

Litton’s serving up something new

Kelly’s Back Room offers home cooking to go

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Seventy years in business with thirty-eight years just off Broadway in Fountain City has made Litton’s Market and Restaurant a huge success and a popular landmark. What initially started as a meat market that fried hamburgers on a three-legged electric skillet has grown into a four-generation family restaurant that took over an entire small shopping center.

Long noted for its hamburgers and desserts, Litton’s now has another successful addition: Kelly’s Back Room, a carry-out option featuring full meals operated by Kelly Litton. Kelly, assisted by Lynda Jones, Libby Corey and Patti Harwood and backed up by the full staff of Litton’s Restaurant, serves good wholesome meals with a wide selection of meat and sides. Customers have discovered the carry-out section of the restaurant and start lining up from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to take food with them or dine in at tables there.

“Some of our items are from Grandmother’s recipes,” Kelly said, adding that last Monday had “rattlesnake beans” and collard greens on the hot bar. “I like to search out old-timey names of food,” she added.

“There’s a market for people



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Kelly Litton and her staff welcome you to the new Kelly’s Back Room section of Fountain City’s iconic restaurant. The full-meal offering is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pictured here are Libby Corey, Patti Harwood, Kelly Litton and Lynda Jones.

looking for good food to go. People are busy with their family,” she commented. “People are starving for good food. You can go to chain food or fast food but by the end of the day you’re

still hungry.”

The most popular meat offering is fried chicken. Last week some of the choices included cornbread made with sour cream, candied yams, fresh

green beans, country-fried steak and gravy, and mac and cheese.

“We try to get our food from local places like Pratt’s—whatever is fresh,” she said.

“We don’t use a lot of additives

We use salt, sugar, butter, bacon grease, some pork, whole milk and whole buttermilk,” she said, adding that their suppliers are from farms in our area. “The food is good and there are large portions.”

Their vegetables and other items come from a farm in Blount County and the tomatoes, all home grown, come from a river farm in Green County and from the staff’s own gardens.

“Let us do the cooking for you and you’ll feel like you’ve eaten something,” Kelly said.

Kelly’s Back Room to go market started service in May and Barry, Kelly’s brother, said the effort is “pushing sales” for the main restaurant.

“Sometimes I think the essence of bacon is the Chanel Number 5 of the south,” Kelly says with a laugh. She and her crew have lots of fun and kid around with each other and their customers, many of whom they’ve known for years.

“We wouldn’t do this if we can’t have fun,” she said.

You can find Litton’s Market and Restaurant online and on Facebook. You can contact Kelly Litton at (865)688-0429. The restaurant is located at 2803 Essary Road just off Broadway.



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City and state officials, neighborhood representatives and others joined Mayor Rogero to break ground on the new Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Phase One project.

Magnolia Avenue

Streetscape project begins

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The face of Magnolia Avenue in East Knoxville has changed a few times over the years. The street, the home of iconic products like Swan’s Bakery and the home of Mello Yellow, is about to change again.

Once a thriving commercial and

residential area on the trolley line Magnolia Avenue began to decline and for years the city has been looking to improve the neighborhood, much as it has been and is doing along Cumberland Avenue and North Broadway. That effort broke ground Tuesday as Mayor Rogero and others officially kicked off the

first phase of streetscape improvements.

Phase One, which will upgrade Magnolia Ave. from Jessamine To Myrtle Street, is expected to take until the end of next year and then Phase Two begins improvements from Myrtle to Bernard Street. The

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By Anne Primm

Chair Patti Bounds opened Wednesday’s Knox County School Board meeting by welcoming students back to school as August 8 was the first day back to school for the 2018-2019 school year.

Bounds asked for any changes to the meeting’s agenda. Second District Representative Jennifer Owen requested item 10C to be added to the agenda: Discussion and Possible Action on Kindergarten Portfolio. Ninth District Representative Amber Rountree wanted to add Board Forum to the end of the meeting since it was inadvertently omitted from the August 1, 2018 meeting.

Next, Dr. Lyle Ailshie, Deputy Commissioner for College, Career, and Technical Education (CCTE) Division, as well as the Teachers and Leaders Division, for the Tennessee

Department of Education, was in attendance to present Paula Franklin, the 2017-2018 Milken Award winner, with the Milken Obelisk. Dr. Ailshie stated that Franklin had already received her \$25,000 check but due to scheduling difficulties had not received the obelisk. “The goal of the Milken Award is to honor professional teachers,” Dr. Ailshie said. Teacher Magazine calls the Milken Award “the Oscar of teaching.”

Superintendent Bob Thomas followed by announcing that the Tennessee Department of Education in Cooperation with the Governors Advisory Council for Alternative Education and the Alternative Education Association has established the exemplary practices in Alternative Education Program to recognize districts that

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What Are the Laws In Regard to Immunizing Your Children?

There has been a great deal of controversy in the last few years about individuals, particularly celebrities, choosing to forego immunization for their children, claiming that they actually do a detriment



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states that, "in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, no vaccines are required for any child whose parent or guardian files with proper authorities a signed, written statement that such immunization and other preventative measures conflict with the religious tenets and practices of the parent or guardian affirmed under penalties of perjury."

Finally, if that is not enough, the legislators want to make abundantly clear that parents can essentially do what they want when it comes to vaccinations in the last statute on the subject of vaccines, 37-10-403, by stating, "no parent or legal guardian shall be criminally prosecuted nor civilly liable for failure to comply with the provision of this part."

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Magnolia Ave.

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mayor has pledged \$5 million for Phase Two and about \$4.4 million for the initial improvements.

Planned during the first phase are new streetlight posts with LED lights, new crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, pull-offs for city busses, trees lining the avenue, medians, and a gateway monument welcoming people to the neighborhood. One lane of traffic on both sides of Magnolia Avenue will be maintained during the project.

Eventually both phases would include six blocks. Critics of the plans, introduced and altered over the last couple years of public meetings, say the improvements don't go far enough along the route, start at the portion nearest the city center, and may also eventually drive away locally owned small businesses there.

Former Councilman and interim Mayor Daniel Brown, who represented the area, supported the effort to begin improvements. Initially skeptical of the project Brown released a statement last year.

"Investment opportunities by minorities and others would help to revitalize the area and restore

Magnolia and that part of East Knoxville to its former glory, along with the redevelopment of Walter P. Taylor Homes and other projects, such as the Williams Creek Greenway, the Botanical Gardens and improvements at Chilhowee Park and Zoo Knoxville," he said.

"This is an exciting day," Mayor Madeline Rogero told a large crowd prior to the ground breaking on Magnolia Thursday.

She went on to applaud the various city and state agencies involved in the long effort to design and start a streetscape project there. She recognized the various officials who helped during the planning, the many neighborhoods who gave input, and TDOT for working with the city to permit improvements along Magnolia, which is a state route.

"That's just part of a village that it takes to do something like this," she said.

Rogero said the two phases of improvements should attract new businesses. She said the site where the shovels were located on the corner of Jessamine and Magnolia is where the new monument sign will be located.

New procedures adopted by Ethics Committee

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"The 60 to 90 days looked really good but it would create other problems," said ethics committee member Jennifer Roche Wednesday as the Knox County Ethics Committee adopted new rules for processing complaints filed against officials and employees.

The committee, guided in the changes by Chairman Jonathan Cooper, made several changes in the procedures permitted when filing a complaint. The committee spent about 90 minutes discussing the changes.

One of the proposed changes, to prohibit them from reviewing a complaint filed within 60 or 90 days prior an election, was defeated. Roche said she agreed with Barbara Chandler in opposing that change.

"I'm against anything that prevents a person from filing a complaint. I believe that no person should be prevented, when acting in good faith. Time limits are gagging people," Chandler told her fellow committee members.

Ethics committee member Bill Stevens agreed, asking, "Are we trying to control elections? I'm kind of reluctant to vote on that."

Over the past year the ethics committee has heard and dismissed election-period complaints against Commissioners Charles Busler, Bob Thomas and Brad Anders. All three were running for election. The committee also dismissed a complaint against Sheriff candidate Lee Tramel.

Within the changes, suggested mostly by Chairman Cooper but with input from the committee, includes a request for quick reaction within 10 days by the Knox County Law Department.

"We can live with that," said County

Deputy Attorney David Buuck. The quick review of the complaint would not be an official investigation just a review to see if the complaint is properly completed and submitted.

Another proposed change in procedure is requiring a complaint to be filed within a year of the alleged violation. The rule will allow a complaint, such as the Mike Sullivan complaint now in court against the sheriff's department and an animal control officer, to be re-filed under the new procedure.

Committee member Gina Oster told the meeting, "We don't want to tell Knox County Citizens they can't file a complaint."

"Candidates have no regress, we need to allow respondents to file a response," committee member Michael Covington said.

Several members noted that of the four candidates who were subject to ethics complaints prior to the primary, three failed to win their nominations. The law department, over the course of those complaints, said the filings were political but it took several weeks or months for a dismissal to take place.

Vice Chair Mae Killebrew-Mosley said that the ethics committee "can't protect a political candidate" adding that media coverage will happen "with or without a complaint."

Stevens said the committee "can't control filings" and it should not "be allowed to control an election."

Oster said a quick response by the law department would help and added, "In two years you are going to see this again."

Schoonmaker called on the future chairperson to make a decision following the law department's quick response on whether a filing should be fast tracked or not as to not "stone wall" the process.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Ethics Committee member Jennifer Roche listens to the discussion about setting a 60- or 90-day prohibition on accepting ethics complaint and then she voted not to do so along with the other members.

Other requested changes would include requiring the complainant to produce and disclose exhibits and other evidence prior to a hearing and would change the vote from unanimous to a vote of 7 of the 9 members to reach a decision that a code of ethics violation is confirmed.

Michael Sullivan, whose complaint was dismissed but may refile following litigation, submitted several suggestions for changes, one of which was adopted.

Currently the ethics group has been meeting about every month because of the number of complaints filed but prior to that they were meeting once every three months. They will meet again October 10 prior to several members leaving the committee and new ones appointed.

The proposed procedure changes must go now before the Knox County Commission and non-voting ethics member John Schoonmaker he will put a "placeholder" on the upcoming agenda so the county can take the first vote on adoption.

Sale of AJ Building back on Commission Agenda

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The current Knox County Commission meets in work session next Monday afternoon and much of the agenda calls for honoring outgoing commissioners and other county officials.

Aside from a bevy of school requests that the commission routinely approves there's one large item on the agenda: the approval of a sales agreement of \$6 million with BNA Associates for the Andrew Johnson Building. Obviously the building can't be transferred until

the school administration moves out and there's a related item dealing with that as Commissioner Charles Busler is asking for a report on the search for new office space from the superintendent of schools.

Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, who had pushed for the sale of the building to get it back on the tax roll, has also been pushing to find a new location for the school administration. Thus far there's been no announcement of where the school offices would relocate. The mayor,

now a candidate for the US House to replace Congressman Jimmy Duncan, will leave office in September as Glenn Jacobs assumes the duties of chief executive of the county.

The mayor's communication director, Michael Grider, told The Focus that the resolution is slightly different than it was when introduced last month. He said the procurement department looked at it and said the new resolution has more detail.

"It's all contingent on the next mayor, who may

decide they don't want to move the school administration offices," Grider said, adding that if that happens the deal dies.

