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KAT Announces Real-Time Bus Tracker App

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is pleased to announce the long-awaited availability of KATbus Tracker – a real-time bus tracking and trip planning app now available for Android and iPhone users. The app allows users to find their bus on a map in real time, plan trips, save favorite stop locations, and find out about detours and other alerts. Using the bus GPS system, the app is able to estimate the arrival time at the stop selected by the user. The app is free to download and was produced in partnership with Clever Devices Ltd.

This app is the second part of a passenger technology roll-out for KAT, with the first being the real-time texting feature released in January of this year. Each bus stop in the KAT system (over 1,200) has a unique stop ID number; texting that stop number to #22827 provides immediate next bus estimates back to the user.

“This tracking technology is an essential element for transit passengers,” says Melissa Roberson, Interim Director of Transit for the City of Knoxville. “Knowing how soon your bus will arrive, and also seeing it on a map provides a new level of comfort when riding transit. It is incredibly reassuring to know that the bus hasn’t already passed you by, and even better, when it’s coming.”

KAT’s theme for the roll-out of the KATbus Tracker App is ‘It’s about time.’

“We love this slogan, because a real-time app is all about more efficiently using your time and knowing what time the bus will arrive. But thought of another way, we acknowledge that the public has been asking for an app like this for several years, so in that sense, it’s also about time,” says Roberson.

KAT is hopeful that passengers will take full advantage of this new app. If the data from the earlier release of the texting feature is any indication, the app should be popular. In February alone, 730 individuals sent 6,131 next-bus text requests from 502 different bus stop locations. The texting numbers continue to climb.

“Transit can be intimidating if you’ve never used it before,” says Roberson. “This app helps alleviate the concern of where the bus is, which is a huge step in encouraging people to hop on board.”

Dos and don'ts for when you are pulled over for speeding

Okay, so maybe you were driving faster than you should have been. You see the blue lights behind you. Let's walk through the do's and don'ts from that point forward.

Do: Pull over as soon as possible. Pull way over, not just barely out of the way of traffic.

Don't: Keep driving. Even if you are really close to your house, even on your street. Do not keep driving! Pull over as soon as possible.

Do: Turn off your car after you pull over and take your foot off the brake.

Don't: Get out of your car. This is the biggest mistake you could possibly make. This will make law enforcement extremely nervous. Stay in your



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car! Do: Find your driver's license and your insurance card, and maybe your registration.

Don't: Start moving like a crazy person inside your car. Remember, the officer is watching you and only you after they have pulled you over. Their dash cam and their body camera are going to be on and recording everything you say and do. The odds of you hiding an illegal substance between the time you get pulled over and the officer approaching your vehicle are almost zero.

Do: Be polite. I cannot overstate this enough. The number one thing officers remember from their interactions with the public is whether someone was nice or rude. Be

over the top nice. To the point of it being creepy.

Don't: Offer up information that you don't have to offer. Don't answer questions that are not asked. You cannot go to jail for speeding. It is a fine only. So, you may feel comfortable talking to the officer. But if you were drinking before you got pulled over, or have things present in the car that you may not want found, hand the officer your ID and insurance and politely (remember, being nice is huge) decline to answer any questions.

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Pay increase for future Knoxville mayor passes first reading

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A \$20,000 raise for Knoxville's next mayor passed its first reading Tuesday at City Council but not without some debate and disagreement. The final 6-2-1 vote saw council members Seema Singh-Perez and Andrew Roberto vote "No" and Marshall Stair abstain.

Stair told his fellow members that since he was a candidate for the position he preferred to pass on the vote.

Vice Mayor Finbarr Sanders said he proposed the raise, from \$142,000 a year to \$162,500, because being mayor "is a huge job that deserves compensation." He said the position does not get the annual 2.5% increase that all the other city employees receive and noted the salary hasn't been increased in four years.

Councilman George Wallace agreed, calling it a "fair wage" and said the position as mayor is a "24-7" job. The pay of Knoxville's mayor was compared to cities in the region and found to be less than most other city mayors receive.

Singh-Perez opposed the raise, comparing it to the "living wage" that other employees receive and said that Knoxville has been cited as one of the worst cities in income inequality. She asked why the candidates for mayor have not been consulted.

"We're giving away money when there's no need to," she said.

Mayor Madeline Rogero reminded the council and the public that the proposed salary increase does not affect her.

Saunders noted that the mayor position oversees 1,600 employees and a \$300 million budget and compared the position to that of the head of "a large corporation."

The council has already voted to increase future council salaries starting January 1 to \$24,000 per year.

"I can't support a 14% increase when employees only get a 2.5% increase," Roberto said.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie said that six of the employees who report to the mayor actually make a larger salary than the mayor does. She asked if the mayor qualifies for a retirement pension and the answer was that if they had worked for the city before and, including their term as mayor, accumulated at least 10 years of service they probably qualify.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider asked where the proposed increase came from and Saunders said he calculated it. Councilwoman Stephanie Welch said the job is not a civil service position and all city employees should be paid at a fair market rate.

Singh-Perez told Mayor Rogero that she "so much respects you for your position" to which Rogero responded, "It's not about me."

The discussion went back and forth, calculating an increase at 1% per year or 2.5% a year and Rider said someone forgot to compound the different rate proposals each year.

In the final vote on first reading Welch, Wallace, McKenzie, Rider, Saunders and Mark Campen voted for the increase. Roberto and Singh-Perez opposed it and Stair passed.

In other action the council voted to give developer Rick Dover an additional 90 days in his preparations to buy the former Knoxville Supreme Court building. Dover told the council he needs the time to "narrow down a few things" and said the two-year venture to purchase the building

may finally come to successful purchase.

Rosa Marr, chair of the Police Advisory and Review Committee, presented that group's annual report. She said that PARC is celebrating 20 years of acting as the cushion between the police and the citizens and that they reviewed 85 cases last year, resolving or referring them to departments or the police department.

Councilwoman McKenzie called PARC an additional advocate for citizens and Perez thanked Chief Eva Thompson for advocating for keeping the group's subpoena powers while visiting Nashville.

Anita McCartney of the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries told the council that KARM supports the "low barrier" night shelter at the former Salvation Army store across from the mission. She rebutted some recent publicity and said that KARM does not discriminate on religious grounds or require sobriety, but does exclude homeless people who become disruptive or violent. She said KARM's grace-based program welcomes couples but they may not share a bed.

She said that KARM reaches capacity occasionally and those additional people are referred to local churches for shelter. She also said the KARM tries to connect the homeless with housing and stressed again that the ministry supports the city's efforts to provide additional shelter.

The council also voted to grant an honorary street name to Marion Drive, behind Central High School, for coach Bryson Rosser. They also honored Wanda Moody by naming an overpass on Interstate 40/75 at North Winston Road for her.



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Publisher's Position

What are the teachers' unions afraid of?

Tennesseans should support the governor, ESAs



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Tennesseans ought to stand up and support Bill Lee and the governor's Education Savings Account legislation. Legislators are being bombarded by special interests opposed to parents and students having a choice for once. Most of the opposition is by teachers' unions. What are they afraid of? The bottom line is the debate isn't about education or what's best for the

students. The reality is it's about protecting jobs and union dues. While unionist mumble about billionaires and money interests as they fight against parents and students having a bigger say in education, it's usually the unions who supply vast amounts of cash during campaigns. Teachers' unions do not want any kind of competition and they demand all schools, at least through college, be funded 100% through taxpayer dollars. Teachers get a lifetime pension, work about nine months of the year and still claim they are under paid. The union protects the bad with the good and one size fits all. To the perfect unionist, there is no such thing as a bad teacher. If you doubt the efficiency of the public school system, think of other government run entities like the post office and then think about FedEx and UPS. As President Ronald

Reagan once said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.'" In Knox County, third grade reading proficiency is abysmal. When confronted with this, the teacher unions would squall that all they need is more money. All told, the Knox County School system spends over half a billion taxpayer dollars annually. Money clearly doesn't equate to success. Taxpayers fund approximately \$10,000 per student and the preparation rate --- meaning is the student prepared to either go on and get a job or further his or her education --- is less than 40%. Don't be fooled by the "if we only had enough money" wail by the education establishment. One thing they are afraid of is that Education Savings Accounts will work and get results government-run schools can't

and won't. For the teachers' unions, there's no such thing as spending too much taxpayer money, usually in the form of pay hikes and benefits for themselves. Will Pinkston, no conservative, but according to the Nashville Tennessean, a dominate force on the Davidson County Board of Education for the last six years, has just issued a blast at his colleagues and submitted his resignation. Pinkston said the current configuration of the board was hopelessly inept and lying to teachers when it promised educators a 10% raise. Will Pinkston said Davidson County can't afford more than a cost of living raise and announced he will vote for a "0% raise." Just last week Knox County has been stunned by news that fewer tax dollars under the Basic Education Program will be flowing from Nashville. Evidently figures indicate Nashville

is sending less than half of what locals anticipated. Yet some of our board members are busy phone banking and attempting to lobby or intimidate legislators into opposing Governor Bill Lee's Education Savings Accounts legislation. So basically, our board members are busy opposing Governor Lee's signature piece of legislation for this session of the Tennessee General Assembly while Mayor Glenn Jacobs, the mayor's chief of staff, county Finance Director Chris Caldwell and the school system's director of finance all hurry down to Nashville to meet with the governor. Knox County officials are alarmed about the amount of money coming from Nashville, or to be more precise, the fact not as much is coming as they hoped for. Former superintendent Jim McIntyre larded the school budget by growing the school bureaucracy

during his reign. McIntyre's Leadership Academy created the means to fill up schools with assistant principals that were unneeded and he hired "coaches" for veteran teachers. Neither the current superintendent or the board have cut out the fat globbed onto the system by former superintendent McIntyre. Mayor Jacobs is likely too new and doesn't yet have the institutional knowledge to know where to look in the school budget to find the fat, but there's enough bloat in the school budget to make even some tax and spend liberals blush. The battle going on in the legislature is important. If you want choice for you and your kids, contact your legislator and support Governor Bill Lee. Lee is fighting for Tennessee families. The teachers unions are fighting for themselves and their own self interests.

What's the hurry with Recode?

There is too much at stake to get this wrong

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How should Knoxville residential and commercial property owners respond to the rewriting of fifty years of Knoxville City Zoning code that defines and protects their property rights with the proposed omnibus rezoning code legislation known as Knoxville Recode? No Knoxville citizen or property owner asked for Recode. When zoning consultant Camiros of Chicago was hired by the City of Knoxville there was no Recode. Camrios was hired only to tweak and upgrade the existing Knoxville City zoning code. Later the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission and the Knoxville City Council decided that Camiros should replace the entire existing zoning code with Knoxville Recode. This has never been done in Tennessee. For two years the planning commission has worked on the Recode project. How can fifty years of zoning case law be replaced in only two years? This Recode project is grossly over budget and has gone through four drafts with a fifth draft coming at the end of April. This entire process was done with very little input from citizens and property owners. This was done with questionable legal notice. Was every property owner mailed a proper legal planning commission Recode notice? The sad little PR notice mailed out by the planning commission in early March did not tell property owners their property might be upzoned causing them to pay higher property taxes. There were no little planning commission signs placed on properties. The vote in the planning commission that approved Recode

was also questionable because it had only a ten-day review period not the 30-day review period required by law. Why can't the planning commission and city council be more open and transparent? Recode invalidates 50 years of case law that protects the property rights of the people of Knoxville. Recode affects 73,000 properties in the City of Knoxville. Less than one percent of the 180,000 people who live in Knoxville attended Recode workshops. Only 1756 people went to 80 some odd public Recode meetings. There were only 603 comments on the Recode website. Recode is based on false population growth numbers. Nick Della Volpe, attorney and former city councilman, said, "Seems like they just can't shake that outrageous claim about future population growth rate in Knoxville...The current population of the city is roughly 187,000. We have only added about 13,000 residents in the 17 years since 2000... Hardly meteoric growth." While Recode is the biggest zoning news event in Knoxville in the last fifty years there has been almost no media coverage of Recode other than a few local radio stations and The Knoxville Focus. Current zoning requires adequate parking requirements for all apartments built in Knoxville. Recode tremendously reduces those parking

requirements for the new Recode Mixed Use apartments which means these new Recode apartments will compete for parking with existing neighborhoods. The proposed parking requirements in Recode may cause expensive lawsuits with the American with Disabilities Act. Parking for new Mixed Use buildings in Recode is moved from the front of the building to the rear or side of the building. This hurts the elderly and those with handicaps. City council claims Knoxville needs Recode to "modernize" our zoning code. The truth is the Mixed Use apartment buildings and Accessory Dwelling Units are zoning design from the 1900s, years before the advent of the automobile. Recode is not modern at all. It is simply anti-automobile. A large part of Recode is about "sustainability" which means that people should not have cars and should walk, ride a bike, or take the bus. It seems city council has forgotten that they are supposed to represent the voters rather than tell them how to live their lives. Having an automobile is a right in Tennessee. With an aging population in Knoxville Recode is a danger to elderly citizens and those with physical handicaps. In the two years of Recode there have been over 80 public meetings where less than one percent of the people in Knoxville have

repeatedly told the planning commission it does not want or need Recode. You can watch these Recode meetings on Vimeo here: <https://vimeo.com/297785241> In the meeting above at minute 27:35 a gentleman who works for the University of Tennessee tells Gerald Green, executive director of the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission, that he is concerned about how Recode will affect the quality of life in Knoxville. What Mr. Green says in response to this question is a summary of how the so called public meetings on Recode have gone. Green never answers the question and goes on to say that the quality of life is good in West Knoxville but not so good in East Knoxville. Say what? What does that even mean? There have been multiple Recode workshops in the planning commission. There have been two Recode workshops

in city council and a third city council Recode workshop coming April 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Auditorium in the City-County Building. Citizens who own residential and commercial property have spoken at length about the many deficiencies, flaws, and problems with Recode but their pleas have fallen on deaf ears. What can the people of Knoxville do to defend themselves from this runaway, out of control project that will harm their quality of life, increase their taxes for no reason, and possibly endanger their safety? There is one thing the people of Knoxville can do to defend themselves and their property and that is to collect enough signatures to place Recode on the ballot for the people to vote on in the upcoming city election. This has been done before. In the early 2000s the people of Knoxville and Knox County collected over 24,000

signatures to place the proposed Wheel Tax on the ballot. They needed only 12,000 signatures to be on the ballot. The amount of signatures to place Recode on the ballot is a fraction of the number for the Wheel Tax. City council could also choose to place Recode on the ballot for the people to vote on. I believe this would be in the best interest of all parties concerned and would avoid citizens having to get the signatures necessary to place it on the ballot themselves. This would ensure that every property owner can have their say. I encourage city council to do this. If they refuse, then the people of Knoxville can collect the signatures to place Recode on the ballot. It is time to defend our property rights. The people must be heard. After all, what's the hurry? There is too much at stake to get this wrong.

