Saved."

Emily Ann Roberts is a 19-year-old singer/songwriter/musician. Growing up in East Tennessee, Emily Ann has been shaped by a wide variety of music. Influenced by artists like Dixie Chicks and Patty Loveless, Emily Ann aims to take her love of vintage country and give it a modern day twist. Ray Flynn recently used Emily Ann as a member of the Girls and Guitars Tour that will conclude this year. Emily Ann is no stranger to the Gatlinburg Gathering and Singing in the Sun stages produced by Abraham Productions. Emily Ann's sound finds a way to appeal to her younger audience while still revealing her passion for classic country. Emily Ann's most recent achievement was placing runner up on season 9 of "The Voice". During her time on the show, she had the opportunity to perform with Blake

Shelton and Ricky Skaggs, and be mentored by Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton. Emily Ann had two number one songs on the country iTunes chart as well as two top ten songs on iTunes' all genre chart. Songs she performed on the show have charted on the Billboard magazine charts, where three songs were on the Hot Country Songs and one placed on the Hot Christian Songs chart. A radio single, "This Blood" is currently playing on local radio stations.

Ray Flynn and Russ Woolard are excited to also have the female group, HighRoad on this tour. Since the group's genesis, Sarah Davison and bandmates Kristen Bearfield (mandolin, guitar, banjo, vocals), Kinsey Kapfhammer (guitar, vocals) and Lauren Conklin (fiddle) have already garnered six SGM Scoops Diamond Award nominations and an Absolutely Gospel Music Female Group of the Year award.

For more information on the Beyond Amazing Tour with Dove award winning Brian Free and Assurance and Grammy nominated Karen Peck and New River, High Road and Emily Ann Roberts go to www.newdwestinyproductions.com or call 1-800-965-9324. Children 12 and under will be admitted FREE in General Admission or Balcony seating. Ticket prices are \$12 to \$20.

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

Anchored

What anchors you? In other words, what constitutes your foundational supports? I've been thinking about this lately. I have a friend who maintains that her anchor is scripture. I agree with her that the wisdom of scripture is paramount, but I believe there are other domains which should be considered.

In 1943 Abraham Maslow proposed a hierarchy of human needs. Maslow posited that physiologic needs such as water and food are the most basic. Next in priority on his pyramid, Maslow listed safety, then love and belonging and then self-esteem. At the top of his hierarchy of needs was what he called self-actualization or the realization of one's potential.

In America we live in a culture where physiologic and safety needs are largely met. I'll admit that I

sometimes complain about this or that, but quickly recognize that my grumbling is a first world problem. The problems in second and third world countries are more basic. I am blessed with family and friends who bolster my self-esteem, helping my climb towards self-actualization and my full potential. However, Maslow missed a crucial component to realizing a person's full potential. I believe we can only be fully human through a sense of purpose and the ultimate purpose of humans is an acknowledgment of and a relationship with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

All around me friends and colleagues are pulling up anchors and retiring. And many others in my cohort are reconsidering their lifelong work and purpose. A golfing buddy told

me he was afraid to retire because he had no hobbies. I told my buddy there is more to retirement than hobbies. Peggy Lee once sang "Is that all there is?" And it's true, you can only play so much golf, garden or fish, and without your job and designated appointments you can quickly find yourself adrift. You should never retire until you have a plan and understand your purpose.

Like other professionals, doctors identify themselves by their work and the active practice of medicine. I have been a doctor of medicine two-thirds of my life. That can't be turned off like a spicket. When my 40+ years in traditional internal medicine ended, my identity did not. I remained anchored in a good marriage and being a disciple of the Way, the Truth and the Life. And my concierge medical practice keeps me in the game. Teaching medical students and writing for The Focus afford me purposeful and creative outlets.

