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## Celebrate with the city at Festival on the Fourth

The City of Knoxville hosts the community-wide Festival on the Fourth celebration at World's Fair Park on Thursday, July 4, 4-10 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy free activities, live music and the City's largest fireworks display.

This year's festival also marks the debut of the park's improved Performance Lawn. The \$2.5 million project updated water and electric service, improved drainage, and added new sod, pervious paver hardscaping and an enlarged entry area and gates.

"We're excited to host this family-friendly holiday event," says City Special Events Director Judith Foltz. "The new lawn is a wonderful addition for both the Festival on the Fourth as well as future events in World's Fair Park."

Festival on the Fourth features a variety of entertainment, activities and food vendors on the Performance Lawn, Festival Lawn and inside the Tennessee Amphitheater.

Live family entertainment on the Home Federal Bank Family Fun Stage at the Tennessee Amphitheater includes:

4:15 - 4:45 p.m.: K-Pop Dancers

5 - 5:45 p.m.: Dre Hilton

6 - 7 p.m.: The Amazing Magic Show with Tim Pressley

Activities in the Regal Kids Zone on the Festival Lawn include mini-golf, a water balloon game, Legos by Bricks 4 Kids, a climbing wall and a Euro-bungy trampoline. Families can also enjoy face painting and a photo booth.

On the park's Festival Lawn Stage, Bary Jolly performs Jimmy Buffet's songs from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m., followed by classic rock covers by the Bicho Brothers from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Music on the Performance Lawn Stage begins at 5 p.m. with a performance by the Stoney Point Bluegrass Band.

At 8 p.m., the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's 35th annual Free Pilot Flying J

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Eddie Mannis chats with Calvin Skinner during the Tuesday evening League of Women Voter's Mayoral Candidate forum. All six candidates for Knoxville Mayor spoke and answered questions submitted by those present. Mayoral candidates pictured from left to right are: Michael Andrews, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Mannis, Skinner and Marshall Stair.

## Community policing and the candidates for mayor

By Mike Steely  
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One of the topics addressed during the League of Women Voters Mayoral Candidate Forum Tuesday night was community policing. Knoxville is currently planning to relocate the police and fire departments to the former St. Mary's hospital just off Broadway. Not all of the six candidates agree with that and each addressed the idea of spreading the police department out through the city rather than one central location.

Eddie Mannis was the first to answer the question and said he believes that a precinct model is "a better way to go." He said putting the police back in the community builds relationships and said, "That is a better model of policing and helps build a relationship."

Indya Kincannon said she supports the community policing model and said that police officers should be paid better. "When I talk to officers about recruiting more officers no one ever says we need a better building."

"Police working in an area have the opportunity to get to know the people in that area," said Michael Andrews. "You get better community input."

Fletcher Burkhardt said he thinks the precinct idea "is great" but said it increases the cost. He also said the police and fire department employees need "proper pay" and to get rid of antiquated rule books. He said that he saw an officer who had to wear long sleeves in hot weather because of a tattoo on his wrist.

Calvin Taylor Skinner said that police officers should reflect the community in which they serve and

called for more diversity and better mental health training. He said community policing is "helpful."

"We're doing that now with community meetings and building relationship with business owners," said Marshall Stair. He added, "I'm not for the precinct model because the city of Knoxville is not that big. At this time when we're understaffed I don't think that makes sense."

The forum, held at the Knoxville News-Sentinel office, drew a large crowd of supporters and citizens. Questions also included indigent care, affordable housing, hacking threats of city records, Pilots and Tiffs for business tax breaks, attracting minority businesses, and gun violence.

Each candidate gave a brief introduction and a closing statement. In

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## Urgent Care Center agreement passes in split vote

By Mike Steely  
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As Governor Bill Lee did not budget funding for centers like the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center the director of Helen Ross McNabb, Jerry Vagnier, has been approaching Knoxville and Knox County governments with a request for increased local funding for a reduced care program.

The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center opened with great fanfare last year with the state covering most of the cost of the building and first year's operation. The

center reported treating more than 500 mentally ill or addicted people apprehended by local law enforcement for minor offenses. Those were given the option of 72 hours of treatment with follow ups or being taken to jail.

Vagnier stood before the Knox County Commissioners last week and successfully pleaded for funding. The approval came in a split vote, 6-4, and only after some grilling of the director by some of the commissioners.

The resolution, as approved, provides \$840,000 from the county.

The city has already agreed to provide \$575,000. The loss of state funds, said Vagnier, means cutting back the 72-hour stay to 24 hours with expanded follow up after discharge. He said the center will increase the number of case workers to follow those discharged patients.

Vagnier received several critical questions from Commissioners Randy Smith, Justin Biggs, John Schoonmaker and Evelyn Gill. In the final count they voted "No" on the funding. Supporting the funding were Brad Anders, Richie Beeler, Carson Dailey,

Larsen Jay, Michele Carriager and Hugh Nystrom.

Asked about following up patients Vagnier said the Center works with KARM, VMC, Cherokee Health and Peninsula Hospital. He called the other agencies "a matrix of providers."

He also said that the 72-hour stay policy will not end immediately and will probably take about six months. Asked about the initial estimate of treating 1,500 people over the first year and only treating about 500 Vagnier said they would have treated the 1,500 had the patients been brought to them.

"You haven't met the agenda under the first contract," commented Gill.

Barbara Cook, a citizen long opposed to the center, urged the commission to reject the funding and called the current program "a failure."

"Helen Ross McNabb has never been held accountable for the grants they receive," she said, charging that the center "got a building out if it."

Commissioner Smith said the commission has never received a report about the operation of the center and Vagnier said he made an annual report to

the mayor. He also said the center will submit quarterly reports in the coming fiscal year. Smith also asked how long the follow up care will be for each patient and Vagnier said "three to six months."

Commissioner Larsen Jay asked if the success of the center can be measured over three to five years of operation and Vagnier agreed.

The commission also passed on consent \$101,127 in carry-over funding from the current state allotment with a county match of \$25,282 for the Urgent Care Unit.

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# Who is the big fundraiser in the Knoxville mayoral race?

By Mike Steely  
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If any of the six candidates receive 50 percent plus one vote, the Knoxville Primary Election will decide the next mayor. The name would appear on the November ballot without opposition except for possible

write-in candidates.

Only two of the top vote getters will move on beyond the August 27th Primary, but which two? A prominent television pundit recently said that if one candidate puts a fortune into the race they could get the 50%-plus-one and

realize an early win.

If you only look at the amount of donations reported in their April 4th reports it looks like a race between Councilman Marshall Stair and Prestige Cleaners owner and HonorAir founder Eddie Mannis. While the election is non-partisan, Democrat

Stair and Republican Mannis would make for an interesting race.

Indya Kincannon, a former school board member and former city employee, is often mentioned in a three-way race but hasn't raised anything near what Stair and Mannis have.

The April numbers have Marshall Stair topping the field, reporting \$224,750 in campaign funds on hand. Mannis reported \$140,622 in his campaign war chest and Kincannon reported \$40,221 in her balance.

Among the other three candidates only Fletcher

Burckhardt reported \$369.04. Neither Michael W. Andrews nor Calvin Taylor Skinner filed a report of contributions or available balance.

The next campaign finance reports are due July 15.

## Will I Have To Pay Alimony?

When I am discussing someone's divorce case with them, one of the questions that often comes up is, "Am I going to have to pay them alimony?"



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So, when someone asks me if they are going to have to pay alimony here are the questions I ask them before they answer:

First, I ask them how long they have been married. There

are exceptions, but generally alimony is not awarded in short-term marriages. Typically, you do not see alimony awarded for very long, if at all, if the couple has been married less than 10 years.

Second, I ask them who makes more money? If they make less money than their spouse, or they make about the same, then alimony will typically not be awarded.

It's important to know that alimony is totally separate from child support. Someone can be awarded both alimony and child support in certain situations. If someone is awarded alimony, how long will they get it for? There are no hard and fast rules to this, but a decent rule of thumb is that if alimony is going to be awarded, it will generally be for one-third of the length of the marriage, or less.

Does the disadvantaged spouse have a real need to be awarded monthly financial support paid by their ex?

Does the spouse in a better financial position have the ability to actually afford to pay the other spouse alimony?

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## Tax break approved for Supreme Court building

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The Dover Corporation is in the process of renovating the former Tennessee State Supreme Court building which sat vacant for about 20 years. The city has already granted a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement and last week the Knox County Commission agreed also.

While the tax break is based on the current assessed value no taxes have been paid by the state or the city, which assumed ownership of the large complex at 719 Locust Street. The matter was discussed during the commission's work session the previous week.

The commission passed a break for both the hospitality proposal and the multi-family proposal within Dover's request. The developer is planning a \$73 million investment in renovations and improvements.



The former state Supreme Court building in the future may appear much like this rendering from Dover Development. The idea is to have retail, apartments and hotel rooms there and the county joined the city in approving a tax break for the project last week.

Knox County Finance Director Chris Caldwell told The Focus that the building is being appraised at \$2.6 million, about what the city paid the state. Over the 25-year tax break, the agreement will generate \$22,000 each year in county taxes.

In other action the Knox County Commission passed a denunciation of threats of violence against the LGBT community and affirmed

equal protection rights to all citizens. Chairman Hugh Nystrom read the resolution which included "WHEREAS, in light of current events, the Knox County Mayor and County Commission wish to confirm and state with emphasis that all of these rights of protection, and due process of the law, fully extend to Knox County citizens who are members of the LGBT community."

Knox County's outside

audit firm, Pugh & Company, were granted a one year extension of their contract on the recommendation of the audit committee.

Linda Reeves was chosen over two other applicants to join the air pollution control board. Mike Conger was reappointed to that board and Robert R. Scott was also appointed. Reeves takes the seat representing Pellissippi State community College.

Geosyntec Consultants were hired to do a flood control study in the county for \$198,000 on the recommendation of engineering and public works and Waste Management Inc. was approved to service Knox County agencies, schools, and Public Building Authority facilities.

The commission honored the Bearden High School Dance Team for winning two national championships and memorialized the late attorney Arthur Seymour Jr.

## Festival on the Fourth

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Independence Day Concert featuring KSO Music Director Aram Demirjian begins its performance. Patriotic favorites from Aaron Copland, John Philip Sousa and John Williams will be performed.

The program will showcase tributes to the 75th anniversary of D-Day with selections from "Saving Private Ryan" and the 50th anniversary of the 1969 moon landing with selections from the score of "Apollo 13."

The City's largest annual fireworks display begins at 9:35 p.m. The Symphony's performance and fireworks display will be broadcast live on WBIR-TV Channel 10 and WBIR.com from 8-10 p.m.