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Free Little Libraries have sprung up all across the nation in recent years with the creative idea to “take a book, leave a book.” Carrie Ryan and her husband are responsible for constructing the Lending Library for the Gibbs Community. It is not surprising that the mother of three would invest in a project to encourage reading among children.

Give the gift of reading by stopping by the “Lending Library” at 7827 Tazewell Pike in front of the Gibbs Ruritan Club Building. Everyone is welcome! What a wonderful way to instill the love of reading in children!

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**Rosie's
World**

Raleigh

Many months ago I wrote about Durham, North Carolina, where my son and his family reside. Once again I revisited there and, although he still lives there, I have two granddaughters who now live in Raleigh, North Carolina, so I decided to write about it. It is a beautiful city named the “City of Oaks” for its many oak trees which line the streets in the center.

Raleigh is the capital of North Carolina and the second-largest city, next to Charlotte. It is one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. It was named after Sir Walter Raleigh and is an early example of a planned city. It was originally laid out in a grid pattern with the State Capitol in Union Square at the center. Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill make up the area known as the “Research Triangle”.

It was named after Sir Walter Raleigh, a busy man, who was an English gentleman, writer, poet, soldier, politician, courtier, spy, and explorer. He was a favorite of Queen Elizabeth

who knighted him, but was accused of treason by Elizabeth successor, James 1st. and imprisoned in the tower of London and eventually put to death. He tried to establish a colony near Roanoke Island which he named Virginia but never set foot there himself. Although he was the queen’s favorite he was not popular. His pride and extravagant spending were notorious.

Every country and every state in the U.S. has beautiful areas. Some have many and some have a few. There will always be places that have slums, ghettos, and undesirable areas but they are overrun by the beauty of

God’s scenery He made for us and that we humans added.

We had a great time. As with every big city, there is a lot to do, a lot of hotels, restaurants, museums, etc. I ate a lot, laughed a lot and enjoyed my visit with my family.

I didn’t want to leave there but was glad to get back home. Isn’t that the way one feels when going to and from a trip?

Thought for the day: The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself. Wallace Stevens

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



Picture of Carrie at the Gibbs Lending Library, courtesy of Carrie Ryan

from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive. All three books in the series “Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin,” along with “Moondance of the Fireflies” and “Little Teddy’s Big Adventures” will be available. See you at the festival!

What lies ahead

I don’t know about you, but I’m exhausted. The last two years have been filled with reports, lies, indictments, and now, exoneration. My head is spinning from it all. What lies ahead?

I didn’t vote for this president, and to be honest, I don’t like him. I was sure that he was dead-dog guilty of collusion with the Russian government in the election. According to [summary of] the Mueller report, he wasn’t. I take this report at its word because I respect the man behind it.

For so long, I’ve kept up with this entire situation, and because I’m such a political junkie, too many hours of my life have been spent in front of the television screen. I now can identify many individuals who report the news but whom I never even heard of before this process began. I also know almost every angle of this investigation from both sides of the aisle.

So, now the report is in the hands of the head of the Department of Justice. He will decide how much of it is released to the congress and to the public. Some parts are certainly to be redacted because they might violate the laws concerning grand jury testimony. The White House will claim executive privilege on other parts. My suspicion is that the American people, whose tax dollars paid for this investigation, will never be able to view the entire report. To be honest, most folks won’t look at any form of it and make their own decisions; instead, they’ll tune in to television or check their social media platforms to discover what is included.

The fact is that this affair is over. The time is here for the representatives of our government to get busy with running the country. We have plenty of concerns: climate change, infrastructure, rising healthcare costs, rising debt, and immigration reform. I am much more concerned about the fight



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over building a wall for which Mexico will pay and the right-to-life debate. I want our leaders to maintain our alliances with countries with whom we hold similar values and to explain for our foes what is and is not acceptable

conduct from them.

Many people on one side cry that Robert Mueller let them down and allowed Trump to survive. The fact is that our system is what is responsible for this and other presidents. The popular vote turned one way, but the electoral college ushered in Trump. This president was elected because he tapped into millions who felt that they’d been abandoned.

Whether or not his policies have helped or hurt his constituents has yet to be decided. Yes, the economy is running well now; let’s hope a slow down or recession isn’t on the way. His tax policies helped spike the economy, and all want that spike to continue. Time will tell.

To those who are unhappy with the results of the Mueller probe, I say you must not be sore losers. Sure, many investigations are still ongoing, and perhaps the president, his family, and his cronies will face juries of their peers in the future. However, Donald Trump is president. If those against him are unhappy, you have the chance to oust him in two years. You can simply present a candidate who better appeals to the voters of this nation, someone who energizes folks to such a degree that they get off their lazy butts and take part in the process. That candidate can’t be someone who is the polar opposite of the president. It must be an individual who appeals to the moderate majority in this country.

If folks don’t like the situation, they can change it. If they refuse to participate, I say it’s time for them to sit down and shut up.

South-Doyle Middle School hurt by BMX cancellation

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on BMX you first must put the needs of the students and facility at the forefront. We ask the promises made be fulfilled and it comes before the start of the 2019 school year,” she said.

Construction began last year and the project was halted by Mayor Jacobs when the project looked like it was going to cost three times

the original estimated cost. Of the \$750,000 allotted in the bid through the Public Service Commission about \$487,000 has been spent.

Reynolds spoke in public forum as nothing concerning the South-Doyle Middle School BMX track was on the agenda. One commissioner commented off the record that the county mayor did not have the

authority to stop or suspend a project approved by the commission.

In other school-related matters the commission passed, in one vote, all of the requests from the school system. One of those items allocated \$1.5 million in a contract with R & W Construction Company, LLC for completion of the kitchen and serving area at Powell Middle School.

Tribe of Judah Event Center offers services to residents

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Family Ministries. “This will give area businesses the chance to come and shout out about their business.”

The Dream Louder event will feature vendors and door prizes.

In addition to providing office space to its tenants, the Tribe of Judah Event Center hosts a weekly

church service on Sundays and also provides training to community residents.

The 7,800-square foot facility, which is overseen by Apostle Jerry Upton, offers assistance with job applications, a computer room, self-book publishing, online educational courses, play productions, after school programs, safe

haven programs, women’s fellowship, NuUrban Rites, Save Our Daughters, mentoring services, ministry counseling and business consulting.

Richardson said that she’s looking for the center to grow soon.

“We’re looking forward to growing over the next six months,” she said. “We

have a venue and we’re looking forward to bringing economic growth to Knoxville.”

For a list of upcoming events at the center visit the Tribe of Judah Event Center’s website at TheTribeofJudahEC.yolasite.com.

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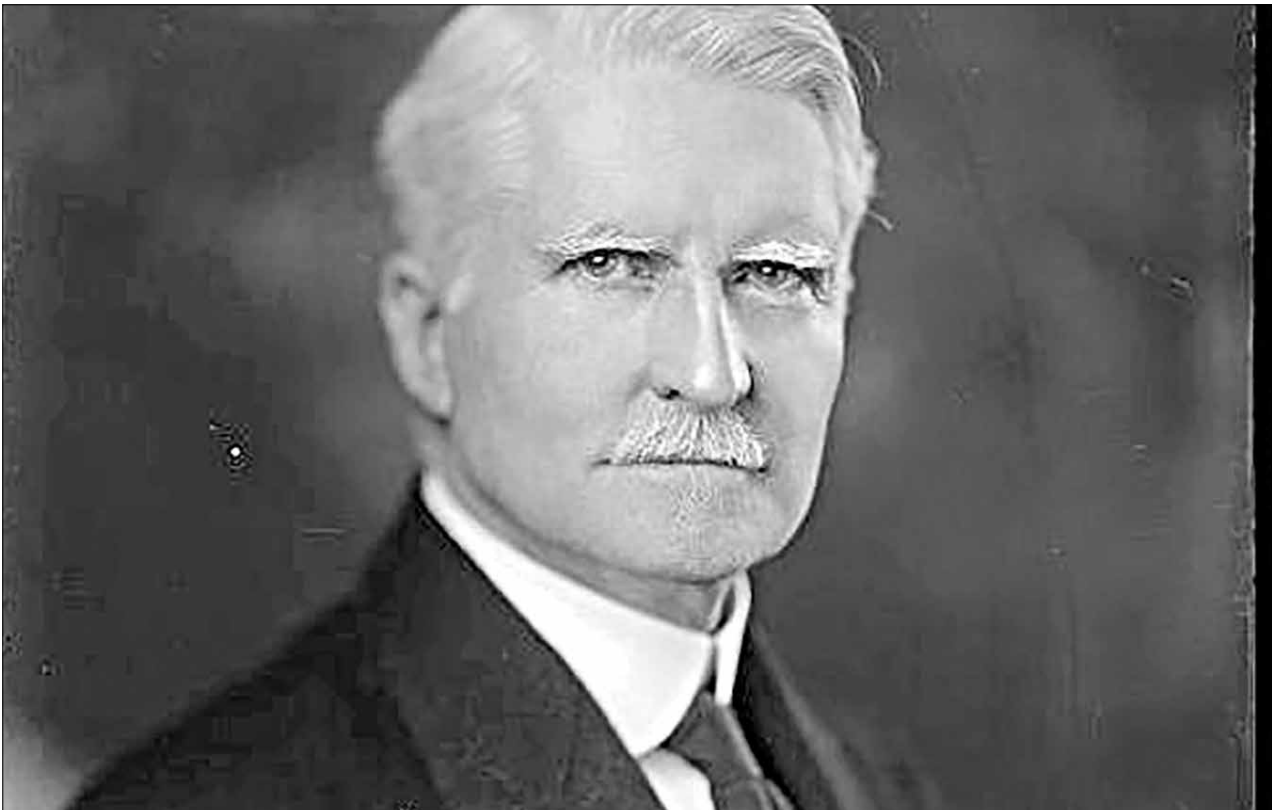
Tennessee's senior United States senator, John Knight Shields, was a candidate for a third term in 1924. Shields faced two formidable opponents inside the Democratic primary: General Lawrence D. Tyson of Knoxville and former state Supreme Court Justice Nathan L. Bachman of Chattanooga. All three candidates hailed from East Tennessee and Shields was under fire from his opponents for having been less than supportive of the late President Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations. Shields had oftentimes voted with Republicans in the U. S. Senate in supporting reservations to the Treaty of Versailles, which had infuriated Wilson. The former president had scathingly denounced Shields as one of the "least trustworthy" people in public life he had ever known. Wilson had died February 3, 1924 and the former president remained highly popular in Tennessee. Few believed Shields could be renominated facing one serious opponent, but with two credible candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, many worried Shields might be reelected with a plurality of the votes.

The campaign for the senatorial nomination was well under way by March of 1924, which was highly unusual for the time. Judge Bachman continued to press for a debate between the candidates. Senator Shields stubbornly remained in Washington, claiming the press of senatorial business. Campaigning in Cookeville, Bachman fired off a telegram noting Shields had made time to come home to Tennessee during his 1918 reelection campaign, while the United States was fighting a World War. Bachman also pointed out Senator Kenneth McKellar had returned to Tennessee in 1922 to give an account of his own record. Not surprisingly, Senator Shields had dismissed Bachman's proposal for a debate, causing the judge to say he was "very much disappointed at your refusal to accede to what under existing political conditions in Tennessee must be regarded a very reasonable suggestion."

Senator Shields was hardly so busy with his senatorial duties that he did not have time to pay attention to his reelection campaign. Shields noted Lawrence D. Tyson had bought the Knoxville Sentinel in an effort to promote his own senatorial ambitions. Shields opined Tyson had spent as much as a million dollars to purchase the Sentinel and

had used the newspaper to advertise former justice of the U. S. Supreme Court John H. Clarke's call for the senator's defeat. Shields snorted Clarke had resigned from the high court "to the gratification of the whole country" to assume a position as president of the League of Nations Association. Shields noted the membership of Clarke's organization included not a few prominent Republicans, not the least of which were former members of President William Howard Taft's cabinet. Shields raised the issue of those same Republicans hoped to see a weak senatorial nominee in Tennessee who could be defeated by the GOP candidate in the fall. Senator Shields noted neither Tyson nor Judge Bachman stated in their own campaign platforms they would support American participation in the League of Nations. Shields also pointed out William Gibbs McAdoo, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1924, as well as the late Woodrow Wilson's son-in-law, had called for a new international conference of all nations instead of supporting the League of Nations. "Mr. McAdoo has thus placed himself clearly in line with my position stated in the United States senate November 19, 1919 in discussing the League of Nations," Shields claimed. Shields reminded Tennesseans he believed in peace and hated war "and the horrible suffering it brings to mankind." John Knight Shields insisted his actions as a senator from Tennessee had been consistent with the principles of the Democratic Party. Senator Shields believed once the people of Tennessee saw through the "misrepresentations" about his record, "they will do justice to one who has served them honestly and to the best of his judgment as God gave him the light to see right."

Columnist T. H. Alexander, writing for Luke Lea's Nashville Tennessean, gloated Shields "hasn't got enough positive support in Tennessee to wad a double-barreled shotgun." Lea and Shields had served together in the U. S. Senate and did not get along. In fact, Luke Lea and John Knight Shields loathed one another. Shields had backed then-Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar against Senator Lea inside the Democratic primary and had been delighted when his senior colleague had been defeated. Lea used his newspaper mercilessly to criticize John Knight Shields during the 1924 senatorial campaign. The



FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

General Lawrence D. Tyson of Knoxville, Tennessee, circa 1924.

Tennessean gleefully reported every county convention boosting the record of Governor Austin Peay and condemning that of Senator John K. Shields. When Warren County Democrats lauded Governor Peay for approving "every act and policy of the late Woodrow Wilson", the Tennessean noted the disapproval of John Knight Shields. Warren County Democrats had openly said they could not countenance the reelection of Senator Shields who stubbornly "refused to yield his personal opinion to those of the great war President."

Rayburn R. Rose of Union City wrote, "The sap will then rise for all candidates except Senator Shields. The political barometer for the senior Senator indicates a cold wave, followed by storms and cyclones of criticism. The local Democratic weather bureau forecasts unsettled weather for the senior Senator in Obion county with the political temperature below freezing until his defeat August 7."

