

McMillan Proven Right

Career Magnet Academy Enrollment Doubles

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the board of education, led the fight to keep the Career Magnet Academy open. McMillan vehemently resisted efforts by the school administration to close the doors of the CMA, accusing the school system of "never having properly nurtured or promoted the Career Magnet Academy." McMillan noted the school system had not even erected a sign of any kind outside the structure. It was Mike McMillan who argued it would be foolish to close the CMA before Governor Bill Lee outlined his program for vocational education. Lee had made expanding and improving vocational education in Tennessee a priority during his campaign. Eventually, all of McMillan's colleagues voted to keep the Career Magnet Academy open, except for Board Chair Terry Hill. Later, the Lee administration expressed an interest in schools with a dual component, meaning those schools that offer high school and college courses. Mike McMillan, joined by State Representative Dave Wright, immediately contacted Governor Lee to point out the Career Magnet Academy was, to their knowledge, the only school in East Tennessee with a dual component. McMillan invited the governor to visit the CMA and was on hand when Lee toured South-Doyle High School.

When questioned about the Career Magnet Academy, McMillan grinned and said, "Apparently all the conversation about it, the outpouring of letters

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Knox County Board of Education member Mike McMillan greets Governor Bill Lee during the governor's visit to South-Doyle High School last month.

Commission may rename Norwood Library to honor Lynn Redmon

By Mike Steely
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The Knox County Commission meets in a work session next Monday and one of the items that may be discussed is renaming the Norwood Library in honor of Lynn Redmon. Redmon passed away last year and was the leader of the Norwood neighborhood and a well-liked political consultant.

Commissioner Randy Smith is sponsoring the resolution honoring Redmon. Items to be discussed are picked by the chairman and commissioners and most will be passed on to the commission's regular meeting on March 25.

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PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Morning Pointe Knoxville resident Vincenta Cooper and CEO Greg A. Vital cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening at West Knox County's newest assisted living facility. Joining them at Thursday's ceremony are city and county officials and staff members at Morning Pointe.

Gov. Lee makes good on campaign promise, reaches out to Knox supporters

By Ken Lay

In an effort to make good on a campaign promise, Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee gave the State East Tennessee Address Tuesday night at the University of Tennessee's Clarence Brown Theatre.

Lee, who was elected in November, pledged to be more inclusive of East and West Tennessee while on the campaign trail and his Knoxville appearance came one night after he made his first State of the State Address to the Volunteer State's lawmakers on Monday, March 4.

The speech covered very little new ground and was basically a rehash of his words the previous night. There, his remarks took more than an hour.

Tuesday's speech

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Governor Bill Lee visited Knoxville last week.

By Ken Lay

Knoxville's newest assisted living community celebrated its grand opening late last week.

Morning Pointe Knoxville had a dinner, open house and ribbon-cutting Thursday night. It's located at 9649 Westland Drive, adjacent to Shoreline Church in the Hardin Valley Community.

Morning Pointe also has east Tennessee locations in Powell, Lenoir City, Clinton, Athens, Greeneville, Collegedale, Hixson, East Hamilton and Chattanooga. The assisted living community also has locations in Middle Tennessee and in five states.

The new location strives to keep its residents vibrant and help them live full lives.

"This is not a place you come to get old, it's a place that you come to live," said Aaron Webb, chief operating officer of Independent Healthcare Properties, LLC. "This is our fifth campus in East Tennessee and this is a place where you come to live and live vibrantly."

"It's safe and secure. We are a Christian-based community and we are a patriotic community."

The Morning Pointe communities offer a variety of care services for seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other memory care needs in a safe and secure environment.

Morning Pointe Knoxville has a partnership with Shoreline Church and the company believes that its residents flourish when they remain active in the community.

For President, Co-founder and CEO Greg A. Vital, senior care is the family business and a labor of love.

"I am proud to say that I am not ashamed of my country and I am not ashamed of my God," he said. "My dad was a nursing home

administrator and he spent the last part of his life in a Morning Pointe Community and when I came to visit, he would tell me things that I can do to run it better. He was bed-ridden, so I don't know how he knew what was going on in the halls. He had plenty of spies in that facility."

The Morning Pointe Knoxville campus is decorated with patriotic murals and Vital is on the board of directors of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

"Other than caring for seniors, history is my passion," Vital said. "I urge you to look at our murals here and then go down to our museum downtown."

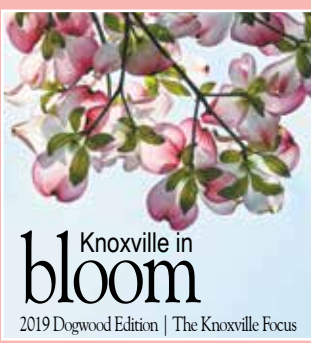
He also announced a future addition to the new assisted living facility, The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence. It will be a freestanding building located on the same property.

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Publisher's Position

Governor Lee hits a home run



By Steve Hunley,
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After forty-five days as governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee made his first State of the State address at the Capitol last Monday night. Governor Lee brought legislators and guests to their feet some twenty times and his message throughout the evening was positive. In fact, I suspect some who had classified the governor as a reactionary were a bit surprised by not only Lee's tone, but also some of his proposals. Tennessee's budget increased by a billion dollars as proposed by Governor Bill Lee. The governor was careful to point out his proposed budget met the criteria as expressed through the "Copeland Cap," which was an amendment to the Tennessee State Constitution requiring "in no year shall the rate of growth of appropriations from state tax revenues exceed the estimated growth of the state's economy as determined

by law." The governor's business experience was evident to me due to the fact Lee proposed that Tennessee's "rainy day" fund be better funded than ever. Lee's proposals rang a bell with those who supported him during the recent campaign. The governor stressed in his State of the State address health care, criminal justice reform, education and revamping the way government works. The governor told the legislature he would like to see a program developed to reduce prison recidivism through education. Perhaps the most interesting thing to come out of Governor Lee's speech was his school voucher proposal. Throughout his campaign for governor, Lee stressed his support for vouchers and charter schools, yet before his State of the State address, he had not proposed any program relating to vouchers. That changed last Monday night when the governor proposed an "education savings account" program, which would give students and parents more choices. The pilot program would initially help 5,000 students from low-performing school districts across the state and would grow over time. "Creating competition will provide new incentive for schools to improve and provide new opportunities for thousands of students,"

Governor Lee told lawmakers during his State of the State address. "Members of the legislature: now is the time." Under Governor Lee's plan, students would get about \$7,300 and the program would grow by approximately 2,500 students per year if there is a continued need. The governor readily acknowledged the funding pool would also continue to grow in subsequent budget years. Governor Lee told the legislature students in Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Madison counties would be eligible, as well as those students in the state-run Achievement School District for the new program. "I believe highly accountable public charter schools are a great model for expanding choice without sacrificing quality, and I've seen firsthand how they can dramatically impact the life and trajectory of a student," Governor Lee said. Lee's proposal would allow charter schools to petition the state directly for approval. "Students have different needs and abilities, and our education system should mirror that diversity as best as possible," the governor told his audience. During the presentation of his program, Governor Lee also addressed what has been a source of bitter criticism from teachers, who are almost always against charter schools

and vouchers. "I know there's a concern that programs like this will take money away from public schools," Lee said, "but my ESA plan will invest at least \$25 million new dollars in public schools in the first year to fill the gap when a student transfers to another school." Under Lee's plan, school districts would get "improvement grant" money, which would mirror the funding those students inside the program would have used elsewhere. Governor Lee also asked the legislature for \$12 million for public charter schools to purchase property, as well as make improvements to existing schools, bring the total to almost \$38 million for Lee's "student choice" initiative. Lee also talked about his "GIVE" program, which would expand high school students' access to vocational and technical training. The governor also proposed giving educators in K-12 a 2.5% raise, which will cost taxpayers \$71.25 million. Altogether, Governor Bill Lee has proposed \$221 million new dollars in education funding in Tennessee. It did not take teachers long to express their horror over parts of the governor's plan. Beth Brown, president of the Tennessee Education Association, naturally liked the raises for teachers, but expressed concern about

funding charter schools and did not hesitate to resuscitate the usual worn out arguments. Brown also had even greater concerns about the governor's ESA program. "In a time when teachers across the state have to dig deep into their pockets for needed classroom supplies, it is discouraging to see funding going to something proven to harm students in other states," Brown said. Not surprisingly, Beth Brown suggested the new \$38 million in spending for charter schools and the governor's Education Savings Account proposal would be better spent if put directly into the pockets of teachers. Brown went on to say by giving the \$38 million new dollars to teachers "the state could keep up with the cost of inflation and reimburse teachers for the hundreds of dollars they spend on classroom supplies." I'm not at all surprised by Beth Brown's argument at all; I've heard it all before and every year when teachers want a pay raise. The idea tens of thousands of teachers are spending that much money out of their pockets for classroom supplies is preposterous on the face of it. First of all, nobody is forcing any teacher to spend money out of his/her pocket for anything. These folks are pretty well paid, working 181 days out of the year with thirteen

weeks off annually. Teachers in Knox County received a 13% raise over a year and a half; Governor Lee's proposal would take that to more than 15% in a short period of time. Of course the teachers' union which staunchly protects the bad with the good and promotes the idea "one size fits all" can't stand the idea of competition. The only way it can prosper and survive is to promote and protect not the students, but government run schools. It has never once entered the head of anyone belonging to the teachers' union that the people who fund their raises - - the taxpayers - - have never likely seen a 15% raise ever without having gotten a promotion or a new job. These folks have done, by and large, something less than a stellar job. The preparation rates, meaning those students prepared to go on to further their education or get a job, are abysmal. The graduation rates are utterly meaningless and the education bureaucracy seems to thrive on the lowest common denominator. Governor Bill Lee's plan is innovative, forward-looking, and courageous. It deserves the support of the people of Tennessee and the General Assembly.

Knox County parties reorganize

By Mike Steely
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Both Knox County political parties are in reorganization mode and when the Democrats meet on March 30 at Bearden High School the delegates may elect the county's first African American female chairperson. LaKenya Middlebrook could replace the current chair, Emily Gregg. Middlebrook is an attorney, community activist and the daughter of civil rights leader Rev. Harold Middlebrook. The Democrats will also select other officials. Thus far Edward Nelson is seeking the vice chair seat, Caroline Crawford wants to be treasurer and Kellie May seeks the secretary position. Others may enter the race or be nominated from the

floor. Two delegates from the nine districts will also be selected. Party officers serve for two years. The Knox County Republican Party reorganized last month and selected Randy Pace as chair, Suzanne Dewar as vice chair, Gary Lowe as secretary, and Judd Davis as treasurer. Broadus Hubbs is now vice treasurer. Manuela Ptacek is president of the Knox County Republican Women, Justin Mash is president of the Young Republicans Club, and the State Executive Committee is comprised of Amy Jones and Scott Smith of the 5th District, Jane Chedester and Matthew Coleman of the 6th, and Michele Carringer and James Corcoran of the 7th District.

Nashville Watch

By Focus Staff

Nashville came to Knoxville last Tuesday when Governor Bill Lee spoke at the Clarence Brown Theatre on the University of Tennessee campus. Lee's speech was an extension of his State of the State address, as the governor is giving a series of talks in each of Tennessee's three Grand Divisions. The governor recapped his recent State of the State address, which stressed education, health care, criminal justice, and government operations. Governor Lee also lamented the serious flooding which has afflicted Knoxville and surrounding areas and done millions of dollars in damages. It is quite likely when the damages are totaled across the state, Governor

Bill Lee will ask for a federal disaster declaration. Damages in Roane County are in excess of \$6 million; damages in Sevier County total more than \$7 million; even Campbell County estimates damages exceeding \$2 million dollars so far. "We can do more, and we plan to do more," Governor Lee told the audience gathered at the Clarence Brown Theatre. University of Tennessee officials were already delighted by the governor's commitment to hike funding for UT by \$643 million in his proposed budget. Noting many in the audience "have a basketball game to get to", Lee hit the highlights of his State of the State address, pointing to things he believed

would help many counties in rural East Tennessee. The governor cited the safe babies courts, which he feels will help deal with the opioid crisis where many infants are born already addicted to drugs. Freshman State Representative Bruce Griffey is drawing opposition from immigration advocates over bills he has filed which deny welfare benefits to illegal immigrants in Tennessee. Griffey's bill would either deny or limit benefits to those who are not citizens of the United States. The language contained in Griffey's bill currently denies WIC benefits and prenatal care to those women who are not citizens. Griffey has also filed a resolution which

expresses the view children born to illegal immigrants in the United States should not be granted birthright citizenship. Senator Mark Pody of Lebanon has introduced a resolution in the General Assembly asserting Tennessee's support for Israel in the wake of repeated controversial remarks made by freshman Congresswoman Ilhan Omar of Minnesota. Omar, the first Muslim woman to serve in Congress, has made comments deemed by many, including other Democratic members of Congress, to be anti-Semitic. Pody says his resolution will show that "standing with Israel is very important to us."