Grider said the agreement would lock in the amount and the buyer to the offer to purchase.

"If we move on, this is the deal," he said.

Some commissioners have been questioning the appraised value of the Andrew Johnson Building, the amount being paid per-square-foot, and the rush to sell it with no location found for the school

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Recently, A. G. Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, visited the White House to meet with President Donald Trump. Naturally, Sulzberger categorized the meeting as having been requested by the White House and said he attended to “raise concerns about the president’s deeply troubling anti-press rhetoric.” Presidents of the United States have frequently been at odds with the media covering them; John F. Kennedy cancelled at least one newspaper subscription because he did not like its coverage. Franklin Roosevelt, angered by the attacks on his foreign policy by the Washington Herald, the

New York Daily News and the Chicago Tribune, grumbled about the “McCormick – Patterson Axis.” Barack Obama, who probably was the recipient of more fawning coverage by the media than any other president in the country’s history, still whined he thought the news media had cheated him of credit for accomplishments he thought he deserved. Obama was able to overlook the fact the media rarely ever faulted him when his policies failed.

Yet there has never been any president like Donald Trump. It is a fact more than 90% of the coverage of his administration by the news media has been negative; usually highly negative. Trump, unlike previous occupants of the White House, has hit back. Sulzberger chose to share with President Trump his concern for the safety of journalists. Sulzberger said he had been forced to hire security to protect journalists because of Trump’s rhetoric, which includes labeling journalists as an “enemy of the people.” The truth is most journalists have less reported

the news than attempted to shape and mold it. The mainstream media in this country is used to shaping public opinion and they are having a difficult time influencing Americans, many of whom agree with the president about “fake news.” While clearly most of the mainstream media think Americans are stupid, millions of Americans are smart enough to realize for a very long time there has been a double standard, at best; all too frequently, there’s been no standard at all. Sulzberger apparently hasn’t stopped to consider the rhetoric contained in his own newspaper. For instance, columnist Frank Bruni, wrote that Vice President Mike Pence is “a bigot. Also a liar. Also cruel.” Elements of the mainstream media have regularly mocked and derided Pence’s Christian faith. Sulzberger and his newspaper are standing firmly behind Sarah Jeong, a new hire for the New York Times’ editorial page. Jeong has a long history of posting racist comments about white men and white people. Of course the American left doesn’t see Sarah Jeong,

who is Asian, as a racist, but for anyone not on the left, it seems quite clear she is indeed a racist. Ms. Jeong didn’t post about any particular or specific white man, just white men in general. Ms. Jeong evidently spent a lot of her spare time pondering about white people. In one post, she wrote “basically I’m just imagining waking up white every morning with a terrible existential dread that I have no culture.” Of course it’s one of the new shibboleths of the left that there is no such thing as an American culture. Sarah Jeong at least hints at the notion the planet would be better off without any white people. “#cancelwhitepeople.” “White people have stopped breeding,” Jeong wrote, “you’ll all go extinct soon. That was my plan all along.” Another post by Sarah Jeong was “Dumbass f----- white people marking up the internet with their opinions like dogs p----- on fire hydrants.”

Sulzberger and his newspaper defend Jeong by insisting it was merely the harmless satirical musings of the newest member of their editorial board. Of

course such whimsical musing on the part of Roseanne Barr and James Gunn and many others are not tolerated for a second and shouldn’t be, but Sulzberger and the New York Times, along with Sarah Jeong, think she is entitled. Once again, either a double standard or none at all. Replace the word “white” with any other ethnic group and ask yourself if it would be considered racist.

Publisher A. G. Sulzberger seems not to give much thought to rhetoric aside from that of Trump. Bret Stephens, a columnist for Sulzberger’s New York Times, cried, “We are approaching a day when blood on the newsroom floor will be blood on the president’s hands.” Even Jim Acosta has fretted, “I’m very worried that the hostility whipped up by Trump and some in conservative media will result in somebody getting hurt.” People have already gotten hurt.

Just last week a man was arrested for threatening Congressmen Steve Scalise and Cathy McMorris Rodgers. The man who was arrested had stockpiled ammunition and

possessed helpful books on bomb designs and terrorism.

Scalise was the congressman from Louisiana who was shot and barely survived an assassin who fired some 70 rounds at Republican lawmakers who were practicing for the yearly Congressional softball game. The shooter was a volunteer in the presidential campaign of Bernie Sanders who had joined scintillating Facebook groups like “The Road To Hell Is Paved With Republicans” and “Join the Resistance Worldwide.”

My point is let’s not pretend all the rhetoric is one-sided. Sulzberger and his friends in the mainstream media could solve much of the problem by simply reporting the news fairly and honestly. The media need not expect Donald Trump to simply lie down and take it; the President is going to hit back and hard.

If hatred in politics in our country is a cancer, it is beginning to metastasize and we all know what happens when a serious cancer has metastasized. It certainly won’t be a good thing for our country,

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exemplify high quality education services. Two Knox County schools were recognized in June at the Alternative Education Conference for the 2017-2018 school year. The two Knox County Schools that were recognized were Richard Yoakley led by Principal Seth Smith and Ridgedale School led by Principal Dianna Gossett.

Chairwoman Bounds took the next few minutes to acknowledge the three departing school board members, First District’s Gloria Deathridge, Fourth District’s Lynne Fugate and Ninth District’s Amber Rountree. Bounds heartily thanked these three individuals for their service to the students and the citizens of Knox County.

Representative Owen was first to speak about the Strategic Plan. Owen expressed that she would like to see all comments from political candidates in the August 2, 2018 Primary Election expunged from the Strategic Plan documents since the comments from only a few candidates were included and it did not fairly represent a demographic cross section. Representative Fugate responded that there was no intention to query some people and not others and agreed that all candidate remarks be left out of the document.

Fifth District Representative Susan Horn thinks the board still needs a dedicated session to discuss and clean up the strategic plan. Some board members have

heard from constituents that the public still wants input. Sixth District Representative Terry Hill stated the strategic plan is just a “road map.” She also added that the community has had ample opportunity to participate in and contribute to the Strategic Plan.

A motion was made and seconded that the board pass, in draft form, the two page summary document. The motion carried. After that, Fugate made a motion, seconded by Rountree, to put the Strategic Plan discussion on the board’s retreat agenda. The motion carried.

The discussion then turned to the pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Portfolio. It seems every board member has been bombarded with comments and pleas from stakeholders. The Shelby County School System and Nashville Metro Schools have already expressed their displeasure with not only TNReady but also the Kindergarten Portfolio. Representative Owen respectfully requested that Superintendent Thomas and the Board draft a LETTER OF NO CONFIDENCE to the Tennessee Legislative Delegation, the Tennessee Department of Education and Governor Bill Haslam, regarding Portfolio Evaluation, TNReady and the Department of Education. Representative Fugate wants the board to see and approve the letter before sending it to Nashville. Chairwoman Bounds indicated that that could be accomplished by the

first of next week.

Representative Deathridge related the problems with the Kindergarten Portfolio have been going on for two years. She went on to say that “the Tennessee Department of Education completely messed it up.” Bounds followed up by saying the Department of Education decided not to use the model Knox County had crafted.

Representative Owen invited Natasha Patchen to address the

board about her own portfolio scores. Patchen showed the board PowerPoint slides that detailed many of the irregularities in the scoring process where the Tennessee State Department of Education blamed the teacher for making errors that were clearly not her fault or simply failed to grade certain portions of the portfolio. While the Department of Education appears to be willing to make a few concessions about the 2017-2018

portfolios, the department plans to introduce yet another portfolio template for the 2018-2019 school year. On top of that, the Tennessee Department of Education plans to destroy all teacher portfolio documents (from 2017-2018) except for the scores as of August 10, 2018. The teachers have been told there is no way to save their files. All board members were in agreement that something has to be done about this fiasco.

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Students prepare to enter the new Gibbs Middle School Wednesday morning. They were greeted by area pastor Justin Pratt, Principal Cindy White and other GMS staff members and KCS administrators. Photo by Ken Lay.

Long-awaited Gibbs MS opens to students

By Ken Lay

The first day of school always stirs a wide range of emotions for teachers, administrators and students, who all run the gamut from being excited to experiencing nervousness as they embark on a new academic year.

But the first day of the 2018-19 academic year was particularly special for the Corryton Community as Gibbs Middle School officially opened its doors to students for the first time on Wednesday.

And from the looks of things, excitement was the order of the day.

"I'm so excited and things went real smoothly," said Gibbs Middle School principal Cindy White, who was named to lead the school. "This is a special opportunity and for the last year, the team here has done an incredible amount of hard work. And today, they're seeing the fruits of all of

their hard work. This is exciting because the community has wanted this school for a long time. We had our sixth-grade orientation on Monday (Aug. 6) and everybody was really excited. The kids were really excited."

The school opened nearly 48 hours later and faculty and staff were waiting to greet students as they walked the path to go through the school's doors for the first time. Still, other teachers directed traffic through the parking lot. All greeted teachers and students with smiles and warm greetings.

Band director Jim Foust was high-fiving students as they approached the door. He assured the students that they would have a great year as they made their final approach to go inside.

He, along with White, Knox County Schools Director of Secondary Schools Dr. John Bartlett

and Knox County Schools Superintendent Bob Thomas awaited students as they approached the entry way.

Community members C.H. Qualls and Justin Pratt, both ministers at local churches also encouraged student, while wearing their Eagles colors.

White noted that her team and the Corryton Community made the first day of school go off without a hitch on a hot and humid Wednesday morning.

"We have hired the best team," said White, who has been an educator for nearly three decades and has previously served as principal at Karns and Vine Middle Schools. "I was a teacher for 17 years, and I went into administration at Karns High School 12 years ago. I was principal at Karns Middle for four years and I was at Vine four years ago.

"All of us got together

and put a plan in place for the first half day."

Gibbs Middle School opened its doors to more than 550 students and was one of two new middle schools to open in the Knoxville Area.

Hardin Valley Middle School also opened Wednesday and Thomas said he was pleased.

"I can't remember the last time we opened two schools on the same day. I don't ever remember ever opening two middle schools on the same day.

"This is exciting because you don't get to open a new school very often. Cindy and [Hardin Valley Principal] Cory [Smith] each got to pick their own staff and it's not very often that principals get to pick their own staff. This is a great facility."

Hardin Valley Middle welcomed 900 students into its building on Wednesday.

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system office relocation.

Grider said he has heard of no location being found yet.

In other agenda, the commission may also consider establishing a standing Legislative Affairs Committee to keep in touch with local state and national legislators.

The Engineering and Public Works Department may be authorized to install a sign in front of Powell High School on Old Emory Road recognizing it as the "Home

of the 2018 State Girls Softball Champions," on a motion by Commissioner Charles Busler.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker wants to discuss the terms of service of the commissioner who serves on the Audit Committee and Busler wants to discuss telecommunications tax revenue, and zoning ordinances for storage buildings.

Most of the items on the agenda will go on for consideration at the current commission's last regular meeting on August 27th.