Supporters of Senator John K. Shields were heartened when Williston M. Cox was reelected as chairman of the Knox County Democratic Party. Cox, allied with Senator Shields, had faced opposition from supporters of General Lawrence D. Tyson as well as those of presidential candidate William G. McAdoo, who had been born in Knoxville. The Tennessean sympathetically concluded the "machine" and "the professional politicians" had overwhelmed the insurgents. Even in General Tyson's home precinct, his supporters lost on a vote of 127 - 102.

Yet Lawrence D. Tyson was no mere soldier. He had been elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1902 and was immediately elected Speaker of the House when the legislature convened in 1903. Tyson served only a single term in the Tennessee General Assembly, but had been promoted as a candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1913, a contest decided by the legislature. Tyson had lost that election to John Knight Shields. The General had no intention of losing again and his campaign was amply funded, quite likely

mostly through Tyson's own considerable personal resources.

The minor loss in Knoxville did nothing to deter General Tyson's bid to go to the United States Senate. The General opened his campaign in West Tennessee and spared his opponents nothing.

Speaking before a crowd estimated at 5,000 people in Trenton, Tennessee, Tyson flayed Senator John Knight Shields. "We are all offering ourselves as candidates in the Democratic primary and upon our records as Democrats. A man who is not a Democrat has no right to offer himself in the primary," Tyson told his audience. Tyson used a letter written by the late former president Woodrow Wilson to W. A. S. Furlow of Bristol, Tennessee. The missive included the deadly statement Wilson "regarded Mr. Shields during my administrations as one of the least trustworthy of my professed supporters." Tyson was quick to point out the late president believed Senator Shields to have been untrustworthy during both of his administrations. Tyson did not ignore Nathan Bachman. The sixty-three year-old Tyson noted Bachman had been born in 1878, causing the General to say the former justice was a "young man." "I am 16 years older than Judge Bachman. I could go to the U. S. Senate and serve two terms and Judge Bachman would then be a younger man than I am now," Tyson said.

General Tyson went on to critique Bachman's record on the Tennessee Supreme Court. Tyson's conclusion was that Bachman "did only about a fifth as much work as any other well man on the bench." Tyson was also critical of Nathan Bachman having resigned from the Supreme Court to run for the U. S. Senate. "What would the people of Tennessee have thought of me if I had resigned my position of brigadier general in France and come home to run for political office?" Tyson cried. The General asserted, "In order that a man shall have a claim on the suffrage of the people when he asks for a high office, he should either be a man of extraordinary ability and especially fitted for the office he seeks or he should have performed

some extraordinary service and made extraordinary sacrifices for his country." Evidently, Lawrence D. Tyson did not think Nathan Bachman met that standard. "What special service has he performed and what sacrifice has he made for his country?" Tyson demanded.

Tyson was not merely referring to his own experience as a soldier. Tyson could speak with both conviction and emotion on the topic of sacrificing for one's country. Tyson's only son, Charles McGhee Tyson, had been a Navy pilot during the First World War. Young Tyson disappeared during a mission over the North Sea and it was only after Germany's surrender that the General was able to locate his son's body. General Tyson was finally able to ship his son's body back home to Knoxville for burial. Few other candidates for any office could match Tyson in experiencing gut-wrenching loss and sacrifice.

As might be expected by a former general, Tyson's speech was threaded with references to the military and military analogies. In condemning Senator Shields, Tyson thundered his opponent was a "traitor" to the Democratic Party in that "supreme hour when the treaty was rejected and the fate of the world again put in jeopardy, making the blood that had been shed by our boys beyond the seas on the bloody battlefields of France and the agony that had been endured there to have been all in vain."

General Tyson said he not only favored the League of Nations, but told his listeners, "I also favor the World Court", which he noted had been "recommended by Mr. Harding and Mr. Coolidge." Tyson believed the World Court would "go a long way towards keeping the world at peace and ultimately may cause us to see our way to go into the League of Nations."

Lawrence D. Tyson closed his speech in Trenton with a direct appeal to the patriotism of Tennesseans, reminding his audience Tennessee was known as the "Volunteer State" for a good reason. "It is the most patriotic state in the Union," Tyson said. "It has always loved and honored the men who went out and

fought and died for their country. The World War soldiers have had but little recognition for high places." "This may be largely due to the fact that they have not offered themselves for high office," the General added.

Describing himself as "a soldier, a lawyer and a businessman," Tyson said he was not asking to be sent to represent Tennessee in the United States Senate "simply because I have been a soldier" and hoped Tennesseans would view his "whole record" in determining who was best fitted to serve Tennessee in the Senate.

While John Knight Shields had the advantage of incumbency, like any incumbent Shields had a record, which oftentimes inflamed opposition. William R. Webb, headmaster of the famous Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, as well as a former member of the U. S. Senate by virtue of appointment, was one of those deeply disappointed with Senator Shields. When asked whom he was supporting in the 1924 election, Webb bellowed, "Anybody to beat John K. Shields." Professor Webb explained Shields had been elected to the U. S. Senate by Tennessee's "temperance Democrats." "As soon as he got into office he turned his back on us," the old professor huffed. Webb said he had not made up his mind whom he would vote for, as he was trying to figure out whether Tyson or Bachman was the strongest candidate to defeat Shields. "What I am interested in doing," Professor Webb said, "is to retire Senator Shields to the calm and peace of his 8,000 acre farm in Grainger County."

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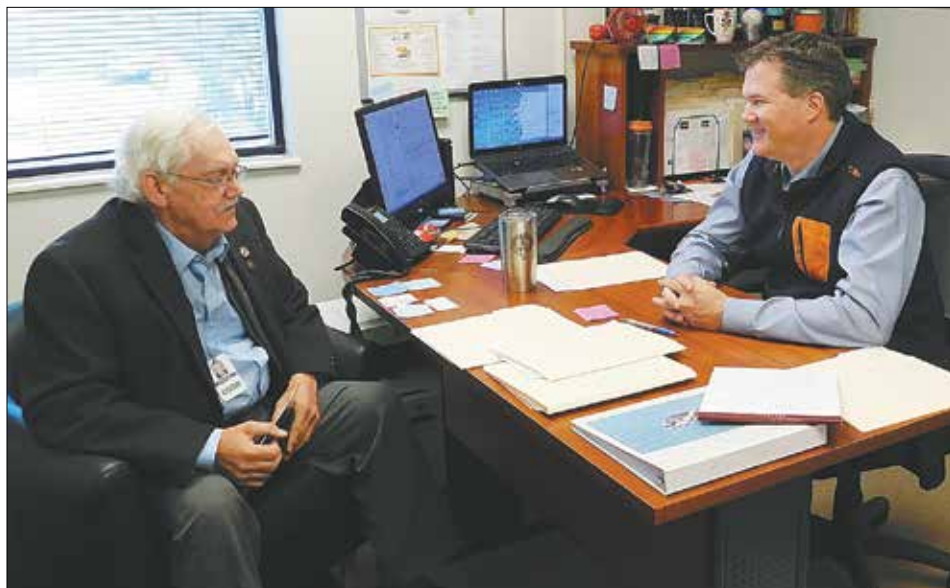
Getting to know LARSEN JAY

In this week's Getting to Know feature, The Knoxville Focus chatted with someone who positively impacts other people, people he may never meet, and what he does comes as a welcomed surprise and sometimes brings tears of gratitude. Larsen Jay is a husband, father, Knox County Commissioner and founder of Random Act of Flowers. Most people don't know that Jay also has a background in TV and movie production.

How has your position as founder and CEO of Random Acts of Flowers worked for you?

It has been thrilling, half terrifying and always exciting as we continue to help the community. My wife and I were involved in many things before this, like bringing the ice rink back downtown, starting the East Tennessee Chili Cook Off and the Daddy-Daughter Dance, restoring a historic building and serving on nonprofit boards. We started Random Acts of Flowers as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and thought we'd hand it off after it got started. It accepts no public funds, everything is donated and nothing is wasted. We exist through grants, corporate support, and private, direct fund raising.

We now have four branches around the country, 18 employees



Larsen Jay started Random Acts of Flowers with his wife. Today the non-profit organization has four locations around the nation, 18 employees and more than 2,000 volunteers. He's talking with Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely.

and over 2,000 volunteers and are approaching our 500,000th floral delivery. It's going very well.

How did Random Acts of Flowers get started?

In 2007 I had a near fatal accident when I fell off a ladder on the roof of my workshop, about one and one half stories. Ironically, I often say it was the best thing to happen to me. It changed my priorities. When I was in the hospital I had flowers brought to me every day, lots of them. It was like a jungle in my room of joy and happiness. I notice many others in the hospital had no flowers and no visitors. So we loaded up my wheelchair and made deliveries to those people and boy did it make a big impact.

One year to the day of my accident we began Random Acts of Flowers, at first on a small scale. We're now also inspiring dozens of others to start similar organizations. We're building a whole new industry, sort of like food banks.

We get flowers donated from places like retail and grocery stores, wedding venues, florists and funeral homes. The reception and gratitude from people is times-ten the effort and you won't believe the cards and letters I get from those receiving flowers.

After the first few years, I started getting calls from around the country about Random Acts of Flowers. Now we have three other locations and other places have started similar

organizations. We're headquartered here in Knoxville with locations in Tampa Bay, Chicago and Indianapolis.

Tell us about your family.

Adrian and I have two boys, Henry and Alexander. We've been married 14 years and met in Knoxville. I had moved here from Los Angeles where I was a TV and movie producer. I rented the second apartment in the Sterchi Building and was interviewed by Adrian MacLean, a reporter for WATE TV. We were engaged six months later.

Were you born in Knox County?

I was born on an Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas and my family moved around to Atlanta, Louisiana, and upstate New

York. After high school, I looked for a college with a good theater department and wanted to be a scenic designer. I went to UT, learned at the Clarence Brown Theater and the Bijou Theater, and got my degree. Back in the 90s I went to Dallas, which was big in the film industry then, and then to Los Angeles where I eventually worked my way up to producer. I was fortunate to work on films like Erin Brockovich, Universal Soldier: The Return, Madison and Big Fat Liar.

But I found a lack of community in L.A. so I returned to Knoxville where I produced TV for RIVR Media, then went on to start my own production company, DoubleJay Creative. I'm most proud of my wife and I producing Hal Holbrook's movie That Evening Sun, featuring his late wife Dixie Carter.

What is your main hobby or interests in your private life?

I play ice hockey now and then. My grandfather was a veteran of World War II and a chaplain. I have his 1951 Ford F2 truck that I've been restoring; it has a flat-head V-8 and most of the original interior and engine. I love teaching my boys about car mechanics and love rolling the windows down and driving it in rural areas of Knox County.

What do you see as your main accomplishment in life?

My marriage and my

family and Random Acts of Flowers. I'm very proud of all of those. And getting through my accident. I had 13 surgeries, with more to come, and I haven't had a pain-free day in 11 years. Getting through that was a big accomplishment. And telling the story of That Evening Sun, which won 16 different film festival awards.

What are your hopes and wishes for Knox County as a commissioner?

I hope we fully figure out who we are, have a vision, set lofty goals and follow through with them.

How do other people see you when they meet and get to know you?

That I'm a happy person, helpful to others, passionate and someone who likes to lead and take risks.

If you had one thing in your life you regret or could do over again?

I would have liked to serve in the military; my dad and granddad did and I feel serving is an important part of our country.

What is your favorite meal or place to eat?

I like Pete's downtown for breakfast—biscuits, gravy and scrambled eggs.

How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who nudged the world. You can't solve all the world's problems but you can nudge it in a positive way.

Stray Cats, \$50 million in bonds, and county budget discussed at commission

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returning of cats was "one of the most successful programs" there adding, "We have used the program and it is working."

"Trap and euthanize doesn't work," Testerman said, adding that some 650 cities around the country, including the Tri-Cities and

Chattanooga, have the program. She added that released stray cats are healthier than when captured and the new policy might be reviewed in five years to see the results.

"It is a poster child for a failed policy," she said of the current program, where most stray cats cannot be adopted and are

euthanized.

Commissioner Randy Smith asked the law director if the county would be liable for damages caused by release cats. Richard (Bud) Armstrong replied that the county could be sued for any of the policies adopted.

Smith said his family cat was attacked by a stray and

suffered serious injuries as a result.

Only Commissioner Evelyn Gill voted against the first reading of the policy change.

In other actions the commission voted to add the name of Lynn Redmon to the building that houses the Norwood Public Library.

A \$50 million bond issue

of two notes was also authorized with one of the bonds going to re-financing for a lower rate.

Near the end of the meeting the commission discussed the upcoming budget to be proposed by Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Commissioner Brad Anders said Jacobs' budget may be the "first we've really looked

at in four years." Anders said the county has "more needs than revenue."

The commission was promised the Jacobs budget proposal by May 1st and after some discussion they agreed to hold budget review work sessions on May 9 and 23 with a final vote on June 6.

Corryton Senior Center Welcomes Mayor Glenn Jacobs

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Mountain Quilter's Guild visited Pigeon Forge for Quilt Fest. Another senior lady commented that she attends five classes a week.

After thanking the sponsors for their support, Senior Services Manager April Tomlin introduced Mayor Jacobs who is choosing to prioritize a visit to each senior center in Knox County. This center is his third stop, having already seen the centers in Karns and Halls.

"I appreciate you all being here today. We don't talk about our senior centers probably enough and all the things that you all do," began Mayor Jacobs.

He then spoke about READ CITY USA, an avenue to promote reading in the community by taking a pledge to read every day. "We do other things for entertainment now and the result has been that we don't read as well as we used to We just have to start reading again as a culture. What is so wonderful about this room is you guys have tons of experience, lots of wisdom, and lots of knowledge. Unfortunately, due to societal changes our young people need that ... that's where you

all can step in and really make a difference. I would like to see you all get involved in the READ CITY USA program. Because I think it is something that you can make a difference at and touch the lives of our young people," he concluded.

He toured the facility which houses a library, a craft room, an exercise room, a room for quilting, a billiards room, offices, and a large community room with a kitchen. While the mayor commented on the hanging quilts adorning several hallways and rooms, he stopped for seniors to take his picture or share with him about their center involvement.

He wholeheartedly thanked the quilters many times for their hard work and service to the community. In the last four years, the quilting group has doubled in size.

Judicial Magistrate Ray H. Jenkins commented, "It shows a priority for the mayor to come out to the far reaches of these communities. They are a cultural center for life-long friends."

Others in attendance were Veterans and Senior Services Director Buzz Buswell, Corryton Senior Center Coordinator Jill Green, Knox County Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong, and



Left - right, Guild President Sharon Markwardt, Ann Johnson and Renee Hall stand before several quilts made by the House Mountain Quilter's Guild.

those manning five vendor tables and several activity tables.