Free parking is available

in the 11th Street, Locust Street, Walnut Street, State Street and Market Square garages, as well as the City's Blackstock lots on Grand Avenue. ADA parking is available at the Fort Kid parking lot on World's Fair Park Drive.

Guests are invited to bring chairs and blankets, but no coolers, alcohol, pop-up tents, canopies or pets will be allowed. In addition, scooter vendors will activate geofencing around the fair site to prohibit scooters from entering.

Be advised of the following festival-related road closures:

World's Fair Park Drive between Clinch and Grand avenues will be closed 2-11 p.m. Thursday;

Clinch Avenue between

Henley and 11th streets will be closed 2-11 p.m. Thursday; and

Henley Bridge between Hill and Blount avenues will be closed 4-11 p.m. Thursday.

This annual event happens rain or shine. Visit [KnoxvilleTN.gov/4th](http://KnoxvilleTN.gov/4th) for additional information.

### Other holiday closures

City offices, Parks and Recreation centers and indoor pools will be closed Thursday, July 4. Outdoor pools will be open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and resume normal schedules on July 5. Cecil Webb Recreation Center will be closed Friday. West Haven Recreation Center will be closed the full week, July 1-7.

Residential garbage and recycling pick-ups will continue as scheduled; Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.

City recycling centers will be open July 4, however, Goodwill attendants will not be on site to accept household goods donations. The City's Solid Waste Management Facility at 1033 Elm Street will be closed July 4. Free Day for city residents will be held on its normally scheduled day of Saturday, July 6.

Knoxville Area Transit will suspend bus and trolley service on July 4, and the Customer Service Counter will be closed. Regularly scheduled services resume July 5.



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# Publisher's Position

## Knoxville Pastor/Detective A Disgrace



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There has been a lot of attention paid to the remarks made by Knox County Sheriff's deputy Grayson Fritts, as there should have been. Fritts, a pastor, called for gay people to be executed in a sermon to his flock. It is incredible to think any

legitimate minister would say such a thing, especially when one considers Jesus was executed. Several public officials have rightly pointed out the basis for Christianity is love, not hate. Some folks have been bothered by the fact Fritts is eligible to take an early retirement from Knox County. The early retirement program is available to all those county employees who qualify and ultimately saves taxpayers money. The Focus has pointed out in the past that Sheriff's deputies enjoy a much better pension than regular county employees. It is true some have been able to retire at close to full salary despite the

fact the Knox County Charter clearly states no employee may retire at more than 75% of his/her salary. Sheriff's deputies get 2 1/2 times the amount paid into their pension accounts than other Knox County employees. Sheriff's deputies also receive a lifetime pension, which other county employees do not. No public employee in Knox County deserves more than the law will allow irrespective of what supposed formula is computed by a particular department or board. This is one reason so many pension funds have so great a liability and eventually the taxpayers will have to

make up the difference. When the special pension plan for the Sheriff's department was narrowly approved by county voters, Knox County had to immediately come up with \$60 million to put into the pension plan. The horrendous remarks and views of Grayson Fritts have caused many of our citizens to pay attention to early retirement and pension benefits. It is nothing less than a disgrace that a supposed man of God would express views that are utterly vile and completely unacceptable. It is a shocking reminder that there are still those among us who have views that are not

only disgusting, but disturbingly like those of a ruthless totalitarian regime. Hates does nothing except paralyzes one's life, while love allows one perfect freedom. While the Sheriff and I may not agree about the pension problem in Knox County, I will say that Sheriff Tom Spangler deserves no blame for Grayson Fritts and did only what he could in a very difficult and embarrassing situation. Spangler is in no way responsible for the hateful views expressed by Grayson Fritts and I am sure he was as surprised by the deputy's comments as much as anyone of us. Jesus never advocated

the execution of anyone and Grayson Fritts' views are reprehensible in the extreme and brought disgrace upon himself and our community. The end of love, someone once wrote, is the beginning of war. Nothing good comes from hatred and it poisons the soul, the very thing that separates human beings from God's lower creatures. Unfortunately, we are occasionally reminded that even some human beings have not only a base nature, but in fact act like lower creatures themselves. All we can do is make it clear that we do not agree with them and pray for them as well.

## KCHD's next Diabetes Management Series starts July 12

The Knox County Health Department's next Diabetes Management Series takes place Fridays, July 12, 19 and 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. at KCHD, 140 Dameron Ave. The organization offers the free, three-part series quarterly to help those affected by the disease. "In this unique class, we go beyond diet, medications and exercise to teach participants the science, so they can easily recognize what affects their blood sugar levels," said Shanthi Appelo, KCHD nutritionist and registered dietitian. Those with Type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes are encouraged to attend. Spouses and friends of those affected are also encouraged to attend as a strong support system is important in managing the disease. Parking is free. Those interested should call 865-215-5170 or visit the link at [surveymonkey.com/r/July2019DMC](http://surveymonkey.com/r/July2019DMC) to register. Having diabetes is a risk factor for

developing serious health complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower-extremity amputations. In 2014, it was estimated that 10.5 percent of Knox County adults (18+ years) have been diagnosed with the disease. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. and the eighth leading cause of death in Knox County. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if current trends continue, as many as 1 out of 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by 2050. Due to the prevalence of this disease, KCHD also provides several prevention programs aimed at reducing diabetes rates, including the Nutrition Education Activity Training (N.E.A.T.) after-school program, the walking school bus program, worksite wellness initiatives, breastfeeding promotion and advocacy, community engagement programs, and others.

## Community policing and the candidates for mayor

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his closing statement Andrews said he doesn't have all the answers but is willing to listen and come up with solutions. Kincannon said her top priorities are families and community and having the city work for everybody. Burkhardt said he is a fan of efficient government and that Knoxville should

become the blueprint for the Southeast. Stair said he can't remember when Knoxville has been doing better and is proud of being part of that success as a council member. Mannis said that Mayor Rogero has been doing a good job and the new mayor should build on that success. He said he has the executive level experience to do that.

Skinner said the city needs a vision as to who is part of the conversation to move the city forward where it could and should go. The League of Women Voters are holding a forum for city council candidates Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Knoxville News Sentinel's Community Room at 2332 News Drive beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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# Kim Bennett retiring from Pension Board



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## Thoughts for Today

Back on March 28th of this year in my book "My Daily Psalms and Prayers", I came across this lovely paragraph. Let me share it with you:

"Why is it that those who do the right thing so often seem to lose out, while those who take shortcuts and cheat and steal and lie seem to have the advantage? I want to call people on the things—to say something to the person who jumps in front of me, to call attention to the lies of that coworker who got away with something he or she shouldn't have, and to set things right when someone isn't being fair! But you call me to be still, Lord—to be still in mind and body—and to wait for you. Please take the grudging attitude from my obedience and help me wait willingly, expectantly, and patiently."

As I pondered over those words, I thought how hard it is to be patient and not wish that things would be different. It is hard to be patient with my computer. For several months I have been patiently trying to figure out what makes it tick. It seems to be changing nearly every day in different forms—it seems like it to me. I get used to working it one way and the next day it changes to another way. My grandmother was witty and wise, and one of the verses she used to remind us of when she knew we were trying to get away with something we shouldn't, "Be sure your sin will find you out. God sees, even if I don't," she told us. Thus He sees when we're impatient and feel badly when things don't go our way. He gives us patience when needed."

Thought for the day: "O Lord. Thou knowest how busy I must be this day: if I forget thee, do not thou forget me." Written by Sir Jacob Astley, uttered by him before death in a battle in the English Civil War. Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net or 865-748-4717. Thank you.

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After 20 years of service with Knox County Kim Bennett, executive director of the pension and retirement board, is retiring.

Bennett's application to take the Volunteer Workforce Reduction Program offer was accepted last week during a meeting of the board. She steered the board through questions involving pensions for retiring sheriff's department employees when the board permitted vacation days to be included in the calculation of retirement benefits.

The board's retirement director, Debbie Slagle, was also approved for the early retirement program.

Jennifer Schroeder, currently the assistant executive director, will apparently be confirmed to replace



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Kim Bennett (right) listens as Commissioner Larsen Jay speaks during a meeting of the Knox County Pension and Retirement Board. Bennett, seated next to Finance Director Chris Caldwell, is taking the early retirement option being offered to Knox County employees.

Bennett during the board's next meeting. Schroeder joined the meeting by telephone.

Board member Commissioner Larsen Jay asked the meeting how it goes about appointing a director and added that "nothing is in

place" to direct the board to a replacement.

Schroeder said a financial analyst has been added to the staff and although the office will lose two employees it can absorb the workload. She said the analyst may work

three days a week.

The board's July 5th meeting will decide on the new director and Bennett and Slagle will be honored following the business meeting.

The early retirement program being offered by the

county, according to Bennett, may result in 135 to 140 employees leaving various departments. Several retirements were approved by the board including an application from a sheriff's officer, Robert Lawson.

There was also a discussion involving a retired employee who had passed away but was still receiving a retirement check. Apparently the board was never informed of his passing.

Members of the Knox County Pension and Retirement Board include Chairman and Financial Director Chris Caldwell, who fills in for Mayor Glenn Jacobs. Commissioners Jay, Brad Anders, Hugh Nystrom, and Randy Smith serve on the board as well as Secretary Tracy Foster, Jennifer Hammelgarn, Gabe Mullinax and Janet Samar.

## Candidates asked about schools inside city

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The Knoxville Focus is asking the city council candidates for At Large Seat C, currently held by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders, a series of questions. Five people are in the race but only two will progress to the general election after the August 27th primary.

The other three contested seats on city council have only two candidates each and both will appear on the primary and general election ballots. To the only disputed council seat we asked a series of questions and have selected one of those to publish this week.

Some of the Knoxville schools, which were transferred to the county years ago, are in need of repair and or replacement. The county has designated a new elementary school

for Lonsdale and Adrian Burnett. The school board also asked for additions to Brickey-McCloud and Sterchi elementary.

Most answers appear in the order they were received. The Focus is accumulating answers as the race progresses and this week we are asking the following:

### How can the city help with county schools located inside the city?

**Amelia Parker:** On a daily basis, the city must ensure that the roads, sidewalks, and intersections that our students travel are safe, as well as provide adequate public transportation options with shelter from the elements to accommodate our populations commuting to school and

work by bus, trolley, and other methods. Additionally, the city helps through its increasing support of the Great Schools Partnership, which provides support services and resources to schools in Knox County, and that support should continue. The city can also support our public schools and our K-12 students by ensuring that the Memorandum of Understanding between law enforcement and the schools (to which the city is a part) limits the role of police and school resource/security officers in our schools to dealing with external threats to the school and not the disciplining of our children.

**David Williams:** When new schools are built there is a great tendency for neighborhoods around them to flourish. Areas can be revitalized as residents

and businesses can come together offering new jobs, community pride, and a center of activity.