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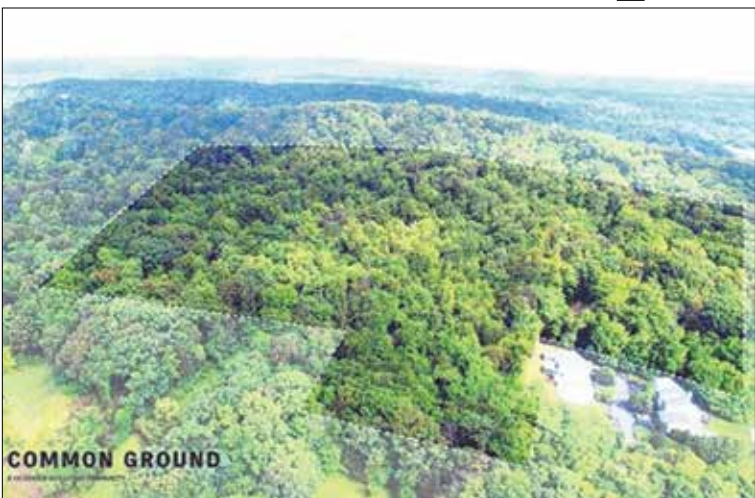
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Common Ground senior community proposed for Whittle Springs area

By Mike Steely
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A proposed residential community of about 30 homes is eyeing the Whittle Springs community. “Common Ground” would be a 22-acre development of homes and shared amenities at the end of Tambark Drive near Knox Lane. The Metropolitan Planning Commission has been talking with the Common Grounds committee about the future development and use-on-review plans will be submitted this month. MPC told The Focus that the area was approved years ago for zoning as a planned residential area. Tambark Development LLC purchased the parcel on July 31. Susan Fuhr, PhD, is founder of the Common Ground idea locally. The community would have a common house, gardens, shared vehicles, a library, large scale kitchen, and a fitness center and patio area. It is planned for active adults 55 and older and would offer beautiful views of



A highlighted aerial photo of the proposed Common Ground development between Knox Lane and Sharps Ridge that is included in a Common Ground web page.

the Smokies. More than a dozen acres would be devoted to walking trails in a conservation easement, including cooperation with Legacy Parks. “We are now actively reaching out to the community yet and are developing a site plan with Michael Versen, landscape

architect,” Fuhr told The Focus recently. She said Common Ground may be on the planning commission’s October 11 agenda for the use-on-review request. “The site was approved in 2006 for a 78-unit condo development, that didn’t happen. Our plans are for much less than that,” she said

of the undeveloped 22-acre site. Six lots have been reserved currently and when all the lots are sold ownership of the community will be transferred to a Homeowners Association. Currently homes will sell for under \$250,000 each and will be one and two bedroom houses. An investment of \$50,000 is required from each household to build infrastructure and prepare all residential sites. Site selection will be based on the order of investments. Homeowners will also own 1/30th of the common acreage, public spaces, and common buildings. The website of Common Ground notes they are “eagerly seeking new residents.”

Currently there are a couple of concerns from nearby homeowners mostly having to do with increased traffic there since Knox Lane is a dead-end street. The community design includes a significant vegetation border.

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In Memoriam



Bernice
Marie
Cantwell
Stevens

Bernice Marie Cantwell Stevens, of Knoxville, passed away Saturday, August 4, 2018 at home, 11 days before her 94th birthday. She was surrounded by her loving family and caregivers.

Bernice was born on August 15, 1924 and raised on a farm in Rutledge, Tennessee. Bernice was owner and president of Stevens Mortuary following her husband Tommy’s death. For many years, she was the welcoming face at the door and comforting arms for families. This year, Stevens Mortuary commemorated 60 years of service to generations of families and the community they loved. Bernice and Tommy leave behind a legacy of personal and professional commitment of service that lives on.

Bernice was a faithful member of Smithwood Baptist Church and the Ruth Sunday School class for more than 60 years. She was an avid supporter of the Lady Vols and attended many games with friends and family. She was active in a variety of organizations in the area, including Knoxville Woman’s Club, Holston-Mascot OES #55, Quota Club and Ossoli Circle. Bernice contributed to many charities, often anonymously, and lent her support to several churches. On more than one occasion, she provided clothing to families who did not have appropriate clothing for the burial of their loved one.

MPC delays action on controversial subdivision

By Pete Gawda

There was standing room only as a sea of yellow t-shirts flooded the main assembly room of the City-County Building on Thursday, Aug. 9 for the monthly meeting of the Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The shirts were worn by members of the Northeast Corridor Association who came out in force to protest the proposed Post Oak Bend subdivision. Plans for the 260-acre subdivision, to be located on a peninsula on the northeast side of Tooles Bend Road and the northeast side of I-40, south of Northshore Drive, call for 198 detached residential lots, 184 attached residential lots and 240 condominium units. Opponents say it would be located on what is now the last remaining large tract of undeveloped waterfront property in West Knox County. “We are looking to build a diverse residential community” said Arthur Seymour, Jr., representing the developers. He said the first homes would be ready in 2020 but the entire project would take 10 years to complete. Greg Gamble, also representing the developers, said his organization started with an analysis of the site and identification of



PHOTO BY PETE GAWDA.

Members of the Northeast Corridor Association, which represents 12 community groups, came out in force in their yellow t-shirts to the Thursday, Aug. 9 Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting to protest the proposed Post Oak Bend subdivision.

areas that needed preservation. He said the clubhouse would be in the center of the community and have access to the water. There would be several pocket parks connected by walking trails or sidewalks. Tom Hale represented the Northeast Corridor Association, made up of representatives of 10 homeowners associations in the area. He said that in 1993, when the property was rezoned

from Agriculture to Planned Residential, a density of 1 to 3 dwelling units per acre was approved. He claimed that with that range of density, the MPC had the authority to allow only 1 rather than 3 dwelling units per acre. He stated that a development with multifamily units would be incompatible with the single family residences in surrounding neighborhoods. Hale also expressed concern that the

increased density would bring in more traffic and safety hazards for current residents of the area. “There is opportunity to develop something at a much lower level,” he said as he finished his presentation to a standing ovation from the yellow-shirted audience. MPC members also had questions about the project. “This is not a done deal, we’ve got to know more,” said **Continue on page 2**

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New sound ordinance, Fort Sanders preservation and Sunsphere repairs on City Agenda

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The Knoxville City Council will probably finalize a new ordinance dealing with the volume of sound produced on city streets and parks when it meets Tuesday evening. The revised version of the original proposal does away with "amplified music" which was to be prohibited and instead defines the noise level, adding distance for sound to travel on public property and amending the criteria for loud, unusual and unnecessary noise.

When first mentioned earlier this year several street musicians and artists attended the council meeting and objected to the ordinance as presented. The new ordinance apparently is a compromise since public

performances by "buskers" is permitted downtown. The new ordinance faces its second and final reading.

The council may also see \$110,000 being granted in Historic Preservation Funds to Knox Heritage for their Vintage Properties Fund, to focus on preservation work in the Fort Sanders area. The funding comes from previous year projects that were unable to get underway.

About \$150,000 may also be approved in an agreement with Toole Design Group, LLC, for the Broadway Corridor Improvement Study.

Fulghum, MacIndoe and Associates may get just over \$72,000 for as-needed inspection services for the coming street light construction and maintenance, in a request

from the Department of Engineering.

The Public Building Authority may get approval as project manager for the Sunsphere and Amphitheatre at the World's Fair Park for repair and maintenance.

New playground structures may also be approved for the Milton Roberts Recreation Center for \$63,936 and at West Haven Recreation Center for \$67,526 in two requests from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation is also asking for \$610,000 for three projects to include Ed Cothren Pool, Harriet Tubman Park and Fulton High School.

The police department is asking for approval to apply for \$154,568 from the U. S. Department of

Justice to improve operations of the Criminal Justice System.

Several rezoning requests are before the council for properties along E. Young High Pike, Hollywood Road, Gap Road, Alamo Avenue, Forest Avenue, Grand Avenue, Cherokee Trail and Kingston Pike. Most of the requests involve changing current zoning to residential categories.

The council is also being asked to approve a donation of \$1,500 from Parks and Recreation funds to the Boys and Girls Club to be used for the Greater Knoxville Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

The council meets in regular session Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the main assembly room of the City County Building downtown.

Pond Gap, Bearden to oppose 110-unit rezoning request

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Tuesday's City Council meeting could see several Pond Gap and Bearden residents present to oppose a 24 dwelling units per acre proposal going in on Hollywood Road.

Members of the Pond Gap Neighborhood Association and The Bearden Village Council are planning to attend. The development proposal, approved by MPC in a 15-0 vote, is planned for the west side of Hollywood Road and would have 110 units. Pond Gap residents pledged to walk Hollywood last weekend and President David Williams was joined in his opposition Thursday by the Bearden group in an email from Bearden President Mary English.

Williams said local residents will walk Hollywood with signs in opposition to

the request this Thursday beginning at 6:30.

Elmington CG, LLC is seeking a rezoning from Highway and Arterial Commercial (C-4) to Planned Residential (PR).

Williams said the original proposal was for about 40 units. He noted the current plans are to use land between the historic pond on the western edge of Hollywood and the Pond Gap Elementary School.

"The city is pushing this—they never contacted us. I sent out post cards and the response has been great. The residents don't want it and it's supposed to be affordable housing," he said.

He said if it passes a first and second reading the plans could come back as a use-on-review and only then would residents actually know what is planned.

Walker receives Quartermaster Award

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A Bearden High School graduate, John G. Walker, is about to receive the Quartermaster Award, the highest rank a Sea Scout can reach. Sea Scouts are part of the Boy Scouts of America and the Great Smoky Mountain Council.

Walker's achievement as Quartermaster is the first in 25 years. He took part in a team that sailed in international competition where Sea Scouts from foreign countries compete together. Walker says he loves the water and after two years at



John G. Walker

fleet is composed of five high performance racing Thistle class sloops with a crew of three. As a member of the fleet youths learn boat maintenance, sailing and maritime heritage. They learn to work with wood, fiberglass and marine engines and outboard motors. During the school year ship meetings are usually held on Sunday afternoons.

Anyone interested in the local Sea Scouts may contact George Hubble at (865) 980-0879 or email ship300sails@yahoo.com.

Pellissippi State he plans to serve in the U. S. Coast Guard.

The local Sea Scouts

Pictured (left to right): Ginny Stinnett (widow of the late Larry Stinnett), Brad Stinnett (son holding photo of his late father, Larry Stinnett), Don Hughes, Mike Cruze, and Barbara Cruze, provided by Don Hughes.



'I Saw Three Men...' Part Three

Mike Cruze was in The University of Tennessee Medical Center 23 days. For



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21 of those days, the Master Gardener was unconscious and on a ventilator. Doctors told Barbara that Mike should be dead. He had suffered two types of aortic dissection (a tear in the aorta—the artery leading from the heart). Barbara learned that with even one type of aortic dissection, the patient may not survive. "Doctors repaired the ascending dissection but not the descending, since repairing both at once could be fatal," Barbara shared. Mike survived, and nine doctors told Barbara they took no credit. It was a miracle!

Mike has some limitations these days after his terrifying ordeal along the interstate. Though he suffered some memory loss, Mike still writes informative gardening columns for the Knoxville Focus. After he was released from the hospital, Mike had one goal in mind. He wanted to find the men who stopped to help them that evening along the interstate. Barbara remembered the name she had asked of one man. Don Hughes. She looked in the telephone directory and found two names that matched. She called the first one.

"Hello," the voice on the other end answered.