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from students, and students speaking, as well as instructors, had an effect. I'm told there are presently 158 applications for the Career Magnet Academy, which is more than double than what it received last year."

Asked if he felt vindicated, a still grinning McMillan demurred, saying, "I think it's more about the members of the board having

the wisdom to give the Career Magnet Academy a chance, as well as realizing it would be foolish to close the CMA before we knew what the governor and the legislature were going to do.

"I think the board members also, if they were really candid about it, knew the school system had never really promoted the CMA properly. Hopefully, the school system will properly

promote it and we will continue to see the enrollment grow by leaps and bounds."

McMillan, the elder statesman on the board of education, says he enjoys working with the current members and feels like he still has a role to play and can continue to accomplish things for his district. Mike McMillan has long been recognized as the most outspoken advocate for the taxpayers and students

on the board of education, a body oftentimes heavily weighted to teacher interests. McMillan said he will continue to work with Representative Wright to urge Governor Bill Lee to visit the Career Magnet Academy. McMillan said he was deeply impressed with his interactions with the students, who got busy sending emails to board members when they worried the CMA might be closed.

"Those were some of the most well-written personal testimonials I've ever read," McMillan said. "I'm not exaggerating at all. Those youngsters put into words just exactly what the CMA had meant to them, the difference it had made in their lives. I answered every single email I received from the students."

McMillan said the students were also equally well-spoken when they

appeared before the board of education. "I think those youngsters made a very real impression on board members," McMillan confessed. "Quite a number of them wrote again to thank board members for supporting them and their school. I wrote back to say they should have learned a valuable lesson - - - that local officials really do listen and they had been heard."

Commission may rename Norwood Library to honor Lynn Redmon

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The commission may also visit a topic that caused some controversy at a recent City Council meeting. The commission may consider changing the Knox County Code's Animal Control section by approving the "trap, neuter and return program" involving stray community cats. Chairman Hugh Nystrom is asking for a discussion on that item.

They may also approve changes to the county's personnel plan and approve a contract with Visual Communications Interpreting, Inc. for sign language services in the county.

The health department is asking the commission to approve the reappointment of Laura Fleming to the Community Health Council.

While the commission must approve all school funding one notable request by the schools is accepting \$899,307 in federal funds to hire WestEd for external evaluator services for 60 months.

Engineering and Public Works has six stormwater maintenance requests for the areas of Hardin Valley, Saylors Ford Road, Chapman Highway, Oak Ridge Highway and Goff Road.

A contract with Nourish Knoxville may be considered to help run the New

Harvest Farmers Market and two large bond issues are before the board, one for \$36 million and one for \$14.5 million.

Council may discuss an agreement of sale of 1.92 acres of Right-of-Way property for \$96,000 with the Knoxville and Holston River Railroad Company involving the intersection of South National Drive and Federal Road. A separate agenda item has a request from Engineering to close that portion of Federal Road.

Commissioner Charles Busler wants two discussions, one on issues and flood damage repairs and one on youth baseball fields.



Furry Friends Bring Pet Therapy to Morning Pointe

Morning Pointe of Knoxville recently received some of its first four-legged visitors, two cuddly and loveable pups named Puddin' and April. Morning Pointe Senior Living schedules regular visits from pet therapy groups at both its assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care communities, as research has shown that pet therapy can reduce pain symptoms, depression, anxiety, and stress. Pictured: Morning Pointe of Knoxville resident A.D. McGhee laughs as Puddin', a registered therapy goldendoodle, sits on his lap while Puddin's owner, Erin Reece, and her daughter Ella look on.

Morning Pointe celebrates grand opening

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It will specialize in Alzheimer's care. The company has similar facilities in Powell, Clinton and Lenoir County.

Representatives from both the city and county mayors' offices attended Thursday's ceremony, as did representatives

from the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. Janice Wade-Whitehead, president and CEO of Alzheimer's Tennessee, also attended along with Jerome E. Melson, president of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

The Temple Baptist Church Youth Choir also performed at the new facility.

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Owners John MacLellan, Bill Finley and Larry Kelsay, along with neighborhood members, city public officials, and many other well-wishers, cut the ribbon outside Broadway Carpets in front of the new façade last Wednesday.

By Mike Steely
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Garry Tener, chief operating officer of Broadway Carpets, spoke at Wednesday's ribbon cutting for the company's renovation of the exterior of the well-known business.

The city's Community Development Façade Project helped with a contribution as part of a 2006 program that has seen \$7.3 million going into 150 projects. Rogero said the Broadway Carpets renovation and façade project is one of 22

projects along North Broadway.

Tener mentioned his company's thanks to the 4th and Gill Neighborhood, the Broadway Corridor Task Force, the East Tennessee Design Center and the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association.

Broadway Carpets is located at 930 North Broadway. You can reach them at (865) 525-5511 or find them online at www.broadwaycarpets.com.



Mayor Madeline Rogero joined Garry Tener and other speakers including Ashleigh Christian, membership chair of the Knoxville Chamber.

Magnolia or Park City?

By Mike Steely
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"This new gateway monument established along Magnolia Avenue will identify this East Knoxville community by defining a sense of space and providing a destination specific to each traveler along this route," said Dawn Michelle Foster, director of the city's Redevelopment Department. "To neighborhood residents, it's your home; to TDOT, it's a state highway; to visitors to Zoo Knoxville, The Muse, and Chilhowee Park, it's an alternative to I-40; and it's also a link for East Knoxville to our downtown, so this monument has an all-encompassing purpose of serving everyone."

That was the initial description of the new Magnolia Avenue street sign that is being erected as you leave downtown and enter East Knoxville, at Jessamine Street. The large gateway sign with the word "Magnolia" isn't being well received by some East Knoxville residents, especially in the Parkridge neighborhood.

A petition, being promoted by David Nix and other residents, is being circulated to change the wording. "We have talked to the council members and to city planners," Nix told The Focus, adding, "I think the petition is at at least 186 signers."

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Rosie's World

Why do we fall?

One in four Americans aged 65 and over falls each year. Every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in the Emergency Room for a fall; every 19 minutes an older adult dies from a fall.

What startlingly statistics! But, why?

The natural aging process often places older adults at an increased risk of having a fall. Falls are a common and often an overlooked cause of injury in the elderly. There are three main reasons why older people are more likely to have fall. These are: chronic health conditions, such as heart disease, dementia and low blood pressure, which can cause dizziness impairments, such as poor vision or muscle weakness. Illnesses that can affect balance, such as inflammation of the delicate balance regulating parts of the ear.

Chronic health conditions, such as those listed above, can sometimes cause a loss

of balance, a brief loss of consciousness or fainting or sudden feeling of dizziness, all of which could all contribute to a fall. Older people may also have weaker muscles and stiffer joints, or may lose some of the feeling in their feet and legs. They're also slower to react and may have difficulty concentrating on more than one thing as they age.

Among older adults, the most common reasons for accidentally falling or slipping include: wet or recently polished floors, such as in bathrooms, dim light, rugs or carpets that are not properly secured, reaching for storage areas, such as cupboards, and stairs. Another common cause of falls, particularly among older men, is falling from a ladder while carrying out home maintenance work. For people who have osteoporosis (thinning and weakening of the bones), falling can be particularly dangerous as there is more risk of a broken bone.

When I was a youngster, I "flew" everywhere, nothing stopped me, and I very seldom fell. In high school I flew up the stairs and skipped two or three steps at a time, going up

or down. Suddenly, after getting married and having children, things began to change. It seemed as if I was always in a hurry; I would stumble over a pebble on the road, stumble going up the stairs, and once I sprained both ankles going out a door. The doctor said it was because I was "top-heavy" (pregnant). Things went back to normal during my middle-age, then, suddenly, I was elderly and it began again. Only falling became little more serious.

So, be careful when walking. Watch out for slippery patches when it's icy out or when it rains. Keep an eye out for those colorful throw rugs that are here and there in our homes. Sometimes it's helpful to use a cane. Don't be afraid to be careful of steps or sloping hills. Going up or down them is quite a chore. Most of all, don't be afraid to cling to someone's hand. That is a blessing in disguise.

Thought for the day: Reflect on your present blessings--of which every man has many--not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Charles Dickens

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Just Mad



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In case you missed it, an article in the local paper the other day reported that a study has declared Tennessee the angriest and most hateful state in the USA. I know that sometimes I grow more than a little peeved at things, as do most folks, but the statement about our beloved Volunteer State just might spark the fires of anger with everyone who lives here.

This study, titled 2019's Most Sinful States in America, is flawed from the start. How can a study of 2019 be conducted before the year is only a couple of months old? WalletHub conducted the study, and it not only claimed Tennessee is the angriest and most hateful state but also placed the state fifth in rank of the most sinful states overall. The study judged states on residents' violation of the "seven deadly sins:" anger, hatred, jealousy, excesses and vices, greed, lust, vanity, and laziness. Each of those were further broken down.

The fact is that this study rated Tennessee Number One. Well, I suppose being in first place in something isn't so bad, but what I wonder is who this bunch is that sponsored the study. The company, located in Washington, D.C., started in 2013 and has 50 employees. It's a personal finance website and offers free credit scores and other finance tools. So, with that background, we can also see how this organization is qualified to conduct such of survey, right? I'm sure that these concerned individuals spent hours of time in the state. They laboriously studied the actions of large segments of the population before ranking the entire state as such a terrible place.

Sure, Tennessee has plenty of folks who are short on kindness and

long on anger. However, most of us go about our daily lives without much reaction to outside events. We work, love, and play. Isn't that what life is supposed to be about?

How in the world can a study determine what state is the angriest? Generalizations based on crime reports can be made, but that still doesn't work in rating the entire citizenry of a state.

Tennessee also ranked 3rd in lust, 10th in excesses and vice, 14th in greed and jealousy, and 19th in laziness. Once again, I'd be interested in exactly how these rankings were determined. How is lust measured? What are the targets of our Tennessee jealousy?

Here's a newsflash for those who sponsored and published this so-called research. We Tennesseans are neither amused nor impressed. Passing judgement on a state is a frivolous act when the person(s) doing so never spend an extended period of time there. My suggestion is that those involved in study come to Tennessee and meet the general population...of cities, not prisons. They might discover that this state has much more good than bad and that Tennessee is a good place to live.

If those from WalletHub choose not to visit before degrading us, then I'd suggest that all those in the state refrain from using any services of the company or its parent company. At the same time, we graciously suggest that any who dislike our state leave as soon as possible or forever avoid a visit here. Upon your departure, we'll offer our friendliest line, "Ya'll come back now, ya hear," but don't think for a minute that we mean it. If you're out of sight, you'll be out of mind.

Hobo finds art in the park

Hobo the Wonder Dog while hiking had an odd feeling of being watched.



By Howard Baker,
RN BSN

Along our travels we found some interesting art along the trail. We all have read or seen news coverage of elephants and apes who paint. I have also heard of birds who make art. I believe the sounds of nature and the landscapes of our country are all forms of art. Walking in the mountains is just as rewarding as walking through a fine art gallery. The sounds of a babbling stream along a mountain trail. Birds singing a cheerful call—a waterfall in the distance completes the ensemble with a stillness that moves you. Nature is a never-ending picture show—even without sight these moments in nature are beautiful. Even if you do not believe animals can purposely create art—or even by accident; it is easy to see how animals complete the beauty around us. The Knoxville Zoo has also had its animal artists participate during their "Art Gone Wild" events. I for one believe animals are more creative than most give credit.