**Bob Thomas:** The city allocates over 70% of the city's sales tax collections to the Knox County Schools\*. But could they do more? Sure! I would like the city to adopt the Knox County Schools in the city. They could help raise funds for them and provide other support through vocational education. (\*Some sales tax money inside the CBID goes to pay down the Convention Center debt.)

**Hubert Smith:** Knox County Board of Education members are duly elected, as are city council. They don't try to run city government, and I don't believe as a city council member, that I should try to run schools. The city already contributes over 70 cents of each sales tax dollar to schools, so it's not as if we play no role.

**Amy Midis:** Education is the greatest societal

equilibrium and provides the best opportunity for the success of our future generation. I have two daughters and I am constantly reminded how critical it is for my husband and I to be engaged in their education to ensure their success. Parents face so many demands, and in some underserved areas, that includes often working multiple jobs or finding adequate housing. I commend the work of the Community School Programs which has now expanded to 15 schools within Knoxville, but I think we can do more. I am excited to hear an increased discussion in this mayoral campaign about ways the city administration can help improve underperforming schools. I hope to be a part of a new administration that addresses this increased need in our city.

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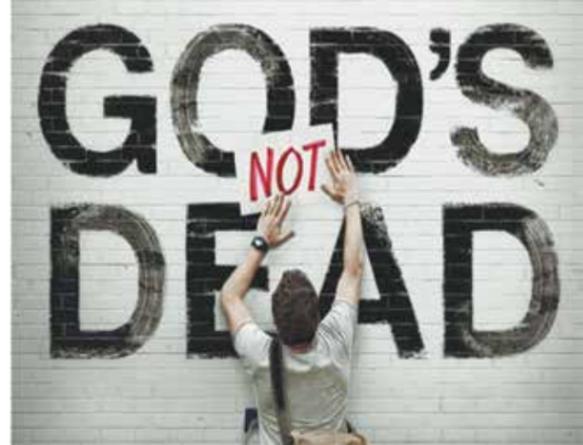
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## Is there city-county park and greenway system in the future?

By Mike Steely  
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Knox County has completed four public meetings to get opinions on a proposed 65 miles of greenway extensions for four corridors. The corridors include Beaver Creek from Melton Hill Park to the Gibbs community, Northshore from the Loudon County line to Lakeshore Park, Chapman Highway that would run north from the Sevier County line to Gary Underwood Park, and John Sevier, from Chapman Highway to Alcoa Highway and eventually connect with the Knox-Blount greenway.

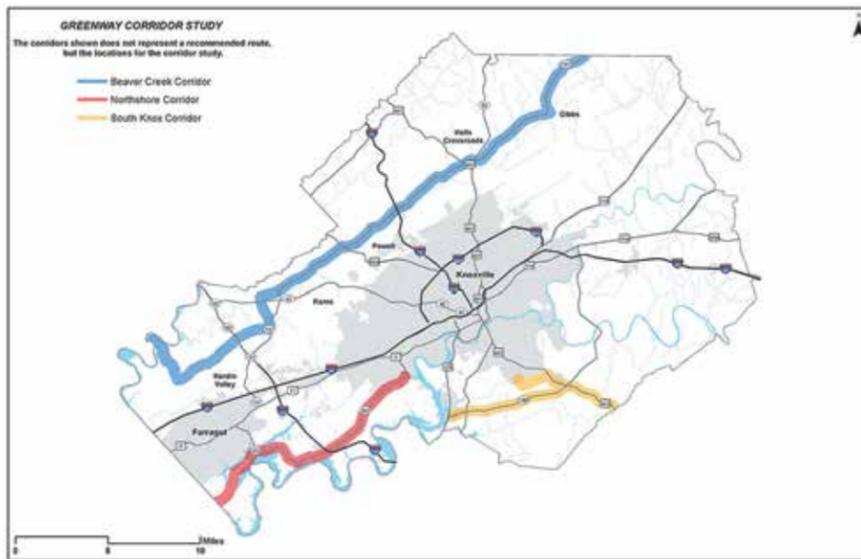
In many cases these county greenways already connect or will connect

with Knoxville City greenways and parks. More information is available at [www.knoxgreenwaystudy.com](http://www.knoxgreenwaystudy.com).

The overlap of city and county greenways brings up a continuing question: "Should Knox County and the City of Knoxville combine their Parks and Recreation departments?" The two jurisdictions already share several departments and services such as the Public Housing Authority, Libraries, Knox County Schools, the Election Commission and Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

Both Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knoxville Mayor Madeline

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Four public hearings were held recently to get the opinion of county residents on extensions of the Knox County Greenways. Many greenways currently connect or will connect to city greenways. Art courtesy of Knox County.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

City Councilman Andrew Roberto, Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons and Councilmembers Stephanie Welsh, Lauren Rider and Finbarr Saunders gather for a picture on during the Knox Pride Parade on June 22.

## Business leader, anonymous donor pledge substantial contributions to Fort Kid

Businessman Thomas Boyd has fond memories of growing up and playing at Fort Kid, and he wants to make sure his 1-year-old daughter, and everyone else in the area, has the same opportunity.

Boyd is helping to raise funds needed for a public-private collaboration to re-energize and upgrade the playground, which was constructed by volunteers 28 years ago and is in need of major repairs.

Knoxville Museum of Art Executive Director David Butler sees the huge untapped potential of engaging with families by extending public art and programming to the iconic Fort Kid play area across the street from the museum's front door. He is encouraged by the high level of community interest in and support for Fort Kid.

The City of Knoxville has designated \$300,000 in the 2019-20 budget to prepare the site for a safe and accessible Fort Kid, and that site-preparation work will begin toward the end of this year.

Community fundraising for the Fort Kid reconstruction immediately got off to a strong start: Thomas Boyd, owner of Rebel Kitchen, Old City Wine Bar, Barley's and Merchants of Beer, has pledged the initial \$200,000, and an anonymous donor is contributing another \$100,000.

Boyd also is organizing a music festival later this year, with proceeds going to the Fort Kid fundraising campaign.

"It is the City's intention to partner with the community to reconstruct and enhance Fort Kid," Mayor Madeline Rogero said. "We're grateful to Thomas Boyd and other donors for stepping up to make Fort Kid the very best it can be."

"Fort Kid was created by volunteers. As the City repairs the footprint of the site, volunteers will once again be part of funding and designing an improved Fort Kid."

Boyd said he's excited about pulling people together for a unique and worthy community project.

"Fort Kid has always been a much-loved and central part of our downtown community," he said. "Growing

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## Northwest greenway, bulletproof vests, annexations on city agenda

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In what appears to be a brief meeting for the Knoxville City Council Tuesday evening the council members may vote to annex two properties, one on Montlake Drive and Lynbrulee Lane and the other on Crystal Lake near Woodland drive.

All annexations into the city are now on request and the properties must adjoin city limits.

The council may also

look at permitting the mayor to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, with an in-kind match from the city, for \$12,000 to purchase bullet-resistant vests for the 15 new city law enforcement officers.

The Northwest Greenway Connection Project, Phase 2, may get \$362,375 in an agreement with CDM Smith Inc. The contract proposal comes

from the Department of Engineering.

The council may also amend the city code, Chapter 12 to clarify flooding regulations and remove unnecessary language.

In other action the council may vote to reduce the administrative cost and procedures for domesticated chicken permits in the city. Council may also issue a quitclaim deed to Aplos Home LLC for two

parcels of property on Speedway Circle as part of the Homemakers Program for \$6,000.

Two pensions are on the consent agenda for approval for James K. Arnold and Steve C. Webster. Also on the consent agenda is a certificate of compliance for Merchants Wine and Spirits in a renewal of the store's state liquor license.



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# Porch Music

Nothing is much better for us older folks than to occasionally discover new ways to enjoy things that were once so much a part of our younger lives. That happened just the other week-



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always put on a giant pot of pinto beans and made a cast iron skillet of cornbread. Dal and Brenda usually arrived in Knoxville late on Friday; meals were served way past supper time, but no one minded.

end, and it's thanks to my nephew Brandon that things worked out as they did.

Years ago, our family always enjoyed having older brother Dallas and his wife come home for a visit. We also looked forward to traveling to Nashville to spend a week-end at their house. Dal had been the father figure in our lives from the day that Daddy died in 1965. That must have been a heavy burden for a boy of 18 to carry so early and for so long.

In Knoxville, all of us settled in around the large round table in the kitchen. We drank coffee, beer, and cokes by the gallons, and snacks and meals filled the table. When Mother was still here, she

Sometimes, Jim, Dal, and I would climb in the car and travel to Clinton Highway. We'd drop in at the Krystal and by a couple of dozen hamburgers and several orders of fries. At home, we spread everything on the table and dove in. Nothing was ever left.

In Nashville, we'd order food in, cook hamburgers, or go out for a meal. Usually, Dal had a new place that he wanted us to visit so that we could listen the to the musicians who performed. For such a quiet, shy person, he made friends with so many local performers, and he supported them with his presence as often as possible.

The center pieces of all our gatherings were large

tables and music. Many times, we sat together until late in the night on a screened porch. A variety of conversations on all sorts of topics took place. Also included were jokes, many of them slightly off-color or offensive in the view of others. That made no difference to us; we just wanted to spend time together and enjoy each other's company.

Behind it all were the steady rhythms of music playing. Dal loved all genres and had stacks of vinyl records and cassette tapes. He introduced us to the latest country artists and popular folks like Jimmy Buffett or Dan Fogelberg. Even after the rest of us dragged our weary bodies to bed, big brother would continue to listen to that music.

Brandon contacted Jim, my son Dallas, and me about coming to his house. He stated that the evening would include drinking beer, talking, listening to music. We jumped at the chance to do just that. When we arrived, Brandon ushered us to his covered deck outside. He'd bought plenty of food as well, and

we sat down to eat with music playing loud enough for the neighborhood to also enjoy. We listened, joked, laughed, and talked the evening away.

The get together at Brandon's house was the first time Jim and I and our sons had been together at some place other than a ball field. It was a memorable time. I discovered that my son Dallas and Brandon have many things in common. I learned that my nephew is a funny guy who can keep a group laughing for hours. I also saw that Brandon is as much a music lover as my older brother was. He literally has thousands of songs, although his are housed in a cellphone library.

I can never express to the three just how special the evening was. Brandon said he thought about Uncle Dal and how much he enjoyed that kind of time with family. I'm pretty sure that my brother's spirit was right there among us and approved of renewing a tradition that was so important to us. It's nice to include the next generation.



Picture of Drs. Angela and Tim Holder, provided by Tim Holder

## Angela the music professor

The couple who met in Kentucky and married in Tennessee eventually made their way back to the Volunteer State.