Center Assistant Belynda Jenkins explained some seniors drive from Mascot, Seymour, and other counties to be involved in the activities. "One lady comes

from Seymour just for the Quilter's Guild," she added.

For more information on the Corryton Senior Center or the five facilities serving senior residents, check the Knox County Senior Services Facebook Page or visit

www.knoxcounty.org/seniors for classes and information specific to each center. For information about READ CITY USA, go to www.readcityusa.com.

Blair does it all as Halls takes down Powell, 2-0

Lady Red Devils remain unbeaten in softball

By Steve Williams

There's no question who the Star of the Game was in Round 1 of this season's Halls vs. Powell high school softball rivalry.

Halls senior pitcher Bri Blair took matters into her own hands, tossing a shutout and smacking a two-run homer to give the Lady Red Devils a 2-0 victory in the District 3-AAA battle last week at Halls.

The Lady Red Devils squeezed the most out of their offense, while the defending state champion Lady Panthers couldn't buy a clutch hit and stranded nine base runners.

Halls improved to 6-0 overall

despite getting only three hits off Powell hurler Allison Farr. The Lady Panthers, who had seven hits, dropped to 10-2.

When asked what she enjoyed the most – the homer or the shutout – a smiling Blair replied: “Probably both. It was my first home run ever. It's just great. It just hyped us up even more.”

Blair, who is known more for her pitching and came back from an elbow injury last season, said the win over Powell was “really big and should give us a lot more confidence in ourselves.”

Powell Coach Jeff Inman said the lack of clutch hitting and disciplined at-bats was the difference in the game.

“Hopefully, this will put a little fire under them,” he said. “We're not in 2018 anymore.”

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PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Teammates happily mob Bri Blair after her two-run homer put Halls ahead of rival Powell in their softball clash March 26 at Halls. Blair's blast and her shutout pitching gave the Lady Red Devils a 2-0 victory.

Halls' Campbell is a rising star in high jump event

By Steve Williams

Halls High's Ethan Campbell is blossoming into one of the state's top all-time high jumpers, and what's amazing is he just took up the event a little over a year ago.

As a junior last year, he progressed enough to place fourth in the TSSAA state outdoor meet, clearing 6 feet, 4 inches.

Now in his senior year, Campbell set a state meet record in the Tennessee indoor championships at Vanderbilt in February, going over the bar set at 2.05 meters, which converts to 6 feet, 8.7 inches.

His goal now is to sweep the state championships in the indoor and outdoor meets.

“Because I just started the high jump last March and am still just figuring out how to do it correctly, I feel like I have a lot of room to improve this spring over last year,” said Campbell at the beginning of the outdoor season.

“I've had a specialized trainer helping me with it and he has shown me how to set up my approach and take off and fly better, where before I was just using my leaping ability to get over the bar. Using a



Ethan Campbell of Halls competes in the high jump event in the East Tennessee Jamboree at Farragut High at the beginning of the outdoor track and field season.

collegiate high jump technique, in just two meets I improved five inches in height.”

Last Thursday night in a meet at Gibbs, Campbell won with a 6-8 mark and

barely bumped the bar off when it was set at 6-10, according to Halls Coach Tony Tampas.

The 6-8 effort at Gibbs tied him for the state's best mark of the outdoor

season.

“If I keep working hard at it, I hope to be jumping close to seven feet by the state meet in May,” added Campbell, who was

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State's top soccer teams tangle at Bearden Invitational

By Ken Lay

Some of the Volunteer State's top high school soccer teams will convene in West Knoxville at this week's annual Bearden Invitational.

Area teams include the host Bulldogs, Webb School of Knoxville, Central, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Farragut, Maryville, Hardin Valley Academy and Oak Ridge.

Those top East Tennessee squads will be joined by Greenville, Gallatin, Cookeville, Chattanooga, McCallie, Hendersonville, Morristown West and Science Hill.

Tournament play opens Thursday night at Bearden High and CAK.

Action at Bearden will be on Turner-Allender Field and at the football stadium on Bill Young Field.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs will entertain Gallatin at 6 p.m. The Warriors will host Central at CAK at 7. The defending Class AA Champion Greenville Greene Devils will play Hendersonville at 8 p.m. at Turner-Allender Field. Webb and Oak Ridge will collide at 8 p.m. on Bill Young Field.

On Friday, action begins

at 5 p.m. with Maryville playing Greenville at Turner-Allender at 5 p.m.

Other games at Turner-Allender include: Bearden vs. Hendersonville, 7 p.m. and Cookeville vs. Central at 9 p.m.

Friday's games at Bill Young Field include Farragut vs. Gallatin at 5 p.m. and McCallie vs. Hardin Valley at 7 p.m.

Play resumes Saturday at Turner-Allender Field with Gallatin tangling with Oak Ridge at 9 a.m. Science Hill will play CAK at 11. Hardin Valley will take on Greenville at 1 p.m. Farragut entertains Hendersonville at 3 p.m. Maryville plays McCallie at 5 p.m. and Bearden hosts Cookeville at 7 p.m.

The lone match at Bill Young Field will feature Webb taking on Morristown West at 5 p.m.

The tournament concludes Sunday will all matches at Turner-Allender Field.

Action begins at 11 a.m. with Hardin Valley taking on Morristown West. Maryville plays Science Hill at 1 p.m. Oak Ridge plays Cookeville at 3 and Farragut tangles with Central at 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Clifford ‘grateful and proud’ of time at Grace Christian

Basketball coach leaves for dual post in North Carolina

By Steve Williams

Brandon Clifford, who guided Grace Christian Academy to the TSSAA Division II Class A state basketball title in the 2017-18 season, has resigned after two years at GCA.

“This was a decision based simply on an opportunity I felt I couldn’t pass up,” stated Coach Clifford in an email. “I was offered the Athletic Director / Head Basketball job at Freedom Christian in Fayetteville, N.C.

“It is much closer to where I grew up in Greensboro, N.C., which is much closer to our family. And then professionally it gives me the opportunity to be an AD which has always been an aspiration of mine.

“My time at Grace was great and this is a bittersweet deal for

my family. I didn’t pursue this job, they pursued me and as I learned more and more about it I realized I couldn’t say no.

“I will always be grateful for my time at Grace and proud of what we accomplished there.”

Gene Baker, Athletic Director at GCA, said Friday: “Grace Christian Academy would like to thank Coach Clifford for his efforts and contributions in maintaining the competitive level of Rams Basketball over the past two years.

“He has served as an outstanding Christian role model for our students and student-athletes, alike. We wish him well in his new professional endeavors in North Carolina and have already begun the process of identifying the next leader of our state-caliber boys basketball program.”

In another coaching move last week, Scott Galyon resigned as head football coach at Seymour High after one season at his alma mater. The former UT and NFL standout saw his Eagles go 2-8 last fall.

FULTON BASKETBALL: Head Coach Jody Wright took time recently to reflect on the Falcons’ state championship game and season as a whole.

Fulton fell 59-46 to Memphis Wooddale in the Division I Class AA finals. Wooddale was led by 6-foot-8 Chandler Lawson, an Oregon signee, and his 6-7 brother, Johnathan Lawson, a sophomore for the Cardinals.

“The state championship game was a tough loss,” said Wright. “Their size was hard to handle and their guards were quick and athletic. We hoped that if we could be a little more physical and make it a half-court game, we could have a chance. We

knew with 6-8 and 6-7 in the post that points in the paint might be hard to come by. We did a good job defending them, but we were too sloppy with the basketball. You can’t turn the ball over and win big games.”

Fulton, which was seeking its fourth state title, finished with a 28-5 record.

“I am really proud of our guys and this team,” said Coach Wright. “Any time you win the district, region and make it to Saturday in Murfreesboro, you have had a great season. There is no shame when you end your season in the state championship game.”

As for the future, Wright added: “We lose six good seniors who have all made big contributions to our program. We have some experience coming back with Edward Lacey, Dominic Holland and Tommy Sweat. We need some young guys to step up and get ready to play at the next level

this coming season.”

FARRAGUT FOOTBALL: The Admirals will have perennial state power Maryville on its regular season schedule this coming fall. The game is set to be played at Farragut on Sept. 27, according to MaxPreps.

Farragut lost to Maryville 26-10 in the Class 6A state quarterfinals last season.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Ten years ago, on April 3, 2009 – Taylor McGinnis pitched Powell to a 5-0 win over Alcoa in the Gibbs Invitational softball tournament at Caswell Park. The victory in the five-inning game lifted Coach David McGill’s Lady Panthers to 8-0.

Sophomore Caroline Fine led Powell’s attack with a RBI single in the first inning and a three-run homer in the fifth. Kelly Drier also stood out, going 3-for-3, with two doubles and two runs scored.

Halls’ Campbell is a rising star in high jump event

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scheduled to compete in a competitive Hardin Valley Academy Invitational meet Saturday.

The 6-5, 185-pound Campbell also competes in the 100-meter dash, all sprint relays, triple jump, long jump, and plans to work on the hurdles this season for the first time.

He played football (wide receiver) for the Red Devils all four years and led receivers in touchdowns and yards per catch last fall.

“Ethan is a really hard worker on the field as well as in the classroom,” said Coach Tampas. “He is one of those athletically gifted kids who can do about anything that I ask him to do. He can jump, run, even throw, if I wanted him to.

“He is also a leader and will go far in the academic world. His grades are really good and I see him achieving any goal he sets for himself. He is a great young man and it has been a joy to coach him.

“Last year, he was jumping in the 6-foot range in the high jump. And this year he is already at 6-8. I look for him to break some school records and set some big marks.”

Campbell’s high jump style reminds some of the Fosbury Flop, which was popularized and perfected by American athlete Dick Fosbury, whose gold medal in the 1968 Summer Olympics brought it to the world’s attention.

“I have heard of the Fosbury Flop,” said Campbell. “I watched YouTube videos about it when I was trying to teach myself how to high jump last March so that is probably why my style looks similar.

“I think my height, flexibility and vertical leap have been really helpful in progressing. But I also have been blessed to have had some genetic help along the way, which is a great story, too.”



Just a little over a year after taking up the high jump event, Halls High senior Ethan Campbell is looking to sweep state titles in the state indoor and outdoor meets.

Campbell noted that his great-great grandfather, Jack Cline, was an All-American high jumper and multi-sport athlete at Central Michigan University in the late 1920s.

“He tried out for high jump for the 1928 Olympics, which were going to be held in Amsterdam, but didn’t make the team because of an injury to his leg,” said Ethan, recalling a story that has been passed down in his family through the years.

“The day that Bob King won the high jump at the Olympics by jumping 6-4, he (Cline) was at the Cadillac Athletic Club in Michigan. My great grandmother’s favorite story was how he taped a broomstick handle to his leg to help support the torn muscle and also jumped 6-4 that day just to show his buddies he should have been there, too.”

And now, four generations later, Ethan is well on his way of continuing the tradition of great high jumpers in the family.

Irish start fast, holds off HVA, 12-8

By Ken Lay

Catholic High School’s baseball team seemed to take early command of its District 4-AAA game against Hardin Valley Academy Wednesday night. But the Irish, who darted to an early lead, squandered some scoring chances.

And the Hawks mounted a late comeback that came up just short. When the dust had settled, Catholic left Gaylor Field with a 12-8 victory.

“We really missed some opportunities and that was the focus of our postgame meeting,” Irish coach Caleb Moore said. “We really had some guys pressing with two outs and two strikes.”

Catholic (9-2 overall, 2-1 in the district) certainly squandered some scoring chances. Still, the Irish scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning while rapping out just three hits.

The frame opened with leadoff hitter Nick Mackle reached on an error. Ryan MacDonald followed with a bunt single and Cooper Whitt walked to load the bases.

Mackle scored the game’s first run when Garrett Lewis singled.

Catholic scored its second run on a sacrifice fly by Rece Harpst.

The Irish went up 3-0 when Hardin Valley starting pitcher Brycen Denton hit Emery Wright with the bases loaded.

Irish designated hitter Chris Arbutthott capped the inning with a three-run double to make it 6-0.

Denton struggled in his two innings of work on the mound. He walked four Irish batters and plunked three more.

But Catholic left the bases loaded in the second before Nolan Parks entered to pitch in the bottom of the third.

Parks kept the Irish at bay until the bottom of the fifth but Catholic again stranded three runners in the fourth.

The Hawks (5-4, 2-2) pulled to within 6-1 in the top of the sixth when Jaylen Jones plated Cam Fisher, who singled to lead off the frame and stole second.

Catholic struck with another big inning in the bottom of the frame and nearly ended the game. The Irish scored four to take a 10-1 lead.

Freshman Kade Martin, son of former Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin, had a two-run single. Lewis drew a bases-loaded walk and Harpst had a scoring single to make it 10-1 but Catholic left the bases

loaded again.

And that nearly cost the Irish.

“In high school baseball, it’s always important to get that extra run,” Moore said.

But the Irish couldn’t and that left the door open and the Hawks nearly kicked it in in the top of the sixth when they scored seven times to pull to within 10-8.

Fisher hit a three-run homer and Bryce Jenkins added a three-run triple and Denton contributed an RBI single. Hardin Valley, however, stranded two runners, including the potential tying run.

HVA coach Tyler Roach commended his hitters. He wasn’t, however, happy with his pitchers.

“Offensively, we gave a good effort and we’ve competed all year,” he said. “Our pitchers have not.

“We had a [7-6 loss to Christian Academy of Knoxville on Tuesday] and we gave up 10 free bases [either walks or hit batters] and we gave up 10 more free bases tonight. There’s no way that we’ll be an elite baseball team as long as we give up those free bases.”

Catholic a pair in the sixth when Arbutthott scored on a wild pitch and Lewis had an RBI double.



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On Wednesday, March 27, the University of Tennessee announced that Holly Warlick was relieved of her duties as Lady Vols basketball coach.

"Holly and I met this afternoon, and I informed her of the decision to change leadership within the program," said Tennessee athletics director Phillip Fulmer in a statement released by UT's Sports Information Department. "Holly has dedicated most of her adult life to the University of Tennessee and the Lady Vols program. She loves Tennessee, and Tennessee needs to always love her back. She was front and center as this program developed into the model for women's intercollegiate excellence. While it certainly stings to make this decision, I am charged with doing what I believe is best for this storied program. It's important to all of us that Lady Vols basketball maintains its status among the elite."

Warlick went 172-67 in her seven years as the Lady Vols coach, including two SEC regular season titles, one SEC tournament title, and three Elite 8 appearances. But the Lady Vols failed to advance to a Final Four under Warlick, and the past three seasons they grossly underachieved despite a roster filled with four-star and five-star talent.