"Is this the Don Hughes who stopped to help the passengers in a pickup truck on Interstate 275 South about a month ago?" Barbara asked. (To be concluded in Part 4—how Mike and Barbara Cruze, through a life-and-death experience, have become encircled by an even larger family of faith.)

MPC delays action on controversial subdivision

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Commissioner Art Clancy. "We need more information from an engineering standpoint." He said the MPC needed to learn the impact of the development on the surrounding neighborhoods and on Knox County as a whole.

Commissioner Richard Graf asked about the number of entrances and expressed concern about the steep road grade.

"Traffic is my significant reservation," opined Commissioner Scott Smith while Commissioner Mac Goodwin expressed concern about stormwater drainage and the lack of a sewer system.

After considerable discussion the MPC voted to

postpone consideration of Post Oak Bend until the September meeting to allow developers to answer their questions.

In other action the MPC approved the concept plans Berry Patch Farm subdivision on the northwest side of McCloud Road southwest of Medaris Drive, The Cove at Churchill Downs on the northwest side of Bob Kirby Road, and the northeast and southwest sides of Secretariat Boulevard and The Legends at Washington Pike, north of Rising Way terminus, northwest of Washington Pike and south of McCampbell Drive.

In rezonings, the MPC recommended the Knox County Commission rezone

property on the south side of Westland Drive and the east side of I-140 from Agriculture to General Business and Office Park. The MPC also voted to recommend the county commission rezone property on the southeast side of Lovell Road, northeast of Cape Brittany Road from Agriculture to Technology Overlay and Planned Residential at a density of up to 7 dwelling units per acre. They also recommended the county commission rezone property on the northwest side of Andes Road and northeast of Iveywood Lane from Agriculture to Low Density Residential.



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The Last Years of Prentice Cooper

Part One

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Prentice Cooper had served as governor of Tennessee for six years, the only man ever to be elected to three consecutive two-year terms in modern history. Cooper's tenure covered the entire period when the United States was fighting a bloody war all across the globe.

Diminutive, less than five and a half feet tall, Prentice Cooper was neat and business-like in appearance. Coming from a wealthy family, the bachelor governor entertained in the executive mansion with his mother, Argentine, serving as his hostess. The former governor had never lacked political courage and oftentimes considered parsimonious, Prentice Cooper frequently parsed his words as economically as he ran Tennessee's government. Despite Cooper's business-like administration of state affairs, the Nashville Tennessean recalled the governor's "belligerence in his personal contacts gave rise to almost constant turmoil."

Cooper had been ineligible to run for another term as governor in 1944, although he was the favorite-son candidate of the Tennessee delegation at the Democratic National Convention for vice president. Prentice Cooper was not eager to reenter private life following his time in the governor's mansion. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar had pressed President Harry Truman to find a suitable appointment for Cooper. The former governor was offered the ambassadorship to Australia, which he turned down, thinking it too far from Tennessee. McKellar, with his usual relentless pursuit of a goal, stayed after Truman and eventually Prentice Cooper accepted the ambassadorship to Peru. Cooper left the docks of New York City, along with his mother, Argie, on a steamship bound for Lima, Peru. Argie Cooper would serve as the mistress of the American embassy in Peru and the hostess for her son.

Cooper resigned as ambassador to Peru in 1948 and returned to Tennessee. In 1949, Cooper began a serious romance with Hortense Hayes Powell, who was working at the United Nations. Despite an age difference of some twenty-five years, the two fell in love and married in 1950. Prentice Cooper became a father for the first time on New Year's Day in 1952 with the arrival of William Prentice Cooper at Vanderbilt Hospital. Cooper had attended the 1952 Democratic National Convention, where he volunteered to help Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver's bid to win the presidential nomination. Kefauver had briefly served as Commissioner of Finance in Cooper's gubernatorial administration in 1939.

The two remained friends, although they were allied with difference political factions inside Tennessee's Democratic party. Cooper had been strongly supported by Senator Kenneth McKellar and his political partner, E. H. Crump, leader of the Shelby County machine, when he first defeated Governor Gordon Browning in 1938. At the time of his first election as governor, Cooper had been an obscure state senator from Shelbyville. Despite his ties to McKellar, the former governor did little or nothing to aid the old senator's campaign for reelection in 1952. McKellar, aging and ailing, lost to Congressman Albert Gore that year. Cooper had taken little part in politics since retiring as governor, aside from reemerging to aid Kefauver's presidential campaign.

Cooper was elected, along with two other former governors - - - Jim Nance McCord and Republican Ben W. Hooper - - - as a delegate to Tennessee's Constitutional Convention in 1953. Prentice Cooper was promptly elected by his fellow delegates to preside over the Constitutional Convention. Despite Cooper's lack of overt political activity, his ambition for higher office had not been extinguished by his retirement from the governor's office. Reputedly, Cooper had been interested in running for the U. S. Senate in 1948 in place of Senator Tom Stewart, who had lost the support of E. H. Crump. Some political observers thought Cooper had something to do with the Memphis Boss's refusal to back Stewart for another term, perhaps in the hope Crump would find the former governor to be a suitable replacement. Instead, Senator Stewart stubbornly insisted upon running for reelection and Prentice Cooper remained on the sidelines. Cooper's lack of activity and support for McKellar's reelection in 1952 may have been less political ingratitude than disappointment the veteran senator had not chosen to retire gracefully after thirty-six years in the United States Senate. Cooper might very well have leaped into the senatorial contest in 1952 had McKellar chosen to retire.

Prentice Cooper's last campaign for public office began in 1958 when he announced he was running to reclaim the governor's office. Campaigning for several months in a crowded field of aspirants for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Cooper astounded virtually everybody when he switched to the senatorial race at the last moment. Waiting almost to the filing deadline, Prentice Cooper challenged incumbent Albert Gore in a bitter primary. Cooper ran largely upon two issues: the continuation of segregation



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Former Governor Prentice Cooper of Tennessee, circa 1958.

and "the Southern way of life" and Gore's support for foreign aide, which the former governor denounced as "global giveaways." Evidently Cooper's senatorial campaign was lavishly financed as billboards all across the state heralded his candidacy and the former governor made extensive use of television advertising. It was believed by some Cooper's campaign for the Senate was the most expensive race in Tennessee's history. Certainly it was the first in the state's history to employ a Madison Avenue-type campaign modus operandi. Gore proved to be a hard target to hit, constantly invoking the name of the late Cordell Hull, Secretary of State under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and a figure still revered in much of Tennessee. Gore won 59% of the vote in the primary, while Cooper took just under 40%. Prentice Cooper suffered the indignity of losing his home county of Bedford to Senator Gore.

The sixty-two year old former governor, father to three small sons, settled into the comfortable routine of practicing a little law, running the family's business holdings, and living the life of a gentleman farmer. Assuming the role of senior statesman, Cooper was a familiar face at Democratic gatherings and seemed to take much satisfaction as a member of the special fraternity comprised entirely of former governors. Cooper socialized with former governors Jim Nance McCord and his one-time opponent Gordon Browning. Unlike Browning, Prentice Cooper rarely, if ever, issued endorsements of other candidates in Democratic primaries.

Cooper traveled to Fayetteville for "Governor's Day" to join Browning, Jim Nance McCord and Frank Clement at the local fair in

September of 1959. The former governors enjoyed a spread that included fried chicken, barbecue, ham, turnip greens, deviled eggs, as well as "a dozen kinds of cake" and "enough pies to stock a bakery." Cooper was on hand in Pulaski, Tennessee when Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn visited Tennessee to make a speech.

In 1961, the former governor lost his father, William Prentice Cooper, who died July 3. The elder Cooper had served on the Board of Trustees for the University of Tennessee from 1915 - 1958, serving an astonishing forty-three years. The two had been close and had been law partners since Prentice Cooper's retirement as governor. It had been W. P. Cooper who had built the stately red brick home in Shelbyville for his wife in 1904. Prentice Cooper and his family still lived in the home when his father passed away. It would remain Prentice Cooper's home for the remainder of his life. W. P. Cooper had once been a speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives and mayor of Shelbyville.

The former governor kept himself busy and traveled to Nashville to speak to students at Belmont College in May of 1962. Cooper had accepted membership on Belmont's Development Program and made a talk at the college's chapel. Cooper also joined a different committee with a much bigger agenda to reshape Tennessee politics. Prentice Cooper attended a meeting in Nashville to urge a fair reapportionment plan for Tennessee. The committee seeking to reapportion Tennessee's legislative districts was comprised of "business, professional and educational men and women" all across the state in advance of the special session of the legislature

called by Governor Buford Ellington. The addition of Prentice Cooper to the effort lent the group not only legitimacy, but also seriousness. Cooper broke his usual silence urging Tennessee legislators to stop playing "cheap politics" in avoiding reapportionment.

Both former governor Prentice Cooper and his wife Hortense were members of the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities Association and both husband and wife retained an interest in things historical throughout their respective lives. Cooper was mildly active politically in 1962 as Frank Clement sought to return to the governor's office. The former governor was spotted in his native Shelbyville wearing "a saucer-size" Clement button. A Nashville Tennessean photographer photographed Clement with his family during the campaign for the Democratic nomination. The three Cooper sons were all wearing ties and Mrs. Cooper was, as usual, dressed beautifully. The former governor was standing beside Clement shaking hands, but his gaze was averted to his boys and he was beaming.

Prentice Cooper attended a gigantic fundraising dinner for Tennessee's Democratic party in October of 1962 held at the Nashville fairgrounds coliseum headlined by gubernatorial nominee Frank Clement. More than 3,300 Tennessee Democrats gathered together beneath a sixty-foot white and gold banner to hear speakers extol the virtues of Volunteer State democracy. Cooper sat at the head table along with virtually every other prominent Democrat in Tennessee.

Perhaps even more pleasant for the former governor was his visit to Nashville's municipal auditorium when he took his three sons

and Mrs. Cooper to attend the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in February of 1963. Snow on the ground did not deter the Coopers from making the trip. The following month found the ex-governor in Kingsport to speak to the Daughters of the American Revolution on the topic of "National Defense." While in Kingsport, Cooper expressed dismay at Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's proposal to cut \$14 million from the defense budget. The former governor expressed strong reservations, growling McNamara was gambling "with our survival" in his budget-cutting binge. "It is my belief that Russia will attack us as soon as she feels she has atomic superiority and when she has perfected the anti-missile," Cooper opined.

Prentice Cooper was among the host of Tennessee Democrats welcoming President John F. Kennedy to Nashville in May of 1963. The former governor was accompanied by his wife, who was resplendent in black dress, a beige straw hat and a string of pearls. The four living former governors of Tennessee - - - Prentice Cooper, Gordon Browning, Jim Nance McCord and Buford Ellington - - - were all invited by Governor Frank Clement to come to the governor's residence to meet with President Kennedy personally. When Kennedy was assassinated, grieving Tennesseans assembled for a special memorial service in Nashville, which Prentice Cooper attended, along with former governor Buford Ellington.

Cooper was again photographed by the Tennessean along with former governors Gordon Browning, Jim Nance McCord and Buford Ellington at a state dinner for Tennessee Democrats headlined by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Prentice Cooper was dapper in a dark suit, which evidently he continued to wear long after it was out of fashion during the decade of the 1960s. Known as an economy minded governor when he was in office, Prentice Cooper, in spite of being personally wealthy, remained thrifty.