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I came upon a totem pole of sorts possibly crafted by a woodpecker. We might have missed this rustic work of art had we not been listening to the rapping—tapping—and tattooing of a woodpecker in the distance. The rainy weather caused the streams to sing louder as frogs and toads begin their calls in the stiller waters. The feeling we were being watched became stronger as we started down a trail less traveled. At first glance I thought "no" that isn't a tree looking back at me—then yes it was—with two well defined eyes, complete with nose and mouth. Too high for man



A tree watches Hobo the Wonder Dog just above his ear. Somewhere along the Wilderness Road Trail. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park

to reach and too unstable to climb. Who crafted these eyes looking at me—a woodpecker by chance?

Hobo the Wonder Dog and I came across this work of art somewhere along the Wilderness Road Trail in the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. We promote good dog etiquette when in the park and support the Seven Principles of "Leave No Trace". Hobo and I want to be able to hike the trails of our parks together and we want you to be able to do the same. Hiking with your dog is not a right—it is a privilege. Please keep Fido on a leash no more than six feet in length. Dispose of your dog's waste by burying at least six feet off the trail—and again "Leave No Trace".

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The Last Years of Lawrence D. Tyson

Part Four

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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Lawrence Davis Tyson had been elected to the United States Senate to represent Tennessee in 1924. To get to the Senate, Tyson defeated a two-term incumbent and a respected former justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. L. D. Tyson had won the general election easily and settled comfortably in the Senate. One of Knoxville's leading citizens, Tyson and his wife Bettie were quite wealthy and lived in a sumptuous home near downtown Knoxville. Congress had adjourned March 4, 1926, but Senator Tyson remained in Washington, D. C. to tend to a few pressing matters. The senator was deeply interested in generating power from water and took a delegation of Tennesseans to visit Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover in his own automobile. The state legislature had created a special committee to explore the water-power question and Senator Tyson had been especially active in promoting its work and interests. The committee members were duly impressed with Tyson's efforts on their behalf. They returned to Tennessee full of praise for the junior senator.

Both Tyson and Tennessee's senior United States senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, were concerned about delays on the part of the federal government to issue the proper permits for dam sites on the upper Tennessee River. McKellar and Tyson were increasingly frustrated by the lack of action by the federal government on the Muscle Shoals project; Tennessee's senators were keenly aware of just how much the project would benefit the people of their state. "The development of the water powers of Tennessee, which are entirely within her borders, should not be dependent upon Muscle Shoals or the water powers of any other state," Tyson argued. "While the federal power commission may be justified in holding up the development of Cove Creek, it does not seem that it is justified in holding up all development in the valley of East Tennessee."

Senator Tyson urged the Tennessee state legislature to adopt an official policy on water power, a recommendation that had been echoed by Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and Secretary Merrill of the federal power commission. Tyson worried Tennessee's ability to develop cheap electricity for consumers had been seriously delayed.

Senator Tyson did not leave Washington until April 9, perhaps reluctant

to leave behind his wife, Bettie, who stayed at their Washington home after a brief illness. Once back home, Tyson promoted the purchase of land for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which the senator considered "the greatest opportunity for a profitable investment to Tennessee" by the federal and state governments. Noting the North Carolina legislature had appropriated \$2 million for the purchase of land, Tyson encouraged the Tennessee legislature to make its own appropriation and quickly. Tyson said the project was not sectional in nature; quite the contrary, the senator insisted the park would benefit the entire state. "There is no more beautiful sight in America than Mt. LeConte and others which would be incorporated in the park," Tyson insisted.

While Senator L. D. Tyson tended to his duties in Washington, Luke Lea, owner of the Nashville Tennessean, was dicker for a newspaper in Memphis and already had opened negotiations for purchasing a daily newspaper in Knoxville. The explanation as to why Colonel Lea wanted another daily newspaper in the East and West grand divisions of the state was, "Lea will run for the Senator against Tyson," according to a report in the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

The story in the News-Sentinel credited Lea with a grand political design; Luke Lea intended to displace Senator K. D. McKellar in 1928 with Governor Austin Peay, then topple L. D. Tyson in 1930. Governor Peay had been experiencing extraordinary difficulty in passing his program inside the legislature. The article published in the News-Sentinel said the easiest explanation "is to find out whether" a legislator was "for McKellar and Tyson or Peay and Lea." The News-Sentinel did add a qualifier at the end of the article, attributing the information to "old time politicians who may or may not know what they are talking about."

Upon his return to Knoxville, Senator Tyson opened an office on the third floor of the Callan Building on Gay Street and Church Avenue. Tyson proposed a special federal commission to be appointed by the president to study flooding conditions along the Mississippi River. Senator Tyson called on President Coolidge to act without delay in the hope the committee's recommendations could be ready by the next session of Congress.

Bettie Tyson, the senator's wife, was one of the more active Congressional



TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Senator L. D. Tyson of Tennessee at his desk in Washington, D. C., circa 1927.

spouses, at least in terms of the Capitol's social life. The Tysons had the means to entertain on a large scale and they made the most of it. Mrs. Tyson hosted every woman from Tennessee attending the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington in their home at 1601 R Street. Mrs. Tyson accompanied her husband when the senator went to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to speak on the subject of the Volunteer State in a memorial address. Each state received the opportunity under the auspices of the Colonial Dames of America, with the exercises always held on a Sunday. Senator Tyson gave a recitation of Tennessee's history and contributions to the war for America's freedom from Great Britain. "It has been said the sea is the creator of history," Tyson noted, "but the great visions of the world have come from the inlands." Senator Tyson went on to praise the heroes from Tennessee during the Revolutionary War.

While Congress had adjourned, Senator L. D. Tyson made the most of the recess, being a highly popular speaker at memorials, and especially those occasions with a military theme and was frequently invited to make a speech by local chapters of the American Legion. Tyson traveled all over Tennessee and one of the biggest events was a Memorial Day address in Jackson, Tennessee. "The whole earth is strewn with the wreck and ruin of people, of nations and empires, whose downfalls were mostly due to inadequate preparedness or inadequate provisions for national defense," Senator Tyson told a huge audience that covered the lawn of the Madison County Courthouse. "The peace and order of society, in any nation, finally rests upon the power of its armed forces." For Tyson's arrival, virtually everything in Madison County came to a stop; businesses shuttered their windows and locked their doors so everyone could hear the former general speak. Senator Tyson was in Kingsport, Tennessee on the Fourth of July, which also happened to be Tyson's birthday. Tyson spoke at Dobyns-Bennett High School and did not

disappoint his audience. The former general was perhaps the most popular speaker in the state of Tennessee, especially for patriotic occasions. A local reporter wrote the senator's speech was not only stirring, but also "highly patriotic and forceful." Tyson thought the Declaration of Independence was the greatest document ever written, save but for two: the Bible and the Constitution of the United States.

In August of 1927, Senator Tyson set sail for Paris, France to attend the Interparliamentary Union meeting, as well as a meeting of the American Legion. The Tysons remained in Europe for two months and their daughter, Isabella Gilpin sailed from New York to join her parents for the remainder of their time abroad. Senator Tyson made the keynote address for the American Legion meeting and it allowed the former general to visit with numerous men from Tennessee who had served under him during the World War. The full text of Senator Tyson's speech was carried in newspapers across Tennessee. Tyson landed in New York on October 25, 1927 after his triumphant time in Europe and headed to Washington.

1929 had been a difficult year for L. D. Tyson. His eighty-nine year old mother had taken seriously ill and the senator made ready to hurry from Washington to Raleigh, North Carolina to be by her bedside. Mrs. M. L. Tyson passed away before her son could reach her.

The New Year dawned and it was the last full year of life for Lawrence D. Tyson. The Tysons continued to entertain in a series of dinner parties for friends and families. The senator continued to press for flood control and his bill to help disabled veterans. By the summer of 1929, Senator L. D. Tyson was seriously ailing. He quietly entered a hospital near Philadelphia accompanied by his wife. Tennessee newspapers reported Tyson was ill, but the nature of his illness was undisclosed and unknown. What was known was the senator was under the personal care of renowned neurologist Dr. George F. Phelps. Dr. Francis X. Dercum, who had treated Woodrow Wilson following

the late president's stroke, had been called in to treat Senator Tyson.

Whatever ailment was troubling Senator Tyson was obviously quite serious. John D. Erwin, the Nashville Tennessean's Washington correspondent reported the senator was a "very sick man", but Tyson was not believed to be in immediate danger, according to a letter received from Mrs. Tyson. Considering Dr. Phelps was a neurologist and Dr. Dercum was a specialist in strokes, it seems likely the sixty-eight year old Tyson may well have suffered a stroke. Tyson had been moved from the hospital to a private sanitarium run by Dr. Phelps. In her letter, Mrs. Tyson confessed she had been "somewhat uneasy recently about" the senator's heart. The senator's doctor insisted he "have a complete and absolute relaxation in bed." Attended by two "wonderfully experienced nurses", the senator was made comfortable and Mrs. Tyson claimed her husband's "other organs are in such perfect condition" and in the "absence of high blood pressure", she fully expected him to recover. Mrs. Tyson accepted the senator's recovery would be a long process but she was "leaving no stone unturned" and had summoned a heart specialist "to look the general over." Mrs. Tyson concluded her letter, writing, "Pray for him, all of you."

Senator Tyson was forbidden visitors of any kind and was clearly not expected back in Washington when the Senate convened at the end of August. On August 6, the Tennessean reported Senator Tyson's condition showed "some improvement." By the end of the month whatever improvement there had been evaporated. The Tennessean disclosed Senator Tyson had suffered a "nervous breakdown", which, at the time, could encompass any number of medical conditions. What was certain was Tyson was suffering from complete and utter exhaustion and troubled by a failing heart. The Knoxville News-Sentinel reported the senator's condition had grown "worse" and Mrs. Tyson explained, "The doctors find that General

Tyson's exhaustion is even more profound than it first appeared."

On August 23, Mrs. Tyson said she "feared the worst" as the senator's heart was giving out. Senator Tyson was listed in critical condition. The next day, Lawrence Davis Tyson died.

As Senator Tyson's condition worsened, it was his colleague K. D. McKellar who remained in constant communication with the family. Once Tyson had passed, McKellar made the necessary funeral arrangements with St. John's Episcopal Church. McKellar issued a public statement praising his dead colleague. Senator McKellar said Tyson had been "a distinct success in everything he undertook" during his lifetime. The Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle published an editorial lauding Senator Tyson's life. The Leaf-Chronicle believed Lawrence Tyson's life was an example of "what a poor boy with courage, integrity and ability can do under adverse circumstances." The Leaf-Chronicle summed up L. D. Tyson as "a man of big heart and clear brain." Knoxville mayor James A. Fowler, although ill in Fort Sanders hospital, noted Tyson had "a most agreeable personality" and "was a man of pronounced ability."

Senator Kenneth McKellar led a delegation of fellow senators to attend Tyson's funeral. McKellar's assessment of his late colleague was accurate; everything L. D. Tyson sought to do, he accomplished. Lawrence Davis Tyson was a success in his every field of endeavor, but the effort sapped his strength. Finally, Lawrence D. Tyson was laid to rest beside his beloved son in Old Gray Cemetery and he rests there still.

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Magnolia or Park City?

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The Parkridge Preservation Alliance and the Chilhowee Neighborhood Association apparently support the “Welcome to Park City” petition.

“Please sign the petition and help convince the powers that be that when you see that sign, you are entering Historic Park City, not Magnolia township/city which it implies,” the Chilhowee group posted on Facebook. Social media supporters of the idea apparently include County Commissioner Evelyn Gill, Tanner Jessel, Andy Clyde and others.

Erin Streeter posted the following: “One of the stranger aspects of this project is the intended ‘rebranding’ of the old town of Park City as simply ‘Magnolia.’ Despite efforts by members of the community to make the City aware of the problematic nature of this name, first privately, then a little more publicly, the City has proved intractable – stubbornly refusing to consider the simple change in a sign, not yet even completed, from ‘Magnolia’ to ‘Park City.’”

But the campaign is late in coming following several years of plans and initial work on the streetscape project by the city, which held numerous public meetings on the issue without anyone objecting to the proposed sign until early this year.

Tanner Jessel wrote several city officials in February.

“My group intends to pursue this belief vigorously. I am curious to know how you all argued to the State that ‘Magnolia’ is associated historically with the community: if you look at old USGS maps, atlases and traveler’s maps, even plastic ‘relief’ maps available at Mast General Store, the East Knoxville community along Magnolia Avenue is noted as ‘Park City.’ The name is preserved on certain KGIS maps, as well. East Knoxville businesses historically incorporated or advertised the name ‘Park City,’ and even today, former Park City residents who pass on reference ‘Park City’ in their obituaries,” she wrote.