This was a move that Fulmer had to make. The Lady Vols basketball program was in a slump, and it didn't look like Warlick had any idea how to turn things around.

That doesn't make this any easier.

Warlick was tasked with replacing the legendary Pat Summitt, winner of 1098 games and eight national championships. Summitt was Warlick's coach, her mentor, her friend... Stepping into the shoes of one of the greatest coaches of all time was never going to be easy. But for those reasons and others, it was destined to be considered a disappointment without trips to the Final Four.

Multiple Final Fours... Remember, Warlick wasn't only a Tennessee assistant coach for 27 seasons. She was a local, playing under Summitt from 1976-1980 after graduating from Bearden High School. She was an All-American, and made the roster for the 1980 US Olympic team, but never represented her country in Moscow because President Jimmy Carter boycotted those games (but that's another story for another day).

Warlick's number is retired in the rafters at Thompson-Boling Arena. As a player or assistant coach, Warlick was a part of each of the 19 trips the Lady Vols made to the Final Four.

And Warlick was a huge reason why the train kept rolling along with the Lady Vols program when in 2011 Summitt announced that she had been diagnosed with dementia. While Summitt was officially the head coach for the 2011-2012 season, Warlick handled many of the daily responsibilities.

Pat Summitt's coaching tree has many branches, but looking back, there's no one else that could have taken over as head coach immediately after Summitt than Warlick.

For seven seasons, Warlick has been an outstanding representative not only of the UT athletics department, but of the University itself.

Yes, it is a bottom line business, and it is unacceptable for a program like the Lady Vols to struggle. The fan base, the facilities, the history... Tennessee should be in the mix for a national title more often than not.

Warlick has spent almost all of her adult life on the UT campus.

No, she didn't win enough. That doesn't mean that she doesn't deserve our respect, and our thanks...

Fast start nets Bulldogs 8-0 win over HVA

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School boys soccer coach Ryan Radcliffe makes it no secret that his team must get off to a fast start. The Bulldogs got the message Tuesday night.

"We got off to a fast start and I've preached about that all season," Radcliffe said after Bearden notched an 8-0 non-district victory over Hardin Valley Academy at Turner-Allender Field.

The Bulldogs (2-1) were off for Spring Break last week. They last played at an elite tournament where they split a pair of games over the weekend of March 8.

In the Peachtree State, Bearden came up on the short end of a 5-3 decision against Westminster, which is ranked second in the nation. The Bulldogs rebounded to beat Bastavia.

"We were coming off a tough tournament in Atlanta and we didn't get off to a fast start and it bit us in the butt," Radcliffe said.

That certainly wasn't a problem Tuesday night against the Hawks (1-1-1).

Bearden scored four goals in less than 21 minutes and the Bulldogs' defense was stingy, allowing just two shots over the first 40 minutes. The Hawks mustered only six shots on goal as Bearden goalkeepers Holden Giesecke and Jonathan Diaz combined for a shutout victory.

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting on the scoreboard against Hardin Valley. They took a 1-0 lead when Carter Turner scored off an assist from Collin Lewis.

Bearden tallied again in the 13th minute when Finn Harris beat Hardin Valley netminder Damonte Foster with a shot.

They extended their lead to 3-0 on a marker by Lewis in the 17th minute before Caleb Wilkins joined the scoring parade approximately four minutes later.

Everett Hauser scored in the 39th minute to give the Bulldogs the 5-0 advantage they enjoyed at halftime.

Bearden tallied again, 10 minutes into the second half, when Hauser took a corner kick that ricocheted into the net off a Hardin Valley defender to make the score 6-0.

The Bulldogs made it 7-0 when Asiimwe Ironside converted a penalty kick just minutes later.

Jonathan Meystrik closed out the scoring when he tallied in the 60th minute.

Hardin Valley first-year coach Brad Delano could only tip his hat to Bearden after the match.

"They're a good team," Delano said of the Bulldogs. "They were just better than us today."

"They're just a really good team. I don't know what else to say."

It didn't come easily and Farragut High School boys soccer coach Ray Dover knew that it wouldn't garner too many style points but the Admirals left Sutherland Avenue with a hard-fought non-district victory.

"Honestly, we've got to learn how play in different environments," Dover said after Farragut notched a 3-2 victory over West High Thursday night at Bill Wilson Field. "Our guys have to be ready for a dance or we have to be prepared for a street fight and this game was more of a street fight."

"We knew this was going to be a battle and we won the game. We survived and now, we'll work on this on the training ground."

Dover expected a battle and he got it from the host Rebels (5-1). But Farragut got off to a fast start and tallied twice in the first 12 minutes.

The Admirals (5-2) got their first marker of the match from Pablo Herrera, who beat West goalkeeper Carter McAdoo with a shot in the sixth minute.

They expanded their advantage to 2-0 on Wes Jeter's goal in the 12th minute.

But the Rebels didn't just simply fold when they could have.

They pulled to within 2-1 on a marker by Henry Hodge in the 15th minute.

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The two defenses and goalkeepers McAdoo and Brandon Keane, of the Admirals took center stage over the final 40 minutes of this physical and intense match. Farragut prevailed despite being a possession team playing on a football field, which is a shorter and narrower pitch.

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West coach Alex Walls was disappointed to see his side suffer its first loss of the season. But he appreciated the Rebels' effort.

"These kids have fought hard all year. We've held one-goal leads and had to defend [corner kicks] in the last 30 seconds," he said. "This is the first time that we've been on the wrong side all year."

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Admirals outlast Rebels in intense soccer match, 3-2



Farragut soccer player Alec Arnold (14) attempts to elude a West High defender in the Admirals' 3-2 victory over the Rebels at Bill Wilson Field.

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Vols Fall to Purdue 99-93 in Sweet 16

By Alex Norman

It wasn't supposed to end this way... Tennessee was supposed to finally get to a Final Four. Instead, their season came to an end in the Sweet 16 with a 99-93 loss in overtime to three-seed Purdue on Thursday, March 28 in Louisville.

"We got guys here that aren't even seniors (that are) crying," said Tennessee senior center Kyle Alexander. "I mean guys who have just been influenced by each other in here. We just enjoy each other as people. We spend so much time together off the court. Not only this year... but the last four years. But this year specifically, you know, it's been fun. I'm just glad I was able to experience it with these guys."

The Vols got off to a rough start, trailing 40-28 at the half. Things didn't get much better after intermission, with Tennessee down 18 points with 16:19 to go. But the Vols went on a furious rally, outscoring the Boilermakers 19-2 to take a 70-67 lead on an Admiral Schofield three-pointer.

The Vols had no answer for Purdue's Ryan Cline, who made seven of ten three-point attempts, and almost single handedly kept the Boilermakers in it in the final minutes. He hit an array of tough shots while the Vols were attempting to take control of the game.

A Grant Williams rebound and slam put the Vols up 82-80 with less than nine seconds to go. With less than two seconds left, Lamonte Turner was called for a foul as Purdue's Carsen Edwards shot a three-pointer. He'd make two of those three free throws, the game went to overtime, and the Boilermakers pulled away in that extra session.

It was a brutal way for this season to end. The Vols finished with a 31-6 record, tied for the most victories in program history. They were ranked number one in the nation for four consecutive weeks. But they didn't win an SEC title (at least not until LSU gets their championship taken away by the NCAA due to rules violations, but that's another story for another day).

It also means the college careers of seniors Alexander and Admiral Schofield are over. Alexander had nine

points and seven rebounds against Purdue while Schofield scored 20 of his 21 points after halftime. Schofield will depart as one of the most popular players in program history.

"I think that the biggest thing that you have to appreciate is just the culture that we built at Tennessee, a winning culture, and I just really appreciate it. I'm just sad that I have to go out on this note," said Schofield. "Us four seniors (including reserves Lucas Campbell and Brad Woodson), we left this program winning. That's the biggest thing. We really came from the bottom, and to make it to the Sweet 16 is a dream come true. (We) came up a little short but at the end of the day, I remember when we were losing 19 and 16 games and no one believed in us. I remember when we could barely get 17,000 in the arena. This year, we averaged around 20,000. God's been amazing this year. He's been amazing all my four years here and it's just a blessing to be able to call myself a Tennessee Volunteer."

Looking ahead, two-time SEC player of the year Grant Williams will have a decision to make. He scored 21 points in what may be his last time at Tennessee. Williams has one year of eligibility remaining, but could choose to forgo his senior season for the NBA.

The Vols should bring back one of the best backcourts in the nation in Jordan Bone, Jordan Bowden and Lamonte Turner, while bringing in five-star guard Josiah James. But in the front court there must be improvement from John Fulkerson, Derrick Walker and D.J. Burns if the Vols are going to come close to matching this kind of success, no matter what Williams decides.

The beauty of the NCAA Tournament is also its curse. The immediacy of the end of your season, and for some their careers with the next loss are difficult to explain for those that play the game.

Tennessee fans are left wondering what might have been... and have to wait until the Fall to see their team play again.

Fame and fortune? Grant Williams could follow Peyton's path

Grant Williams already has become one of the most popular players in University of Tennessee basketball history. But he could take that fame to a much higher level, if he were to decide to come back and play one more season for the Vols as a senior.

Remember the roar we heard when Peyton Manning announced his decision to return to UT his senior year and play one more year of college football? We would hear it again if Williams chose to stay.

Extending his collegiate career didn't seem to affect Manning's professional career at all. He went on to become one of the greatest NFL quarterbacks of all time. And now, over 20 years later, he remains probably the most beloved and revered former UT athlete Big Orange Country has ever seen.

Remember all the babies that were named Peyton in the late 1990s and after?

Imagine if you were out in public right this minute, say in a restaurant, and Manning entered. At first glance, you probably would feel like you were dreaming. Then you would just hope he would walk by and you would have a chance to say hello. In the days ahead, you would tell your family members and friends about your star-struck experience. You would never forget it.

Williams too could make such an impression on Knoxvilleans, Tennesseans, Volunteer fans everywhere, if he decided to stay and play one more season before starting his NBA career.

And, yes, think of all the baby boys that would be named Grant.

Manning had hoped to lead Tennessee to a national championship in 1997 and win the Heisman Trophy. Unfortunately neither happened. But that didn't stop UT fans from holding him dear to their hearts. They loved him for giving his all and then some.

Manning made his fortune in the NFL and he's one of the most famous quarterbacks to ever play the game. But his fame in Knoxville and throughout Big Orange Country reached a much higher level because he stayed and played for the Vols one more year.

If Williams comes back for one more year, he would have a shot at becoming a three-time SEC Player of the Year. That would put him in the same ilk as LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich and Bernard King of the Volunteers. He also could become a two-time first-team All-American, which are rare.

With Williams returning, Tennessee could have four starters back to make another run at its first Final Four and NCAA championship.

Whether these accolades are captured or not, Grant could enjoy the same amount of fame among UT fans as Peyton enjoys now.

It's definitely something to consider. Fame and fortune?

Manning has both. Williams right now has neither to such a degree.

A year from now, however, Grant could stake his claim to fame in Big Orange Country like Peyton did.

And if Williams' game doesn't work out on the pro level, at least he will have something.

Something even money can't buy... lifelong fame.

Blair does it all as Halls takes down Powell, 2-0

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"It's early. Hopefully, this will work to our advantage, because they needed to be brought back down."

The defense helped Blair work out of a full blown jam in the second inning. Ashley Harbison led off with a single through the right side of the infield, Taylor Rodgers beat out a bunt and Emma Wright's tough-to-field bunt in front of the plate loaded the bases with no outs.

Blair managed to get out of it. She fanned Reagan Radachesky on a high pitch third strike that was tipped but snagged by catcher Layna Gould. Madison McGinnis' bunt was fielded by first baseman Aspen Calloway, who threw to Gould for the force out at home. That brought Powell leadoff batter Cayden Baker to the plate, but Blair struck her out on a 3-2 pitch.

Baker had opened the game with a base on balls and stole second. But she was stranded when Halls third baseman Bri McMillan fielded back-to-back grounders and fired to first for the second and third outs.

Powell also left a runner in scoring position in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

After Farr had retired 12 straight batters and was working on a perfect game, Halls struck in the fifth. Cassie Norris led off with a single and Gould's sacrifice bunt moved her to second. After Lauren Lawson flew out to right, Blair delivered her game-winning home run on a 3-2 pitch.

Blair's blast hit the top of the fence in left



Halls senior Bri Blair prepares to pitch against Powell. She struck out six in the Lady Red Devils' 2-0 win. Photo by Steve Williams.

center but bounced on over.

With Powell's top three batters up at the plate in the seventh, Blair retired the side in order for the first time to end the game.

"Just a gritty performance," said Halls Coach Bryan Gordon of Blair's pitching. "That's what I've come to expect out of her. When it comes to a big game, she usually locks in for us. She gives us everything she's got."

As for Blair's bat, Gordon admitted: "I wasn't looking for a home run. I was looking for a double or just a base hit," he laughed. "The home run was a little bit of a shock."

It stunned the Lady Panthers, too.

Round 2 is scheduled for April 18 at Powell.

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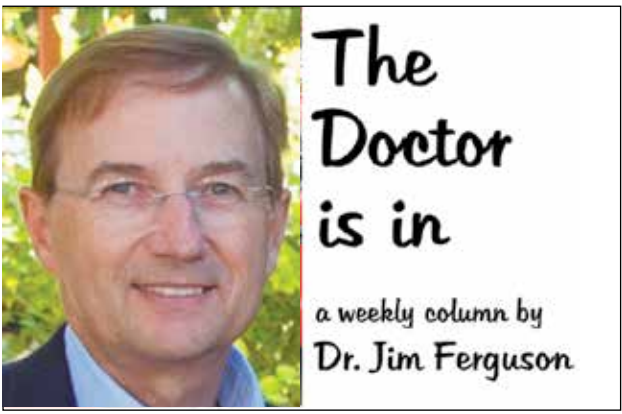
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Who am I?

One of the most moving scenes in the movie Les Misérables, is when the protagonist, Jean Valjean, comes to grips with his salvation as a result of God’s grace. After nineteen years of imprisonment and abuse, Valjean had become an animalistic, hate-filled man who was known only by his prison number 24601. However, the love afforded him by a priest changed his life, and Valjean confesses that his “soul belongs to God” in his epiphanal song, “Who am I?” If you have never seen the movie you should at least experience this powerful scene on YouTube.