I wonder if there is any purpose in Washington D.C., aka the Swamp? As I watched the Congressional testimony of the "smirking Peter Strzok" and the so-called best and brightest of Washington (Congress), I envisioned a circus and emptiness of

any worthwhile purpose. And the pitiable revelation is that these people consider what they say and do as meaningful. Is it any wonder why so many of them are brought down in disgrace and others leave government in disgust?

But Trump just goes on and on. I don't know how he does it. He is five years my senior and has far more energy than I do. He seems to have found his purpose: to break up the status quo in Washington and politics, to shine a light on feckless Europe and NATO, to call out the deplorable UN, to abolish trade alliances detrimental to the US and to ultimately correct the festering problem of illegal migration. Poor Wolf Blitzer, the NY Times and progressive anarchists everywhere. Trump has taken a wrecking ball to so many dysfunctional sacred cows, they just don't know which issue demands their screams the most.

I splurged last week because sometimes it's necessary to be away from the serious business of life. After driving the same truck for fifteen years I bought a new one and she's a beaut. And in a show of "reaching across the aisle," I bought a blue truck! Have you ever noticed how many drab colors of vehicles are on the

road? It seems that everything is black or white or gray. I needed some color to buoy my purpose. Blue is also my grandson Oakley's favorite color, so granddad scored a few points with him as well. I'd forgotten how much fun it is to drive a new truck. Perhaps it's rationalization, but I don't feel guilty about my purchase. There are many instances in the Bible where Jesus addressed money. In my reading of scripture and sifting the teachings for truth, I believe the Master was against the idolatry of money rather than money itself, which is but an instrument of exchange.

Too often people's purpose is the pursuit of money or power or prestige instead of the more worthy and enduring focus on relationships with your neighbor and God. In the synoptic Gospels, a learned man asked Jesus about man's purpose and salvation. The saying goes, be careful what you ask for. No one bests Jesus in a debate. His response to the smart aleck was to quote wisdom scripture from Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Succinctly, you are to "love God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Because one's neighbor was narrowly defined by the "smarter

than everyone else" crowd, Jesus then followed with the story of the Good Samaritan, which some have ascribed to the illegal migration issue. I once had a medical partner who came from a different culture. In an offhand remark, I mentioned the Good Samaritan. This educated and naturalized American had never heard of this parable. Purpose derives from foundational precepts.

I've previously written about the illegal migration along our southern border. I don't have all the answers, though the metaphor of a lifeboat filled to capacity and surrounded by hundreds of others swimming in shark infested waters remains apropos as we struggle with the immigration issue and what is right.

All I can do is stay anchored and prayerfully seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit which I believe resides within our non-anatomical soul (our essence). This Spirit directs our conscience, sometimes with "groans too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). If we stop yelling at each other we might be able to hear the "still small voice" (I Kings 19:12) of reason and love, and do the right thing.

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



Rosie's World

Facts about gossiping

I've read somewhere that we are all guilty of using gossip as a vital method of communication. Some would even say that we thrive on the juicy tidbits that we eagerly wait to hear and share. Surprisingly, men are gossipers, also, at 55% while women gossip at 67%. Why do we gossip? Primarily because it's fun and it helps us to figure out what's going on inside each other's head. Actually, it may be good for us, hearing or relating exciting news spikes the feel-good hormone levels in our brain and helps us form bonds with the people we're talking to. Well, maybe so. I don't entirely agree with that.

A gossip is a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts about others. They also report about other people's private lives that might be unkind, disapproving, or untrue. If something wonderful happens to you and you tell someone else, and they tell someone else, that's not gossiping. That's passing good news along. Gossiping is like eating cake for breakfast, temporarily thrilling, totally delicious, but leaves you feeling kind of icky.

Over the years, I've heard some famous quotes about gossip, such as:
 "Anyone who will gossip to you, will gossip about you."
 "If you can't say anything nice then don't say anything at all."
 "What you don't see with your eyes, don't witness

with your mouth."
 I like what Billy Graham said, "A real Christian is a person who can give his pet parrot to the town gossip." Then there's that wise King Solomon, who wrote in his book Ecclesiastics, chapter five, verse one, (revised version) "As you enter God's house, keep your eyes open and your mouth shut."
 Apropos, gossip is not only to be done in God's house, but also, don't do it at home, on the phone, at the mall, in school, over the neighbor's fence. It will make you feel icky.