City Council member Gwen McKenzie said she had talked with Nix but added other neighborhoods and organizations in East Knoxville, including Town Hall East, Burlington,



The proposed gateway sign to East Knoxville will have “Magnolia” as the wordage. Some East Knoxville residents feel the words should be “Welcome to Park City” while others who reside in the neighborhoods like the “Magnolia” designation. A petition is underway by change advocates to get the city council to change the sign.

and the East Knoxville Business and Professional Association support the “Magnolia” designation. Other neighborhoods in East Knoxville include Edgewood, Burlington, Five Points and Morning Side.

Of the term “Welcome to Park City” McKenzie told The Focus, “I’m not in favor of that; let’s look at putting a marker close to Parkridge.”

“East Knoxville is a great place to live, let’s not rebrand it,” she said.

East Knoxville’s county commissioner disagrees. “My husband Michael and I have lived in our beautiful home more than 12 years in the historic area of Park City. We live one block off of Magnolia Ave, not in a subdivision or community called Magnolia. It is unacceptable that City is attempting to re-brand this area and put up a marker to reflect a street name versus the historic and diverse Community in East Knoxville,” County Commissioner Evelyn Gill told The Focus.

“I am going to quote you from the main source the book ‘Park City’ by Beck

French Brewer and Douglas Stuart McDaniel on page 128: ‘We hope this book will encourage residents of historic Park City, Mountain View, and Burlington to never again allow themselves to become lost, neglected or abandoned. If nothing else, may this book remind everyone that Park City is a truly historic community and should be cared for and treasured for future generations,’” Gill said.

Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods Coordinator Debbie Sharp said the first phase of the streetscape project is going to be finished soon. She said that she only recently heard of the change of opinions on the monument sign: “Up until now I had not heard that input.”

“The lettering has already been ordered and is ready to go up soon. Park City is not the name of the street. There’s a concern about confusing people with Park City. Park City is not the name of the street nor is it the name of a neighborhood in the area. It is a Historic Area that encompasses several, but not all

of the neighborhoods, in East Knoxville,” Sharp told The Focus.

“There are also some ideas to put up historic markers or maybe have a historic walking trail. The History Project and the City will be asking for community engagement soon,” she said.

“The city recognizes the community’s desire to honor the history of the area,” Sharp said.

“We never were involved in the design of the marker,” Nix wrote to Sharp, adding, “This is not a few rebels trying to cause a problem.”

Dawn Michelle Foster, director of redevelopment, said the gateway monument and the word “Magnolia” is to recognize the business corridor there.

“We’re not trying to rename that part of town,” she said, explaining that the design of the monument has been before the public for many months and, because Magnolia

Where Magnolia Avenue got its name

Yes, there are Magnolia trees here and there along Magnolia Avenue and the new sign going up at Magnolia and Jessamine Street is to bear that name. Most people think the busy street was named for the blossoming trees. That isn’t the origin of the name.

George and Magnolia Brenner moved to East Knoxville shortly before the Civil War. They bought a house atop a knoll along the street, a site now occupied by Pellissippi State University. The expanded street took its name from George’s wife.

The Brenner family, as well as several early Knoxville residents, owned slaves. The Ramsey, Mabry, White, Franklin, Blount and Sevier families owned slaves.

Proponents of changing the wordage on the gateway sign from “Magnolia” to “Welcome to Park City” charge that the “Magnolia” wordage recalls the slaveholding and Confederate-supporting family that settled there. They contend that such designation for East Knoxville is not suitable.

They also point out that Magnolia Avenue was originally an extension of a street then called Park Avenue.

Avenue is a state highway, the city had to get TDOT approval of the design.

“We respect the history of the area and have sought the Knoxville Historic

Project to get on board. We’ve gone through numerous public input processes and addressed many issues brought before us,” she said.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TIME

BACK TO STATE: Fulton uses big third quarter to hold off Johnson Co. 90-76 in sectional

By Bill Howard

In the first half of the boys' Class AA sectional game at Fulton High School's Jody Wright Arena Mar. 4, Fulton and Johnson Co. battled to a 35-35 tie. The game had every indication of being a nailbiter at the end.

The third quarter told a different story.

Over a two-minute span late in the period, the Falcons (26-4) scored 12 straight points, extending a four-point lead to 16. The period ended with Fulton up 63-48, and the game was never again in doubt.

The 90-76 win advances Fulton to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro, where they'll play Mitchell High School (out of Memphis) on Mar. 13.

"A good win overall, they're all tough this time of year," said Falcons' coach Jody Wright. "We knew how good they were offensively. We weren't at our best tonight defensively but I give them a lot of credit."

Four of those 12 straight points came as a result of two technical fouls called on the Longhorns' Michael Oxentine, over a 33-second interval. The second tech led to Oxentine's ejection.

Wright credited his squad's improved defense

in the third period as the difference.

"I think we did a little bit better job defensively there in the third quarter," Wright said. "We made a few stops. Scoring wasn't a problem for us. Getting consistent stops, that was an issue."

Fulton led 22-21 after one, as the teams traded baskets in a fast-paced start. Johnson Co.'s Blake Atwood got 10 of his game-high 35 in the period. Atwood hit six threes for the game and was fouled on two others, converting all six free throws..

The scoring cooled in the second and the half ended knotted at 35.

"We weren't playing our game, we got out of our game a little bit," said Fulton point-guard Edward Lacey. "We weren't playing defense hard enough. A halftime we knew we had to come out and play defense."

The Falcons did just that in the third, limiting the Longhorns to only 13 points, while scoring 28 of their own. Fulton jumped to an eight-point lead to start the quarter, but the Longhorns fought back to within four. With 2:24 left in the period, Oxentine got his first tech, and Fulton then pulled

away.

"Without a doubt," said Horns' coach Austin Atwood of how the two technicals influenced the game. "My guys gotta be smarter. You're playing at Jody Wright's place, he's gonna get the call and he deserves to get it. He did a great job for 30-something years. We knew coming in we were gonna have to play a perfect game. We couldn't rebound well. They're very athletic."

In the fourth, Deshawn Page's layup capped an 8-0 Falcon run that put the lead at 23 with 3:52 left. Johnson Co. (26-7) cut it to 10 on a 19-6 run before Fulton closed it out.

Page, who missed nine free throws, led the Falcons with 24 points. Lacey, who hit all four technical free throws, added 22 and Tommy Sweat chipped in 12. Gavin Reece scored 19 for the Longhorns and Zach Eller got 12.

"If he (Page) makes his free throws he'd have had 40," Wright said facetiously. "We felt like we had an advantage in the post and we were going inside to Page, but you don't want to have to score 90 points to win. I'm disappointed in the fact that we gave up 76 points."



PHOTO BY NICOLE COONEY / FULCOM

Fulton junior guard Edward Lacey gets way up in the air against Johnson County in the Falcons' 90-76 Class AA sectional win March 4 at Fulton.

If the Falcons get by Mitchell, they'll play the winner of The Howard School vs. East Nashville Magnet School in the semis on Friday, Mar. 15. The championship game is the next day.

"You're glad to be going back, you got that opportunity," said Wright. "Just

happy still being alive playing. You gotta play three solid basketball games in a row. You got to have a little luck, you got to play well. There aren't any off nights. We've got to go down there and play three good games."

A-E looks forward to 'huge challenge' with Wooddale

By Steve Williams

The tournament draw wasn't kind to Austin-East.

The Roadrunners drew Memphis Wooddale for their quarterfinal opponent in this week's TSSAA Class AA state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro.

Wooddale (31-4) is led by University of Oregon signee Chandler Lawson, a 6-8, 205-pounder who is averaging 23 points, 13 rebounds and close to three blocked shots per game. He also received offers from Ole Miss, Baylor and Florida before

choosing the Ducks.

"We have a huge challenge with Wooddale," said Austin-East Coach Marcus Stanton after a practice session last week. "He shoots the ball really well."

"They also have really good guards, a lot of good players. They're a fast team. They shoot a lot of threes."

The two teams will square off Wednesday at 1:15 (CDT) at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Stanton is looking forward to the challenge, especially since the Roadrunners will be making their first state tourney

appearance since 2008.

"It's somebody we'll enjoy playing," added the A-E coach. "It's a tough matchup with a really good team and we're hoping that brings out the best in us. And I believe it will."

If A-E wins its quarterfinal game, the Roadrunners would play the Brainerd versus Pearl Cohn winner in Friday's semifinals at 11:30.

Stanton said the Class AA tourney field is loaded full of tough teams. Rival Fulton also is in the field but in the opposite bracket and would not play A-E at the

state unless both teams advance to Saturday's 1 o'clock championship game.

"I think we can compete with anybody, I really do," said Stanton, who saw his team post a 66-61 win at Greeneville in the sectional round March 4.

"It was a really good game and the first sectional game we had played in quite a while."

Stanton praised the "defensive efforts" from his guards and said 6-3 senior power forward Dereke Upton carried the scoring load particularly in the early going.

"The defensive efforts of our

guards were one of their best of the whole season and they've had a lot of good moments. But they pushed themselves to the limit."

A-E built a 12-point lead over the Greene Devils, but the home team never quit and cut the deficit to four in the fourth period.

"The game was kind of getting away from them, but they fought back," recalled Stanton. "They have a good group of kids who can shoot the ball really well."

Upton led A-E with 23 points,

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TSSAA State Basketball Tournament Schedule

(Local teams)
AT MTSU in
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All Times CDT

WEDNESDAY

QUARTERFINALS

Class AA
11:30 - Fulton
(26-4) vs. Memphis
Mitchell (22-10)
1:15 - Austin-East
(24-5) vs. Memphis
Wooddale (30-4)

CLASS AAA
6 - Bearden (29-5)
vs. Franklin (28-6)

FRIDAY

SEMIFINALS

CLASS AA
Fulton plays at 10, if it
wins quarterfinal game
Austin-East plays
at 11:30, if it wins
quarterfinal game

CLASS AAA
Bearden plays at 1:15, if
it wins quarterfinal game

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1 - Class AA
championship game
3:30 - Class AAA
championship game
6 - Class A
championship game

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The Webb School Spartans were close to perfection in the opening eight minutes of their 75-40 Division II Class A title win over Tipton-Rosemark Academy March 2, connecting on 11 of 13 field goal attempts and 6 of 7 from behind the arc at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena in Nashville.

The sizzling start carried over from its semifinal win and gave Webb a 29-18 first period lead. The Spartans finished the game 27 for 44 from the field (61.4 percent).

"It was a great time to do it," said Coach Ricky Norris, whose team ended its banner season with a 30-6 record.

"We obviously came close last year, losing to Grace in the finals. Our guys worked hard all year and committed to becoming better players. It is fun to see them have success. It is pretty cool being a part of winning the school's first state championship in boys' basketball."

Luke Burnett tallied a game-high 25 points in the finals, making 8 of 11 from the field.

Tourney MVP Uriah Powers scored 19, going 6 of 10 from the field and 5 of 5 at the free throw line, plus recorded eight rebounds and five assists.



Webb School celebrates its first-ever TSSAA state boys basketball championship March 2 on the hardwood at Lipscomb University in Nashville, where the hot-shooting Spartans scorched Tipton-Rosemark Academy 75-40 in the Division II Class A finals.

Tariq Daughton totaled 14 points, making 6 of 7 from the field. Emory Lanier contributed five assists.

"We obviously shot the ball well, but it was a product of playing unselfishly," said Coach Norris. "It is how our guys have played all year. When we move the ball, we are typically pretty strong on offense."

With a 45-30 halftime lead, the Spartans held the Rebels to 10 points after intermission.

"We rebounded very well against TRA," said Norris. "We had to keep them off the glass. We also switched to a matchup zone in the second half and really limited their drives and their second chances on offense."

The championship win was a total team effort.

"It was fun to see our second team guys get to play significant minutes in

both the semi's and finals," added Coach Norris. "All our guys worked hard in practice and it showed up on the court for all 10 players."

SILVER FOR CAK: First-year Lady Warriors Coach Abby Williams called Christian Academy of Knoxville's first trip to the TSSAA state tourney since 2013 and the program's first time to reach the finals "exciting."

Providence Christian Academy defeated the CAK girls 41-29 in the Division II Class A finals.