For a brief time, the history professor continued teaching at Morehead State University

in Kentucky. During the transition, however, their church work did not suffer. Dr. Tim Holder, who commuted on week-ends, helped team-teach our Sunday School class.



By Ralphine Major  
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Later, he worked for several years as a professor at Walters State Community College in Tennessee before becoming an assistant dean. After teaching voice for eight years at Georgetown College in

Kentucky, the music professor in 2003 joined the faculty at Carson-Newman University, her alma mater. Dr. Angela Easterday

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## Is there city-county park and greenway system in the future?

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Roger were asked by The Focus for their opinions. Knoxville Mayor Rogero sent the following reply:

There's no evident advantage to City residents or City government, in terms of costs savings or new amenities, in

consolidating with Knox County to manage county-wide parks and recreation. Our separate systems offer different services and programming.

The City Parks and Recreation department has 41 full-time and 13 part-time employees,

plus at any given time up to 400 youth sports and temporary employees. They manage 94 parks, 10 recreation centers, 3 senior centers, 4 swimming pools, 112.5 miles of paved greenway and natural trails, and Knoxville's Urban

Wilderness. They provide robust youth and adult programming, sports, arts & crafts, and summer camps, and more.

The City Public Service Department crews provide mowing, trash pick-up and facility management services, as well as in-house expertise in horticulture, urban forestry and greenways construction.

The City and County collaborate on the planning of greenway system improvements. Tim Hester, City Parks and Greenways Coordinator, is involved in Knox County's current greenways planning process, and a Knox County representative serves on the City's Greenways Commission.

Long-term collaboration on greenways is important – not just in Knox County but regionally, with

non-profit partners and the Regional Greenway Council. We are looking at future growth patterns and strategically prioritizing connections, so that people can use greenways as a viable form of alternative transportation.

The Knox/Blount Greenway is a good example of the benefits of long-range regional planning. The two-mile section in Knoxville follows the shore of the Tennessee River and offers unparalleled views. It connects north via the J.E. "Buck" Karnes Bridge to Neyland Greenway and 18 miles of connected downtown greenways. Its funding included \$1.65 million in state grants and the state will be building more miles of greenway as Alcoa Highway is improved. Eventually, the greenway

is envisioned to extend to the Great Smoky Mountains. Future pieces of the greenway through Knox County and Blount County will tie into the existing greenway systems in Maryville and Alcoa.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs responded:

As for your question about combining the City and County Parks & Rec Departments, this is not something we are currently discussing. We have new leadership in our Parks & Rec Department and, first and foremost, want to ensure that we are continuing to improve that department. I am very pleased that Parks & Rec is currently operating under budget and addressing some issues that have plagued the County for years.

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All around Knoxville the city's history is winking at you although you may not have noticed. Here and there on some of the older buildings, if you look closely enough, you can see the past appearing as faded or painted-over business names or advertisements on the brick walls.

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# Crump Goes To Congress, III

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Edward H. Crump, undisputed leader of the Shelby County machine and congressman from Tennessee's Tenth District, was the primary focus during an especially bitter battle for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1932. Former governor Malcolm Patterson, a highly tarnished figure and seventy-one years old, had the support of the administration of Governor Henry Horton, who might have been one of the few figures in the state even less well regarded than Patterson. Horton had presided over the loss of virtually all of the state's money, which he had invested with Rogers Caldwell, business partner of Horton's mentor Luke Lea. Lea was also the owner and publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, which was avidly pushing Patterson's candidacy and battering Crump daily in the pages of the newspapers. The attacks by candidates and the Tennessean caused friends of Crump to purchase ads in Tennessee newspapers asking "Who Is This Ed Crump, Anyway?" Those same friends, who praised Crump for his public service and reiterated the positives of his long record, supplied the answers.

Crump was still smoldering about the charges leveled by Idaho U. S. senator William E. Borah, who accused the Shelby County machine of trading Red Cross flour for votes from needy citizens. Borah made his accusations without any real proof and Crump issued a public challenge, offering \$10,000 for actual proof the machine had done any such thing. Writing a letter to Senator Borah, Congressman Crump wrote, "I will place in the hands of a committee of 15 citizens of the city of Memphis, or of Boise, Idaho if you will bring them here, representative of the religious, professional, farming, business and laboring classes, a certified check for \$10,000 (the equivalent of 15,000 24-pound bags of flour) to be devoted to public charity, if after a most searching investigation, the committee will state that I, or any of my political friends, have at any time, controlled, or even sought to control, the distribution of farm board flour among the recipients of public charity, for political purposes or otherwise."

Congressman Crump also insisted \$11,500,000 in federal relief money not be distributed in Tennessee until "a fair and impartial, non-partisan board" was named to allocate the money in the Volunteer State. Crump also was critical of the relief board appointed by Governor Henry Horton, which was to oversee the allocation of the funds. Crump insisted "the Reconstruction Finance corporation will never sign a check for one dollar for Tennessee until it

is clearly understood and assured that the money is to be used fairly and squarely, without respect to political affiliations." Almost instantly the "Loyal Tennesseans' League" bought huge newspaper advertisements accusing Crump and gubernatorial candidate Hill McAlister of "Playing Politics With Human Misery." The charge was made on the basis of Congressman Crump's refusal to acquiesce to having Governor Henry Horton appoint the relief apparatus in Tennessee. There certainly was enough distress to go around in Tennessee during the depths of the Great Depression. It was certainly a fact thousands of Tennessee families were suffering acutely due to the Depression.

McAlister's opponents in the Democratic primary, joined by the Nashville Tennessean, continued to hammer at the Shelby County machine and that of Mayor Hilary Howse in Nashville, for allowing African-Americans to vote. Speaking in Union City, Tennessee, former governor Malcolm Patterson dared Hill McAlister to write a public letter to Crump insisting that blacks would not be allowed to vote in the Democratic primary. "All the candidates for governor make the statement that the voting of negroes should not occur in a Democratic primary," Patterson thundered. "The state executive committee has gone on record as declaring that if they are voted that this would be taken as evidence of fraud, and the returns in the wards and precincts where this occurred will be thrown out and not considered in the election. It is well known that the Democrats of Tennessee are almost unanimous in the belief that negro voting in Democratic primaries is not only illegal but in contravention of all their sense of fair play and political morals."

Malcolm Patterson seemed aghast at the very idea, telling his audience, "I was never a candidate in any primary in my life where negroes were voted." Patterson reminded his listeners even before becoming a candidate for governor "I opposed negro voting in Democratic primaries and both spoke and wrote against this reprehensible practice." The high-minded Patterson then made an incredulous statement, saying, "I am a far better friend to the negroes than are the men who use and vote them for the purpose of corrupting our elections and then cast them aside." Patterson graciously added, "I do not blame the negroes so much as those who take advantage of their ignorance." If anything, the third candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, Lewis Pope, was even more



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

E. H. Crump of Memphis.

blatantly racist. Patterson, a resident of Shelby County, knew very well the Crump machine extended services to African-American residents, including hospitals, parks, and the like. The machine also employed some African-American citizens, which was not true anywhere else in the South.

The Patterson campaign also offered "prizes" to those who took photographs of African-American voters being "herded" to vote in Shelby County, including a \$100 prize for "the best collection of pictures of Crump negro herding..." Joe Hatcher, the political columnist for the Nashville Tennessean, was already squalling about massive voter fraud in Shelby County before the ballots were counted. Hatcher wrote that Malcolm Patterson returned to Memphis to a hero's welcome of 10,000 cheering people, which constituted the largest demonstration of anti-Crump sentiment in Shelby County's history. Hatcher claimed the former governor "was the master orator of the campaign" and gave the "greatest address of the campaign" when speaking in Memphis the night before the election. It was all for naught.

Hill McAlister won the Democratic nomination for governor, albeit only just barely. McAlister received 116,832 votes to second place finisher Lewis S. Pope who won 107,449 votes. Former governor Malcolm Patterson, supported by the Horton administration and Luke Lea's Tennessean, ran a poor third, tallying only 59,392 votes.

One Memphis poll worker claimed Congressman Crump had been ejected from a polling place. William G. Hall claimed he had forced Crump to leave the polling place for the 29th ward, telling the Memphis Boss, "Nobody has a right inside the polls except officials, watchers and those who are voting."

When quizzed by a reporter, Crump said as a candidate for Congress he toured numerous polling places across Shelby County. "Nobody put me out," Crump snorted. "In fact, there was no argument. Hall said something to me about being in the voting booth, and I informed him that I was paying a call on my friends there, as I had a perfect right to do. When I had shaken hands around, I left. That's all there was to it."

Congressman Crump faced an opponent in the Democratic primary, but won 34,532 votes to T. B. Collier's 6,699 votes.

The Loyal Tennesseans' League, which was merely an extension of the Patterson campaign immediately declared Lewis S. Pope was in fact the legal nominee of Tennessee's Democratic Party. Pope's campaign manager, Sam Carmack, announced, "Mr. Pope considers himself the nominee of the white democracy of Tennessee." The Pope campaign complained Hill McAlister had won the nomination on the basis of having carried both Davidson and Shelby counties overwhelmingly and once again raised the issue of race. Claiming that McAlister's victories in Shelby and Davidson counties was the result of black voters having been "herded to the polls", as well as the fact some 165,000 Tennessee Democrats had voted for other candidates than Hill McAlister, the Pope campaign came to the conclusion their candidate was the legitimate nominee of Tennessee's Democratic Party. Pope made clear the racial nature of the dispute, saying, "I would have accepted the vote of Representative E. H. Crump, but not the votes of Crump and his negroes." Pope continued to fan the flames of racial discord, comparing the practices of the urban counties to those of the rural counties

where he received his greatest support. Pope made a fiery denunciation of both Ed Crump and Hilary Howse shouting it was damnable that the machines had nullified the votes of "white Democrats of rural Tennessee" by "mass voting of negroes who never claimed to be Democrats." Lewis Pope defiantly demanded Hill McAlister join him in a runoff election. The stage was being set by Crump opponents for Lewis Pope to run as an Independent in the fall election.

The anti-Crump press, led by the Tennessean, delighted in inflammatory headlines like that appearing in the August 24, 1932 edition of the Tennessean blaring "Howse - Crump Clique Shivers at Attempted Bribery Charges." Crump ignored the press and was pleased when the Tennessee State Democratic Executive Committee certified Hill McAlister as the nominee for governor. The committee also swatted down a protest made by Tom Collier, who had opposed Congressman Crump in the Democratic primary, who insisted Crump's nomination for Congress be set aside.