Thought for the day: What is told in the ears of a man can often be heard 100 miles away. Chinese proverb

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

The Nature of Work

"So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work." (Ecclesiastes 3:22).



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Work: something we take pride in, something we love, something we hate, something that gives us our identity. When we meet a stranger, one of the first questions we ask is "So what do you do?" Work gives us status and self-worth. Depending on the day, work is something we take pride in or we hate. So is work a curse or a blessing? The answer of Ecclesiastes is both.

Remember that the writer of this book is wealthy. He has the luxury of picking any job he wants. He is able to experiment. In searching for the meaning of life, he examines work. As the king, he rebuilds the entire country with orchards and beautiful plants and flowers. His gardens are exquisite. He makes a lot of money through his labors but it seems

to lead him nowhere. Work is a curse (Ecclesiastes 2:17-23).

The writer uses the word "toil" to describe work. This is not a pleasant description. Is all work really toil? I can understand ditch digging, coal mining, or tobacco picking - that is toil, but what about playing professional baseball, flying airplanes, being a movie star, or being a full-time preacher? Those jobs are nothing but fun. No, the writer calls all work toil. Remember that Solomon probably didn't have to work a day of his life as far as manual labor goes. Others did it for him. But he still considers his work meaningless toil. Why? Because work produces nothing of lasting value. How long will our great accomplishments last? Not long - work long hours building the business, then you die and then what? All that you worked for may very well go down the drain, be sold off, and all forgotten.

So can there be joy in work? Yes there can, but we must have the right perspective about work. Work is toil if we are relying on it for our self-esteem and

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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 October 13, 2015, executed by BETH A ANTILL, conveying certain real property therein described to DEASON TITLE AGENCY LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded October 14, 2015, at Instrument Number 201510140023600;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **August 16, 2018 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-City Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, 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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THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2018
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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: TELINA F. BAILEY;
IN RE: TELINA F. BAILEY v. LEON PHILLIPS
NO. 177366-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant TELINA F. BAILEY 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 TELINA F. BAILEY it is ordered that said defendant TELINA F. BAILEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with David Valone, an Attorneys whose address is, 625 S. Gay Street, Suite 625 Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 21st Day of June, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LUMPKIN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CV-203-MM

**JOHN CRAMBLETT
PLAINTIFF
vs.
GINA NEWMAN CRAMBLETT
DEFENDANT**

**TO: GINA NEWMAN CRAMBLETT
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RITA HARKINS
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
By Order for Service by Publication dated May 25, 2018 you are hereby notified that on May 24, 2018 John Cramblett filed suit against you for Divorce.

You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon the Plaintiff, 233 Signal Ridge Drive, Dawsonsonville, Georgia 30534 an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

WITNESS, the Honorable Murphy C. Miller, Judge of this Superior Court this 29th day of May, 2018.

/S RITA HARKINS

Rita Harkins
Clerk of Superior Court Lumpkin County, Georgia RH/ma

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT L. BEELER, DECEASED,

**IN RE: NEW PENN FINANCIAL DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING v. ROBERT L. BEELER
NO. 195160-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT L. BEELER, DECEASED, 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 the UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ROBERT L. BEELER, DECEASED.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendants file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Robert T. Lieber, Jr., an Attorney whose address is, 5217 Maryland Way, Suite 404, Brentwood, TN 37027, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael F. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of June, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: CAMINA MOSS
IN RE: CAMARIAN WHITAKER
NO. 196100-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant CAMINA MOSS, 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 CAMINA MOSS, it is ordered that said defendant, CAMINA MOSS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Miles Brinson, an Attorney whose address is, 5731 Lyons View Pike, Suite 205, Knoxville, TN 37919 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication date or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of June 2018.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: THE KNOXVILLE FOCUS SHARON H. DAWSON-Vs. RICKIE B. DAWSON
Docket # 133295**

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 RICKIE B. DAWSON 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 RICKIE B. DAWSON .