A friend of mine has a perspective I admire and have made my own. He maintains that “None of us is as smart as all of us together.” Consequently, I seek out forums for group discussion. I participate in two spiritual reading groups, a Sunday School class and

I lead seminars for medical students. Recently, I organized a group of philosophically minded men to discuss “weighty” matters or what some might label as “winded” perspectives. At our first meeting, I thought about how I might introduce myself, since I didn’t know everyone in the group.

As I thought about a personal introduction, Jean Valjean’s powerful self analysis challenged me. Heretofore, beyond the perfunctory handshake and “Hello, my name’s Jim,” I have frequently described myself as a doctor, a husband, a father and now a grandfather. In recent years, I might even mention that I’m a writer. I don’t use the term polymath which is my wife’s tongue in cheek descriptor of her bookish husband. Though I am unashamedly a Christian, this aspect of my persona has not been in the

forefront of introductions. Valjean has challenged me to reconsider my arguably problematic hierarchy of identification.

Methodists are not big on proselytizing. I’ve never carried a placard with John 3:16 scrawled upon it. I used to wear a small fish lapel pin on my hospital lab coat. One night while bending over to listen to a man’s chest, he asked me what the fish meant, and I didn’t give a testimony, but quickly told him it was a Christian symbol.

Perhaps my reluctance for ringing doorbells and spiritual bumper stickers is because I’ve been a lot of -isms. I was raised in the Presbyterian church, but became “too smart” in college and subsequently “lost.” As a senior in medical school, this “prodigal” came to his senses while in the “far country” and I began the long journey homeward. Along the way I was a Baptist and finally married a Methodist who started as a Presbyterian. So, in my spiritual journey, I’ve been elected, sprinkled, lost and found, dunked, and now I’m blessed!

All my life I’ve maintained that if I had been born in another country I would likely have embraced spirituality of another version. I believe humans are endowed with certain

attributes, and one aspect of our humanity is a need that can only be filled by God. Idolatrous pursuits of power, sex, money or fame ultimately fail and lead to ruination.

So, a more fundamental question than Who am I? is Whose am I? (Acts 27:23). The answer to these questions resides in the two fundamental questions of all humanity: where did we come from? and what is our purpose? The universe and humans were created by God and our purpose is to love the Creator and our neighbors as ourselves (Luke 10:27).

Humans are designed with the capacity for love and perhaps an aspect of this love is empathy which is different than sympathy. Ancient cultures held that civilizations could be built upon common sense, courage, moderation and justice. Together these tenets, known as the Cardinal Virtues, were codified as morality. However, I believe the Cardinal Virtues are trumped by the Theological Virtues of faith, hope and charity/love (I Corinthians 13:13). These virtues steer the human ship to avoid disaster and complete life’s journey.

Words are the tools we used to express our thoughts. The Greeks defined seven types of love. Examples are agape,

eros and philia. I understand love for my wife and family. And I can comprehend the moral imperative to love my neighbor, but how can I love a God so vast and mysterious, and beyond my comprehension? Conceptually, I find it easier to love Jesus, God incarnate and manifest as the man, Immanuel.

I have to admit that I’ve been troubled by my attitude towards the reprobates...er neighbors who have been working for two years to overturn Trump’s election and harm the country in their lust for power. Perhaps they have been co-opted by Woodward’s hatred. I can forgive them, but I can’t forget that justice must be done before mercy can be considered (Micah 6:8). For two years our country has been lied to by the Media, Democrats and leaders of the Intelligence Agencies (NSA, CIA, FBI) as well as “deep state” operatives in the Department of Justice. The damage to our country has been incalculable because Americans’ trust in government and the notion of justice has been destroyed. The extensive two year Mueller investigation has determined that neither the President nor his surrogates colluded with Russians. The only collusion with Russians was Hillary Clinton and her

campaign, aided by Fake News Media and leaders in DOJ, CIA and the FBI. If this country is to continue, these people must be investigated, exposed and punished to restore faith in government and journalism.

The other day I heard perspective in the body politic which I admire. The radio guest said he chooses “policy over party and personality.” I cannot agree more. And when I heard this, it made me think of a poem by Rudyard Kipling which I believe is appropriate for today and President Trump.

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you...
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you...
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating...
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools...
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch...
...you’ll be a man...

Our president is a man, and he is the man America sorely needs.

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

KCHD sees increase in Hepatitis A cases

Urges those at risk to get vaccinated

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is seeing a rise in hepatitis A cases related to the ongoing statewide outbreak. While KCHD has been investigating hepatitis A cases related to the outbreak since July 2018, the rate at which new cases are being reported has accelerated recently. From July 2018 to February 2019, a total of 10 cases were reported. Since March 1, an additional nine cases have been reported, an increase of 90 percent, bringing the total, as of this release, to 19 cases.

“The current outbreak continues to predominately affect middle Tennessee and many of the east Tennessee communities

surrounding Knox County,” said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. “While Knox County has not experienced the high number of cases other areas have, it’s important that we, as a community, do everything we can to prevent our recent uptick from ballooning.”

Tennessee’s hepatitis A outbreak is linked to a large, multi-state outbreak that began in 2017. Knox County’s outbreak is primarily affecting those who use injection and non-injection drugs, such as marijuana, heroin and methamphetamine; those experiencing homelessness; and the close contacts of both groups.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus. It is highly

transmissible from person-to-person through the fecal-oral route. Transmission usually occurs when a person who has the infection does not wash their hands after using the bathroom and then touches food, a surface or another person’s mouth. A person with hepatitis A may be contagious before their symptoms begin and even after they are well. Hepatitis A virus is more common in areas that lack adequate sanitation or have poor hygiene practices. Most people who acquire the illness have had direct personal contact with an infected person. Symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhea, dark urine, fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, jaundice and a loss of appetite.

“Unfortunately, most of us know someone who is battling

substance misuse, so we need the community to get involved, to use their voice to encourage their friends and family who may be in a high-risk group to get vaccinated,” added Buchanan.

Hepatitis A vaccinations are available at all three KCHD locations at no cost for those in the high-risk groups. Appointments are recommended by calling 865-215-5070.

For most adults, hepatitis A usually resolves within two months of infection. However, it can be serious and even deadly, especially for those in high-risk groups. Sixty-two percent of the cases in Tennessee’s current outbreak have required hospitalization, and six patients have died.

“Our staff have been diligently working with other medical

providers and partners in the community to provide education and increase vaccination, and we will continue to do all that we can, but we also need the public’s support by encouraging those in high-risk groups to get vaccinated, whether that’s a friend or family member or someone with whom they work,” said Buchanan.

Since the outbreak began last year, KCHD has provided more than 1,600 vaccinations through outreach and outbreak-related events. More information about hepatitis A and the statewide outbreak is available on the Tennessee Department of Health’s website: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/tennessee-hepatitis-a-outbreak.html>.

An EVENING with Kim Campbell

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **May 30, 2019 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by JAMES H. ROBINSON AND CORRINE B. ROBINSON, to Stewart Title of Tennessee, Inc., Trustee, on April 18, 2008, as Instrument No. 200804250079744 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED in District Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 25th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 37 and 38, Block 3, Southland Park Addition, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet A, Slot 195-B (Map Book 6, Page 47), 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 James H. Robinson and wife, Corrine B. Robinson by Deed

dated January 8, 1993 from Mable McMillion, unmarried of record in Warranty Book 2094, Page 343, Register's Office for said County.

Tax ID: 123HK018

Current Owner(s) of Property: JAMES H. ROBINSON AND CORRINE B. ROBINSON

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **806 Drive D, Knoxville, TN 37920**, 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 referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ESTATE OF JAMES H. ROBINSON AND SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 367-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 19-000009-220-1

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, James Matthew Daugherty, executed to A. Nicole Troutt, Trustee, for Kimberly A. Cook and Dustin Phillip Martin, a Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2014, and recorded at Instrument No. 201408130009212 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to secure the payment of indebtedness described therein, as modified by Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated January 30, 2019 recorded at Instrument No. 201902050046546 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, whereby E. Richards Brabham, III, was appointed Substitute Trustee with all the rights, powers, privileges, immunities and authority of the original Trustee thereunder, as assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust dated February 7, 2019 and recorded at Instrument No. 201902110047555, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee (together, the "Deed of Trust");

WHEREAS, default has been made under the provisions of the Deed of Trust, including without limitation, default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and Kimberly A. Cook, (the "Creditor", the present holder and owner of the debt secured, has requested the undersigned to advertise and sell at a foreclosure sale the property described below, all of said indebtedness and obligations having matured by default(s) under the Deed of Trust, at the option of the holder thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as such Substitute Trustee, under the Deed of Trust, at the request of the Creditor, the undersigned, E. Richards Brabham, III, or his agent, will on **Monday, April 22, 2019 commencing at 11:00 a.m.** at the Main Avenue entrance of the Knoxville/Knox County City/County Building in Knox County, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the property located in Knox County, Tennessee, that is the subject of the Deed of Trust, and that is more particularly described below.

Abbreviated Description per T.C.A. § 35-5-104(a)(2): See Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2014, recorded at Instrument No. 201408130009212 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

CLT No./Tax Parcel I.D.: 026-02527

Common Description/Property Address: Believed to be **9705 Hidden Branch Lane Heiskell, TN 37754 - Knox County, Tennessee.**

Other parties interested: Leslie Huffine; Capital One Bank, N.A.

The sale will be subject to any encumbrances having lien priority over the Deed of Trust, including, without limitation, any unpaid ad valorem taxes or other taxes. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the State of Tennessee required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35 5 104. The undersigned is aware of no lien claims of the United States required to be identified by T.C.A. § 35 5 104.

Without limitation, the sale will be subject to the following matters as applicable and as the same may affect the property: (1) any rights or claims of tenants, licensees, or parties in possession, if any, under any unrecorded leases, easements, licenses, or agreements; (2) any matters that would be disclosed by a current and accurate survey or inspection of the property including issues regarding the boundaries of the property, encroachments, and overlaps, if any, and the exact amount of acreage of the property; (3) any lien, or right to a lien, for services, labor or material furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the public records; (4) any law, ordinance or governmental regulation restricting or regulating or prohibiting the occupancy, use or enjoyment of the property or regulating any improvement now or hereafter erected on the property, or the effect of any violation of any such law, ordinance or governmental regulation; (5) Power Line Easement by and between Celo Hankins Smith and Ronnie K. Oliver and Nancy L. Oliver, and the Knoxville Utilities Board, dated September 30, 2002, filed for record as Instrument No. 200210110031571 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office; and (7) any rights or claims relating to that Deed of Trust with Assignment of Rents from Emilee L. Westerhouse and husband, Wayne A. Westerhouse, to Stanley Roden, Trustee for American General Financial Services, Inc., dated July 14, 2006, filed for record as Instrument No. 200607170004283 to the extent not released by Release recorded as Instrument No. 201108310011704, all in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The undersigned will sell and convey only such title as he holds as Substitute Trustee. The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and applicable law. The sale will be subject to all matters, if any, having lien priority over the Deed of Trust being foreclosed. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone the sale to another time and date certain upon announcement by the Substitute Trustee or his agent at the time and place of sale. The undersigned reserves the right to conduct the sale through his duly appointed agent. If one or more apparently successful bidders fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the sale, the undersigned shall have the right to accept the next highest bid until a bidder whose bid has been accepted shall have complied with the terms and conditions of the sale, all without the necessity of re publishing notice of the sale.

/s/ E. Richards Brabham, III

E. Richards Brabham, III, Substitute Trustee

550 Main Street, Ste. 400

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865 546 7311

Publication Dates: April 1st, 8th, and 15th, 2019

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 May 31, 2017, executed by JOSEPH M HALL, MARISSA D PARKER, 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 June 2, 2017, at Instrument Number 201706020073627; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **May 2, 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 DISTRICT FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 41ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 4, BLOCK G, RAMBLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET C, SLIDE 9-A (MAP BOOK 21, PAGE 135), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 080EC059

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4213 ROAMING 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): JOSEPH M HALL, MARISSA D PARKER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: GREENWAY ENTERPRISES, LLC, DBA SERVPRO 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 #154555 04/01/2019, 04/08/2019, 04/15/2019

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 10, 2006, executed by KELLYE BARKER HENLEY, SCOTT B HENLEY, conveying certain real property therein described to INFINITY TITLE LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 21, 2006, at Instrument Number 200603210078512;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, as indenture trustee, for the CSMC 2016-RPL1 Trust, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2016-RPL1 who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **May 2, 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 DISTRICT NO. FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 47TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 15, BLOCK I, WEST HILLS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 20, PAGE 105, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF THE CUL-DE-SAC FOR ABINGTON LANE, WHICH IRON PIN IS 165.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF ABINGTON LANE AND THE NORTHEASTERN LINE OF WESLEY ROAD, ALSO BEING COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 14 AND 15; THENCE WITH THE EASTERN LINE OF THE CUL-DE-SAC FOR ABINGTON LANE, IN A CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 50 FEET, A CHORD CALL AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 27 DEG. 57 MIN. EAST, 62 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 15 AND 16; THENCE WITH THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS, NORTH 60 DEG. 59 MIN. EAST, 203.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 30 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST, 161.75 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEG. 56 MIN. WEST, 125 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, COMMON CORNER TO LOTS 14 AND 15; THENCE WITH THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS, NORTH 73 DEG. 23 MIN. WEST, 191.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN LINE OF THE CUL-DE-SAC FOR ABINGTON LANE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF STANLEY E. HINDS, SURVEYOR.

Parcel ID: 106MA015

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **820 ABINGTON LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37909**. 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): KELLYE BARKER HENLEY, SCOTT B HENLEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: City of Knoxville 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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Ad #154251 04/01/2019, 04/08/2019, 04/15/2019

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 August 21, 2007, executed by TEQUINCY W MCGHEE, conveying certain real property therein described to B DARNELL, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded August 23, 2007, at Instrument Number 200708230017076;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **May 2, 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:

ALL THAT CERTAIN UNIT IN CITY OF KNOXVILLE 13TH WARD, 1ST (FORMERLY 2ND) CIVIL DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, STATE OF TN, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 223, PAGE 1189, ID NO. 070JM-007, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 7, BLOCK D, MCLEANS SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO BURLINGTON. FILED IN MAP BOOK 7, AND PAGE 72, SURVEY OF L.A. BILLIPS AND SON, SURVEYORS, BEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 30, 1967.