Lewis Pope made official what everyone presumed was going to happen on September 10, 1932; he would run in the general election as an Independent Democrat. Pope, speaking in Lebanon, Tennessee, said his candidacy would eliminate "Crump Democracy" in Tennessee. Congressman Crump dismissed Pope as "Luke Lea's bolting candidate for governor" and said the challenger had but one goal, "the vain hope not of being elected himself, but of defeating McAlister." In short, Crump accused Lewis Pope of running to throw the election to the Republican candidate. "Tom Henderson, chairman of the state primary board, a friend of the

Horton administration, a personal friend of Luke Lea, and a staunch supporter of Judge Patterson, heard all of the 12 hours of testimony and voted against Pope and in favor of McAlister as the rightful nominee for governor," Crump pointed out. It was clear, Crump insisted, Hill McAlister had been "fairly and squarely elected." Crump ridiculed Pope as the "whimpering Bledsoe county baby" and charged there had indeed been election fraud during the Democratic primary, but insisted it was on the part of Pope's own supporters. Crump said affidavits from Bledsoe County, as well as other Pope strongholds, would show negroes had indeed voted for Pope "with and without poll taxes." Crump said those affidavits would also show "that thousands of lifelong Republicans were voted for Pope"; the Memphis Boss also said that "hundreds of ballots were marked outside of polling places by Pope workers and that 'hundreds and hundreds were voted without poll taxes.'" Congressman Crump also sneered at the notion, repeatedly endlessly by Pope during the gubernatorial primary, that he was opposed by big banks and utility companies. Crump said Pope Shepherd of Chattanooga, Pope's "kinsman and leading counsel in his contest case" was the representative of "a widely known power company." Whether one believed Lewis Pope or E. H. Crump, the truth was the gubernatorial primary had been bitterly and fiercely fought and both sides had likely committed election fraud on behalf of their own candidates.

Despite being remarkably thin-skinned, E. H. Crump was well able to hold his own in any political brawl. Crump had his eyes squarely focused on the future and the general election of 1932.

# Why Dogs Dislike Fourth of July

# Help a Teacher Smile

Because of the importance of this topic and the overwhelming number of dogs separated from their families during the 4th of July holiday, this column is being repeated.



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

The results are in and eighty percent of dogs overwhelmingly dislike Fourth of July celebrations. Our history is rich in inspiring stories of how our founding fathers fought for our separation from British rule. We often neglect the history of our country and the important role the dogs of our Founding Fathers played in early America. During the siege of Yorktown in 1781 a large British Bulldog chased cannonballs fired at Colonial troops; obviously all dogs do not fear loud noises. In October 1777 after the Battle of Germantown Colonial troops found a foxhound identified as belonging to British General William Howe. General George

Washington cleaned, brushed, fed, and returned the dog to his owner General William Howe. Even in desperate times while fighting for our freedom dogs were marveled for their bravery and honored by being returned to their owners.

We know dogs and cats have a heightened sense of sound and smell and fireworks are guaranteed to deliver a multisensory extravaganza for your dog or cat. Fireworks are packed with loud noises, flashes of bright light, and smells of sulfur. It's no wonder most dogs loathe the Fourth of July celebrations. Hobo the Wonder Dog suggest the following safety tips for keeping your four-legged family members comfortable and safe during the Fourth of July Holiday.

- Turn on a television or radio louder than normal. Research indicates classical music is calming to dogs. Hobo

the Wonder Dog will post links on his Facebook page of his favorite music selections for your convenience.

- Create a special place indoors where your pets feel safe away from doors and windows for a retreat from the festivities.
- Stay with your pet during fireworks and be normal as possible. Your dog will pick up on your feelings of frustrations and a perception of danger that can make their fear intensified.
- Keep windows, curtains, and doors closed. If your pet thinks the noises are coming from inside the home, they will try to escape.
- Proper identification on your pet and microchipping can help reunite you with your pet in the event you become separated.

No doubt the Fourth of July holiday is stressful for our pets. Preparation with the above tips will help you and your trusted four-legged friends survive the holiday with the least stress possible. Observe your pets, if they start trembling, hiding, pacing,

vocalizing, or being destructive do not scold or coddle them this may aggravate their noise phobia and make things worse. Research studies on desensitizing your dog from loud noises can be effective but usually require at least a sixty-day training program. Not all dogs are fearless of sounds and will chase cannon-balls shot from a cannon. Remember act normal, do not scold or coddle, plan a head, and you and your pet will find freedom from the noises of the holiday. Two hundred forty years ago, General William Howe learned a valuable lesson: having your dog properly identified and tagged is your best bet of being reunited with your dog in the event you are separated.

General Charles Lee Second in Command to George Washington, during the Revolution wrote: "I think the strongest proof of a good heart is to love dogs and dislike mankind".

Life is better with a dog—woof!

The Knoxville Dream Center hopes to supply at least 300 teachers and staff with packets of school supplies for the new school year and you can help. Pastor John Unthank and his crew are also planning to supply every Title-One School with a washer and dryer.

Sometimes, Unthank explains, children have accidents and parents may need a place to do laundry. Unthank is Title-One School Coordinator for the Knoxville Dream Center.

The KDC is asking for monetary donations to help purchase supplies for the teachers. It takes about \$40 to fill a bag. The deadline for monetary donations is July 23rd but don't wait to contribute. Checks should be made out to the Knoxville Dream Center or made online at [www.knoxvilledream-center.org](http://www.knoxvilledream-center.org).

# Business leader, anonymous donor pledge substantial contributions to Fort Kid

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up in Knoxville and having gone to Fort Kid as a child absolutely helped develop not only my love of this playground, but also my love of our downtown. I can't wait for my own child to experience this improved version of one of my favorite childhood memories!"

Butler similarly likes the idea of an improved Fort Kid that's accessible to everyone and will offer better connectivity with the Museum of Art.

"Fort Kid is such a close neighbor, it's practically an extension of the KMA," the museum Executive Director said. "We're excited that plans are moving along so well and look forward to helping however we can with the enhancement of this treasured community asset."

The Fort Kid playground off World's Fair Park Drive temporarily closed in November 2018 after a Knox County Health Department inspector responded to a citizen complaint and found a number of problems, such as exposed nails, trip hazards and splintered wooden components. The Public Building Authority over the winter made minor repairs to the City-owned playground, which reopened March 28.

Safety and accessibility are the two main issues being addressed in the Fort Kid upgrade. Currently, Fort

Kid does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The original retaining wall that supports the play area has decayed and must be replaced. Many of the wooden components of Fort Kid have aged and metal fasteners have rusted. Repairs and maintenance of the outdated play structure are challenging.

The City will replace the wall with a grassy sloped area. That work, expected to cost about \$300,000, will get underway late this year and will prepare the site for the reconstruction of Fort Kid.

Meanwhile, supporters of Fort Kid will be invited to share their ideas about the design and amenities they'd like to see at the new play area. A public charrette will be scheduled later this year.

With \$600,000 already in hand and more funds being raised, Boyd, Butler and Mayor Rogero are excited by Fort Kid's potential.

The City and its partners hope to complete the fundraising and design work for the new play area by the time the site preparation begins and the playground is closed temporarily at the end of this year. Work on the landscaping and new amenities will begin once the grassy slope is in place.

# Angela the music professor

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Holder had earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from Carson-Newman.

She earned a Master of Music in vocal performance from the University of Tennessee and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. At Carson-Newman, Dr. Angela Holder chaired the music department.

The popular college instructor's Christian witness reached another level as she directed Redemption, a contemporary Christian vocal ensemble that presented worship experiences for chapel programs and area churches. I remember hearing them sing.

Angela's talent was not restricted to her workplace on the Carson-Newman campus. Her impact was

far-reaching.

At Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, Angela lifted her amazing voice in song both in the choir and as a soloist. She certainly knew how to deliver a song. It was perfection!

We always enjoyed hearing her sing "Give Me Jesus." It was a joy to see her lead in worship on rare occasions when the minister of music was away. It was also inspiring to hear her sweet, confident voice lead in prayer. Perhaps, it was Angela's level of success that made her other traits stand out even more. Behind that beautiful voice was great humility, kindness, compassion, and an incredibly sweet spirit--traits that speak so highly of her and even higher of her parents.

"She made everyone feel important," fellow choir member Mike Rader said of Angela. His words were right on target. (To be continued)

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Gibbs' Carol Mitchell with a plaque commemorating her 900th coaching win in high school softball. The milestone victory came on April 13 against Mt. Juliet at Caswell Park. Mitchell and her Lady Eagles added 14 more wins before season's end.

## Gibbs' Mitchell ranks No. 13 in the nation

By Steve Williams

Gibbs' Carol Mitchell ranks No. 13 in the nation in wins among "active" high school softball coaches.

After completing her 26th year this spring, Mitchell's record stands at 914-279-4, a 76.5 winning percentage, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The leader is Diane Laffey of Warren Regina High in Michigan, who

has been coaching since 1963 and will turn 80 years old on August 16.

The NFHS has Laffey listed with 1,167 wins, 343 losses and 3 ties through the 2018 season. She celebrated a seventh state title on June 15 as her team finished 29-11, raising her record to 1,196-354-3.

Laffey, who said she enjoys coaching and plans to continue, has been inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame as Michigan's all-time winningest

softball and girls' basketball coach. She also is her school's athletic director.

Laffey ranks No. 4 on the "all-time" list and Mitchell No. 21.

The nation's all-time leader is Larry Niemeyer of Cedar Rapids Jefferson High in Iowa. He compiled a record of 2,089-429, an 83.0 winning percentage, in his 55-year coaching career (1958-2013).

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## Elijah Young picks Missouri

By Alex Norman

South-Doyle's Elijah Young has positioned himself as one of the top high school football players in the state of Tennessee. As of the time this article was written, Young was ranked 15th in the Volunteer state for the Class of 2020.

As a 3-star athlete that is also considered the sixth-best all-purpose bank in the country, Young certainly didn't lack for attention. Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisville, South Carolina, and yes Tennessee each were among the many suitors that offered Young a scholarship in this recruiting cycle.

But in the end, Young decided to head west... and earlier this month verbally committed to Missouri shortly after taking an official visit to Columbia.

What was it about the Tigers that made Missouri the place for him? "Just the environment, the coaches, the players, and how they told me they would use me," said Young.

"I think he handles it (the recruiting process) as well as anyone I've seen," said South-Doyle head coach Clark Duncan. "He went through the process and we talked a lot about it. He's handled the notoriety and the attention very well. He's a team player and loves his teammates. They love him. There is no jealousy... when he is here he is one of the guys."

Young said that the Tigers are planning to play him on the offensive side of the football, mainly in the backfield. He would also be used as a slot receiver.

"I think the thing is that he is the whole package," said Duncan. "He is fast, but he's physical, sees the field well and is a competitor. He has a great personality so he can build relationships. These are great qualities in a young man. Very personable."