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by SHARON H. DAWSON, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with DAVID L. VALONE, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 625 S. GAY ST., SUITE 625 KNOXVILLE, TN 37902, 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 26TH day of JUNE, 2018.

Mike Hammond
Clerk

Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER,

**IN RE: SERENITY FAITH GOINS
DOB: 11/04/2015
NO. 195829-3**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, 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 UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Martin W. Cash, Jr., an Attorney whose address is, 339 West Race Street Kingston, TN 37763, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 29th day of June, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: SHEILA JAY CAMPBELL;
IN RE: LILLIAN JOHNSON
NO. 196038-2**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant SHEILA JAY CAMPBELL 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 SHEILA JAY CAMPBELL it is ordered that said defendant SHEILA JAY CAMPBELL file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorneys whose address is, 10265 Kingston Pike, Suite C, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of July, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**TO: 22.01 ENTERPRISES, LLC
IN RE: GRTN, LLC v. 22.01 ENTERPRISES, LLC
NO. 195731-1**

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause it appearing from the Complaint filed which is sworn to that the defendant, 22.01 ENTERPRISES, LLC, non-residents 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 22.01 ENTERPRISES, LLC, it is ordered that said defendant, 22.01 ENTERPRISES, LLC, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jeffrey S. Greene, an Attorney whose address is, 321 E. Broadway Newport, TN 37821, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court Part I at 400 W. Main Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 10th day of July, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF KEVIN ROBERT COLLINS
DOCKET NUMBER 80507-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 29 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KEVIN ROBERT COLLINS who died Feb 15, 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 29th day of JUNE, 2018.

ESTATE OF KEVIN ROBERT COLLINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CANDACE COLLINS; ADMINISTRATRIX
10052 MADISON RIDGE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF TIMOTHY PAUL FENTON
DOCKET NUMBER 80287-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TIMOTHY PAUL FENTON who died Mar 31, 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 28 day of JUNE, 2018.

CARIE FENTON; EXECUTRIX
528 RIVER BREEZE LANE, APT 528
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

BILL FIX ATTORNEY AT LAW
408 N CEDAR BLUFF ROAD, SUITE 260
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LYNN RAYMOND TRESKA
DOCKET NUMBER 80468-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LYNN RAYMOND TRESKA who died Oct 16, 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.

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(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 3 day of JULY, 2018.

LORI A GORLEY; ADMINISTRATRIX
1220 E RED BUD ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOAN H. TANSIL
DOCKET NUMBER 80520-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOAN H. TANSIL who died May 14, 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 3 day of JULY, 2018.

TICE H TANSIL; CO-EXECUTOR
2300 WINDCASTLE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOVICE GROSS; CO-EXECUTOR
2 ASHWORTH COURT
JOHNSON CITY, TN. 37615

PATRICK R MCKENDRICK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1019 ORCHID AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN BAKER
DOCKET NUMBER 80522-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BARBARA ANN BAKER who died Feb 1, 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 3 day of JULY, 2018.

ROBERT LEE BAKER, JR.; ADMINISTRATOR
5021 JACKSBORO PIKE, APT #11
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID BURL CAVIN
DOCKET NUMBER 80419-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID BURL CAVIN who died Jan 9, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

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

This the 26 day of JUNE, 2018.