Parcel ID: 070MJ007

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3924 ALMA 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): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TEQUINCY W MCGHEE, FAITH MIRACLE JOY MCGHEE, ANGELA NICOLE WASHINGTON, BRENDA DARNETTE WASHINGTON, DERRICK LEON WASHINGTON, ERIC LAMON WASHINGTON, PAM JANELL WASHINGTON, SYLVESTER WASHINGTON, TIMOTHY DEWAYNE WASHINGTON

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CALVARY SPV I, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF BANK OF AMERICA/ FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A. 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 January 14, 2016, executed by JASON M PHILLIPS, 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 January 15, 2016, at Instrument Number 201601150041637;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **May 2, 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 DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 21, MAPLE VALLEY SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN PLAT RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 200402030074686, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 078MCO21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3316 MAPLE VALLEY LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**. 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): JASON M PHILLIPS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CAVALRY SPV I, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF HSBC BANK NEVADA, NA/CAPITAL ONE, N/A 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 #154364 04/01/2019, 04/08/2019, 04/15/2019

COURT NOTICES

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE CHILD:

Abigail Lynn Burress

D.O.B. 05/25/15

MARK DALE KENNEDY and wife,

AMY LYNN KENNEDY,

Petitioners

v.

BRITTANI BURRESS, Mother,

and MICHAEL DUCKERY, Father,

Respondents.

No. 197227-3

(Notice of Entry Requested)

It appearing from the sworn Complaint/ Petition that Respondents' whereabouts are unknown and that personal service of process cannot be had upon them; they are hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise defend against the Complaint/Petition of Mark and Amy Kennedy, Petitioners, whose attorney is Gregory H. Harrison, First Tennessee Plaza, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 1650, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929, within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this notice; otherwise, default judgment may be entered against them for the relief demanded in the Complaint/Petition. It is further ordered that this Notice shall be published in The Knoxville Focus, Knoxville, Tennessee, a newspaper issued weekly, once weekly for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning on March 25, 2019.

ENTER this _____ day of _____, 2019.

CHANCELLOR

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

GREGORY H. HARRISON, BPR No. 012656

Attorney for Petitioners

VALLIANT, HARRISON & SCHWARTZ, P.A.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Holy Spirit Presence

Whenever my wife and I go out for a date night, the kids will often ask: Where are you going and how long will you be gone? They have questions and need reassurance. This is what is happening with Jesus as he talks to his followers on the very night that he was arrested to be crucified. He knows that they are going to feel lost and abandoned when he leaves them. Jesus wants them to know they are really not going to be alone. The same is true for us. Even though we



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

feel alone, we are not really alone. Jesus said, “I will not leave you as orphans...” (John 14:18). He tells them he is going away, but he will come back. And while he is gone, there is another coming to be with them – the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus is leaving and the Holy Spirit is coming, but when you are used to Jesus, they likely wanted him and not someone else. When they were in the boat being buffeted by the wind and the waves, it was Jesus that calmed the storm. When

the people were hungry with no food for dinner, it was Jesus who blessed and multiplied the loaves and the fishes. In his presence they were courageous and comforted, but now he is leaving. The Holy Spirit is coming, but Jesus seems to understand this promise is hard for them to think of as a good thing. With that in mind, Jesus says, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). “It is good that I am going away,” Jesus says. How can this be for their good? Well, it is good because God in you is better than God’s presence

beside you. The Holy Spirit will live in them. At times I have thought about what it will be like in heaven someday to meet Abraham, Moses, and Elijah. To be able to talk with them and ask them what it was like to live back then and have God work through them in amazing ways. But here is a thought. They might turn around and ask us: So, tell me what it was like to have God live in you? What was it like to have the presence of the Holy Spirit on a continual basis? What was it like to have God’s power in you, giving you supernatural strength to endure?” The presence of the

Holy Spirit will help us in a number of ways. The Spirit will convict us of sin: “When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit helps convict us of sin and the fact we need a Savior. The Holy Spirit also confirms our salvation and affirms our relationship with God the Father. The Spirit affirms the fact that we are sons and daughters of God: “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:16). The more aware you are of the Spirit’s presence the more confident you are of your salvation. The Holy Spirit comforts us in our

troubles as well: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter to be with you forever” (John 14:16). The Bible speaks of comfort as a peace that can’t be explained but experienced to be understood. The Greek word for “Comforter” in this text is the word paraclete. It means to be drawn up alongside. Jesus wants the disciples to know that there is one who draws up alongside them. When you are next to the casket or going through a difficult time, you are not alone. The Holy Spirit draws up alongside. God is not just with you but in you.

Area April Old Harp Shape Note Singings

Ah, a fond memory: The 150-year-old Appalachian tradition of shape-note singing was presented at noon on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, as part of the “Appalachian Happening” at Big Ears 2018. Sam Amidon did start off the acapella, four-part harmony singing, and local singers did share the tradition that has continued in East Tennessee. Copies of the shape-note hymn tunes were available and all were invited and encouraged to join in. Whether or not you’ve ever heard of this old way of teaching singing, you may fall in love with the unusual chords and poetry. Here are your Old Harp Shape Note Singings coming up in April of 2019 in East TN. Loaner books are available. More

information is available at www.oldharp.org. Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m., Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church Singing, Townsend, TN, contact Tom Taylor at 865-984-8585. From Knoxville, take Alcoa Hwy, (Rt. 129) past McGee Tyson Airport. Go left at the fork. In Maryville, stay on Rt. 321 to Townsend (20+ miles). Turn right at the billboard saying Tuckaleechee Caverns. The church is a mile on the left. John Wright Dunn was the moderator until his death. No Epworth (Knoxville) Second Sunday Singing this month, since there’s an annual singing, details above, on the same day. Tuesday, April 16, 5 p.m. Old College Monthly Harp Singing, McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 West Madison Ave., Athens, TN Cora Sweatt at 423 745-0248.

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. Sevier County Monthly Old Harp Singing, Middle Creek United Methodist Church, 1828 Middle Creek Rd., Pigeon Forge, TN. David Sarten at 865 389-1300. Sunday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., Easter Dinner and Singing at Gooch-Mabbs residence, in Bearden area of Knoxville, TN, bring dish to share. Address is 4401 Alta Vista Way, Knoxville, TN. At Western Plaza (3 miles west of UT campus) turn south off Kingston Pike onto Noelton Drive which T’s into Alta Vista Way in a half mile. Location is a wooden house with deck on corner on the right. 865-522-0515 for more info. Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m., Franklin Monthly Old Harp Singing, Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Main St., Greeneville, TN. Jeff Farr at 423 639-8211.

Seymour Farmers Market News

Seymour Farmers Market is getting excited about the start of its 20th year serving the community. Dedicated to keeping agriculture part of the Seymour community heritage by encouraging gardening and small farming, Seymour Farmers Market has just finished its three-month series of free gardening classes and is looking forward to hosting the Saturday markets starting in June that are held in the parking lot of Seymour First Baptist Church. Membership in the market association is open to all members of the Seymour area community. Both vendors and customers of the summer farmers market may be interested in becoming members (\$5/year or service to the market). Seymour Farmers Market will have its annual meeting Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the community room of the Seymour Branch Library, 137 W Macon Lane, Seymour, TN. Agenda items for this meeting include a review of 2018 market and organizational activities, approval of dates and fees for 2019 market, and election of the board of directors. It is also time for crafters to apply. There cannot be more than 20-25% of

Seymour Farmers Market total vendors be craft vendors who are selling only or primarily non-agricultural products. Craft vendors for the season are selected by a committee who will review applications. All crafts for sale must be made by the vendor. Quality work and originality in design are desired. Crafts should be appropriate for sale in an outdoor setting where exposure to sun and rain occurs. You can review the guidelines for all vendors, as well as the details appropriate to craft-only vendors at seymourfarmersmarket.org. To apply, send your name, address, phone number and email address, along with a description of your craft. Please attach photographs representative of what you wish to sell. Submit applications to seymourfarmersmarkettn@gmail.com. Deadline for craft vendor application is the end of April. The committee will contact you early May with a decision. Please state in your application if you are interested in selling at the market throughout the entire season or would be willing to share the season with another vendor, such as a twice monthly basis. If you have further questions you may contact Marjie Richardson at the above gmail address.

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing legals@knoxfocus.com or calling (865) 686-9970.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS R CRAGLE
DOCKET NUMBER 81519-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS R CRAGLE who died Feb 19, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

This the 27 day of MARCH, 2019.

ESTATE OF PHYLLIS R CRAGLE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
WILLIAM M SLAYDEN, III; EXECUTOR
122 DEBUSK LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SANDRA KAYE ASHE MCCARTER
DOCKET NUMBER 81520-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27 day of MARCH 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SANDRA KAYE ASHE MCCARTER who died Feb 27, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before

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This the 27 day of MARCH, 2019.

ESTATE OF SANDRA KAYE ASHE
MCCARTER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TINA MARIE DAVIS; EXECUTRIX
228 STOOKSBURY LANE
ANDERSONVILLE, TN. 37705

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK LEE HAWKINS
DOCKET NUMBER 81479-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 17TH day of MARCH 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JACK LEE HAWKINS who died Oct 17, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 17TH day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF JACK LEE HAWKINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ROBIN E. COX; ADMINISTRATRIX
8024 CONNER ROAD
POWELL, TN. 37849

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD;

IN RE: JAMARIO LEEROY JONES
NO. 197709-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD it is ordered that said defendant THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Barbara Clark, an Attorneys whose address is, 2415 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of March, 2019.

Clerk and Master

MISC. NOTICES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on April 19, 2019 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

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1998 Che LumIn 2G1WL52M4W9234339
2001 Dod Dakot 1B7GG22N71S159991
2006 Uti N/A 1UYVS25306U011307
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2001 Bui Centu 2G4WS52JX11285587
1998 Bui LeSab 1G4HP52K4WH509153
2006 Lin Town 1LNHM84W76Y650390
2001 Nis Altim 1N4DL01D71C154284
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LEGAL SECTION 94

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

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RFP 2805, External Evaluator Services, due 5/2/19;

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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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for title:

Mitchell Zavaddil hereby serves notice that he/she intends to apply for a title on a vehicle described as follows: 2001 YAMAHA VIRAGO 250, Vehicle Identification Number JYA2UJE021A047663. Any and all parties holding an interest in said vehicle must contact Mitchell Zavaddil by certified mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) business days of the date of this publication to 743 Battle Front Trail, Knoxville, TN 37934

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Ripley's Aquarium is more than sharks and stingrays

Did I tell you we collect cups?

Yep, souvenir cups from hundreds of places my wife and I have visited around the country. Cups from state and national parks, cups

from commercial attractions, and cups from places like the Coke Museum in Atlanta, Macy's in New York City, and even from Walnut Grove, Minnesota on the "Little House Trail."

Some cups are simply painted with a logo, scene or animal. Others are unique in design, either miniature or figures. One cup, from Atlantic Beach, N.C. came with a spoon. Of these unique cups we recently bought one at Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies that is totally different.

The cup is tilted at an angle and shows a boat sinking as "Jaws" prepares to eat the boat. The tagline, from the movie Jaws, is "We're Gonna need a Bigger Boat!" The Ripley's Aquarium logo is in the inside bottom of the cup, making it even more unique.

We tied the Ripley's trip in with dining out and there's dozens of good food restaurants in the area. A brief walk uptown Gatlinburg is also worthwhile even if you're just people watching.

The cup purchase came as we completed our self-guided tour of the aquarium. We thought, going in the middle of the week, the crowd would be small. It wasn't and some schools must have had an early spring break because there were lots of kids, lots of older folks, lots of moms and dad, and lots of oohing and awing from beginning of the tour until the end. But there is so much to see at the aquarium that the crowd was moving at about our old-folks pace.

If you're planning a visit to Gatlinburg you should

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

start at the aquarium and you can park in the city-owned garage behind the aquarium for \$6 a day. The free shuttle bus stops and picks up passengers right in front of the aquarium

entrance or you can walk half a block and be on the main street and in the middle of all the shops and attractions.

The aquarium features sharks, huge fish, jellyfish, piranhas, sea horses, and lots of sea life you probably never knew existed. For an inland attraction Ripley's seems to have done a good job in presenting a wide variety of sea life.

We wanted to see the penguins and, as expected, they are cute and funny. The exhibit there also features a round viewing booth in the middle of the water

and kids were lined up in a little tunnel waiting their turns to stick their heads up in the glass tube and be near the birds.

Within the main admission price of \$32.99 for adults and \$17.99 for kids you can see divers in the shark exhibit and Sully the Sea Turtle. There are "combo" tickets available for additional aquarium features as well as other Ripley attractions in Gatlinburg.

The aquarium also features a glass-bottom boat ride for an additional charge and, also for an additional charge, you can "sleep with the sharks." A separate admission can get you the Penguin Encounter or the Penguin Painting, where one of the birds paints a 8 by 10 canvas you can take home.

We enjoyed seeing people pet the stingrays, peering at the unusual sea creatures, and walking through the glass tube that covers the moving sidewalk beneath the main aquarium



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Kids love penguins and at Ripley's Aquarium they can get in the middle of the exhibit to view the birds up close.

tank. The sidewalk moves just slow enough for viewing and some of the sharks glide very close to the glass. If you have a balance problem you may want to skip the moving walkway because each panel in

it turns as it comes to a corner of the tank.

From now until Memorial Day the Aquarium is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 until 9 and on Fridays through Sundays it is open 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Ripley's Mermaid Show returns this summer.

The Ripley's website offers discounts on tickets and combo packages at www.ripleyaquariums.com/gatlinburg.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Our newest cup from Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg.

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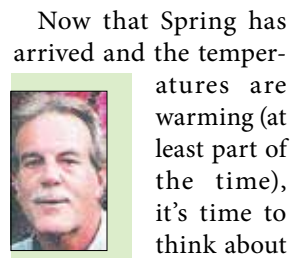
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Spring woodland wildflowers



By Mike Cruze,
Master Gardener

Now that Spring has arrived and the temperatures are warming (at least part of the time), it's time to think about hiking the Smoky Mountains looking for the beautiful blooming wildflowers/native flowers. I also look forward to meandering through my woodland garden on the ridge for the same reason. When planning and planting my woodland garden, I wanted it to mimic the Smokies and achieved that to some

degree...so the two have many similarities particularly in spring bloom season. So, let's talk about what we would typically see on the trails and in my woodland garden at this time of year.

One of the earliest blooming spring wildflowers in March and April is Hepatica. This perennial grows to 6 inches. Flowers are borne on long, hairy stems and are usually seen in white but colors vary widely from white to pink to lavender. There are two species in Tennessee. The Sharp-Lobed Hepatica in which the leaves are from one to three inches wide

and have three lobes with pointed tips. The Round Lobed Hepatica has three lobes, with rounded tips. On both species, the leaves appear after flowering and last through the winter then new leaves appear again after flowering. Of note, the people of the Middle Ages regarded it as a cure for liver ailments.