"While the final score may not have been what we hoped for, it definitely does not define our season in its entirety," said Williams. "The state tournament allowed our team, families and community to experience an environment where the best in the state have a chance to compete."

I wouldn't trade the memories, the lessons, or the experiences we had for anything."

Yaubryon Chambers, 6-1 senior center, powered PCA (22-7) with 16 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

CAK (26-6) had a cold shooting performance, connecting on only 23.7 percent from the field, including 1 of 8 from 3-point range. Hannah Carroll (nine points) and Kennedy Smith (eight) were its top scorers.

An ailing Claire Brock, a senior standout for CAK, played in the semifinals and finals but her production was limited.

"Our season was nothing short of amazing," added Coach Williams. "Each of the young ladies in our program worked together and competed at the top level day in and day out."

"Many doubted our ability to compete at the top level (much less a state championship) but our girls wanted to tell a different story. They were able to write a story that will be remembered by many at CAK. Our season was more than wins and losses; it was about family and leadership. I am beyond blessed to be their coach and watch them carry themselves with dignity and pride for CAK."

Lady Lions open season at home against Catholic

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR --- The King's Academy Softball team has played in the Division II-A State Championship Softball Game for the last three seasons and the Lady Lions have won back-to-back championships in Murfreesboro.

They'll begin their quest for a third straight state title when they open their 2019 campaign tonight (March 11) when they host Catholic High School at 6 p.m.

King's went 33-5 in 2018 en route to winning it all at the Midstate in May and they return a solid nucleus of players.

"We have girls who have played in three state championship games. We were runner-up in 2016 and then we won back-to-back in 2017 and 2018," Lady Lions coach Mark Weekly said. "We have four seniors and they're all committed to play college softball."

While the ultimate goal is to claim another state title, Weekly and TKA don't take anything for granted and the coach said that his squad embraces every challenge. The Lady Lions don't feel like they play with a target on their backs.

"We don't look at it that way," Weekly said. "We embrace it. We embrace every challenge and every opportunity."

"Everybody is aware of us and everybody's aware of what we've done. We embrace the fact that we're going to get everybody's best game and we know what can happen if we play the way we're capable every night."

-Coach Mark Weekly

TKA has won games in bunches over the last three seasons and the Lady Lions have emerged victorious against some of East Tennessee's top teams; teams that usually join them at Spring Fling on a regular basis.

"We play top teams every year," Weekly said.

Teams such as Gibbs, Halls, defending Class AAA State Champion Powell and other top squads are regulars on TKA's schedule and that's by design. Weekly knows that that caliber of competition can only make the Lady Lions better.

Key players for The King's Academy include: Maddie Webber (a senior first baseman and outfielder who has signed with the University of Tennessee); Haydyn Jenkins (a senior shortstop who has signed with Charleston Southern); Regan Weekly (a senior second baseman who has signed with Dartmouth); Katelyn Norris (a senior center fielder who has also signed with Charleston Southern); Kaylan Cole (a junior pitcher and utility player who went 25-3 last year in the circle and has committed to play for the Lady Vols); Kailee King (junior, first baseman); Sarah Webb (junior, outfielder); Ashley Bowes (junior, utility player/designated player); Blayne King (sophomore, catcher/third baseman); Madison Croegaert (sophomore, pitcher) and K.J. Ammons (freshman, third baseman).

When the Lady Lions take the field tonight against the Lady Irish tonight, they'll look to build on a 42-game home winning streak.

Veteran Bulldogs must 'play together' to be successful

By Ken Lay

For the last two seasons, Bearden High School's boys soccer team has competed in District 2-AAA. Before that, the Bulldogs were in the ultracompetitive District 4-AAA with the likes of Farragut, Maryville and Hardin Valley Academy.

West and Bearden have both changed leagues and the Bulldogs haven't lost a conference game since moving.

Bearden made it to the Class AAA State Tournament in 2018 with a young but experienced side. But past results don't guarantee anything for Bearden, which has a target on its back as always.

"I just want our boys to have a memorable season," said fifth-year head coach Ryan Radcliffe, who has won a State Championship as both a player and a coach.

Normally, Bearden has expectations to end the season in Murfreesboro at the Spring Fling, and the Bulldogs definitely have the talent and experience to make another deep post-season run, but Radcliffe isn't about to take anything for granted.

"We have to win our district first and it's not going to be the easy run that it's been before," Radcliffe said. "West is blowing by people in their scrimmages

and Morristown West beat Maryville in a scrimmage.

"We have experience and we're talented but the challenge for me is to make a team out of them. The 2016 team (which won the state championship) wasn't the most talented team. That team worked extremely hard. I've challenged the boys and I've told them that in order to get where we want to go, that we're going to have to do it together. We have experience and we have a lot of individual talent, but we have to come together and that's the challenge for the boys. I've told them not to let the season get by them."

Bearden has a bevy a talented returners including: Collin Lewis (senior midfielder and all-state performer in 2018); Caleb Wilkins (a senior forward who is one of the county's top strikers); Holden Gresecke (a junior goalkeeper, who is one of two netminders to see time between the goalposts last season); Jonathan Diaz (a sophomore, who also saw time in the net last season); Jonathan Meystrik (senior, forward); Everett Hauser (senior, defender); Asiimwe Ironside (senior, defender); Tanner Whited (senior, defender); Trey Kelly (senior, defender); Finn Harris (senior,

midfielder); Carter Turner (junior, forward); Sam Patterson (senior, midfielder); Cole Turner (sophomore, defender) and Sharif Aly (sophomore, forward).

Bearden's strength will be experience, particularly on defense.

"We'll start nine seniors this year and they all started as juniors and they surprised a few people," Radcliffe said. "Our back line is all seniors, so if we give up goals, I'm going to be mad."

"These kids have all played together and they all know each other. We'll start nine seniors and that's a good problem to have. But it's also a bad problem to have because after the season's over, they'll going to be out of here."

Radcliffe said that the program must continue to develop depth as he has a talented crop of freshmen and sophomores. He's excited about the future but he's hoping that some of the newcomers should look to contribute now.

"We have some talented freshmen and sophomores and it's just a matter of which ones can help me now," Radcliffe said.

The Bulldogs open their 2019 campaign Tuesday night at home against Gatlinburg-Pittman.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

‘I hope it’s not over,’ says Parrott of Bearden’s three-year run

By Steve Williams

Senior players on Bearden’s boys basketball team have put together won-loss records of 22-10 in 2017, 38-2 in 2018 and 29-5 this season in their outstanding three-year run that continues with their third straight trip to the TSSAA state tournament this week. That’s a total of 89 wins and 17 losses.

It’s been a great ride hasn’t it, Coach?

“Yeah, I hope it’s not over,” answered Jeremy Parrott after the Bulldogs’ sectional win over Dobyns-Bennett last week.

Roman Robinson, one of the team’s senior starters, said: “D-B was another team in our way. We handled business and we’re back to state like we wanted to be since the beginning of the season.

“Winning the state championship has been our goal since our sophomore year, ever since Coach Parrott came to Bearden,” added Robinson. “We told him we wanted to win the gold ball.”

A sophomore laden Bearden team lost to Independence in the state quarterfinals in 2017. Last season, the Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals but lost to Memphis East.

Seniors on the current Bearden roster include



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The mood on the Bearden sidelines looks tense as Coach Jeremy Parrott (kneeling), team members and fans look on in the Bulldogs’ Class AAA sectional battle against visiting Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett March 2. The Bulldogs trailed by one after three periods, but pulled out a 46-40 win.

starters Ques Glover, Trent Stephney, Drew Pember, Roman Robinson and Shamarcus Brown. Other seniors are captain Kordell Kah, Preston Ruth and Keiansay Williams.

STATE INDOOR TRACK: Jake Renfree of Knoxville Catholic was a double winner in this year’s meet.

The Notre Dame signee won the 1-mile run in 4:11.09, edging Centennial’s Davis Bove, who was clocked in 4:11.83 at Vanderbilt’s indoor facility in Nashville Feb. 23. Bearden’s Preston Ruth came in fifth place in the event.

Renfree also finished first in the 800 run in a time of 1:52.55.

Halls’ Ethan Campbell also

took top honors at the state in the high jump event with a meet record mark of 2.05 meters. Shaquille Howell of Farragut was fifth.

Other local standouts who placed in the Top 5 included CAK’s Josh Whitaker, who was second in the pole vault. Catholic’s John Rentenbach was third and CAK’s Luke Etherton fifth.

Kiyontae Warren of Austin-East had the third fastest time in the 200-meter dash, while Farragut’s Evan Mcferan was fifth.

A-E’s Jazine Pelcher placed fourth in the 60 dash. TJ Shaw of South-Doyle was fourth in the 60 hurdles.

Farragut’s 4x400 relay ran third and its distance

medley came in fourth.

In girls’ state indoor action, West’s Caroline Lewis and Mary Austin Slate finished second and third, respectively, in the high jump.

Blake Blakemore of Austin-East placed third in the 200 dash and Webb’s Jasmine Jefferson was third in the 400. West’s Janie Holcek took fifth in the 400.

Callie Tucker of Catholic came in fourth in the 2-mile run.

Webb had a second place showing in the distance medley.

(Last week’s edition of The Focus featured the top individual finishers in the state meet for Hardin Valley Academy, which took second place in the boys’ and girls’ team standings)

GOOD START: Spencer Beaty’s first season as head basketball coach at Carter produced a District 3-AA tournament championship.

“First, I have to give praise to my Lord and Savior for blessing me to be a part of this great community, school and young men,” said Beaty before addressing the Hornets’ title win over Union County.

“I think the key to that game was our continued work each and every day to develop toughness and

attention to detail to the very end,” he said after the 84-74 win over the Patriots. “Our kids played them close both times in regular season and came up short, but they did a magnificent job believing and trusting in one another and executing until the very end in the championship game. Every player made significant plays throughout the game to give our team an opportunity at the end.”

Carter defeated Scott High 69-49 in the Region 2-AA quarterfinals before being eliminated by Austin-East 58-41 in the semifinals. The Hornets posted a 22-11 overall record.

NATIONAL HONORS: Bearden’s dance team took first place for the second year in a row in the Medium Varsity Pom competition at the Universal Dance Association’s national team championships at Orlando in February.

The BHS team also made history by winning the Large Varsity Game Day category which was new to the competition.

Farragut High’s dance team also competed in the UDA event and repeated as national champions in Small Varsity Jazz.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Fifteen years ago on March 12, 2004 – Talk about

unbelievable heart-breaking losses. Powell’s girls basketball team, coached by Clay Young, had a five-point lead with two seconds left in regulation in the TSSAA state tournament, but ended up losing to Memphis Craigmont 57-54 in overtime.

After Jessica Jackson scored inside with two seconds to go to cut Powell’s lead to 52-49, Craigmont quickly called timeout. On the ensuing in-bounds play, Powell figured a long pass down court would be enough to run out the remaining time of 1.5 seconds on the clock, but Powell’s Caitlin Hollifield never touched the in-bounds pass and the ball went out of bounds. Hollifield said she felt like she had been tripped on the play.

No time ran off the clock and the ball was brought back to be put in play under Craigmont’s basket. Whitney Price then hit a long 3-point shot to force overtime.

Cheron Brown and Hollifield, who had a game-high 24 points, matched two free throws in OT to keep the game tied. Then Alyson Brooks drilled a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Craigmont the wild win.

New baseball coach inherits young squad at TKA

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR --- When The King’s Academy takes the field for its season opener tonight (March 11) at Gatlinburg-Pittman, new head coach Mitchell Turner will learn plenty about his team.

Turner moved to TKA after a successful tenure at Grace Christian Academy and he inherits a roster with just 12 players for the Lions.

He’s basically rebuilding a program from scratch as eight potential returning starters left the program.

“When I got here, I thought I was going to get eight returning starters that transferred and left the school for one reason or another, so I have 12 players,” Turner said. “But I will tell you that this team has worked as hard or harder than any team I’ve ever coached.

“We’re having fun and our motto is ‘Get better each day.’ We’re just trying to get better every day. We’re working hard and we’re having fun.”

Preparing a team in three weeks is a tall order for any coach. But inclement weather really limited pre-season workouts.

“We’ve had these kids for three weeks and if you want to know what our weather’s been like, take all the rain in Knoxville and add some snow to that,” Turner said.