Prentice Cooper offered one of his rare public comments when General Douglas MacArthur died on April 5, 1964. "It was certainly a great blow to America," Cooper said. "I consider General MacArthur the smartest general who lived during my lifetime. I was the wartime governor and was acquainted with a number of generals and that seemed to be their opinion."

The once peppery, blunt spoken governor seemed to have mellowed with age, marriage and fatherhood.

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Schools and traffic

If you were out and about early on Wednesday of last week, the chances are you were stuck in a major traffic jam. Yes, friends, schools opened in Knox County on that day, and for the next year most of us must acclimate ourselves to the travel woes that go with education. Plenty of things contribute to the inability to easily travel from Point A to Point B.

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I'm all for growth and progress. Knoxville and Knox County are sprawling more each year. A drive in any area of the county will reveal how many subdivisions and apartment complexes are sprouting up. The problem with those developments is that they all dump traffic onto the roads. A recent survey indicates that the average household has 2.28 cars. So, even if a small development has 40 units, it unloads about 90 more vehicles on road surfaces.

Taking into consideration that most new developments are built on side roads, the problem grows even stickier. For instance, I live in the Ball Camp area. Every morning, a line of traffic backs up from the railroad track below the house and snakes its way up Ball Road in one direction and across another set of tracks on Ball Camp Pike. When a train comes each morning, the back-up makes sure that students are tardy to class, parents are late to work, and drivers lose their patience and tempers.

I attended a hearing on allowing a nearby development to proceed. One individual who would determine its fate answered a concern about inadequate roads by saying, "There are a lot of narrow roads in the county. That's just something people have to deal with." Really? Wouldn't it make sense to develop the infrastructure

before allowing hoards of new developments to begin?

Another factor causing traffic problems is parents. For some reason, moms and dads insist upon driving their children to school. They load up the kids and hit the roads. School zones are clogged like sink drains. Other vehicles trying to maneuver through the quagmire to reach other places are unable to move at all.

I passed the Cedar Bluff school zone just before students got out at noon on the first day. Even though schools wouldn't end for about forty minutes, cars were lined up going both directions on Cedar Bluff Road. Even worse, some jerks had zipped down the line of waiting cars and then tried to cut line. That blocked another lane of traffic. Don't these people have better things to do than to sit in cars for long periods of time and snarl traffic?

Buses run throughout the county every morning of school. They stop to pick up students, and such frequent stops can back up traffic for a mile. The sad thing is that many of these big yellow limousines carry too few students. Parents won't allow their children to ride buses. They believe that buses aren't safe in so much traffic. Hey, if these folks would put their children on school transportation, the number of vehicles swamping roads and school zones would significantly decrease. Folks, tax dollars are paying the contracts for these buses. Not using them is a waste of money. Think about that the next time you have a conniption fit about how your tax dollars are spent.

Yes, school is back in session, and the traffic will be crazy. My suggestion is that any of you parents who can should put your children on buses that drive right to the schools. Of course, I know that's not going to happen, so my best advice is that you all drive carefully, obey the traffic laws in school zones, and be patient. Summer will return a few months.

Common Ground senior community proposed for Whittle Springs area

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The community is based on Unitarian Universalist core principals but owners need not be church members. UU members and friends draw on the humanitarian teachings of the world's major religions. Residents must be 55 years or older and would share 2 to 4 meals each week. Common Grounds aims to turn "aging into saging" by encouraging a community of caring through the shared amenities. The project team is emulating similar and successful communities as examples of co-housing. The Elderspirit Community in Abingdon, Virginia and Quimper Village in Washington state are the inspirations as well as Germantown Commons in Nashville, Tennessee's

first multigenerational cohousing neighborhood.

The mission statement of Common Ground includes "incorporating universal design and other features to support intentional, mindful community development and cooperative living."

Fuhr said the senior development will be a great neighbor to the area.

"Although Craftsman-style homes have been the primary design choice, additional options are still being reviewed," the group's website says.

More information is available online at uucommunity.org or you can contact Common Ground at 865-256-9770 or seniorcohousingknox@gmail.com.






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TKA, Powell notch wins at Kick-Off Classic

By Ken Lay

Les Greer makes it no secret that his expectation is to win a Division II-A State Championship. And he's coached championship teams before.

He may just have a title contender at The King's Academy if Friday night's small sample size is any indication.

Greer, who was tapped to take over as the Lions coach last spring after Matt Lowe returned to Powell High School, saw his squad notch a 22-7 victory over Karns Friday night at the KOC High School Kick-Off Classic at Neyland Stadium.

"I thought we played pretty well," said Greer, who was the defensive coordinator for Catholic High School's Class 5A State Championship team in 2017. "We don't have a lot of depth but I was able to get some twos and threes in there tonight."

Still, Greer wasn't quite satisfied. "I wanted 22-0 but we didn't quite get there," he said. "But we still played pretty well."

The Lions, who went 8-4 under Lowe last season, torched the Beavers' defense early as senior quarterback Drew Blair (a transfer from William Blount) threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Mink and



PHOTO BY JAMES SPEARS.

Webb's Jahlil Jefferson carries against West High in the KOC Kick-Off Classic Friday night. Jefferson scored two touchdowns as the Spartans nabbed a 14-0 victory over the Rebels.

Nakelin McAfee scored on a 3-yard plunge.

TKA also got a 45-yard scoring

pass from backup quarterback Nathan Hoffman to Evan Whaley for its final score of the 12-minute

quarter.

Blair went 6-for-8 and amassed 105 yards against Karns, which didn't have any answers on defense on this night on Rocky Top.

The Beavers got their lone score of the game when quarterback Daniel Kitts connected with Thomas Harper, an Oklahoma State commitment, on a 28-yard scoring strike.

Harper finished the abbreviated contest with six receptions for 53 yards.

In other games from the jambo-ree, which was at the University of Tennessee for the first time in five years:

Powell 21, Carter 0: Lowe was victorious in his return to the Panthers as Powell's defense had three interceptions against the Hornets, who had a new coach of their own in Vic Wharton.

Daniel Stanford, Tyler Kirkess and Evan England all had interceptions for Powell, which also held Carter on downs before scoring when Michael Culpepper caught a 61-yard touchdown pass from senior Walker Trusley.

Deuce Shreve also threw a pair of touchdown tosses for the Panthers. He had a 26-yard scoring strike to Riley Bryant and a 19-yarder to Bailor Walker.

Bearden 7, Austin-East 0: The Bulldogs got a little defensive against the Roadrunners in a showdown that featured a pair of 2017 playoff teams. Bearden got the lone score of the game when Andrew Kregel recovered a fumble and rumbled 36 yards into the end zone with 1 minute, 5 seconds remaining.

Bulldogs coach Morgan Shinlever said that he was pleased but quickly turned the page to this week's showdown against West High.

"We've been getting ready for West and I think that showed tonight," Shinlever said. "It's hard to get the kids excited when you're playing against a team that they haven't worked on. The exciting thing was getting to play at Neyland Stadium."

Bearden beat the Rebels 17-3 last year at Bill Wilson Field.

In addition to picking up the defensive touchdown, Bearden defensive back Kahlil Abdullah deflected a pair of passes to keep the Roadrunners off the scoreboard.

Hardin Valley Academy 7, South-Doyle 0: HVA's Jacob Smith threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Doeffer for the only points of the game. Smith is the backup quarterback for the Hawks.

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2018 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Can Scott Galyon turn close games into victories for Eagles?

By Steve Williams

Seymour High's 0-10 football record in 2017 was a little misleading.

The Eagles lost their first two games by identical 13-8 scores and were outscored by a total of only 25 points in their first four games. That's just a tad over a touchdown per game.

In Week 9, a 0-7 Seymour squad travelled to Sevierville and gave the county rival Smoky Bears all they wanted before falling 9-7. That made five games decided by eight points or less.

Now the question is: Can Seymour grad and former UT and NFL player Scott Galyon turn those close losses into victories in his first head coaching job?

Seymour will be an experienced team this season, with nine starters returning on offense and eight on defense, although many

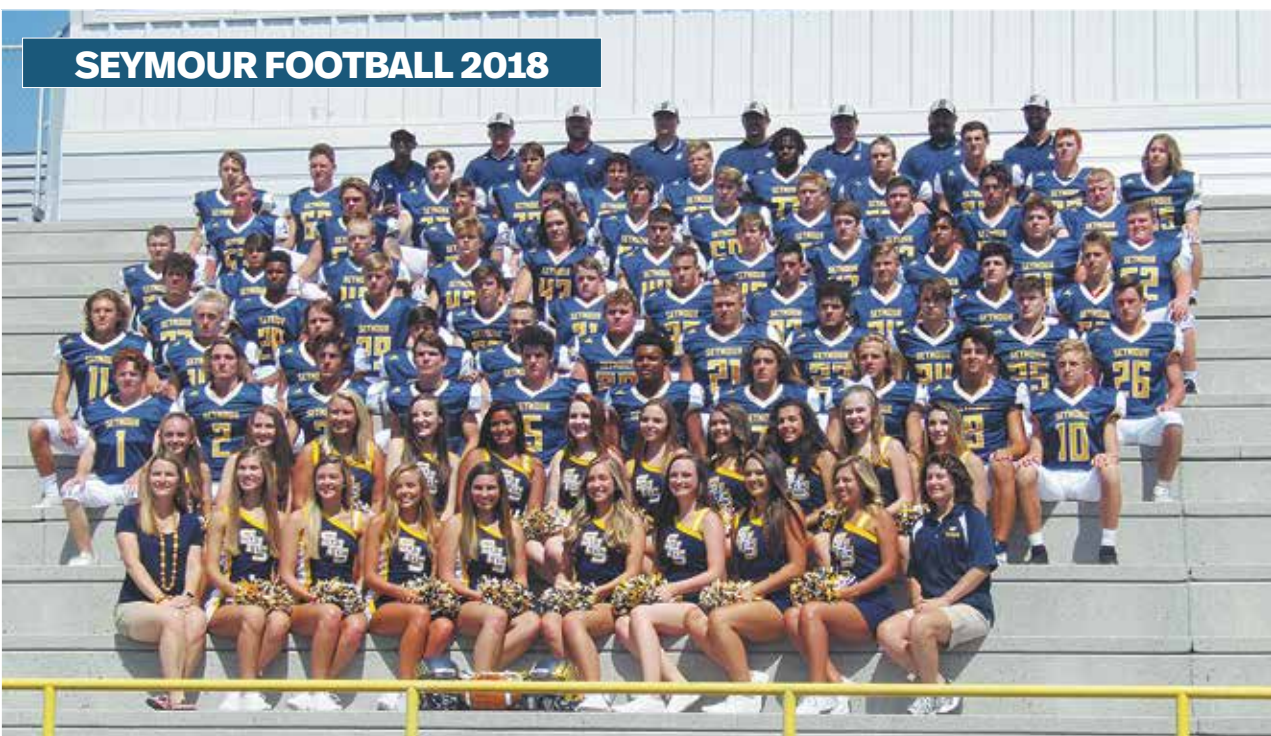


PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Seymour High cheerleaders and football players and their coaches pose for a team photo for the 2018 season, which begins Friday night with the season opener at David Crockett High in Jonesborough.

players go both ways.

"We're running a spread on offense," said Galyon, who believes his personnel fit this system.