The Wood Anemone blooms March thru May. Wood Anemone is a spreader, where it is happy. It loves wooded, moist areas. It is generally white but can sometimes appear pink or pale lilac. It can be seen on the Abrams Falls Trail and

in my woodland garden and probably many other places as it is fairly common.

Twinleaf is another early blooming woodland perennial with white flowers. These white flowers are quite showy, up to 2.8 inches wide with 8 petals. The flower appears atop a leafless stalk. Its Latin name is Jeffersonia diphlia and was named in honor of Thomas Jefferson, by his friend and fellow botanist William Bartram.

One of my favorites in my woodland garden, that blooms in March and April, is Bloodroot. This is a perennial that grows 6 to 10 inches tall and spreads over time to form large colonies on the forest floor. The flowers are white, approximately 2 inches wide, 8-10

petaled with numerous yellow center stamens. The solitary flowers will only last a few days, but they bloom for over two weeks. The flowers open up in daylight but close at night. The rhizome has a bright red-orange juice (hence the common name, Bloodroot).

Let's add a little color to the wildflower woodland garden. The Celandine Poppy (or Yellow Wood Poppy) blooms in April and May. This is a showy bright yellow flower with interesting dissected leaves. These flowers like moist soil and they will naturalize and bring a burst of color year after year. Note that they will go dormant if the soil is too dry. They will self-sow and form a dense shade groundcover.

Virginia Bluebells add

a nice, soft touch of color to the woodland garden. The buds are pink, but the showy, nodding, tubular flowers are pale blue. They prefer part to full shade and moist, rich soils. This is an erect, clump-forming perennial which grows 1 to 2 feet tall. Foliage dies to the ground by mid-summer as the plant goes dormant.

Wild Geranium or Cranesbill appear in April and May with pink to purple flowers. They are an erect perennial from 12 to 28 inches tall. They are found on wooded slopes, seen on the Sugarlands Trail. It readily spreads and bees and butterflies cannot resist these plants. These bloom in spring for a period of 6-7 weeks. The flowers give way to distinctive, beaked seed capsules therefore the common name of Crane's Bill.

Wildflowers/native flowers are an essential part of the Smoky Mountains and my woodland garden and should be added to your woodland garden as well. They add much color and joy to the garden and by planting native, you are helping the environment and ecology. Once established, wildflowers beautify the landscape while providing habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Also, by planting some of these that I have mentioned, you too can have a piece of the Smokies right in your own backyard.



Dogwood Trails Officially Open With Ribbon Cutting On Farragut Trail

Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams and Knoxville City Mayor Madeline Rogero will join Missy Kane from Covenant Health, representatives from Dogwood Arts, and ORNL Federal Credit Union for the ribbon-cutting.

This year, the beautiful 7.9-mile-long Farragut Trail is the Featured Trail of the Dogwood Arts Trails & Gardens Program. The trail begins at the entrance to the Fox Den subdivision and features nearly 500 homes with impeccably maintained yards and bounteous dogwood blooms! Follow the pink lines through the Fox Den, Country Manor, and Village Green neighborhoods.

Spring in East Tennessee is all about the blooming Dogwood Trees and other blossoming foliage found along our nationally recognized Dogwood Trails. Marked by painted pink stripes on the street, 12 Dogwood Trails are spread through all parts of the city in neighborhoods that represent the community pride that abounds here.

The first trails were founded in 1955 by like-minded citizens who were eager to promote the natural beauty found in our region and those same trails still flourish today bidding visitors to walk, bike, and drive through them.

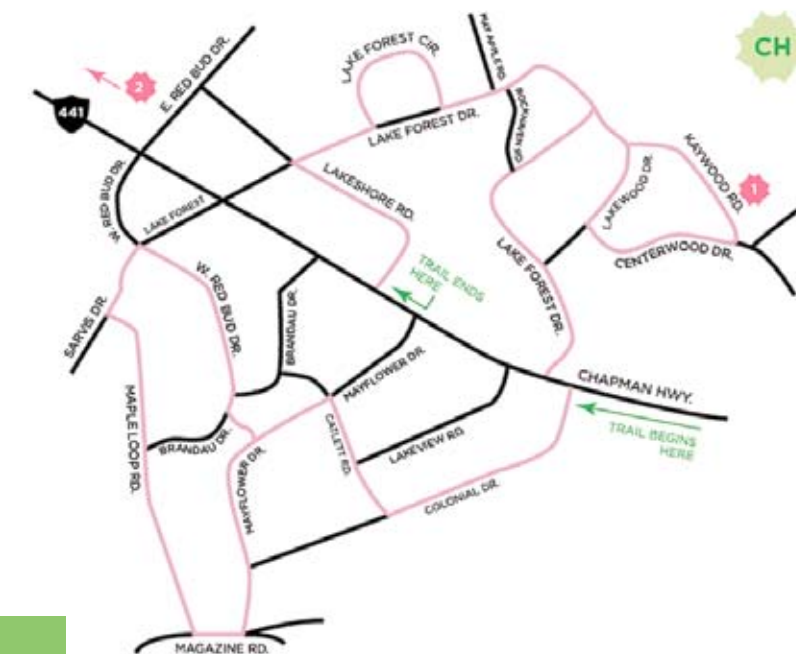
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WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, April 4, 2019

11:00 a.m. Ribbon-Cutting
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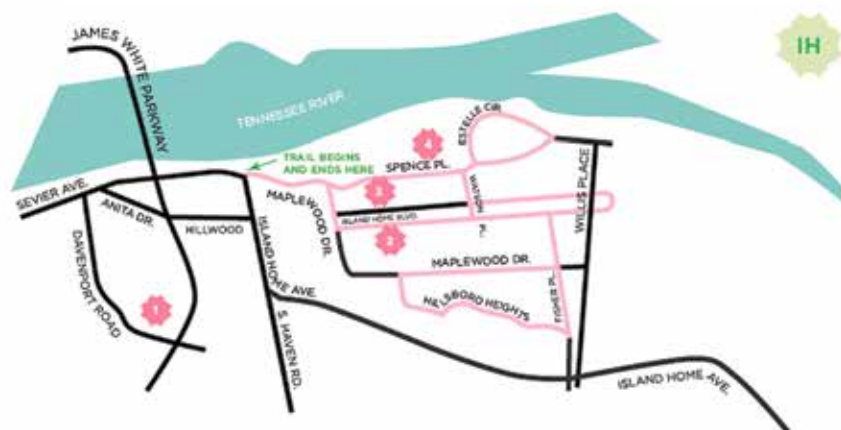
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3. Rocky & Lisa Stanley 📍
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4. Craig & Sue Wrisberg
2125 Spence Lane, 37920

Chalk Walk Brings Color & Vibrancy To Knoxville Sidewalks

Chalk Walk returns to Downtown Knoxville on Saturday, April 6 th . Professional and emerging artists of all ages will turn downtown sidewalks into canvases celebrating the long standing tradition of Italian street painting.

Live street painting is a truly unique form of public art as it combines the visual and performing arts, captivating a crowd while challenging the artist to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece in a short period of time.

Thousands of art lovers head downtown each year to experience this live

art competition.

Chalk Walk will feature over 150 artists and collaborative teams working on site from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. to complete their artwork. Cash prizes and ribbons are awarded to select artists who have created imaginative and inspiring artworks in their age division. The People's Choice Award, presented by WIVK, will allow guests to text-to-vote for their favorite square. Kids of all ages can also create their own chalk masterpiece with free chalk provided in The First Tennessee Fun Zone.

When: April 6, 2019

Where: Market Square and
Krutch Park (Downtown
Knoxville)

Time: 8:00 a.m .to 8:00 p.m.
(Award Ceremony at 7 p.m.)

How much: Free (though on-site donations are encouraged)

**UT Gardens'
Annual
Spectacular
Plant Sale
SATURDAY**

Celebrate the joy of spring with beautiful new additions for your garden. The University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, will hold its annual Spring Spectacular Plant Sale on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The inventory for this sale is selected for ornamental appeal, plant hardiness and environmental adaptability. Many selections will not be found easily locally and may be new to the market. Shoppers should find true garden gems to add to their home landscape. Professional horticulture staff and Tennessee Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions and provide design advice.

The sale will feature an array of herbs, edibles, perennial and annual flowers, native plants, trees and shrubs. "We're most excited to be offering this year choice selections of three shrubs valued for non-stop blooming all summer and which are also the most dwarf-growing selections of their kind!" says Susan Hamilton, director of the UT Gardens.

Admission is free. All sale proceeds benefit UT Gardens, the official State Botanic Garden of Tennessee. The UT Gardens is located on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus on Neyland Drive.

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3. Dr. Richard Gillespie

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5. Dick & Ann Graf

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Stunning river and city views from atop this lovely garden setting.

6. David & Sharon Gerkin

Open Garden
2300 Lakemoor Drive, 37920



Morning Pointe Foundation Presents 'An Evening With Kim Campbell'

The Morning Pointe Foundation is sponsoring a free Alzheimer's caregiver even featuring Kim Campbell, wife of the late Grammy award-winning country music legend Glen Campbell, on April 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Shoreline Church, located at 9635 Westland Drive in Knoxville.

This is the sixth event sponsored by the Foundation featuring Kim's message of hope that has touched many in the aging population. Over the past five years, Kim has shared her story in Brentwood, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, Tennessee and in

Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky, offering inspiration to audiences across the Southeast. The event will be hosted by Beth Haynes, an anchor/reporter for WBIR-TV 10 and is sponsored in partnership with First Tennessee, TIS, WBIR-TV 10, and Morning Pointe assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care communities in Knoxville, Clinton, Lenoir City, and Powell.

Kim has toured the nation, spreading her heartfelt and uplifting message as she shares her personal journey as a caregiver to Glen, who passed away in 2017 with

Alzheimer's disease. With Kim at his side, Glen's whirlwind goodbye tour in 151 cities was filmed and broadcast on CNN during the summer of 2015. Their documentary I'll Be Me is available on DVD.

Morning Pointe communities, in partnership with Morning Pointe Foundation, have carried educational initiatives across the Southeast to support the caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's and memory disorders. The Foundation also provides scholarships to nursing students throughout Tennessee and Kentucky who are pursuing careers in senior healthcare.

"Morning Pointe has made a commitment to spreading awareness about the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers," says Greg A. Vital, the president and co-founder of Morning Pointe Senior Living. "For several years, we have been proud to provide a platform for Kim's message, as her story

has brought much inspiration to everyone who hears it."

"When you make yourself vulnerable and you are honest about what you are going through, people want to love and support you," Kim says, reflecting on the impact she and Glen made when reaching out to others who share similar experiences with Alzheimer's disease.

"Kim's story is truly unforgettable," says Mandy Taylor, vice president of clinical services at Morning Pointe Senior Living. "We are humbled to have the opportunity to share her message of hope with those in East Tennessee whose lives have been touched by Alzheimer's disease in some form or fashion."

To learn more about this and other Morning Pointe Foundation events, RSVP at www.morningpointefoundation.com or call (877) 776-4683. Doors open at 6 p.m. and free parking and handicap parking will be available at Shoreline Church. There will be open seating, and no ticket is required. Handicap seating will be available. Guests will be able to purchase copies of Glen's film I'll Be Me and CDs.

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First Tennessee, TIS, WBIR-TV 10, and the Morning Pointe assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care communities in Knoxville, Clinton, Lenoir City, and Powell are proud to present "An Evening with Kim Campbell," a free event spotlighting Kim Campbell, wife of the late country music legend Glen Campbell, as she shares her personal story as an Alzheimer's caregiver.

32 Morning Pointe assisted living and The Lantern at Morning Pointe Alzheimer's Center of Excellence communities in five southeastern states. IHP was

founded in 1996 by Tennessee healthcare entrepreneurs, Greg A. Vital and Franklin Farrow. For more information, please visit www.morningpointe.com.

Mabry-Hazen House Seeks Volunteers For Park Day

On Saturday, April 6, 2019, history buffs, community leaders, and preservationists will aid in the maintenance and restoration of numerous sites as part of Park Day, the American Battlefield Trust's annual hands-on preservation event. Thousands of volunteers across the country will participate as Park Day celebrates its 23rd year with events in 32 states.

In Knoxville, Mabry-Hazen House will host a Park Day event beginning at 9 a.m. Needs will include clearing underbrush from a historic dogwood grove, mulching beds, removal of invasive plants, planting flowers, preparing the garden beds, and general spring-cleaning. Some tools will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, pitchforks, tarps, and similar yard tools. Patrick Hollis, executive director and curator of Mabry-Hazen House, will also be available to describe the site's significance. In case of rain, Park Day will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, April 13th. For more information about Park Day

at Mabry-Hazen House, please contact Patrick Hollis by phone at 865-522-8661 or by e-mail at director@mabryhazen.com.

The American Battlefield Trust is a national nonprofit land preservation organization devoted to the protection of America's hallowed battlefields. It saves the battlefields of the Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812, and educates the public about their importance in forging the nation we are today. To date, the Trust has preserved over 50,000 acres of battlefield land in 24 states. Learn more at battlefields.org.

The Mabry-Hazen House Museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located atop Mabry's Hill in Knoxville, Tennessee. Built in 1858, three generations of the

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same family resided in the Italianate-style home overlooking downtown Knoxville, Tennessee River, and Great Smoky Mountains. The museum showcases one of the largest original family collection in America with over 2,000 original artifacts on display.

40th Annual Open House Scheduled at UT College of Veterinary Medicine

**Public Has Opportunity
to See Behind the Scenes
of Veterinary Medicine**

The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine will hold its annual open house Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The free event will take place, rain or shine, on the UT agricultural campus, located on Neyland Drive. The tours are self-guided.

Children are encouraged to bring their stuffed animals to the Teddy Bear Clinic for veterinary students to examine. Guests will learn about physical rehabilitation and tour exhibits featuring small animal medicine, large animal medicine, community organizations and pet rescue groups. The anatomy lab with

various skeletons and plastinated specimens is always a crowd favorite. Canine and equine parades of breeds are scheduled throughout the day. Guests can also enjoy learning about various farm animal breeds.

No registration for individuals is necessary. Please do not bring pets to Open House. Groups of 15 or more are asked to visit the "frequently asked questions" section of the website at <http://tiny.utk.edu/VETMEDopenhouse> for further guidelines.

The veterinary open house is held each year to better acquaint the public with veterinary medicine and services provided at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, which was established in 1974. Visit <http://tiny.utk.edu/VETMEDopenhouse> or call 865-974-7377 for information.

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