The Lions will open their 2019 season against the Highlanders today at 6 p.m. but Turner isn’t sure what his opening-day lineup is going to look like.

“I have 12 players. I only have one senior, one junior, six sophomores, one

freshman and three eighth graders,” Turner said. “I don’t know their positions yet.”

Still, he’s happy to be with the Lions.

“My kids are working hard and they understand that just because I came from a successful program, I’m not going to be able to snap my fingers and change this thing overnight,” Turner said. “They know that it takes time.”

Turner knows that he has the support of the school’s president, Matt Mercer, who is a former head basketball coach at Fulton (girls) and with Central and Grace Christian. The former Powell High assistant changed the fortunes for the Lady Falcons, the Bobcats and the Rams.

“If it weren’t for Matt Mercer, I wouldn’t be coaching baseball anywhere this spring,” Turner said. “He told me that he was looking to build something and asked me if I wanted to take this journey with him.”

Turner took the offer and he’s also received support from the school’s other coaches, including head softball coach Marc Weekly and his new assistant, Dayna Carter (a state championship head coach at Seymour and Christian

Academy of Knoxville).

“We’ve got the support. We just need to spark some interest in baseball and get some more numbers,” Turner said. “Marc has been really supportive. He’s a state championship coach and he’s been a big help. Dayna Carter has been a big help too.”

Turner also noted that the school has approved a major renovation for the baseball complex. Work will proceed after the 2019 season.

Key returners for the Lions include: Braden Joslin (senior); Dylan Hardin (junior); Nathan Hoffman (sophomore); Noah Connatser (sophomore); Ridge Dickert (sophomore) and Jake Tipton (freshman).

Newcomers are: David Stinnett (sophomore); Juan Valle (sophomore); Zeke Connatser (eighth grader); Riley Webber (eighth grader) and Garrett Weekly (eighth grader).

Tanner Fee reunites with Turner: Former Grace pitching standout Tanner Fee is a volunteer assistant coach for the Lions. Together, he and Turner won a Class A State Championship with the Rams.

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Battle-tested Bearden returns for another state title shot

By Steve Williams

The third time’s the charm. Fans of Bearden High’s basketball team hope that old idiom holds true as the Bulldogs make their third straight trip to the TSSAA state tournament this week.

But in two of Bearden’s last three games on the tournament trail, close battles have caused some alarm, rather than reflect a lucky charm.

Maryville dug its way out of a deep hole to tie Bearden in the fourth period before finally falling in the Region 2-AAA semifinals at Oak Ridge. Then in a nerve-racking 46-40 sectional victory last week at Bearden, Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett’s patient and deliberate strategy gave the Indians the lead with 25 seconds left in the third period.

Bearden fans squirmed when Shamarcus Brown missed both of his free throws, leaving D-B up by one at the end of the period. A 3-point shot by 6-7 junior Charlie Browder restored the visitors’ margin to one midway through the final period.

But Bearden’s pressure defense would soon destroy the Indians’ upset bid as the Bulldogs (29-5) notched their 17th win in a row. And after the game, Coach Jeremy Parrott put out a reminder.

“Our schedule has been tough,” he said. “We haven’t been in too many predicaments that we haven’t already seen.”

After Browder’s bomb set off the proverbial alarm, Bearden responded with a game-deciding seven-point flurry, capped by a 3-point shot from the corner by Ques Glover and then a steal and layup by the talented point guard that gave the Bulldogs a six-point lead with 3:14 remaining.

Marae Foreman, Dobyns-Bennett’s diminutive guard, managed to score a layup over 6-10 Drew Pember to reduce the deficit to four at 2:20, but Bearden then turned in perhaps the best play down the stretch when Glover found Pember open underneath and fired a pass to the UT signee for a slam dunk with 1:40 to go.

Foreman followed with a jumper, but

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It's really good to see A-E and Brainerd make it to state

When I walked into Clifford Ross Gymnasium at Austin-East High School last Wednesday afternoon, boys basketball head coach Marcus Stanton was finishing up a practice session.

He didn't see me enter the gym at first, as he was observing a drill on the far end of the court and getting his players ready to run sprints. When he did spot me a few moments later, he flashed a big smile and made me feel welcome.

As he walked over, I wanted to give him a hug – I was that happy for him and his team because of their sectional win – but I shook his hand instead.

I am so happy for you and your team I told Coach Stanton right off the bat. Whether that was a professional

thing for a sports writer to say to a coach, I don't really know. But I know what Coach Stanton and his team has been through for over a year, and I was happy they had come full circle.

The Roadrunners, who were banned from postseason play last year, are going back to the state tournament this year. And to get there, they had to do more than win their sectional game at Greeneville last week.

For those who don't know the background of this story, let's rewind the tape to January 2018 ...

Austin-East and Chattanooga Brainerd had been sanctioned by the TSSAA after their game at Brainerd was stopped when reportedly a "brawl" broke out on the court. There also were reports that fans came on the floor and made the situation worse.

Both teams originally were banned from tourney play for the 2017-18 and

2018-19 seasons.

Appeals by the two schools in February were denied, but for the first time ever, the TSSAA Board of Control allowed the two schools an opportunity to make positive changes in their programs for a chance to have their penalties removed at a follow-up hearing.

Last August, administrators and coaches from A-E and Brainerd presented the Board many sportsmanship initiatives and positive changes the schools had implemented since the incident.

The Board of Control voted to approve the second appeals made by the two schools and remove both the probation and restrictive probation placed on their basketball programs. This action meant the two schools would be allowed to participate in postseason tournament play in 2018-19.

Following the Board's

unprecedented action, TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress applauded both schools and said: "The administration of both schools has given every TSSAA member school a blueprint to follow when it comes to turning a negative situation into a positive."

"They did more than change their basketball programs. They are making a difference in their communities. We cannot say enough wonderful things about their efforts."

Both Austin-East and Brainerd basketball teams held sportsmanship clinics in their communities last summer and traveled to each other's city to assist each other.

A-E also started doing community service at the Love Kitchen, which is just down the road from its campus, and has continued that relationship. Many others at the school have joined the boys' basketball team in that endeavor,

including students, teachers, office personnel and coaches in other sports.

"This time last year our season was over," said Coach Stanton last week. "We had no games to look forward to and no chance of going to the state ... All of these kids, except for three of them, was on that team. Now you got a group of kids who know what it feels like to have their season taken away, to lose a season over something that's just silly and makes no sense."

On a positive note, Stanton said that incident did group people together at A-E.

"It just galvanized the whole school and everybody was trying to get something good accomplished out of it," he said.

"The kids were so positive through the whole thing. 'Hey, don't worry about it. We'll be back.' And it was good to hear that, like now hearing those same kids say, 'Hey Coach, We finally

made it.' And they are actually happy. And it's a good thing to see."

Was what happened last season a motivational factor this season for the Roadrunners?

"I think it's something that's in the back of their mind," said Stanton. "They know what happened. But this has always been a group of kids that wanted to achieve a lot. I won't just say that the reason that they are fighting so hard is because of what happened last year. I think this is a group of kids that wants something. They want to be special and they are playing to be special."

Brainerd also won its sectional game and will play in this week's state tournament. In fact, A-E and Brainerd would play each other in Friday's semifinals, if both win their quarterfinal games Wednesday.

Both teams have made it full circle and more. Good for them!

A-E looks forward to 'huge challenge' with Wooddale

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eight rebounds and six assists. "He did some great passing on the post. Early in the game he was the only offense we had."

Senior shooting guard Ronny Pierson had 21 points and four assists. Kajuan Bullard, a 6-4 senior, also was among top scorers for A-E, which improved to 24-5.

Coach Stanton said Pierson hit four clutch free throws and junior guard LaRon Dixon a pair in the last two minutes, after the team had missed seven straight earlier in the

second half.

"It was getting scary at that time," he said.

FANS PRAISED: Stanton said the gym at Greeneville was packed, "but their fans were great sportsmen. After the game was over, they cheered for our players. They came out and shook their hands."

"It was the type of environment you want to be in, where the fans appreciate good basketball by both teams and they appreciate the effort that the kids are giving ... It was like, 'We appreciate what you all did and congratulations.'"



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Austin-East Coach Marcus Stanton talks to his players as they get ready to run sprints at the end of a practice session last week. The Roadrunners are one of three Knox County basketball teams that qualified for this week's TSSAA Division I state boys tournament in Murfreesboro. Once a state regular, A-E will be making its first state appearance since 2008. Bearden and Fulton also will be playing in the state at MTSU's Murphy Center, starting Wednesday.

Battle-tested Bearden returns for another state title shot

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the Indians could get no closer than four points as Bearden hit eight of eight clutch free throws the rest of the way – the first two by Roman Robinson and the last six by Glover.

"We wanted to compete and give ourselves a chance," said D-B Coach Chris Poore, who saw his team lose 70-44 at Bearden in last year's sectional game.

"The plan was to take great shots," added Poore. "If that shot came within five seconds, so be it. If that shot came within a minute, so be it. We didn't care when it came; we just wanted it to be a great shot the guys could make. These guys bought in. They knew what they had to do."

Parrott, in his third season as head coach at Bearden, acknowledged the win didn't come easily.

"These don't ever," said Parrott. "I coached a basketball team in 2012 at Cherokee High School that came down here and stole one at West, a team that had been in the state tournament the year before. So I know all about those. I know about those all too well. We took it all seriously."

"The flow of the game wasn't our pace. Our point guard was in a little foul trouble, so I delayed the press a little bit and finally started speeding the tempo up because I didn't want him to leave us too soon. I didn't want him to pick up a cheapie and then that would limit us on what we could do late."

"The fact that we were able to delay it and it finally worked was not a surprise to me. They've been doing this for three years now."

Parrott changed the tempo by going to a three-quarter court press, then changed it back to a token three-quarter court press and finally to an extended 2-3 zone.

"All of those things seemed to bother their rhythm a little bit," added Parrott. "Just changing the tempo. Just making them see something they hadn't seen



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Bearden's Ques Glover takes his turn cutting down the net in his and senior teammates' last home game at the Dawg House after sectional win over Dobyns-Bennett on March 4. Bearden didn't lose a game at home this season or last season.

tonight. And in this environment, it did what I thought it would do. It told on them."

Poore admitted: "That little slip in that 7-2 (Bearden) spurt really hurt."

Glover finished with 19 points in the low-scoring contest and Trent Stephney 10. Pember and Robinson added six each and Brown chipped in five.

Browder and Foreman each scored 16 for Dobyns-Bennett (30-5).

STATE OPENER: Bearden will play Franklin (28-6) Wednesday at 6 (CDT) in the quarterfinals. If the Bulldogs win, they will go against the winner of Sevier County versus Whitehaven in the semifinals Friday at 1:15.

Defending state champion Memphis East (24-8), which defeated Bearden 72-60 in the semifinals last season, is on the opposite side of the bracket.

The Class AAA title game will be Saturday at 3:30.

Thank you, Admiral Schofield

By Alex Norman

Back in 2015, Tennessee's men's basketball program was in shambles.

They had just completed a mediocre 16-16 season, including a putrid 7-11 mark in SEC play.

Their head coach, Donnie Tyndall was fired after only one season due to NCAA violations that were committed during his time at Southern Miss. Tyndall already had NCAA violations on his resume from his time at Morehead State, which made then Tennessee athletics director Dave Hart's hiring of him in the first place such an awful decision. Remember, Tennessee had drawn the ire of the NCAA not long before hiring Tyndall due to rule breaking during the Bruce Pearl era.

The Vols replaced Tyndall with former Texas head coach Rick Barnes, who was presumed to have lost his fastball.

And starting play that fall would be a freshman forward that could use some time in the weight room.

His name was Admiral Schofield.

During a forgettable 2015-2016 season for Tennessee basketball, Schofield averaged 7.6 points and 4 rebounds as a freshman. He started 22 games out of necessity, as the roster was not SEC caliber. During his sophomore campaign Schofield slightly

increased his stats, while becoming a key player off the bench, and an SEC sixth man of the year candidate. In both seasons, the Vols went a combined 31-35, finishing no higher than ninth in the SEC.

But a transformation was happening not only for Tennessee men's basketball, but for Schofield as well. By the time his junior year rolled around, physically he had become a chiseled athlete, with boundless energy. He also became a team leader, both on and off the court. It's not a coincidence that the improvement in his game went hand in hand with the Vols resurgence. Schofield increased his points per contest to 13.9 and led the Vols with 6.3 rebounds per game, as the Vols won their first SEC title in a decade.