"We've got a quarterback who can pull the trigger well and is a good decision maker in Grayson Campbell (5-10, 170, junior). We've

got some skill guys and speed on the outside. We don't have a ton of depth, but I think we're going to be good up front with our

O-line."

Even with the spread look, Galyon said: "The ball will still be going through our running back in Gabe

Kitts (5-9, 200, junior). He's one of our best players, so we've got to establish the run through him."

Overall, Galyon hopes the Eagles' attack will be entertaining.

"We're going to try to spread the field out and have a little fun and throw the ball around."

"Defensively, I think the talent we have fits the 4-3 concept that we're working with and teaching these guys," added Galyon. "It's what they were in last year, so they are familiar with it and have an idea of our calls and adjustments."

In addition to Galyon, Seymour has a new offensive coordinator in Scott Branton and a new offensive line coach in Michael Manis.

Darrel Lauderdale returns as defensive coordinator and line coach, and Matt Shuler is back on the Eagles' staff as **Continued on page 2**

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CARTER FOOTBALL 2018

Carter looks for improvement, culture change

By David Klein

Changing the culture and mentality at Carter is a theme this year for Interim Head Coach Victor Wharton. He takes over for former coach Derek Witt, who was suspended in April and placed on administrative leave with pay. Wharton was defensive coordinator last year for the Hornets and is also the Hornets' strength and conditioning coach.

"I had actually accepted another coaching job at East Hickman High School," Wharton said. "My dad was wanting me to come back to Middle Tennessee. After that (Witt's administrative leave) happened, I felt bad for the kids. I didn't just want them to leave them hanging. I wanted it to be an easy transition for everybody who remains or some other coach coming in."

Wharton said he has interest in becoming the permanent head coach at Carter. "They have expressed interest," he said of the Carter administration. "A lot of things are contingent on how we do this year. Every administration wants to see how well we're developing young men."

Wharton says the mentality on this year's team will be different. "Two of our best games were South-Doyle and Anderson Co. It kind of

tells you that our problems were not necessarily with talent. It was more of a culture and a mentality," Wharton said. "That's primarily what I'm focused on. I noticed sometimes the kids didn't look like they were having fun. That's been my philosophy since taking over the team is that we're going to have fun. In fact, I have a saying, that says success is unavoidable when you're enjoying yourself," he stressed.

Carter plays in Region 2, Class 5A and is in the same division as Knoxville area teams Gibbs, Halls, Knoxville Central, and South-Doyle.

On offense, Wharton said the Hornets are going to establish the run a little more. "Our strength is our offensive line," he said.

Blake Schumate started as quarterback and played one quarter at the Knoxville Jamboree at Neyland Stadium Friday evening. Schumate also plays outside linebacker and Wharton described him as fearless.

Defensively, Carter runs a 4-4 slant. "We're going with the philosophy of keep it simple," Wharton said. "I kinda made it a little easier for them so they don't have to think as much rather than react."

Senior offensive and defensive lineman Collin Norton, who goes by

the nickname 'Big Country,' says he wants to leave a legacy behind and enjoys playing offense more than defense. Norton said, "this year we don't want to go 2-8, if anything it will be 8-2."

Garrett Massey, who plays on the defensive line, said it was easy for the players to buy into Wharton's system and said that South-Doyle and Central will be two of the toughest teams that Carter will face and said, "We're a hard-nosed team."

Wharton emphasized the significance of the first game. "I think our most important game is the first one," Wharton said. "Saturday, August 18 against Anderson Co. It will be a great test for us. They bring it every single time. We haven't even looked past that. Anderson Co. has one of the best quarterbacks (Stanton Martin) I feel in the area. He has absolutely no fear." Martin suffered a torn ACL in a third-round playoff game last year and suffered an ankle/fibula injury in June. "He told us he expects to be back against us," Wharton said. "We're going to prepare as if he has never been injured before. I think our first game against a formidable opponent will set the tone for our region games," Wharton stressed.

CAK FOOTBALL 2018

CAK eager to bounce back after rough 2017

By Ken Lay

Christian Academy of Knoxville's football team made the playoffs in 2017 and that was the positive part of last season for the Warriors. CAK has missed the playoffs just once since 2004.

But the Warriors endured a miserable campaign last year. They went 2-9 and had their worst season in recent memory.

"Nobody wants to go 2-9," said CAK coach Travis Mozingo, who opens his third season at the helm for the Warriors. "The big thing for us is how we respond. The theme for us is 'respond.'

"Everybody wants to see how we respond."

If the Warriors are to bounce back, they'll need some big contributions from its senior class, which is obviously looking to turn the page after losing to Christ Presbyterian Academy in the opening round of the Division II-AA Playoffs.

"We have a solid group of seniors and they all bleed Blue and Gold," Mozingo said.

Senior quarterback Stewart Howell echoed the sentiments of his coach. Howell, who also played wide receiver last year and emerged as one of the area's top playmakers in 2017 and he's been at CAK for a long time and

he watched his brother, Davis, win a pair of Class 3A State Championships with the Warriors in 2011 and 2012.

"This means the world to me," Stewart said. "I've been here at CAK for 14 years. This is my last year and I want to help get this thing turned around."

He may be a key player for the Warriors but he's certainly not alone in wanting to restore the Warriors to their past glory.

"I enjoy the pressure and I always want to be the guy with the ball in my hands," Howell said. "Our senior class came in and kind of flipped the switch. We decided that we couldn't be mediocre and we decided that we just couldn't accept some of the things that we did last year."

Throughout Mozingo's brief tenure at CAK, the Warriors have been plagued by injuries. But he said that his team's main strength will be the team's senior class.

"Our senior leadership will be big for us this year," he said. "Just about everybody here came back and they took a beating and that toughened them up."

"We'll have Stewart at quarterback and he continues to impress. He's a Division I prospect and you only get the chance to coach a guy like that every few years."

Mozingo said that an area of concern for the Warriors, who open their

season Friday night at home against Christ School (NC) with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m., will be depth on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

"We'll need to build our depth on both sides of the line of scrimmage," Mozingo said. "We're going to have some young guys but we have to develop depth on both the offensive and defensive lines. You can have all the skill players you want, but games are won and lost up front at the line of scrimmage. If you can't block or stop the run, you're not going to win many games."

Players to watch for the Warriors include: Howell (who will also play defense in certain situations for CAK); Luke Simpson (senior, wide receiver/safety); Will Sterchi (senior, wide receiver/cornerback); Tyler Williamson (senior, wide receiver/defensive back); Jack Flynn (senior, offensive tackle/linebacker); Max Smith (junior, wide receiver/safety); Ford Collier (senior, running back); Pate Eldridge (junior, running back); Gavin Cagle (sophomore, running back); Jackson Morris, senior, defensive lineman); Joseph Guinn (senior, offensive lineman/linebacker); Alex Plese (senior, tight end/outside linebacker); Zander Tonkin (sophomore, kicker); Luke Myers (freshman, slot receiver/linebacker) and Grant Sterchi (freshman, wide receiver/defensive back).

BEARDEN FOOTBALL 2018

Bearden looks to make 'long playoff run' in 2018

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School's football team endured a roller coaster ride of a season in 2017 but the Bulldogs made the Class 6A Playoffs for the fourth consecutive year.

Bearden, which went 6-5 last year, had to win its final two games to finish fourth in Region 1-6A. The Bulldogs toppled Hardin Valley Academy 42-3 and outlasted Morristown West 28-14 to capture the final postseason bid in the region. As a reward, they got a first-round game at Maryville, where they fell to the eventual state champion Rebels 28-0.

Bearden had an up-and-down campaign but did enough to play a playoff game but this year, the Bulldogs are looking for more.

"We want to make a deep playoff run and we want to score a lot of points this year," said senior defensive lineman A.J. Simon. "It's all about how you come out

and play all year. You have to be ready to play every game.

"You have to come out and be ready for them. You have to come out and hit them before they hit you. We're going to be strong this year. You can count on it."

Coach Morgan Shinlever is in his fifth season at Bearden and he knows the rigors and the grind of a Class 6A Football schedule in East Tennessee.

"When you play [Class] 6A Football in Tennessee, you play the best of the best and you can't afford to get too high if you win or you can't get too low if you lose," Shinlever said. "If you get too low when you lose, things can really snowball on you."

"Nothing came easy for us last year. To borrow a phrase from [Farragut] coach [Eddie] Courtney, you have 10 opportunities to play and you have to take advantage of each opportunity."

Shinlever said that the team's strengths on offense

include Bearden's skill players and the offensive line. Bearden returns a talented crop of wide receivers and a deep stable of running backs. Junior quarterback Collin Ironside returns after emerging as a leader during his sophomore campaign under center for the Bulldogs.

"Our strengths are especially on the perimeter and I feel pretty good about our offensive line," Shinlever said. "On defense, we're solid on the defensive line and our linebackers. Collin made great strides last year."

Lack of depth at defensive back will be cause for concern early in 2018.

Players to watch for Bearden this season include Simon; Ironside; Caleb Wilkins (senior, running back/linebacker/punter); Condredge Holloway (a senior defensive end who looks to make an impact after battling injuries during the first three seasons of

his high school career); Kahlil Abdullah (senior, wide receiver/cornerback); Addison Ironside (senior, tight end/defensive end); Hayden Candela (junior, wide receiver/safety); Ethan Parker (senior, defensive lineman); Matt Carr (senior, wide receiver/cornerback); Roman Robinson (senior, wide receiver); Shamarcus Brown (senior, defensive end); D.J. Cox (senior, running back); Julian Kendrick (junior, running back/cornerback); Connor Cross (junior, kicker/punter); Parker Gilstrap (senior, offensive lineman); Gavin Campbell (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Fred Cooper (senior, offensive lineman) and Sam Nester (senior, offensive lineman).

The Bulldogs open their 2018 season at home against longtime rival West High Friday night. Kickoff is slated for 7:30.

The Bulldogs knocked off the Rebels 17-3 last season at Bill Wilson Field.

KARNS FOOTBALL 2018

Beavers look to end playoff drought in 2018

By Ken Lay

Karns High School's football team missed the playoffs for the sixth consecutive time last season. But the Beavers made some significant strides in 2017.

Karns is currently in the midst of one of the county's longest postseason droughts, but last year represented a marked improvement.

Karns won four games last season after winning a combined four games in 2015 and 2016.

The Beavers (4-6 overall in 2017) won just one District 3-5A game last season and that was their season finale against Clinton, but coach Brad Taylor obviously saw some positives that his team can build upon when it takes the field soon.

"We showed some improvement for sure but our goal this year is to finish in the top part of the region and make the playoffs," said Taylor, who begins his third season at the helm for the Beavers, who face one of the toughest league schedules around. "We'll have to win at least three games in the region and that means that we'll have to beat somebody that we're not expected to beat."

Farragut left the region after winning the Class 5A State Championship in 2016, but Fulton entered the fray once the Admirals departed. Region 3-5A is ultracompetitive as West, Campbell County, Oak Ridge have all enjoyed recent success. Powell has a new coach as Matt Lowe returns after a stint at The King's Academy, so league wins may again be hard to come by as the Beavers must rebuild the offensive and defensive lines.

HALLS FOOTBALL 2018

New coach has help of 17 returning seniors

By David Klein

Playing in Region 2-5A, Halls High school is coming off a 5-5 season and a playoff berth as new Head Coach Jeremy Bosken takes over. Bosken was offensive coordinator at Cleveland High School last year under former West High School Coach Scott Cummings.