KAY CAVIN; ADMINISTRATRIX
716 MERCHANT DRIVE, APT 3200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

R ALEXANDER JOHNSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
150 COURT AVENUE
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOY LYNN ELWOOD
DOCKET NUMBER 80442-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOY LYNN ELWOOD who died Apr 14, 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</

Third annual UT Arboretum Society Butterfly Festival is August 4

The Nature of Work

Monarch release, UT Insect Zoo, speakers and children's activities are highlights



The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society will present its third annual Butterfly Festival on Saturday, August 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the UT Arboretum Auditorium and surrounding grounds, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge. It is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center. The gate will be open at 9:30 a.m. The event will take place rain or shine.

to cover costs. Cash or credit cards will be accepted. For the safety of all, the use of butterfly nets at this event is strictly prohibited.

local artisans and one native plant vendor, Lori McAllister of Tennessee Naturescapes (<http://www.tennesseenurescapes.com/>) from Clinton. Lori will be bringing a large selection of locally sourced nectar and larval plants for butterflies and other pollinators. She will give away one free butterfly weed plant for each family with a child while supplies last. Butterfly weed is the host plant for the monarch butterfly.

\$1.00 each. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be music by Boogertown Gap, an old-time string band. Craft activities will be available for children at a cost of \$1 ticket per activity or \$5 for six tickets.

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identity. Work is toil if we expect our accomplishments to last. While work is toil, it can also bring joy. "So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him? (Ecclesiastes 3:22). If we work to accomplish something great, we will be disappointed at some point. But if we leave the future of our work to God, then we don't have to worry about our work.

The event, which drew hundreds of area participants in 2017, is designed for children and adults of all ages. There is no admission charge and there is ample parking in designated areas of the UT Arboretum adjacent to the event.

Two speakers will give presentations before the monarch release. From 10:00 to 10:45, noted botanical artist Linda Fraser will speak about butterflies and other insects specific to certain plants. She will also have examples of her botanical illustrations and paintings available for purchase throughout the day. From 11:00 to 11:45, Jamie Herold, a plant ecologist for the Oak Ride Reservation and Chair of the ORNL Native Landscaping Committee will lecture on "Planting for Pollinators."

Food vendors include Dano's Hotdogs, featuring hotdogs, hamburgers and lemonade. Mediterranean Delight will offer Middle Eastern fare and Razzleberry's of Oak Ridge will offer ice cream. The UT Arboretum Society will be selling bottled water for

From 12:30 to 12:45, after the butterfly release, Abdullah Almsaeed, developer of the exciting new app, Tree Snap, will explain how to record trees in a national database.

So what does work mean for us today? Perhaps we should work less if we take it too seriously. We need to let God, not our work, rule our lives. We are also reminded that our job should not be our life. Our value comes from God because he loves us, not because of what we accomplish at work. We also need to find joy in our work, in the task at hand which means doing something you like. If you hate your job, it might be time to look for another - don't quit until you find something else. And lastly, the value of our work lies in God's hands.

The day's highlight will be the release of 200 butterflies at promptly at 12:00 p.m., noon. It is suggested that butterflies be purchased early in the day due to limited supply. We invite children to help release the monarch butterflies, which will be offered at a cost of \$10 per butterfly

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" (Colossians 3:23-24). What work could seem more like toil than that of a slave? As we slave away at our work, let's do so with joy knowing that we work, not for a boss or for money, but ultimately for the Lord.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LILLIE A LONG DOCKET NUMBER 80480-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JUNE 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LILLIE A LONG who died May 15, 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

This the 22 day of JUNE, 2018.

MARY SUE JOHNSON; EXECUTRIX
1000 ATLANTIC AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANGELA BROWN DOCKET NUMBER 80471-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JUNE 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANGELA BROWN who died Oct 7, 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

This the 21 day of JUNE, 2018.

JOHN MCCORD; EXECUTOR
4221 TOWANDA TRAIL
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

PATRICK R MCKENRY ATTORNEY AT LAW
1019 ORCHID AVENUE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAXINE MARTIN DOCKET NUMBER 80470-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY MAXINE MARTIN who died Mar 16, 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:

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 20 day of JUNE, 2018.