Schofield's personality was welcomed by Vols fans, at a level that perhaps no basketball player had achieved since Wayne Chism. The athletic department thought so highly of Schofield that he was the front man for a very popular video that the VFL Films crew produced about the crowd noise at the 2015 Tennessee/Oklahoma game.

During this, his senior season, Schofield has turned himself into a likely NBA draft pick. He's averaged more than 16 points and 6 rebounds per game.

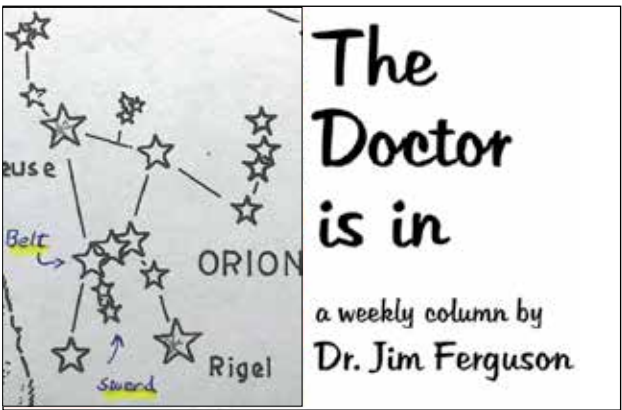
His career high 30 points and dagger three pointer led the Vols to a win over top-ranked Gonzaga back in December. In January it was a three pointer in the corner from Schofield that sealed the deal at Florida, and set off a raucous orange celebration in Gainesville. His stepping up and taking a charge at the end of the Ole Miss game in February kept Tennessee's SEC title hopes alive.

It's rare that an athlete is this good and this personable. Schofield fits the bill on both fronts. It wouldn't be surprising to see Schofield pursue a career in the media when his playing days are done.

Last Tuesday, Schofield played his final game at Thompson-Boling Arena. Tennessee improved to 27-3 with a 71-54 win over Mississippi State. He led all scorers with 18 points. Before the contest, Schofield and fellow seniors Kyle Alexander, Brad Woodson and Lucas Campbell were honored. The ovation for Schofield was a memorable one as he fought through tears.

He will be sorely missed on Rocky Top, and remembered as a key component in the resurgence of Tennessee basketball.

Thank you, Admiral Schofield.



Perspectives

Spiritually and philosophically I am Trinitarian. I've told Becky that if we ever participate in a newlywed-like game and we're asked my favorite number, the answer is three - in most instances. Becky maintains that I find three choices in almost any situation. In my defense I think four choices is too many and two is not enough, so three seems about right. Therefore, I'll offer a last reflection of my South American adventure with a third "travel soliloquy."

Friends asked what was most memorable on my trip to South America. I went because I wanted to see Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego at Fin del Mundo, the "end of the world." I once traveled to Spain to see the Alhambra and experience flamenco. In

Argentina, I wanted to see the pampas which I discovered is the origin of ornamental pampas grass. And I wanted to experience the tango. There is a controversy between Argentinians and the people of Uruguay as to where the tango originated. However, from my perspective the origin of the tango is less important than experiencing this most sensual of dances. The tango cannot be just watched; it must be experienced with all the senses.

I'm not a fan of mysteries like my wife Becky. I read from multiple genres, but for pleasure, I read science fiction. I like the perspective of the celebrated SF writer, Ray Bradbury who once said, "Anything you dream is fiction. Anything you accomplish is science. The whole history of

mankind is nothing but science fiction."

And I'm a stargazer. In winter months, when the air is cold and clear, there are wonders to behold. Someone once speculated that the first prayer of wonder uttered by our ancient ancestors, gazing upward at the stars, was "Ahh...." Metaphorically, Native Americans envisioned the majestic Milky Way galaxy as the "backbone of night."

Before there was television and other forms of modern entertainment, our ancestors gazed at the stars and imagined people and animals strewn across the night sky. A particularly notable constellation is Orion the Hunter, where three bright stars in a row known as a syzygy (the interesting word of the week) form the hunter's belt. And hanging below the belt is his sword oriented to the south. Other notable stars surrounding Orion are Betelgeuse, Rigel, Aldebaran and Sirius. The cartoon above may help you perceive the Hunter.

I have looked at these stars hundreds if not thousands of times, so imagine my surprise when one clear night while standing on the highest deck on our cruise ship, I found the familiar

constellation upside down with Orion's sword pointed upward to the north! (I assure you I had not had too much to drink.) The answer to this mystery? I was at the bottom of the world, so the night sky appeared upside down to my usual orientation and perspective of the Hunter from the northern hemisphere! Though the moon was waning during my journey, I learned from Connecticut friends residing in Buenos Aires that the Man in the Moon also appears upside down, "down under." This reminded me of the perspective of my Burundi friends who grew up seeing the Rabbit in the Moon instead of the Man in the Moon.

As I complete this essay I still carry on my forehead the smudge from the Ash Wednesday service at my Methodist church. The "ash" on my forehead is symbolic of Genesis 3:19 which says we came from dust and to dust we'll return. Carl Sagan was partially right. We are made of star stuff. It's too bad Sagan the scientist missed the important aspect of scripture. Our sun shines from the nuclear fusion of hydrogen, producing helium and successively heavier elements like carbon, nitrogen, oxygen up

to iron. Physicists aver that you cannot obtain energy from the fusion of iron, so in reality iron is the ashes of nuclear fusion. Our red blood cells contain iron complexed with the protein globin, producing oxygen carrying hemoglobin. Theoretically, the iron in your blood came from the ashes of nuclear fusion in a sun that once shined before our sun and earth existed.

It took the early Church three centuries to figure out the triune nature of God. Some cultures view the Trinity as polytheistic. I don't. By analogy, I understand that the molecule H2O has two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom. It is the same whether it exists as liquid water, frozen ice or gaseous steam. Science and religion are complementary visions of reality. It was Albert Einstein who said, "Religion without science is blind, but science without religion is lame." You'd think a wise physicist like deGrasse Tyson would understand this. I just read one of his books on cosmology and he discounts anything outside of scientific observation, while at the same time acknowledging he can't tell us where we came from or our purpose. Religion has an answer for

these fundamental questions. The ancient Greeks considered hubris the greatest sin. Apparently, some make the same mistakes today.

In this Lenten season, we moderns take for granted two millennia of reflection on the Trinity. In the 1700s Sir Isaac Newton conceived his universal law of gravitation and was honored for this scientific achievement. However, he explained, "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." Yes, at least some of us stand on the "wisdom of the ages" and also use the tools of scientific observation and reason.

Some people give up certain things for Lent as a way of focusing themselves on the event that 2000 years ago changed the world. Fasting is a time honored activity recommended by sages. I tried fasting once, but it didn't work well for me. There is an ancient wisdom saying that there are many paths to the top of a mountain. So instead of fasting, I have planned an alternative Lenten reverential activity. I hope the Master sees my efforts from His perspective

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The Spirit's Role in the Trinity

By Mark Brackney,
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April 27-28, 2011, are days I will never forget. That was when terrible thunderstorms and tornadoes were all over the southeast. Some 350 tornadoes scarred the landscape. There were 321 people killed during this period, with 316 of those deaths coming on April 27 alone. I remember the storms that hit Knoxville that day. Our power was out for three days. I went out and bought a generator so we wouldn't lose all the food in our freezer. When the power goes off, you notice. You can't do business as usual.

Here is a question I want you to ponder. If for some reason the power of the Holy Spirit was turned off, would anyone notice? If the power of the Holy Spirit were to leave your church, would it just be business as usual? A.W. Tozer, wrote: "If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, ninety-five percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had withdrawn from the New Testament church, ninety-five percent of what they did would stop, and everybody

would know the difference."

As you read through the book of Acts in the New Testament, you see how the early church was totally dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit. Acts could accurately be titled: The Acts of the Holy Spirit. So here is the question again I want you to ponder: If the Holy Spirit were to leave, would you even notice? It is not enough to study the Holy Spirit, but to encounter the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament the word for Spirit is ruach: breath, wind, spirit. In the New Testament, the word for Spirit is pneuma. Both words have at their root "wind". Wind is a word to help us understand the Holy Spirit: "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

In Acts 2, the coming of the Holy Spirit is described like a mighty rush of wind that fell upon them. Wind is non-physical but also tangible. You can feel it and see its effect. The Holy Spirit is like this. This image also makes people uncomfortable. Wind can't be contained. We like to contain things, like God. Wind can't be caught

or boxed up. It blows where it pleases and makes us uncomfortable.

I love to sail. My uncle and cousin had a sail boat. Each summer, growing up, I would go sailing several times. Sailing is fun as long as you have something very important - the wind. But that same wind can be frustrating because it blows when and where it wants. The job of the sail is to catch the wind. You have these little tails on the sail that alert you as to which way the wind is blowing so you can tack, using the wind. A good prayer we could pray is this: "Lord, help me catch the Spirit like wind in a sail."

The world doesn't understand the Holy Spirit, but the world can see the effect it has in our lives, our marriages, our children, our actions and attitudes. Here is the issue: Our tendency is to think of the Holy Spirit as a "what" rather than a "who". We speak of the Holy Spirit as an "it" rather than a "he." Unless we understand these things, we will not understand the role the Holy Spirit wants to play in our lives. You can know the Holy Spirit as a friend, not just a force or an essence.

Is this America?

By Ralphine Major
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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5 (NAS)

For several weeks, the news has rocked our nation. As I have listened to doctors, lawyers, politicians, ministers, and abortion survivors, I am saddened and shocked that our great nation has reached this point in our history. Killing babies after they are born! Is this America?

In so many impoverished countries around the world, babies are dying from malnutrition and disease. But in America---the land of plenty---discussions are being held by our leaders about allowing a baby to die after birth. Is this America? Do we not protect the most innocent and helpless among our people? As mentioned in a column I wrote several years ago entitled "The Art of Motherhood," I am reminded of so many couples we know who have traveled across the sea to foreign countries to adopt a baby. It is heartless that America even entertains the thought of killing them after they are born. Is America's moral compass broken?

One of my favorite photos is of the newborn Morgan baby. Perhaps, it is because I know how much the parents wanted this child and how many they had lost before she was born. When I look at her tiny body, I see hope, a miracle, and all that is good in America. I look at her tiny face and wonder about the life ahead of her. I wonder what will she look like? What kind of personality will she have? What will she become when she grows up? I wonder . . .



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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 14, 2003, executed by MICHELE BOLEN, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 19, 2003, at Instrument Number 200311190055052;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 35TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING PART OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 2 IN HARRILL HILLS SIXTH UNIT, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAID ADDITION OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 241-A (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 17, PAGE 169) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE; SAID PORTION OF LOT LYING ON THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF MAUPIN DRIVE WITH ESSARY DRIVE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF ESSARY DRIVE, SAID POINT BEING LOCATED 1 FOOT EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12 AND 1 FOOT EAST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF ESSARY DRIVE, 51.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, 74.01 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF MAUPIN DRIVE; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF MAUPIN DRIVE 84.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, A COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 12 AND 13; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 12 AND 13, 119 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND AT ALL POINTS 1 FOOT EAST OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 11 AND 12, 142.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF W.E. LACK, ENGINEER, DATED OCTOBER, 1952.