Duncan added, "He is an all-purpose back... he can catch the ball and you can put him in space. He is so versatile. He doesn't only have to play running back. He just has so many qualities."

Elijah Young has been known in recruiting circles for quite a while. Now heading into his senior season with the Cherokees, he is in line to put a capper on what has been a tremendous high school football career.

"I think he came to us with maturity to start with," said Duncan. "I think he has progressed beyond his years. We all saw greatness in him and that he had the potential to be good. As a freshman he contributed to our state semi-final team and played a big role on that team. Sometimes the kids don't mature, but he seems to have gotten even better every year."

Even with this verbal commitment, Young will still be contacted by other schools as they try to flip him from this commitment. Young told me that he does not plan on taking any other official visits. Those other programs likely won't have as much time to make their case with Young as in years past. The early signing period, which came into play in 2017, means that student-athletes can sign their national letters of intent during a three day period in mid-December, and not have to wait until National Signing Day in February. And that could be very good news for the Tigers going forward. Young is one of 11 verbal commits to Missouri at the present time.

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# Six players named to TBR's All-State Team

By Ken Lay

Six area high school baseball players were named to Tennessee Baseball Report's All-State Team recently.

Christian Academy of Knoxville's Jacob Tate received First Team Honors, along with Farragut High's Parker Noland and Ryan Hagenow and Powell High's Matt Grim.

Tate finished a stellar career with the Warriors by helping them get to a third consecutive state championship in Murfreesboro in the spring. CAK is the two-time defending Division II-A State Champions. The Warriors also won the 2017 Division I Class AA State Title.

Tate was a two-way threat as he went 11-0 with a 0.48 ERA and 105 strikeouts in 2019 for the Warriors.

As a hitter, the recent high school graduate and University of Kentucky signee, batted .343 and clubbed eight home runs and had 16 doubles. He also drove in 51 runs.

Tate was also Tennessee's Mr. Baseball in Division II-A, and the Division II-A East Region District 1 Player of the Year.

Noland led Farragut to its 10th Class AAA State Championship in school history and its first since 2014.

The Admirals (42-3) made their first state tournament appearance since 2016.

Noland, the District 4-AAA Player of the Year in 2019, was drafted by the Miami Marlins, but turned down a \$489,000 signing bonus to play college baseball at Vanderbilt, which was recently crowned the College World Series Champion for the second time since 2015.

Noland hit .464 with seven home runs for the Admirals this spring. He had 13 doubles and two triples while knocking in 44 runs.

Hagenow, a junior pitcher for Farragut, went 12-1 with a 1.02 ERA and picked up a complete victory in the state title game, a 7-3 win over Bradley Central.

He was the District 4-AAA Pitcher of the Year and has committed to play for Kentucky.

Grim, an outfielder and left-handed pitcher for the Panthers, was the District 3-AAA Pitcher of the Year while leading Powell through a perfect district run, including a postseason tournament championship.

Farragut's Ashton King and Seymour's Andrew Ott received Second Team Honors.

King hit .407 and led the Admirals with nine home runs.

Ott, who led the Eagles to a District 2-AAA regular-season championship and was the league's Player of the Year.

# Knoxville Hall of Fame has 'room' for Meske and Wright

By Steve Williams

David Meske and Jody Wright, who were roommates early in their careers as high school coaches in Knoxville, are part of the 2019 class that will be inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

The 38th annual dinner and induction ceremony will be held July 25 at the Knoxville Convention Center.

David Cutcliffe, Duke Head football coach and former UT offensive coordinator, will be the guest speaker. He was the 2013 National Coach of the Year at Duke and also has been ACC and SEC Coach of the Year at Duke and Ole Miss.

"Dave and I were roommates for about two years," recalled Wright last week. "We met through my best friend Clark Wormsley. Clark coached with Dave at Webb and knew that Dave was looking for a roommate. I moved in with Dave shortly after school started in 1985 and lived with him until I got married in July of 1987."

Meske and Wright went on to have outstanding success at Webb School and Fulton High, respectively, where they continue to rack up wins and also are athletic directors.

Meske has guided the Spartans to seven TSSAA state football championships and three runner-up finishes, while Wright has led the Falcons to three state basketball titles and five second-place

showings.

The wins, however, didn't come easily at first for these two.

"The year I moved in with Dave was his first year as head coach and we both won two games," said Wright. "We kidded ourselves that the two coaches with the worst records were living together. We both leaned on each other a lot for support."

In addition to their roles of coaching and being assistant principals, Meske and Wright are both on the TSSAA Board of Control, having been elected by their peers for these posts. Meske is the Division II (private schools) representative of the East region, while Wright represents Athletic District 2 of Division I (public schools).

Other inductees for this year's class will be Terry Brown (official), Walt Chapman (golf), Randy Jenkins (track and field), Dr. Chris Jones (coach), Kamisha Martin (track and field), George Sampson (contributor) and Davis Tarwater (swimming).

In addition, this year's Pat Summitt Ignite Greatness Award will be presented to former UT and NFL great Peyton Manning, and Judge Hill, a Fulton High graduate who is well-known for his athletic accomplishments and coaching, will be presented with the Special Recognition Award.

Hospitality begins at 5:30. Master of



David Cutcliffe, well known and respected by many UT fans, will be the guest speaker for the 38th Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame event.

Ceremonies Bob Kesling will make welcoming remarks before dinner at 6:30. The induction ceremony gets underway at 7:30.

Limited seating is available. Visit [www.gkshof.org](http://www.gkshof.org) for tickets. Tickets can be purchased for \$150 each or a table of 10 for \$1,500.

All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, which serves more than 8,300 youth and teens at 15 Club locations in Knox, Blount, Loudon and North Anderson Counties.

# Elliott named ABCA/Rawlings Pitcher of the Year

By Ken Lay

A former Knoxville Interscholastic League star recently wrote a stellar finish to this college baseball career.

Lincoln Memorial University senior left-handed pitcher Ethan Elliott was named the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division II Pitcher of the Year last week.

Elliott, a graduate of Knoxville Catholic High School, went 12-2 for the Railsplitters

in 2019 and had a 2.23 earned run average and had 134 strikeouts.

Elliott, who played in two Class AA State Championship Games for the Irish, leaves Harrogate as one of LMU's most decorated baseball players in the program's history.

He leaves with a 3.01 lifetime ERA, the best ever posted by a Railsplitters' pitcher. He won 37 games in his illustrious career. He made 54 starts in four

seasons and won 37 career games and pitched 358 innings.

Various outlets named him an All-American four times and he has been named a Regional Pitcher of the Year. He's received All-Region Honors nine times.

He's made the All-South Atlantic Conference Team three times, been named the conference's Pitcher of the Year and was the league's Freshman of the Year in 2016.

He was named the National Baseball Coaches Association's Regional Pitcher of the Week twice this spring.

He's the first LMU pitcher to be named Pitcher of the Year by the ABCA. He was also named Second-Team All-American by the ABCA in 2019.

He was selected in the 10th round of last month's Major League Baseball Draft by the San Diego Padres. He was the 293rd overall selection.

# Tennessee moves up in national all-sports rankings

Rome wasn't built in a day, nor will the University of Tennessee's athletics program be quickly rebuilt, but Phillip Fulmer is off to a good start.



By Steve Williams

Fulmer, in just his second year as UT's athletic director, has to be smiling today.

On the heels of Tennessee's women taking top honors in this year's Southeastern Conference All-Sports standings and its men's program placing third, UT made good

improvement on the national scene.

Tennessee finished 25th in the final Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup standings for 2018-19 - its best showing in eight years.

While that is good news, there is still plenty of work that needs to be done in this rebuilding job.

Improvements made by the Vols and Lady Vols in the all-sports competition this past school year was substantial, but they still

have a long way to go to return to their place among the best in the nation, a place they occupied consistently decades ago.

This year, Tennessee was eighth best among the 14 SEC members in the national rankings. That's three spots higher than last year and four better than its 12th place finish among SEC schools in 2016-17.

What I'm trying to say is: It's okay to smile today, but it's not good enough to throw a party or have a parade.

And for the headline I saw

on the UT athletics website Friday: "Tennessee finishes strong in Directors' Cup, Lands in Top 25" ... Come on. Let's don't get carried away.

Tennessee was 46th overall in the national rankings in 2016-17 and 35th in 2017-18. Can it get to 15th in 2019-2020? That should be the goal for now.

Football did not contribute points to this year's 25th place finish. That has to change.

Tennessee also didn't tally points in women's cross-country or rowing.

Women's basketball was the lowest point contributor among the winter sports. The Lady Vols were fortunate to extend their NCAA tournament streak to 38. Hopefully, new coach Kellie Harper in time will return what once was the nation's top program to prominence.

This past spring, the men's and women's outdoor track programs each scored one point in the NCAA Championships ... Strong finish?

We'll wrap up with positive notes ...

Best national showings

of the year: women's soccer team advancing to NCAA quarterfinals and women's swimming and diving team placing eighth in NCAA.

Best comebacks: First-year coach Eve Rackham returning the volleyball team to the NCAA tournament for the first time in eight years and the baseball team under second-year coach Tony Vitello making the NCAA tourney field for the first time since 2005.

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# Vitello reflects on Tennessee's 2019 baseball season

By Ken Lay

With a contract extension in hand, University of Tennessee baseball coach Tony Vitello met with the local media one last time last week to recap the program's best season in 14 years.

The Volunteers went 40-21 and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005.

Vitello's press conference was the final Tuesday of the college baseball season as Vanderbilt took on Michigan in the second game of the finals of the College World Series in Omaha.

And while the Big Orange came up short of making it to

the grand stage, Vitello, Tennessee's second-year head coach said the Vols had plenty to be happy about before in-state and Southeastern Conference rival Vandy defeated the Wolverines to win its second CWS title since 2015.

"Obviously, we wish we were still one of two teams playing today, but reflecting on the season, it was a successful one in a lot of different ways," Vitello said. "And the biggest way was our last group meeting which was in right field at the regional and we talked about this group doing an awful lot of work to lay the bricks

of a foundation of something everyone wants around here.

"That's for Tennessee baseball to be a major player in college baseball."

The Vols enjoyed some success from the mid 1990's into the mid 2000's but the program fell on hard times after making it to the College World Series in 2005 and after long-time coach Rod Delmonico was dismissed, things really got ugly for the program as Todd Raleigh and Dave Serrano coached.

Under those two coaches, Tennessee was mired in mediocrity at best and downright terrible in the leanest of years.

Enter Vitello.

In his two seasons, the Vols have won 69 games and the program, by all indicators, is headed in the right direction.

The UT administration and athletic department certainly thought so as Vitello was rewarded with a four-year extension that will keep him on Rocky Top until at least 2024.