JEWELL C MARTIN; ADMINISTRATRIX
7705 SCENIC VIEW DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW
4611 OLD BROADWAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOROTHY IRENE JAMISON DOCKET NUMBER 80443-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JUNE 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY IRENE JAMISON who died Mar 22, 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 21 day of JUNE, 2018.

SHARON DIANNE LUETHKE; EXECUTRIX
7705 BELLCHASE LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

BILL A FIX ATTORNEY AT LAW
408 N CEDAR BLUFF ROAD, SUITE 260
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JERRY EUGENE PARTON, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 80356-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21 day of JUNE 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JERRY EUGENE PARTON, JR. who died Mar 29, 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

2711 CHILLICOTHE STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER ANDREW HAMMOND DOCKET NUMBER 80375-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER ANDREW HAMMOND who died Apr 7, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 22 day of JUNE, 2018.

WOODROW M HENDERSON;
ADMINISTRATOR
8504 CLARY LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THOMAS WALKER, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 79401-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JUNE 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THOMAS WALKER, SR. who died Aug 12, 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 25 day of JUNE, 2018.

ESTATE OF THOMAS WALKER, SR.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MARGARET L WALKER; ADMINISTRATRIX
1507 PARAMOUNT ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EUGENE MICHAEL EDWARDS DOCKET NUMBER 80378-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JUNE 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EUGENE MICHAEL EDWARDS who died Mar 10, 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

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ELOISE EDWARDS POTEAT; EXECUTRIX
3438 PEPPERCORN COURT
GASTONIA, NC 28056

DAN D RHEA ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 300
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-0300

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE H. EVANS DOCKET NUMBER 80546-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE H. EVANS who died May 24, 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 JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF GEORGE H. EVANS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LONNIE R CAGLE; EXECUTOR
4206 SPAR DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

JACK W BOWERS ATTORNEY AT LAW
640 NORTH BUILDING, SUITE
315, 2606 GREENWAY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PAUL FRANKLIN SELLERS, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 80505-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of PAUL FRANKLIN SELLERS, JR. who died Oct 6, 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 first publication as described in (1) (A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

(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 6 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF PAUL FRANKLIN SELLERS, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
REBECCA ANN BRATTON;
ADMINISTRATRIX
6709 MARTIN MILL PIKE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

ADAM M BULLOCK ATTORNEY AT LAW
124 INDEPENDENCE LANE
LAFOLLETTE, TN. 37766

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLOIS EDDIE WOODS DOCKET NUMBER 80458-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLOIS EDDIE WOODS who died Sep 29, 2014, 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 JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF CLOIS EDDIE WOODS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
EDWARD DWAYNE WOODS;
ADMINISTRATOR
6108 CHERRY DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

MITAL D PATEL ATTORNEY
AT LAW P.O. BOX 26072
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JANE THRESE PERONA JARNIGAN DOCKET NUMBER 80476-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANE THRESE PERONA JARNIGAN who died May 9, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This the 5 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF JANE THRESE PERONA JARNIGAN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ANN GLASS; EXECUTRIX
806 HIGHLAND AVENUE, SE
ROME, GA. 30161

RUFUS BEAMER ATTORNEY AT LAW
707 MARKET STREET
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DERRICK BYRON HAWES DOCKET NUMBER 80532-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JULY 2018, letters of administration c.t.a in respect of the Estate of DERRICK BYRON HAWES who died Jun 28, 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 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 (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 6 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF DERRICK BYRON HAWES
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SONYA ALCIDE; ADMINISTRATRIX CTA
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:
Bid 2712, HVAC Supplies, due 8/8/18;
Bid 2713, Excavation Services, due 8/16/18
RFP 2714, School Transportation Services, due 8/16/18;
Bid 2715, Guttering and Aluminum Walkway Covers, due 8/14/18
For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