"I was a head coach at Crockett," Bosken said. "Then I took a step down to be the OC (offensive coordinator) at Cleveland. He's (Cummings) an option guy and a power running guy. I've always been a sling it around guy. So, it was an opportunity for me to learn from him and how he looks at the field differently and how they game plan and just learn more about the option and power run game. We've taken what we've learned a lot from last year and what we learned from previous years and taken those lessons and built it around them (his team).

Bosken had high praises for two returning seniors. Stanton Herd plays defensive line and right tackle and center on offense. Sheldon James plays cornerback and wide receiver.

Bosken said, "When you've got guys like Sheldon, you just try to throw him

The Beavers have only three returners back on the defensive side of the ball. Karns has five returners, who either started or saw significant playing time on offense in 2017.

"I know that we're going to be able to put points on the board," Taylor said. "Our strength is going to be at the skill positions. The biggest areas of concern will be on the offensive and defensive lines."

"We have two returners back on the offensive line and we have two who graduated and have moved on to play college football."

The line depth may be thin early but the Beavers have a proven field general in senior quarterback Travis Kitts.

The veteran signal caller will have a load arsenal of weapons including three returning wide receivers including Thomas Harper, Trey Hawkins and Jalen Tucker. Harper and Hawkins will also play in the defensive secondary. Tucker will play outside linebacker.

Other key players for the Beavers include: Tee Hodge-Harper (senior, running back/defensive back); Jake Brown (senior, offensive tackle/defensive line); Neyland Fendley (junior, offensive guard/defensive lineman) and James Brinkley (senior, linebacker).

Karns, which is looking to build on some momentum it established by defeating Seymour and Clinton in its final two games of the 2017 campaign, will open the 2018 season in Newport against Cocke County. The two teams played a shoot-out last year with the Fighting Cocks claiming a 41-34 victory.

the ball some way. He does a great job of communicating. Stanton comes over and tells us who he can whup. So, we just try and make sure he lines up right there."

Herd said he has played offense all of his life and just has been playing defense since his sophomore year. "Playing both ways can get tiring," he said. "But I'm always up for it. We've got 17 seniors. Fifty of us have been together since like age 7," Herd added.

"I feel like the offense he's (Bosken) put in, it just utilizes everybody that we have more, you never know who's going to get the ball in any given play," James said. "The communication we have, if we see something out there on defense that we think we can take advantage of, we attack that immediately," he added.

James said Powell, Gibbs, South Doyle, and Central are big games on the Red Devils' schedule. "I feel like every game we play is a winnable game," James said. "We won the region last year. We were 5-5; we could easily go 8-2 because most of the games we won or lost were really close margins. Herd added, "I mean, I don't think there's anybody on our schedule Continued on page 4

TKA, Powell notch wins at Kick-Off Classic

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Senior starter Grayson Vaughn went 5-for-7 in the game before giving way to Smith on Hardin Valley's second possession against the Cherokees.

Farragut 10, Gibbs 0: Gabe Hensley touched the ball three times and rushed for 39 yards for the Admirals. His 12-yard scamper represented the only touchdown of the game against the Eagles.

"He got his chance tonight," Farragut coach Eddie Courtney said of Hensley. "We have 83 players who travel and we were able to give them all a chance to play. I'm

really proud of those guys.

"We told them to think about it like they were playing in their backyard. This was like playing Saturday afternoon wearing orange."

Kicker Daniel Bethel had a 36-yard field goal for the Admirals, who host Bradley Central Friday night.

Fulton 14, Halls 0: Deshawn Page and J'Coryan Anderson each had scoring runs for the Falcons, who open their season against Central in Fountain City on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Campbell County 7, Central 6: The Bobcats came up one point short

against the Cougars. Central plays Tennessee High Thursday night at home.

The Bobcats will be banged up against the Vikings. Devone Moss missed Friday's activities and Xavier Washington was injured against the Cougars.

Webb School of Knoxville 14, West 0: Jahliil Jefferson scored twice for the Spartans against the Rebels. He had touchdown runs of 34 and 25 yards respectively. Webb plays Evangelical Christian School at Vanderbilt Friday night.

New coach has help of seniors

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that we can't beat."

Junior Caden Tollett will be the starting quarterback. Bosken said Tollett is quick, fast, and that the players chose him to be a team captain. At the prep football Media Day, Bosken described Tollett as the "Johnny Manziel of Tennessee" and a phenomenal athlete.

Halls returns experience on the defensive side of the football. "We've got a great defensive staff right now, very stable" Bosken said. "The defensive coordinator is Zach Brown. He played four years at Maryville. We've got a d-line coach who played four years

at Maryville with him. It's a just a very experienced staff, not much is changing on that side. They're just trying to fine tune and get better."




















On special teams, the Red Devils have an efficient kicker returning. "We probably have the best kicker in the area; we're very fortunate about that in Briggs Marcantel," Bosken said.

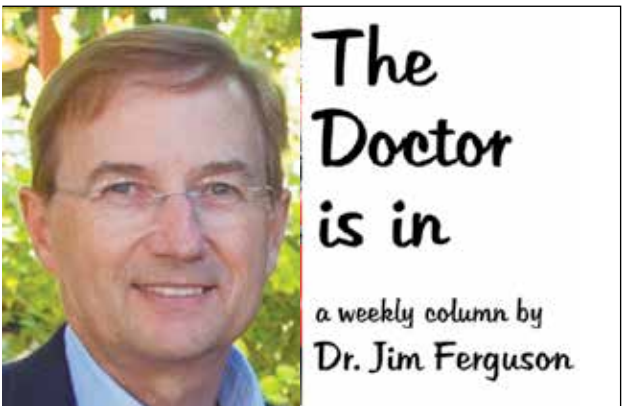
"It's been a great transition," Bosken said. "We got a great group of seniors and we got a great staff and we're excited about what's to come."

Halls opens the season at Powell on August 17.

PREP FOOTBALL

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 BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West	vs. Cleveland	vs. Jefferson County	vs. South-Doyle	vs. Science Hill	vs. CAK	vs. Dobyons-Bennett	OPEN	vs. Farragut	vs. Hardin Valley	vs. Morristown West
 FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central	vs. McMinn County	vs. Morristown West	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. Jefferson County	vs. West	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyons-Bennett	vs. Bearden	OPEN	vs. Hardin Valley
 HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge	vs. West	vs. Heritage	vs. Central	vs. Morristown West	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County	vs. Science Hill	vs. Dobyons-Bennett	vs. Bearden	vs. Farragut
 KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Grace Christian	vs. Mid Tenn Christian	vs. Greenback	vs. Mt Juliet Christian	OPEN	OPEN	vs. Grace Baptist CH	vs. Friendship Christian	vs. DCA	vs. Ezell-Harding
 CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC)	vs. Greenback	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Lenior City	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. Bearden	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Boyd Buchanon
 WEBB Class AA, East	vs. Evangelical Christian	vs. Asheville, NC	vs. Ensworth	vs. McCallie	vs. GCA	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Boyd Buchanon	vs. Chattanooga Christian	vs. CAK	vs. Silverdale Academy
GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa	vs. King's Academy	vs. Boyd Buchanon	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb	vs. Greenback	vs. Happy Valley	vs. CAK	vs. Notre Dame	vs. Silverdale Academy	vs. Chattanooga Christian



Purposeful Reflections

Another week and another story/essay. I often ask myself if there is an end to this journey. And as I sit down and begin this reflection, I wonder if it will be worthy of my time or your interest. And is either consideration a valid purpose?

Though I start my weekly column/reflection with some perspective, I seldom know where that thought will take me or how my essay will end. I suspect my readers often wonder the same. In English classes I was taught to make an outline for writing assignments. I was told that “from a good outline the paper will then flow.” I guess I’m a contrarian in this regard. I have always hated outlines so I don’t use them.

Some years ago I came

and purpose.

Hemingway was a great American writer, but I consider fighting a bull both ridiculous and foolish. However, I’ve checked the boxes on other wise admonitions for worthy living: I’ve planted lots of trees and tended vegetable gardens; I’ve been married for forty-three years this September; and Becky and I raised two beautiful daughters. We’ve built three houses together, and I’ve written two books. And now we’re harvesting grapes from our own vineyard. However, I believe these accomplishments and my professional career are insufficient to justify any cosmic purpose for me or sustain the memory of me once I’m dead and gone. Even ten years of weekly essays in The Knoxville Focus will fade away with the sands of time just as Ozymandias did in Shelley’s poem. (Google it if you’re unfamiliar with this analogy.)

There are two fundamental questions which have confronted humans all of recorded time. The first is “where did we came from?” and the second is “what is our purpose?” Both science and religion help answer

the first question, but only religion takes a stab at purpose. Some people might say our purpose is to be fruitful and fill the earth (Genesis). Others might think stewardship of the earth and helping others is our purpose. I might identify with the Cuban poet if we take it a step further and wed life’s endeavors with an overriding purpose.

We know that approximately 13.8 billion years ago something happened. And since Aristotle concluded logically that something cannot come from nothing, the Big Bang of the Creation must have had a Creator. Aristotle had no notion of quantum mechanics which reveals that something can seemingly come from nothing. This boggles the mind, but humans are inquisitive creatures and designed to explore distant horizons. We see farther than we once did, but we still can’t see over the event horizon of Black Holes or fathom the quantum singularity of the Big Bang’s Genesis point.

Science cannot even begin to explore human purpose. Social researchers such as Maslow might define human purpose as self-actualization where

each human reaches his/her full potential (see my essay of July 16, 2018). I believe no degree of success, fame, fortune or notoriety can make us complete or define a human’s ultimate purpose apart from a relationship with God.

As an internist I am repeatedly driven to ask the question “why” something happened. I see the “what” as people become ill, and I often understand “how” their problem came to be. I recently asked a group of fellow Christians how someone without a “sense of the sacred” can function in our reality of joys and tragedies. This question has mystified me for a long time and I have never been given a satisfactory explanation. But, there’s a lot of things that I don’t understand.

I don’t understand why someone wants to be President or run for the Senate or Congress. Are they seeking fame or fortune? Are they seeking to help others or bored in retirement? I guess there are still some “Mr. Smiths who go to Washington,” but the skeptic in me questions old retreads who come out of retirement and again seek the pomp and

circumstance of the Senate to define themselves.

Perhaps the world is now passing me by, and I no longer care. No, that’s not true. Though my time has come and mostly gone, I still care deeply about my country, perhaps more than some others. Or, perhaps “others” have just been marginalized for so long by their leaders and the media - who don’t consider them except during election cycles - that these “deplorables” have just gone under cover. We now observe them mostly by their tracks in the voting booth (or Trump rallies). And now “statists” even discredit and disparage the sacred American voting system.

So, in this reflection I’ve posited our origin - as best I can envision. And I hope I’ve challenged you to consider your own purpose. Mine is to support family, church, friends and country. I am to use the talents given me by God and to speak the truth in love. And of foremost importance, I am to seek The Great I Am all the days afforded me, trusting that my essence will be remembered by the Master, forever.