This season, the Vols won their first 15 games. That represented the best start in program history.

They swept Kentucky, which was their first conference sweep on the road since 2010.

Those accomplishments and

others netted Vitello the extension that will pay him \$580,000 in 2020 and \$650,000 by the end of the deal.

The Vols had six players drafted in last month's MLB Draft and all have signed.

Andre Lipcius was taken in the third round by the Detroit Tigers and is already playing in the Midwest League.

Jay Charleston was taken by Kansas City. Ricky Martinez went to Arizona. Andrew Schultz was drafted by the Phillies and Garrett Stallings and Sevier County product Zach Linginfelter both went to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

# Bell's long baseball journey finds happiness in Korean League

By Steve Williams

From South Knoxville to South Korea, and a few stops in between, Chad Bell has found a new baseball home.

The 2007 South-Doyle High graduate is presently a pitcher for the Hanwha Eagles in the Korean Baseball Organization League.

The 30-year-old Bell made his professional debut with Hanwha on March 24. As of June 16, the lefthander had a 5-6 record and 3.87 earned run average.

"He and his wife and kids are over there," said Rob Howard, Bell's high school coach, last Thursday. "They send me video of him pitching ever so often."

"He absolutely loves it ... the big crowds, and he's been pitching pretty well, too."

Bell pitched at Walters State Community College before being drafted in the 14th round and signing with the Texas Rangers in 2009.

After being traded to the Detroit Tigers in 2016, Bell made his major league debut on May 10, 2017. He ended up going 0-4 with a 7.11 ERA with Detroit and was claimed off waivers by Atlanta on May 15, 2018.

But he never pitched for the Braves, elected free agency in November and signed soon after with Hanwha.

Bell is one of only two Americans on Hanwha's roster.

Do the Korean fans like him? "If he's pitching well,

they love him," answered Howard. "That's the same everywhere in the world."

**NICK SENZEL**, ex-Farragut High and UT standout, is the only former Knox County high school player currently on a major league team.

The No. 2 overall pick of Cincinnati in the 2016 draft, Senzel is playing centerfield and hitting .270 for the Reds in his rookie season. His offensive line going into Friday's action included eight homers, 23 RBI, 29 runs and seven stolen bases in 46 games.

Lane Thomas, former Bearden standout, made his MLB debut with the St. Louis Cardinals early this season, but is back with the Triple-A Memphis ball club.

**LOCAL COMMITMENTS:** Three high school football players with local ties made big announcements last week. Elijah Young, rising senior at South-Doyle, committed to Missouri. Tennessee got commitments from the other two - Catholic's Cooper Mays and speedy Elijah Howard, who is reportedly transferring from Webb School to Chattanooga Baylor.

Mays, son of former UT standout Kevin Mays and younger brother of Georgia offensive tackle Cade Mays, is ranked as the No. 5 center prospect in the nation.

**ROB STACY** has taken over the Clinton High baseball program in District 3-AAA.

He replaces Matt Byrd, who resigned after Clinton officials chose to go in a different direction. Byrd, former Central head coach, had been at Clinton three seasons.

The Clinton job is Stacy's first head coaching post. He was an assistant coach at David Crockett High this past season and also previously assisted at Pikeville University.

**MATT MERCER**, who took over as Headmaster and Athletic Director at The King's Academy last year, says he will also be coaching boys' basketball once again next season. He expects TKA to have a strong team too with talented international players.

**TUCKER JACKSON** is the new athletic director at Halls and J.D. Overton is expected to fill Jackson's former AD position at Karns.

**PREPS OF THE PAST:** Fifteen years ago, July 2, 2004 - Farragut, which won its second consecutive state title, was named the national champion in the studentsports.com boys' soccer rankings.

Farragut joined Bearden as the only Knoxville schools to place first nationally. The Bulldogs ranked first in both the studentsports.com and National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association polls in 2002.



Chad Bell with his family -- Allison, Avery and Paxton -- on the field before one of his games with the Hanwha Eagles in South Korea.



Chad Bell, a 2007 South-Doyle High graduate, gives a thumbs up during one of his games as a starting pitcher for the Hanwha Eagles in the Korean Baseball League.

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# Noland, Hagenow named to ABCA/ Rawlings All-American Team

By Ken Lay

When Farragut High School's baseball team made a trip to the recent Class AAA State Tournament, it returned after a two-year absence, which followed 10 consecutive trips to the Spring Fling in Murfreesboro.

And the Admirals returned to East Tennessee with a state championship plaque, their 10<sup>th</sup> in program history and first since 2014.

So, not surprisingly, several players received a multitude of postseason awards.

Senior third baseman Parker Noland and junior pitcher Ryan Hagenow were recently named to the American Baseball Coaches Association's All-American Team, which is sponsored by Rawlings.

Both of the Farragut stars were third-team selections and both were all-Region 4 performers

for the Admirals, who went 42-3 in 2019 and swept through the District 4-AAA regular season slate.

Farragut also completed a perfect run through the district's postseason tournament. These were both unlikely feats seeing that the league is one of the toughest and most balanced leagues in the Volunteer State.

Farragut did have a 5-2 postseason loss to rival and district

regular-season and tournament runner-up Hardin Valley Academy in the Region 2-AAA Championship Game. The Admirals, however, didn't lose again.

The defeat at the hands of the Hawks snapped a 30-game winning streak for the Admirals and it was their only loss to a team from Tennessee in 2019. Farragut dropped two games to teams from Florida over Spring Break.

Noland, a Vanderbilt

signee, hit .464 and clubbed seven home runs. He was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the recent Major League Baseball Draft.

He turned down a \$489,000 signing bonus to play for the Commodores.

Hagenow, a University of Kentucky

commitment, was Farragut's ace on the mound.

He had some big wins, including a complete-game victory in the Admirals' 7-3 victory over Bradley Central in the Class AAA State Championship Game.

Hagenow had 11 strikeouts in that game while surrendering just four hits

## Gibbs' Mitchell ranks No. 13 in the nation

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Dennis Johnson of Eldridge North Scott in Iowa is No. 2 on the list. He had a 1,249-298-1 record from 1975-2001 and 2006-2014.

No. 3 Jim Brown of Hoover, Ala., went 1,186-319-1 from 1991-2013.

Mitchell, who has been Gibbs' head coach since

1994, is Tennessee's winningest active coach and all-time leader, based on the NFHS information.

Former Murfreesboro Riverdale coach Jeff Breedon, who had a 764-190-3 record from 1990-2012, is No. 31 in the nation in all-time victories and No. 2 in Tennessee.

Mitchell has coached

Gibbs to five state championships. Her Lady Eagles won Class AA state titles in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2012. Mitchell also was selected as Coach of the Year for the Southeast Region of the United States in 2012.

Gibbs won the Class AAA state crown in 2017.

Mitchell's teams also

were state runners-up in 2003, 2008 and 2014, the school's first season in Class AAA.

Gibbs' softball program was reclassified Class AA by the TSSAA in 2018.

A 1987 Gibbs High graduate, Mitchell played on the school's first four state title teams (1983, 1984, 1986 and 1987).

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**The Doctor is in**

a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

**Traffic Patterns**

Except during medical school, I've lived in Knoxville all my life. I love my hometown which is not too big or too small and, of course, we have the Vols! However, a common complaint of city life is traffic. And Knoxville's traffic situation has become insane.

We live in the UT Hospital area and, aside from the Pellissippi parkway and the South Knoxville bridge, we traverse Alcoa highway to get most places. Under the best of circumstances, Alcoa highway traffic is a challenge, but with the much needed and seemingly endless repair work the roadway has become harrowing. And the next phase may be the most challenging because it will necessitate removing the rock wall opposite Looney Island in the Tennessee River channel. We have confidence in the construction

engineers. We just hope the design works.

I think Alcoa highway is Knoxville's NASCAR. People in Blount County are on their way to Knox County and Knoxville are headed towards Maryville, and you best not get in their way. Recently, I was having some repair work done on my truck at West Chevrolet on the Motor Mile. As I waited in the turn lane behind another car, a third car whipped in front of us, and the driver, while talking on her cell phone, made a one-handed U-turn in heavy traffic! Totally insane! It all happened so fast I couldn't get her license plate. I considered following her to make a Gomer Pyle style, "Citizen's arrest! Citizen's arrest!"

When you are in traffic logic dictates that you should pay attention and drive defensively. Unfortunately, this is not often the case. A former

church member used to read the newspaper while driving! And when I lived in Memphis during my internal medicine residency, the newspaper reported a story of a motorcyclist struck crossing an intersection while eating a bowl of spaghetti.

I am a small government guy, but I believe the hands-free cell phone law, taking effect July 1, 2019, is necessary to protect citizens from highway idiots who don't use their God-given intellect - and because Elon Musk's driverless cars are not ready for primetime.

Perhaps if we had a Divine traffic designer we would not have our infamous Malfunction Junction. Actually, we have a Divine traffic designer and a wondrous transportation structure. It's called the cardiovascular system. There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. Compare this to 47,000 miles of interstate highways in the United States. Obviously, this vascular network carries blood pumped by the heart rather than cars.

Imagine a dump truck with a full load of oxygen and nutrients coursing down ever smaller arteries and finally reaching the tiny capillaries. There, oxygen and nutrients are unloaded and carbon dioxide and wastes are

gathered on the venous side of the capillary mesh. Capillary venules coalesce into larger and larger veins until reaching the lungs where CO2 is exchanged for another load of oxygen. All the while nutrients are added to the circulation from the gut and liver.

We take for granted that things work. This is especially true when we are young and consider ourselves immortal, indestructible and bullet proof. Perhaps I should use the personal pronoun having survived my early years as a teenage boy. Actually, a teenage boy has only half a brain and two teenage boys have only half a brain between them. It is an observational truth that in groups of teenage boys the common sense fraction decreases as the denominator increases.

Recently, the daughter of my patient suffered a stroke at age thirty-eight. When the distraught father called me for advice, I knew this was not the usual stroke syndrome as seen in octogenarians where "rust in old pipes" (fatty plaque) is the usual culprit. A stroke in a younger person raises the specter of inflammation of the arteries known as vasculitis, as seen in lupus or a disorder of coagulation. However, she had no symptoms of any of these and so I wondered about a

"hole in her heart."

In the uterus the developing child receives oxygen and nutrients from the mother's placenta. Since the baby's lungs are not used in the water environment of the uterus, oxygenated blood moves from the right side of the child's heart to the left side through a passageway known as the atria secundum. Oxygenated blood also moves through the ductus arteriosus to the developing child's aorta. By the third trimester, the communication between the upper chambers of the child's heart is being readied for closure which is accomplished when the baby is born and begins to breathe. Likewise, the ductus arteriosus normally closes down at birth or shortly thereafter. Sometimes the ductus arteriosus vessel fails to close and fortunately this can be treated with a simple NSAID (indomethacin) to aid in the closure of a PDA or patent ductus arteriosus.