**CENTRAL KARNS STORAGE
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Is holding a lien sale of all goods stored in units C0132, F0287, F0303, F0403, C0192, B0115 these being in lien & abandoned more than 60 days. These units will be sold via an on-line auction at www.storage-treasures.com beginning 07/20/18 & ends 07/28/18 2:00 p.m. This sale/auction is to satisfy the owner's lien against the delinquency of occupants: Shelly Buisan; Avin Mcrae; Kendall Sullen; Teina Davis; Elvin Switzer; John Chevalier. Highest bidder must have sufficient means of transporting goods. Cash or C.C. are the acceptable payment methods. Sale is subject to termination or postponement prior to the ending sales date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ask the Commissioner
Commissioner Carson Dailey will be meeting with the citizens of the 9th district at Love that BBQ, 1901 Maryville Pike, Tuesday, July 31, 2018, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to meet with your commissioner on community issues.

Church of God Revival
This is your special invitation to our revival at The Church of God of Knoxville, 5912 Thorngrove Pike in east Knoxville. The Evangelist will be Robert Burns, Pastor of the Church of God in Huntsville, AL. Services nightly: Tuesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. Sunday services are 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The truth will set you free. For more information, call Pastor Robin L. Thames at 865-522-9520.

Commissioners Night Out
Knox County At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas are headed to East Knoxville for their 42nd consecutive (and next to last) monthly Ed & Bob Night Out in Knox County. Ed and Bob will be at Chandler's Deli, 3101 Magnolia Ave., Wednesday, July 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet the people of east Knox County and listen to their concerns.

PK Hope Is Alive Parkinson's Support Group Meeting
PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group of East Tennessee would like to invite you to the monthly

support group meeting on Tuesday, July 17.

The meeting will take place 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Kern Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

Michael Alm from Acadia Pharmaceuticals will be the speaker this month. Acadia Pharmaceuticals will provide lunch. Newcomers are welcome to join the Knoxville/Oak Ridge Support Group. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Family members and Care support partners are always welcome.

For more information visit www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Alan Zimmerman at 865-693-5721.

Senior Beach Trip
The Larry Cox Senior Center 2018 Myrtle Beach Trip "Fun in the Sun" will take place September 23-29, 2018. It is the Senior Trip of a Lifetime! Cost \$485/DBL. \$25.00 Cancellation Fee. No refunds after August 14, 2018 unless your reservation can be sold or filled. Contact Lois Taylor 865-525-8917.

Seymour Chess Club
Seymour Chess club meets every Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the Seymour Library. Players from beginners up and all ages from kids to senior adults are welcome to come learn or play. Seymour Library is located at 137 W. Macon Ln., 865-573-0728



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The new Gibbs Middle School.

Welcome Home, Gibbs Middle School!

Finally, it is back where it belongs. Gibbs Middle School is once again a part of the Gibbs Community thanks to years of persistent efforts from parents and local leaders, including school board members and county commissioners.

For decades, Gibbs Elementary, Gibbs Middle (formerly Junior High), and Gibbs High Schools were all under one roof--the building that is currently home to the high school. By the late sixties, efforts were

underway to build a new elementary school just behind the football field. The new school would feature a new concept in education known as the open classroom which meant that no walls divided the classrooms. More than twenty years later, the concept was still being discussed in a graduate class I took at The University of Tennessee. The new idea of open classrooms was not popular with many parents in our rural community. By the early nineties, Gibbs Middle School students no longer attended Gibbs. They were transported to another community to attend Holston Middle School (formerly Holston High School). Parents in the Gibbs Community were not happy with this arrangement.

On a crisp October morning three

years ago, we attended the groundbreaking for the long-awaited Gibbs Middle School. This week, I drove onto the campus of the new school which is almost hidden on a hillside behind the Gibbs Elementary School that was built in recent years. All three Gibbs Schools are now within view of each other with Mother Nature's beautiful landscape surrounding their campuses. Welcome home, Gibbs Middle School! Welcome home!

Note: Come and see us at the Grainger County Tomato Festival, July 27, 28, and 29 in Rutledge, Tennessee! We will be signing books in our Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, series.

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