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

The Struggle with Ambition

The first time we read about Paul’s life is in Acts 7. Just a couple of years earlier, Jesus was killed and resurrected. The new movement of Jesus followers had exploded in Jerusalem. There were now thousands of people who believed that Jesus was in fact the long-awaited Messiah. They called themselves “the Way.” Some of the followers were actually rabbis from the party of the Pharisees. In Acts 6, one of the leaders of the Way, a man by the name of Stephen, was arrested and placed on trial. At his trial in Jerusalem, the Jewish leaders convicted him of blasphemy and condemned him to death. In Acts 7, Paul is mentioned by his Hebrew name, Saul (Acts 7:58-60; 8:1).



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

Paul, at a young age, was given the approval for the killing of Stephen. A death by stoning required that the witness who testified against the convicted individual drop the first stones upon him. The fact that they laid their coats at Paul’s feet likely indicates that Paul was given authority to act on behalf of the Jewish leaders to oversee the execution. The Mishnah, the first written version of what was called the Oral Torah, tells us what this process looked like. First, the victim would be thrown down on his back and held there. Standing over him, about ten feet above on a platform, the first witness took a large stone and dropped it on the victim’s chest. If the victim did not die after the first stone, a second one was dropped by the second witness. If after the first two witnesses the victim did not die, those around would take rocks and strike him until he died.

After Stephen’s death, we find Paul going from house to house to arrest the followers of the Way

(Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2). What motivated Paul? It might have been what caused Paul to write: “I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers” (Galatians 1:14). It seems Paul wanted to impress the Jewish ruling council in Jerusalem and make a name for himself. It was Paul’s personal ambition in combination with his strong religious convictions that led him to persecute this new movement.

Like Paul, many of us struggle with ambition, ego. We want to make a name for ourselves. We want to be remembered. We want to make a difference. That is not all bad. Ambition can be used by God. But our ambition needs to be ordered. We don’t do things to make us look better; we want God to look better.

Ambition can cause people to do horrific and unethical things to get ahead. Paul was convinced that the followers of the Way, no

matter how loving they may have been, had to be stopped. God was not the one driving Paul to do the things he did. It was blind ambition and devout religious conviction – a lethal combination.

When we fail to surrender our ambition to God’s purposes and live for our glory instead of God’s, we will fall. But if we succeed in surrendering our ambition to God’s glory, we can help others find God. After his conversion, this is what Paul did in his remaining days.

So is it bad to have religious convictions? No, but what we need to do is hold them with humility and not forget God’s greatest commands: love God and love others. There is sin in our world that makes us angry. The problem is that we can often see the sin in others before we can see the sin in ourselves. Instead of condemning others, our charge is to love and to let God take care of the rest.

Hobo’s House Cleaning Tips

By Howard Baker, RN BSN

Hobo’s idea of house cleaning is watching me do all the work. I do give him credit for watching my every move at least most of the time. I seldom get upset with messes animals make; I take it in stride knowing messes come with life. Dogs, cats, horses, and even humans make a lot of messes that require attention. Being prepared for messes as they occur is half the battle of keeping a fresh clean smelling home and your sanity.

Hobo the Wonder Dog can make the best of the all dreaded dog smells. Grace wins the award for the most encounters with her favorite nemesis—the skunk. Skyler, well she is simply perfect or should I say she perfectly blames others or has impeccable timing to exit the scene of the crime while acting just as surprised as I am of the mess. I find it quite humorous when our pets seemingly know when things are out of sorts and then change their

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'Bless Her Heart: The Life and Times of Ellen McClung Berry'

A Sunday Lecture & Book Signing with Barbara Aston-Wash

Ellen Berry (1894-1992), a descendant of Knoxville founder James White, was a southern aristocrat who lived a life of love, riches, world travel, and royal connections. Yet her life was marred by tragedy, sorrow, and a misplaced trust that took her fortune and became an episode of the television series Unsolved Mysteries.

Best known for her Knoxville News-Sentinel society column, "People and Parties," award-winning journalist Barbara Aston-Wash has interviewed some of the brightest lights of the Twentieth Century, some of whom read like a national who's who.

The lecture and book signing is presented by the East Tennessee Historical

Society and is free and open to the public and will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

'Edward Terry Sanford: A Tennessean on the US Supreme Court'

Reception, Lecture & Book Signing with Stephanie L. Slater

Edward Terry Sanford was born in Knoxville and is one of only six Tennesseans to have served on the United States Supreme Court (1923-1930) and the only one who obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee.

Stephanie L. Slater's important work covers Sanford's early upbringing, the lasting impression a

largely pro-Union East Tennessee would leave upon him, his rise from a skilled lawyer to federal judge during the rapid industrialization of Knoxville and the region, and his eventual appointment to the US Supreme Court.

Within Sanford's legacy is his pivotal role in writing the majority opinion in the 1925 landmark case, *Gitlow v. New York*,

a decision which became a critical legal precedent for the expansion of civil rights and civil liberties in the 1950s and 1960s.

A light reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2018, followed by the presentation and book signing at the East Tennessee History Center at 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. The lecture is open to the public.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SANDRA L. ARNOLD,
IN RE: PARKWAY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
v. SANDRA L. ARNOLD
NO. 195769-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the defendant, SANDRA L. ARNOLD, 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 SANDRA L. ARNOLD.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Melanie E. Davis, an Attorney whose address is, 217 E. Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804, 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 a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper in Knoxville, TN for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 6th day of August, 2018.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SHARON LYNN EMERY
DOCKET NUMBER 80646-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of AUGUST 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SHARON LYNN EMERY 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 first publication as described in (1)(A); or
(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 1 day of AUGUST, 2018.

ESTATE OF SHARON LYNN EMERY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANKLIN MARION HUMPHREY
DOCKET NUMBER 80626-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 1 day of AUGUST 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of FRANKLIN MARION HUMPHREY who died Feb 18, 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.

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

This the 1 day of AUGUST, 2018.

ESTATE OF FRANKLIN MARION HUMPHREY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BENNY JAMES LANGFORD
DOCKET NUMBER 80648-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of AUGUST 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BENNY JAMES LANGFORD who died Jul 6, 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:

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

This the 2 day of AUGUST, 2018

ESTATE OF BENNY JAMES LANGFORD

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARRY RICHARD WARREN
DOCKET NUMBER 80677-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of AUGUST 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY RICHARD WARREN who died May 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:

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

This the 9 day of AUGUST, 2018.

ESTATE OF HARRY RICHARD WARREN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA MAE RICKETT
DOCKET NUMBER 79469-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY 2018, limited letters administration in respect of the Estate of VIRGINIA MAE RICKETT who died Jul 29, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

This the 30 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF VIRGINIA MAE RICKETT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HELENA G NUNES
DOCKET NUMBER 80634-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HELENA G NUNES 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:

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This the 30 day of JULY, 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GEORGE T BROOKS
DOCKET NUMBER 80631-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of GEORGE T BROOKS who died Jun 20, 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:

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This the 30 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF GEORGE T BROOKS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MOLLY DAVIS
DOCKET NUMBER 80618-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of JULY 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MOLLY DAVIS 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:

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This the 25 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF MOLLY DAVIS
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANK RICHARD HOLT
DOCKET NUMBER 80632-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of FRANK RICHARD HOLT who died May 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.

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This the 30 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF FRANK RICHARD HOLT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARMEN NICHOLSON
DOCKET NUMBER 80627-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of JULY 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CARMEN NICHOLSON who died Jun 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.

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

This the 27 day of JULY, 2018.

ESTATE OF CARMEN NICHOLSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
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MISC. NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 2726, Tires, due 9/13/18;
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RFP 2729, Community Health Assessment, due 9/13/18

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 AUCTION

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Stephanie Stacy - 216
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The following described vehicles imp

Allergic to Poison Ivy? Remedy: Jewelweed

Jewelweed is a tall (2-5 feet) herb with coarsely toothed leaves and clustered showy flowers. The leaves are oval-shaped, bluish-green and white on the underside. The foliage glistens and sparkles when wet with dew or raindrops giving this Native American wildflower the name Jewelweed. It is also called spotted touch-me-not. It has brilliant orange to yellowish-orange tubular-shaped blooms with reddish spots adding to their visual interest. These flowers are bright and showy attracting hummingbirds and butterflies. The flowers are approximately 1 inch long and are an important nectar source for hummingbirds. They bloom mid-summer (June)



By Mike Cruze
Master Gardener

and bloom until September or early October. Jewelweed likes moisture and can be found growing along streams, wetlands, bogs, roadsides and shady areas. They have a long pod containing most of the seeds and split explosively to the touch, dispersing seeds in all directions. Besides being tall, another identifying factor of this plant is that the stem is nearly translucent. This plant can tolerate poor soil.

Jewelweed has been used by Native Americans medicinally for centuries. When applied topically, the leaves as well as sap from the stem is said to relieve itching and pain from poison ivy, poison oak, and other skin sores and irritations. It is even said to work for mosquito bites and nettle stings. It is often found growing near poison

ivy and/or nettle. The sap has also been shown to have anti-fungal properties and can be used to treat athlete's foot. There is scientific data that confirms the fungicidal qualities. To use jewelweed, you simply squeeze the juice out of the fleshy stems and leaves and apply to your skin.

Jewelweed makes a lovely addition to native plant gardens that are in moist, partially shaded areas. The flowers are aesthetically pleasing and then add the fact that hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies are attracted to the plant and you can not go wrong. Jewelweed can be used to fill in empty spaces in the garden that might otherwise be taken over by non-native weeds. Once established, a patch of jewelweed will maintain itself through annual seed production.

Hobo's House Cleaning Tips

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expressions as if to say— who me?

The biggest mess of pet ownership is pet hair. There are a few breeds of dogs and cats that do not shed but not many. The terriers in our home do not shed as much as some and frequent grooming keeps shedding to a minimum. Hobo sheds more than the other two dogs combined. Hobo and I recommend the following products to keep your home clean and fresh.

1. Dyson® Animal Upright Vacuum Cleaner. Vacuum cleaners are not all created equal. I have found this vacuum to do a better job than brands I have previously used. From my experience this vacuum has enough suction to dig deep into the carpet and remove the most stubborn hair.

2. Evercare's Pet Hair Extra-Sticky Lint Rollers. I have these must haves almost everywhere. I use them to remove hair from car seats, carpets, and clothing. This is a bargain at

less than \$3.00 each and a must-have.

3. Bissell® Proheat 2X Revolution™ Deep Cleaner. By far, this is my new favorite product bar none. This carpet cleaner was an impulse purchase for me. I had seen this tool advertised but, I was skeptic. I had my carpet professionally cleaned and I was not as satisfied as I am with this product. I was looking at replacing carpet and this product has me reconsidering. This machine cost me less than having two rooms professionally cleaned.

4. Natural Chemistry® Skunks Etc. I am probably the only person who needs this item on auto ship—but, yes indeed. Think about it, skunks are usually out at night and when you least expect it and least prepared to deal with this catastrophe. Home remedies and internet recipes, I promise you they are not as effective as this product—I know I have tried most of them. Skunk messes are the worst, it not only involves your pet but, your

carpets, upholstery, and your clothing.

Life is messy! Being prepared for whatever mess your pet may bring, makes clean up no big deal. Bathing a large dog like Grace when planned is a tough job. Bathing a large dog late at night after a romp with a skunk can be challenging to your sanity. Bissell has "revolutionized" my preparedness plan for whatever Hobo and his pack may bring to our floors—saves time and money. A lint roller and a strong vacuum makes daily pet hair challenges manageable.

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