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2009, executed by JUDITH S. CONNER, conveying certain real property therein described to ARNOLD M. WEISS, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded February 13, 2009, at Instrument Number 200902130049979; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX, STATE OF TENNESSEE, TOWIT: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHIN THE 38TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 40, SKYLAND PARK, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET C, SLIDE 77-C (FORMERLY MAP BOOK 23, PAGE 108), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION AND ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WADE B. NANCE, SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 24, 1993 AND BEARING DRAWING NO. A-11971.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1208 SNOWDON DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF JUDITH S. CONNER
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Secretary of

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 28, 2017, executed by CRYSTAL FORD, conveying certain real property therein described to FIRST PRIORITY TITLE COMPANY, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 1, 2017, at Instrument Number 201705010066091;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Tennessee Housing Development Agency who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN CIVIL DISTRICT EIGHT (8) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 11, BLOCK F, RIDGEVIEW HEIGHTS, UNIT 3, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 52-S, PAGE 16, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SAID PROPERTY BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON MAP OF AFORESAID ADDITION, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS AND BUILDING SET BACK LINES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. ALSO SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AS SHOWN IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1453, PAGE 817 AND WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1459, PAGE 91, IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2016, executed by TOR O AJANAKU, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TONKIN II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 16, 2016, at Instrument Number 201609160017640;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATE IN DISTRICT NO. ONE, COUNTY OF KNOX, CITY OF KNOXVILLE, STATE OF TENNESSEE, AND BEING THE EASTERN 45 FEET OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK A IN WHAT IS KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS JAMES O CONNOR'S LAKESIDE ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE

TENNESSEE, THE PROPERTY HEREIN HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 45 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE, FORMERLY MCCALLA AVENUE, AND FORMERLY RUTLEDGE PIKE, AND EXTENDING BACK THEREFROM IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES, THE EASTERN LINE ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF MARY STREET, BEING 162.4 FEET IN LENGTH AND THE WESTERN LINE BEING 164.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, IN LENGTH, TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 11 IN SAID BLOCK OF SAID ADDITION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 15C FORMERLY KNOWN AS MAP BOOK 5, PAGE 259, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT, AND AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF G.T. TROTTER, JR., SURVEYOR DATED DECEMBER 13, 1978. STREET ADDRESS: 3140 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914 CLT: 82F H 009 NO NEW BOUNDARY SURVEY WAS MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B SLIDE 15C, PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 179C, PLAT CABINET A SLIDE 167D, PLAT CABINET A SLIDE 4A IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. FOR SOURCE OF TITLE, SEE DEED TO TOR A. AJANAKU OF RECORD IN INST. NO. 201609160017639 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 082FH009
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3140 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37914**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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Ad #152478 02/25/2019, 03/04/2019, 03/11/2019, 03/18/2019

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated April 19, 2007, recorded in Instrument number: 200304250096852 of the Deed of Trust Records of Knox County, Tennessee, Rickey J. McMurtrie, single and Helen M. Clark, single, conveyed to Anthony R. Steele, as Trustee, the property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the right-of-way of Old Dandridge Pike, said iron pin being 610' more or less from the center line of Thorngrove Pike, thence with the line of Leroy Vanover North 28 deg. 32 min. 54 sec. East, 115.52 feet to a point; thence with the line of Natomia Hobby South 77 deg. 43 min. 30 sec. East, 211.78 feet to a drill road; thence with the line of Gregorie Handley South 26 deg. 26 min. 00 sec. West, 212.39 feet to an iron pin; thence with the right-of-way of Old Dandridge Pike North 51 deg. 24 min. 46 sec. West, 214.42 feet to the Point of BEGINNING, and being according to the survey of Scott W. Umstead, Acre by Acre Surveying dated April 17, 2007 and bearing drawing no. 07034.

Being the same property of record in the Knox County Register's Office Instrument No. 2007042320085983.

Common address of property: **2024 Old Dandridge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37914**. Tax ID # 096CB-016

Property includes: 2007 Clayton Sierra MH with Serial Number CAP020999TNAB.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Substitute Trustee as appointed in the aforesaid Deed of Trust by a substitution, said appointment being in the manner authorized by the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has occurred under the terms of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and the indebtedness evidenced therein is now wholly due, the owner and holder of said indebtedness, CMH Homes, Inc. dba Clayton Homes, serviced by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc, has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to sell the Property to satisfy same.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on **March 21, 2019, the substitute trustee will sell the property to the highest bidder for cash. The Trustee's sale will occur on or about 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Knox County Courthouse located at 400 Main Street SW, Knoxville, TN 37902.**

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at any time. In addition, the following party may claim an interest in the above referenced property: Rickey J. McMurtrie, Helen M. Clark and Capital One Bank.

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

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

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2017, executed by STEPHANIE VALENTIN, conveying certain real property therein described

to PARAMOUNT LAND TITLE OF KNOXVILLE, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 4, 2017, at Instrument Number 201704040060537;

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

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM** in the lobby of the Knox County Courthouse City-County Building 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK F, UNIT 2, CEDAR CREST NORTH SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 55-S, PAGE 35 (MAP CABINET E, SLIDE 67-C), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO STEPHANIE VALENTIN, UNMARRIED, FROM RICK S. ARNOLD AND WIFE, REBECCA L. ARNOLD, B1 WARRANTY DEED DATED MARCH 31, 2017, RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 201704040060538 , IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 037NA007
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **7829 CEDARCREST RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37938**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

GREGORY E. VANDERGRIFF
REGINA VANDERGRIFF

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Deed of Trust executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Gregory E. Vandegriff and wife, Regina Vandegriff, recorded as Instrument No. 201507170003944, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about **11:00 o'clock A. M. on April 2, 2019** inside the front door of the City-County Building, Main Avenue entrance near the Main Assembly Room, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all right of homestead, equity of redemption, statutory right of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed, property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED IN District Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at an existing iron pin in the southwest right-of-way line of Neubert Springs Road, 385.00 feet, more or less, from the intersection of Neubert Springs Road and McCammon Road; thence North 89 deg. 22 min. West, 455.57 feet to an existing iron pin; thence North 01 deg. 49 min. 20 sec. West, 458.39 feet to an existing iron pin; thence North 80 deg. 53 min. East, 485.97 feet to an existing iron pin; thence along Neubert Springs Road, South 01 deg. 02 min. West, 540.28 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 5.36 acres, more or less, according to the survey of Jim Sullivan, Lic. No. 1306, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated June 6, 2001.

BEING the same property conveyed to Gregory Eugene Vandegriff and Regina Vandegriff, husband and wife, by Special Warranty Deed from Fannie Mae a/k/a Federal National Mortgage Association, dated July 13, 2015, and recorded as Instrument No. 201507170003943, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **8421 Neubert Springs Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37920**, Control No. 149-043.03, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

In the event the high bidder at the foreclosure sale should fail to comply with the submitted bid, the Trustee shall have the option of accepting the next highest bid in which the bidder is able to comply, or re-advertise and sell at a second sale.

Said sale will be made subject to superior unpaid liens, claims and taxes, and to rights of tenants in possession, if any.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set forth above.

(a) TRUSTEE DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY NEGATES AND DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES (OTHER THAN THE COVENANTS TO BE CONTAINED IN THE TRUSTEE'S DEED), COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR WRITTEN, OF, AS TO, CONCERNING, OR WITH RESPECT TO: (i) THE VALUE, NATURE, QUALITY OR CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE WATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGY, (ii) THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROPERTY FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AND USES WHICH MAY BE CONDUCTED THEREON, (iii) THE COMPLIANCE OF OR BY THE PROPERTY WITH ANY LAWS, RULES, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL

AUTHORITY OR BODY, (iv) THE HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY, MARKETABILITY, PROFITABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE PROPERTY, OR (v) ANY OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPERTY, AND ANY PURCHASER IS ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY ON AN "AS IS," "WHERE IS" BASIS AND "WITH ALL FAULTS"; (b) SPECIFICALLY, BUT NOT IN LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, TRUSTEE DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY NEGATES AND DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES REGARDING COMPLIANCE OF THE PROPERTY WITH ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, POLLUTION OR LAND USE LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDERS OR REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THOSE PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE, AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS AT 40 C.F.R. PART 261, OR THE DISPOSAL OR EXISTENCE, IN OR ON THE PROPERTY, OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, AS DEFINED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; and (c), ANY PURCHASER SHALL RELY SOLELY ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPERTY AND NOT ON ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED BY TRUSTEE, ITS AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS. TRUSTEE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR BOUND IN ANY MANNER BY ANY ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTY OR THE OPERATION THEREOF, FURNISHED BY ANY PARTY PURPORTING TO ACT ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEE. ANY PURCHASER MUST AGREE THAT THE TRUSTEE SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE TO ANY PURCHASER FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY OTHER CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY. THE FOREGOING SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO LIMIT A PURCHASER'S RIGHT TO ASSERT CLAIMS UNDER MANUFACTURER, SUPPLIER, CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR WARRANTIES ASSIGNED TO IT AT CLOSING (IF ANY).

Said sale is being made upon the request of Home Federal Bank of Tennessee, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Trust Deed due to the failure of said makers to comply with all provisions of said Trust Deed.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

By: _____
M. JOYCE CANNON,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of November, 2007, William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham conveyed the hereinafter described real property and improvements thereon to Joseph G. Coker, Trustee, by Deed of Trust of record at 200711210041501 in the Knox County Register's Office, to secure certain debts and obligations as are described in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Wise was appointed and designated to serve as Substitute Trustee under said Deed of Trust by instrument dated July 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an event of default has occurred, and the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, First Volunteer Bank, being the owner and holder of the debts secured by and described in the Deed of Trust, has declared all debts and obligations secured thereby to be immediately due and payable; and

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust has directed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will on the **1st day of April, 2019, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.**, at the main entrance to the City/County Building for Knox County, Tennessee nearest the main assembly room, Main Avenue, in Knoxville, Tennessee offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, or on such terms as may be announced at the sale, the following described real estate and all improvements thereon:

SITUATED IN District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 32-R1, a resubdivision of Lots 31, 32 and 33, of the Chestnut Grove Subdivision, Unit One, as the same appears of record in Map Book 88-S, page 43 (Map Cabinet K, Slide 43-C), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more complete and particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham by Quitclaim Deed from F & F Development Corporation, dated April 18, 1994, recorded in Deed Book 2138, page 729, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Property Address: **1919 Chestnut Grove Road, Knoxville, TN 37932**
Tax Map #: 117FB-018

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

The sale shall be subject to: (i) all matters shown on any recorded plat; (ii) any unpaid taxes; (iii) any restrictive covenants; (iv) applicable easements or set back lines; (v) any prior or superior liens or encumbrances; and, (vi) any other priorities as may appear in the public records or as may be disclosed by an accurate survey of the property. The sale shall be made in bar of all rights or equities of redemption, homestead and dower, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust. Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned shall convey only as Substitute Trustee, without covenants or warranty of title.

KNOWN INTERESTED PARTIES: Pinnacle Bank, Discover Bank, Knox County Trustee.

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

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Introduction to Computer Basics: Using Windows, Browsing the Internet Safely and Basics of Using Microsoft Word will be held Monday, March 25. Microsoft Word - Part 2: Work on More Advanced Projects in Word. Learn about advanced features and shortcuts. Introduction to Excel Spreadsheets. This will take place Monday, April 1.

Using Email Effectively. Navigating the Internet - Part 2 How to Research, Setup Email Learn the Basics of Using Social Media to Connect with Friends and Family Safely. This class is Monday, April 8.

The topics for April 15 will be Research on the

Internet. Projects can include researching family genealogy, Job searching, Writing Your Resume. Social Media and Security Revisited.

JGS to host Genealogy Help Night

On Thursday, March 14, The Jonesborough Genealogical Society will host its Genealogy Help Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Washington County-Jonesborough Library, 200 Sabin Drive, Jonesborough. Anyone interested in genealogy or history, whether a beginner or a pro, is welcome. The society's collection will be available for use in research as well as society members who can help you navigate it well.

Loudon County Veterans Resources and Job Fair Program

A job fair for veterans will be held March 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, 103 B St., Lenoir City, Tn.

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PK Hope Is Alive Meeting

PK HOPE IS ALIVE Parkinson's Support Group would like to invite you to its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Kern Methodist Church Family Life Center, located at 453 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

This month's speaker will be Mary Jo Mosakowski, a representative for US World Meds. Mary Jo Mosakowski will be presenting "Exploring Options to treatments for Parkinson's" and the new medication APOKYN, which supplements Carbo Levodopa and is administered with an EpiPen for faster response. This will be exciting to hear about new treatments and medications for Parkinson's! US World Meds will also be proving a light lunch. For more information please visit www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Acting President Jim Brown at 865-607-7195.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

Bid 2798, Surplus Book Removal Services, due 4/11/19;
Bid 2800, Fire Sprinkler Services, due 4/10/19;
RFP 2801, Traffic Data Collection Services, due 4/10/19;
Bid 2802, Concrete Work and Repair Services, due 4/10/19

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Executive Board Meeting, March 27, 2019

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, March 27th at 9 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website 5-7 days prior to the meeting and can be found here: www.knoxtrans.org/meeting. If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obtaining any reasonable request.

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