The daughter's stroke was due to a PFO, patent foramen ovale, a residual hole between upper atrial chambers of the heart. This allowed a blood clot to pass through the opening of the upper chambers and enter the arterial circulation to cause her stroke.

Interestingly, PFO is not an uncommon anomaly,

occurring in 25% of adults. Most of the time the hole is small, unrecognized and does not cause problems. When a large hole is discovered or a stroke occurs, the abnormal communication needs to be closed. In the past this was accomplished with open heart surgery, but nowadays the defect can often be closed with the insertion of an endovascular "patch" to close the hole between the two atrial chambers.

We live in the information age with heavy traffic. However, if you want more regarding PFO or PDA, I can recommend free websites such as the Mayo Clinic and Wikipedia for these topics.

Understandably, you should be wary of information sources and even the search engine that you use. My principal medical resource is UpToDate, which has become the standard for physicians. However, it costs \$500 a year!

I no longer use Google as a search engine because of all the problems associated with this company. My search engine of choice is DuckDuckGo, which does not track my searches or monetize the information like Google.

Food for thought...

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For More Information contact Joy at joy@walkingwithjoy.com or 865-963-9221.

**The Name**

The naming of a child is pretty important to most people because there is power in a name. Speaking of power in a name, how about the name of Jesus? All throughout time people have prayed, cast out demons, and been baptized "in the name of Jesus." Jesus

taught us to pray to his Father with these words: "Hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:9).

From Bible times to today, "in the name of" is a Hebrew idiom that often means "on behalf of" or "for the sake of." In our English language, we understand this. Consider when a police officer shouts, "Stop in the name of the law." The officer is representing an authority greater than himself. This is why when Jesus cast out demons; the demon obeys because Jesus wields authority over the spiritual world. Jesus'



**By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ**

actual Hebrew name was Yeshua. What does Yeshua mean in Hebrew? It means "God's salvation." I'm reminded of when the angel told Joseph to call his future son by the name Yeshua because he would save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

What, then, does it mean to "hallow" or sanctify God's name? (Matthew 6:9). The word "name" refers to God's reputation. The phrases following "hallowed be your name" include "your kingdom come" and "your will be done on earth." These words express the desire that God's reputation will grow on earth. The desire is that people will accept God's reign over their lives and do his will.

This theme of God's reputation being important to him is found throughout the Bible. At first, God called Israel and

taught them how to live. But his intent was that they be a "light to the nations." Once Jesus came, God made his identity clearer. He showed his love for sinners. Jesus then sent out his followers to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The idea is that God's reputation would go throughout the earth as people came to know who God is.

Opposite "hallowing the name" is "profaning the name," a serious sin. This comes from the third commandment, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:7 NASB). Of all Ten Commandments, this is the only one that God promises to punish because in Jewish thought, this commandment is understood to have great meaning. The literal text says, "You shall not lift up the name (reputation) of the Lord for an empty thing." This means to do

something evil in a public way and then to associate God with it. It is a sin against God himself, who suffers from having his reputation tainted. We find many examples of this today in our culture where horrible things are done or said in the name of God or Allah.

Just as evil actions have the capability of damaging the reputation of God in the world, good actions can bring him great honor. The ultimate example of hallowing or sanctifying God's name is Jesus himself. Jesus declared, "I have made your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26 NASB). As God in the flesh, Jesus' death on the cross proclaimed publicly to the world that God is a merciful, loving God. We, as followers of Jesus, are to be like him and take his light to the world (Matthew 5:16). The world is watching as we bear his name.



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## FORECLOSURE NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, JOSEPH A. SHANKS, by a Deed of Trust dated January 20, 2012, of record in instrument number 201202070043396 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office (the "Deed of Trust") conveyed the real property herein described to Tennessee Trust Title as Trustee to secure the payment of a promissory note executed on the same date (the "Note");

WHEREAS, the Note is payable to JANE ANN STEFFEY (the "Beneficiary");

WHEREAS, as authorized in the Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary appointed Daniel F. Wilkins as substitute trustee through instrument of record in instrument number 201904220061641 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office;

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the Note; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary has demanded that the real property herein described be advertised and sold.

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that, under the powers, duty and authority granted to him by the Deed of Trust and applicable law, Substitute Trustee Daniel F. Wilkins or his authorized agent, will on or about

**July 22, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. (EST)**

inside the front door of the north side of the City County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale (or for credit against the secured indebtedness), free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower, elective share, the statutory right of redemption, and all other exemptions of every kind which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, at a foreclosure sale, the property described as follows:

Property Description (legal): Situated in the Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of any municipality and being more particularly described as follows:

Being designated as Lot 41, Block H, MIDDLEBROOK ACRES ADDITION, Unit 4, as shown on the plat of same of record in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 394-D, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Joseph A. Shanks by deed from Jane Ann Steffey dated January 19, 2012, recorded in instrument number 201202070043395, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PRIOR DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

This property is subject to all applicable easements, permissive use agreements and restrictions of record in the Knox County register's office. Also conveyed are all rights in easements and permissive use agreements of record.

PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED AS MAP-GROUP-PARCEL: 105L-C-10

Property Address: Believed to be 8576 Baron Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Current Owner: Joseph A. Shanks  
Other Interested Parties:  
Javitch, Block & Rathbone, LLC  
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Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and Robert C. Brown  
Knox County Trustee

The above-described property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS, AND WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES EXPRESS OR IMPLIED RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND WITHOUT ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE OR OF ANY KIND, and will be sold subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plats; any matter that an inspection and accurate survey of the premises might disclose; any unpaid taxes, assessments or special assessments (plus penalties, interest and costs); any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any restrictive covenants, easements, set-back lines, or other restrictions that may be applicable; any prior deeds of trust; liens, dues, assessments or encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the First Deed of Trust or which are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale, as well as any priority created by a fixture filing.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied first to the costs of collection and enforcement of the Deed of Trust, (including attorney's fees), second to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust or any balance thereof then remaining unpaid, third, any surplus to the debtor or other person(s) as may be lawfully entitled thereto.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Substitute Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to (1) 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 and (2) to sell to the next highest bidder in the event any high bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This 27th day of June, 2019

Daniel F. Wilkins, Esq.  
Attorney for Jane Ann Steffey  
Wilkins Law  
7632 Gleason Drive  
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(865) 240-2944

INSERTION DATES: 7/1/19, 7/8/19, 7/15/19  
SALE DATE: 07/22/19

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2004, executed by Douglas E. Adams, Paula G. Adams, 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 October 22, 2004, at Instrument Number 200410220033980; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-15 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 **August 1, 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. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 29, MEADOWCREST SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET M, SLIDE 302-C, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 038 HA 011  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 2818 **Fawnridge Ln, Knoxville, TN 37938**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): Douglas E. Adams, Paula G. Adams

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Citifinancial, Inc., Palisades Collection LLC Assignee of HSBC, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of CVI Loan GT Trust (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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CURRENT OWNER(S): JERRY E BUTLER, TAMETTE B BUTLER

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INSERION DATES: 07/01/2019, 07/08/2019, 07/15/2019

SALE DATE: 07/22/2019

Deed of Trust dated March 9, 2011, Instrument No. 201103280056903, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made (the "Deed of Trust"), and to secure payment of other indebtedness then existing or to arise thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned L. Gino Marchetti, Jr. having been appointed Successor-Trustee in Instrument No. 201905280069834, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust are in default and the Note has been accelerated; and

WHEREAS, written Notice of Right to Foreclose was mailed to the debtor on May 10, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable and that I, L. Gino Marchetti, Jr., Successor-Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon me will on **Monday, July 22, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at public outcry, in bar of all equities of redemption, the statutory right of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, all of which were expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Knox County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in District No. Seven of Knox County, Tennessee, formerly the Second Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 17th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 2, Block A, in what is known as Dr. P.N. Ogle's First Addition to the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, as shown upon Map of same, of record in Map Book 9, Page 69, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, said premises hereby conveyed being situated and lying on the southern side of Oglewood Avenue and having a frontage of 50 feet thereon and extending back between parallel lines in a southerly direction 131.2 feet to the northern line of Lot 4, in said block of said addition, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Oglewood Avenue distant in a westerly direction 54.2 feet from the point of intersection of the southern line of Oglewood Avenue with the western line of Paige Street, said beginning point marking the northwest corner of Lot 3, and the northeast corner of Lot 4 in said Block of said Addition; and running thence in a southerly direction along the common dividing line between said Lots 2 and 3 on a line parallel with the western line of Paige Street 131.2 feet to a point in the northern line of said Lot 4; thence in a westerly direction with the northern line of said Lot 4 and on a line parallel with the southern line of Oglewood Avenue 50 feet to a point, the southeast corner of Lot 1 and the southwest corner of said Lot 2 in said Addition, thence in a northerly direction along the common dividing line between said Lots 1 and 2 and on a line parallel with the first line herein 131.2 feet to a point in the southern line of Oglewood Avenue; thence in an easterly direction with the southern line of Oglewood Avenue 50 feet to the point of beginning, as shown by survey of Lack & Blakely, Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated August 30, 1941, being known and designated as City Number 1052 Oglewood Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Subject to all matters that affect or encumber the property.

BEING the same property conveyed to Cynthia Gail Turner, an unmarried person by Deed dated March 21, 2007 from Cynthia Gail Turner, an unmarried person, formerly known as Cynthia Gail Benson, recorded April 25, 2007, in Instrument Number 200704250087027, Register of Deeds, Knox County, Tennessee.

Upon information and belief, the address of this property is 1052 Oglewood Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917-4434.

Others who may have an interest in the property being sold include the following: None.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day and time certain, without further publication and in accordance with the law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plan or plat; any unpaid taxes that exist as a lien against the property; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any matters of record; any statutory rights of redemption not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any prior liens or encumbrances that may exist against the property. This sale is also subject to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Proceeds of this sale will first be applied to the discharge of the costs and charges of executing this Trust, including attorney's fees; next to all indebtedness owing to The Tennessee Credit Union, and next the balance, if any, shall be paid to those legally entitled thereto.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2019.

L. Gino Marchetti, Jr., Successor-Trustee  
Taylor, Pigue, Marchetti & Blair, PLLC  
2908 Poston Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203

INSERTION DATES:  
1. July 1, 2019  
2. July 8, 2019  
3. July 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 September 15, 2016, executed by BRENT A WEBB, conveying certain real property therein described to KENNETH W. HOLBERT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 19, 2016, at Instrument Number 201609190018305;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 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 **August 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN THE 7TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 35TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT



