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Mayor Rogero delivers opening remarks welcoming Chad Pregracke and Living Lands and Waters. The Living Lands and Waters barge is composed of four barges: one for carrying the trash, one for sorting recyclables (85 percent of what Living Lands and Waters removes at cleanups is recycled), a "floating classroom" where water quality education workshops are held, and full solar-powered living quarters used to house the staff when they are away at long-distance cleanups.

Tennessee River Tour Kicks Off In Knoxville

By Dan Andrews
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As fire, police, and emergency service boats flanked a large environmental barge, the Mayor of Knoxville beamed with pride as she welcomed the crew from Living Lands and Waters Thursday afternoon. Chad Pregracke, Living Lands and Waters founder and president and 2013 "CNN Hero of the Year," has docked his

Living Lands and Waters fleet at Volunteer Landing through April 14. Mr. Pregracke and his crew are assisting with the Ijams River Rescue as well as a host of other environmental projects during his time in Knoxville as part of his Tennessee River Tour.

For Mayor Rogero, maintaining the Tennessee River is not a photo opportunity, it is a way of life. She observes firsthand the impact that

trash has on the shoreline as she is an avid canoe paddler. Rogero even held a "Paddling for Madeline" event to highlight her support for the riverways and a clean shoreline.

"It's important to have a clean community and support to preserve our natural resources, blueways and greenways," she said. "I love getting out on the Tennessee River. I put in (my canoe) at different places. Sometimes I

put up at Holston River. I have paddled from Ned McWhorter's up to Ijams. I have paddled down to Sequoya. I continue paddle quite a bit."

This first-hand knowledge that led the Mayor to create funding for a year-round river keeper. "We have a contract with Ijams that we bid out and they hire someone who rides up and down the river mainly

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TONIGHT

Stephen Lyn Bales, Senior Naturalist at Ijams Nature Center, will speak in the Living Lands and Waters floating classroom on the barge at Volunteer Landing, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13. His lecture will cover wild-life species that are now returning to the Tennessee River as the river's health and ecology continues to improve following decades of concerted efforts.

The event is free and open to the public but space is limited, and will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Sign ordinance passes, sort of

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After more than five hours and dozens of speakers, debates and split votes, the Knoxville City Council picked apart and apparently passed the language of a new Sign Ordinance. The matter now goes back to the MPC and will return to the council for final approval.

The biggest debate came while designating sign heights and where those heights would be applied and enforced. Councilman Duane Grieve, who chaired a three-year long Sign Task Force, managed to get a motion passed designating 40 and 30 foot signs.

That vote split 5-4 with Stair, George Wallace, Mark Campen and Finbarr Saunders voting No.

Councilman Marshall Stair managed to have the location of the signs designated as being next to interstates, adjacent to interstates, on federal highways and all other streets.

Although the Task Force had recommended 10 foot signs of 100 square feet on Scenic Highways, Grieve took the recommendations of Scenic Knoxville and moved successfully to have those signs reduced in the future to 6 feet or 36 square feet.

Various changes were made to the Task Force



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Weary City Council members Nick Della Volpe, Marshall Stair, Duane Grieve and Finbarr Saunders spent hours Thursday night working on the sign ordinance.

report and these might be addressed by the planning commission. The ordinance contains 15 different aspects of signs and does

not affect any existing legal signs. Most changes failed or passed in split votes.

Involved are monument signs, attached signs,

window signs, signs on Scenic Highways, the height of various signs, abandoned signs, etc.

Grieve reminded everyone that the public will have three more chances to have input: One at an MPC meeting and two meetings of council.

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Focus on the Law

Asset Forfeiture

Society tries to deter crime by devising a variety of punishments for individuals who commit those crimes. These range from the assessment of fines and proba-

tion to incarceration and even the death penalty. I want to focus here on one method of attempting to deter criminal acts committed for financial gain: the forfeiture of profits and proceeds acquired and accumulated as a result of such criminal activities. The current criminal law permits forfeiture as punishment for a crime but there must be a criminal conviction. That means guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt and all Constitutional protections must be afforded the defendant, including the right to legal counsel.

On the other hand, under both federal and state laws there are forfeiture procedures that are considered civil, "in rem" (Latin for "against a thing") proceedings. In a criminal proceeding, the Government prosecutes people. In a civil forfeiture proceeding, the Government is going after property rather than a person. This legal fiction relies on the idea that the property itself has violated the law. Generally speaking, law enforcement officials are permitted to seize property that they assert has been involved in some illegal activity specified by statute. This asset



By Sharon Frankenberg, Attorney at Law

forfeiture process has been commonly used in the "war of drugs" since the mid-eighties. "Any property...acquired by or received in violation of any statute, or

any property traceable to the proceeds from the violation, is subject to judicial forfeiture, and all right, title, and interest in any such property shall vest in the state upon commission of the act giving rise to the forfeiture." (Tenn. Code Annotated Section 39-11-703). This means that in these civil asset forfeiture proceedings, the owner of the seized property does not have to be convicted or even charged with a crime. The owner is entitled to certain forms of notice but may have to post a bond and the burden of proof falls on the owner to prove that the seized property should be exempt from forfeiture.

"Unless provided in statute, innocence of the owner is typically not a defense. Furthermore, courts interpret the statutory defenses stringently. For instance, courts may apply an objective standard to determine if the owner should have had knowledge of the property's illegal use, rather than require proof of actual knowledge. The owner may argue that no crime ever occurred, that the government lacked probable cause, or that the property is not closely

enough connected to the crime to be considered an instrumentality or proceeds." <https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/forfeiture>

Tennessee has a statute (Tenn. Code Annotated Section 39-11-701) which explains the intent of the general assembly to provide law enforcement agencies and district attorneys general the necessary tools to punish and deter the criminal activities of professional criminals and organized crime through the enforcement of effective forfeiture and penal laws. This intention is balanced by the stated intention not to unduly interfere with "commercially protected interests." The civil asset forfeiture process has been incredibly profitable for law enforcement at both the state and federal levels. According to the Heritage Foundation's website <http://heritage.org>, "state and local law enforcement can... seize property by partnering with federal law enforcement officials in a system called 'equitable sharing'" and annual payouts to states totaled \$657 million in fiscal year 2013.

If you are involved in a forfeiture proceeding, you should seek the assistance of legal counsel immediately so that your rights may be protected. Sharon Frankenberg is an experienced attorney licensed in Tennessee since 1988. Her office number in Knoxville is (865)539-2100.

Tennessee River Tour Kicks Off In Knoxville

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downtown to clean it up. We decided that with all the people we attract to the waterfront, whether it's visitors or residents, we need to keep that area attractive. So we as a city have taken it upon ourselves to make it happen."

Knoxville is home to the headwaters of the Tennessee River, making it the natural kickoff city for the two-month tour.

"It is fitting that this first-ever Tennessee River Tour will start in Knoxville, where the Tennessee River begins," said City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero. "Thanks to Chad and his team for coming here! Living Lands and Waters has been a great champion for water quality throughout our country, and this collaboration will help raise awareness of the need to protect our rivers and streams."

Keep Tennessee Beautiful Executive Director Missy Marshall said, "We jumped at the opportunity to partner with Living Lands and Water, TVA and Ijams to fight the ongoing battle of waterway litter. The Tennessee River's strength begins in Knoxville, so it's only natural that this movement begins in the Volunteer State. Last year alone, our state collected over 4 million pounds of litter, which included the cleaning of over 249 miles of Tennessee shores.

Our efforts with this project will expand upon past efforts, and also improve the overall water quality of all impacted by the long reach of the Tennessee River in Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee."

The project involves more than just clean water. The City of Knoxville's Urban Forester has worked with Living Lands and Waters to select five sites across Knoxville to plant trees, helping stabilize creek and river banks. The five locations include Ijams Nature Center, Third Creek Greenway, Williams Creek, Adair Park and James White Greenway. Each location will receive 500 trees for planting.

Other activities involved in the week-long special event include fundraisers for local environmental groups, a floating classroom, open house tours, and lectures. For a complete list of activities, please visit <http://livinglandsandwaters.org/get-involved/tennessee-river-tour/knoxville-tn/>

In order to clean a community, it takes a community. A main hope the Mayor has is that the community will have a new awareness of the ongoing litter problem our rivers have. It is the hope of the Mayor that more people will become involved in helping well-respected organizations like Ijams, which work to better our environment year round to not only keep the rivers clean but also to keep the parks and greenways beautiful.

THE CHALK BOARD

Bits of News About Local Education

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BOE Called Meeting TONIGHT to Vote on FY16 Budget. The Knox County Board of Education will hold a called meeting to discuss and vote on the fiscal year 2016 general purpose, capital improvement and school nutrition fund budgets on Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom located on the first floor of the Andrew Johnson Building (912 S. Gay Street). The full agenda and supporting materials are available on the website at knoxschools.org.

KCS Has a Spending Problem. TennesseeParents.org sent an interesting email the other day, listing salaries of Education "Leaders" across the state. Among those included were:

Chris Barbic (Superintendent TN ASD) = \$215,000

Candice McQueen (current TN Commissioner of Education) = \$200,004

Kevin Huffman (former TN Commissioner of Education) = \$208,280

Bill Haslam (Governor of TN) = \$184,632 + money through his family's business

Jamie Woodson (CEO of SCORE) = \$329,156

Average salary of a teacher in TN = \$45,891

But they left this person off the list:

James McIntyre (Superintendent KCS) = \$222,800

That's right, Knox County. The KCS Superintendent makes even more than the FORMER TN Commissioner of Education, who, by the way, had more classroom teaching experience than McIntyre. Remember this when the BOE comes

begging for more of your tax dollars this week.

Tennessee House Approves Flow Motion to Speed Up Legislative Session. Steven Hale of the Nashville scene reports that the state House voted 97-0 last Wednesday in favor of the Flow Motion, a move they "make every year toward the end of the session in hopes of closing up shop before an arbitrary, self-set, meaningless deadline."

Andrea Zelinski explained the "FloMo" in the Nashville Post, "The flow motion suspends 12 aspects of the House rules, like allowing a floor calendar to exceed 25 bills, adding flexibility on when committees and the full house can meet, and sidestepping waiting periods for bills or amendments to be heard."

Or, as Hale paraphrased, "it lets the House work faster by tossing aside rules that make their law-making more considered and more transparent to the public."

According to legislative staff, lawmakers hope to adjourn this week or next week.

This effectively allows the House to ram through controversial or unpopular bills, such as those allowing vouchers and the expansion of Charter schools. On the other hand, once the session is over, perhaps our Knoxville representatives can spend some time visiting our wonderful community schools and see why Knoxville does not need vouchers. Watch for a new series highlighting some of our community schools beginning next week in the Focus!

"Starve the Beast" is Working in Montclair, NJ. The Focus reported that the School Board in Montclair, NJ approved a policy in February that recognizes parental rights to refuse standardized tests for their children. In part, the policy states:

"...The Montclair BOE recognizes that some parents may choose to have their children decline to take one of more of such standardized tests. It is the policy of the Montclair BOE that the parental decision to decline testing should be met at the district level with educationally appropriate and non-punitive responses. The superintendent is directed to establish a procedure in accordance with this policy."

Diane Ravitch reports that 42.6% of students did not take the PARCC test this spring. "That is quite a protest against Common Core and high-stakes testing, against the Bush-Obama agenda," Ravitch says.

The refusal totals were most pronounced at Montclair High School, where 68% of students refused the test. In contrast, only 7.5% of students at Watchung Elementary school refused to take the PARCC test.

That is 42.6% less personal student data the district has to share with federal and state agencies, and private testing corporations. That's 42.6% fewer kids who are reduced to being a dot on a chart, or a statistic that can be used to privatize schools and fire teachers. Parents, what will you do? The choice is up to you.

Much Ado About AVID

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When Dr. McIntyre planned the Community Meeting to discuss his FY 2016 budget, he probably didn't expect the majority of the questions and comments to revolve around his decision to end AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program comprising a mere \$280,000 of the massive proposed \$440.7 M FY 2016 budget proposal.

Approximately 100 people, plus the usual contingency from Central Office, attended the meeting last week at Amherst Elementary school. Also in attendance were BOE members Mike McMillan, Gloria Deathridge, Tracie Sanger, Terry Hill, Patti Bounds, and Amber Rountree, and Commissioners Jeff Ownby, John Schoonmaker, Dave Wright, and Brad Anders.

McIntyre announced that he had decided to revise the budget to include \$3.2M in APEX bonus payments, saying "APEX was promised, it's a little late in the game to be changing the rules." But, in order to do

this, he is reducing the pay raise for certified teachers from 4% to 3%. The 4% raise was also promised...is it OK to change the rules on that, since it's for next year?

Teachers deserve, and need, a raise. KCS ranks 37th in the state in terms of teacher salary, but Brenda Ownsby later pointed out that as of three years ago, KCS principals ranked 17th in the state in salary. She asked why not give more money to raises for classroom teachers, rather than principals and many certified central office personnel who already received additional raises in the last three years.

McIntyre discussed the proposed budget reductions and capital recommendations. (He has since announced his support for a new Hardin Valley, but not Gibbs, middle school). He said the revenue growth has been 1-3% over the past few years, while "necessary" expenditures have averaged from 3-5%. He wrapped up his presentation in about 25 minutes.

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Publisher's Position

Two sides of the same coin

Why Gibbs and Hardin Valley both need new middle schools



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If you build it, they will come. Those words spoken about a baseball park carved out of an Iowa cornfield have recently taken on new relevance in the minds and hearts of two communities located in opposite ends of Knox County. People in Hardin Valley and Gibbs are each rallying for the construction of a new middle school in their respective areas. Hardin Valley traverses the length of deep West Knox County between Karns and Farragut, while the Gibbs community is tucked in the hills of the Northeast sector within spitting distance of Union and Grainger counties. But do not think for one moment that this is another East vs. West battle.

In reality, there has been no battle at all. Both communities have expressed genuine support for the other's educational needs. Each has spoken in favor of the other community getting a new middle school. Neither has appeared to jockey for position at the other's expense for consideration in the

Superintendent's capital plan. The unity displayed by the people of Gibbs and Hardin Valley provides a rare glimpse into the reality that schools are not always built for the same reasons. Nor do they have to be.

The reasons for building a new middle school in Hardin Valley appear cut and dried. It's a simple case of numbers. According to Knox County Schools, an independent study has shown that a middle school built to house 1,200 students is needed to accommodate the present and future growth in the Hardin Valley community. Even a proposed pricetag in excess of \$30 million is not being cited as a deterrent to building a Hardin Valley Middle School. No one in Gibbs is arguing.

At the School Board's budget workshop last Monday, School Superintendent Jim McIntyre listened as several citizens of the Gibbs community spoke in favor of Hardin Valley getting its middle school. They did not dispute the rapid growth of this area of the county, nor was anyone in denial of the fact that Hardin Valley Academy is now the county's largest high school. The Gibbs supporters were clear in their agreement that Hardin Valley needs a new middle school. But what emerged from the Hardin Valley folks was clear as well: Gibbs needs a middle school too.

The reasons for building a middle school in the Gibbs

community might not be quite as mathematical, but they are every bit as compelling. Maybe even more so. While Hardin Valley appears to meet virtually every numerical threshold necessary to warrant construction of a new school, the folks in Northeast Knox County may have an even stronger case. Because statistics aside, there remains one inescapable fact: Gibbs had a middle school. In 1991, amid impassioned pleas and protests from the community, Knox County Schools closed Gibbs Middle School under the guise of a compliance plan with the Office of Civil Rights. Subsequent rulings by the U. S. Supreme Court have deemed similar closures both unnecessary and unconstitutional. While specific reasons for the action have faded over time, the sense of injustice suffered by the Gibbs community has remained. For many it has become a festering wound.

Since 1991, students from the Gibbs-Corryton area have been shipped out of their community to East Knoxville to attend Holston Middle School. By all indications Holston is a fine school that provides good educational opportunities. But it is not in the Gibbs community. In the words of one Gibbs citizen, "If I had wanted my kids to go to Holston, I'd have bought a house in Holston Hills."

For 24 years students in the northern areas of

the Gibbs community have endured long bus rides - some an hour or more in duration - to attend middle school. But the long "commute" (which used to be called busing) does not present a problem worth fixing in the eyes of the Superintendent.

In his proposal to the Board of Education to be voted on this Monday, Superintendent McIntyre is asking that a Hardin Valley Middle School be placed on next year's capital plan for construction in the near future, while stating he doesn't think there is a "viable need" for one in Gibbs. The Gibbs Middle School was canned in favor of a north sector elementary school that was not on anyone's radar, and was absent from discussion at any of the community forums held last year by the school system, during which a Gibbs Middle School consistently emerged as the number one or two issue brought up by people in all sectors of the county. The fact that two new schools are being proposed while Gibbs Middle continues to be ignored is a slap in the face to an already frustrated community. McIntyre's reasoning for refusing to build a Gibbs Middle School was that it is fine for Gibbs students to continue to commute "some distance" to Holston Middle where they can receive a "very high quality" education. Some distance, indeed.

Superintendent McIntyre and the School Board last week and told of how this excessive travel time and distance forced one of his children to give up something they dearly loved so that his other child could continue to participate in a school activity they enjoyed, because of the distance between Gibbs High and Holston Middle. This is a dilemma many Gibbs families have had to face since 1991. The idea that children should have to give up an extracurricular activity they love because their school is not in their community is an unspeakable injustice. But apparently it's perfectly fine if you live in Gibbs.

For the moment things appear hopeful in Hardin Valley. McIntyre is asking for their school to be placed on the capital plan. Meanwhile the Gibbs folks will have to keep fighting. But the fight shouldn't be against Hardin Valley. In fact the fight for two middle schools should not be an either or proposition at all. It should be an all or nothing one. If McIntyre will not propose building both schools, then Knox County should build neither. Funding one without the other would be an egregious misuse of taxpayer dollars. But the reality is that both communities deserve better.

Unfortunately Superintendent McIntyre is not directly accountable to the people of either Hardin Valley or Gibbs, but instead answers to the nine-member School

Board. In the 1990's, election by the people of school superintendents was banned by the State Legislature in favor of appointment by local school boards. The measure purported to take politics out of the school system. Yet since its passage, the Knox County School Board has remained deeply divided by politics. Even the independent study cited in McIntyre's capital proposal referred to the "political sensitivity" of building a Gibbs Middle School - a very insightful observation from impartial outsiders.

Perhaps it is finally time for the leaders of our school system, who claim such disdain for politics, to put their money where their mouth is, set political grudges aside, and simply do the right thing. Not according to a study, not strictly by the statistics, not driven by agendas, but in the name of justice, fairness, and in the best interest of the parents and students they took an oath to serve. Just as there is more to education than mathematics, so there is more to consider than numbers and dollars when it comes to building schools. Jim McIntyre and the Board of Education are not to blame for the closure of Gibbs Middle School. They are not the ones responsible for the wrong done to the Gibbs community 24 years ago. They just happen to be the ones with the power to right it.

Community Input on Year Round Education

Over the past few months, KCS facilitated a series of over 40 school and district-wide meetings to discuss year round education (YRE), or "balanced" calendar. But while parents were generally notified, few others in the community were aware the meetings were taking place. The purpose of the meetings, which had very little in the way of specific information available



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(cost, transportation, details about intersessions and enrichment opportunities), was to get feedback from the community. The KCS website states, "Any move to a balanced calendar would require significant stakeholder input that includes teachers, staff, parents, students and community organizations." What about the taxpayers? Some meetings, for example in the Halls, Powell,

and Karns communities, were conducted using the Delphi technique - a facilitator giving information, and then the attendees breaking into smaller focus groups, where they were led to "consensus by dialogue," and in some cases, a vote. Other meetings, such as those at West and Gibbs, abandoned that strategy and a more honest, open discussion resulted. All meetings included a PowerPoint presentation defining "balanced calendar" or YRE. Facilitators (usually principals, but some Central Office

administrators facilitated meetings) said this is NOT year round school; it is simply taking the current 180 school days and separating them by longer (2 to 3 week) breaks. This reduces the summer vacation to somewhere between 5 and 8 weeks. But the stated purpose of a change in calendar is to provide additional intervention during the "intersessions" for struggling students. Enrichment classes could also be offered for non-struggling students. In either case, students would give up 3 to 5 weeks of their

summer vacation to spend more time in school. What is balanced about that? KCS cites input received from over 1000 online surveys during the 2020 Strategic Plan process, in which "stakeholders mentioned a balanced calendar 50 times as something they would like to see in the future. Changes in scheduling were mentioned 170 times." But "changes in scheduling" has no point of context. It could mean block scheduling versus traditional class scheduling, or even a longer lunch period. It may have nothing

to do with the school calendar. Fifty people mentioning balanced calendar out of 1000 surveys (5%) is hardly a groundswell of community "stakeholder" response. One of the most important considerations is cost. And yet, there is no definitive cost information available. Participants at a Karns area meeting were told the cost of intervention would be "around \$7M." McIntyre told the board the cost would be "between \$0 and \$20M." That is quite

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Less Federal Funding Expected

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Becky Wade, Director of the city's Community Development Department, and her staff have been educating various local organizations about their department's One and Five-Year plans for federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. Holding public hearings on the plans is a requirement by the federal government and Wade said there have been lots of comments from citizens. Last week Wade spoke to the East Knoxville Community at the O'Conner Center.

Since last October the department has been receiving feedback from these meetings, from the city's website and from letters. The frustrating thing for the department must be that for the past five years the federal funding has been decreasing each year.

"Often we don't get the amount that's funded," she said, adding that the amount to be received isn't final until Congress votes on the program.

HUD money goes to low and moderate income neighborhoods to curb slums and blighted areas in the form of re-habilitation or construction. Wade said that the city now receives about half the funding as it did in 1995 and anticipates another 4% decrease next year. Another federal funding program, known as HOMES, has been decreasing as well and she's anticipating a

12% cut in that program for the coming year.

She said that a new federal program, which may begin in 2016 from the Federal Housing Trust Fund will go to the state and she hopes some of that money will be funneled to Knoxville.

The Five Year Plan calls for improving the quality of life, acquiring and selling blighted properties, improving commercial properties through the city's façade program, and providing technical assistance to neighborhoods. Other efforts will include helping renovate owner occupied and rental property, emergency and minor home repairs, and energy and weatherization programs.

She says the city has helped somewhat during this time of dwindling federal funds, as has the state. Wade also said that the public comments basically agree with the One and Five Year Plan developed by the department. The department reached out to seniors, homeless, and various other groups including the Office on Aging, community groups, and the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

"The needs reflected in our date dovetailed with the public comments," she said.

Public comments will continue to be taken until Thursday, April 16. The plan then goes to City Council for approval and must then be submitted to HUD.

Much Ado About AVID

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McIntyre opened the floor to comments and questions, which fell into one of five areas: support for AVID (23 comments); support for Hardin Valley/Gibbs middle schools (7); teacher compensation (3); capital improvements at other schools (2); and support for related arts (1 comment).

The discussion on AVID might lead an outsider to think all McIntyre needs to do is restore \$280,000 in funding for AVID and everything will be grand. If only it were that easy.

From the KCS website, "The mission of AVID is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID targets students in the academic middle—students with a 2.0 to 3.5 Grade Point Average—who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. AVID is a regularly scheduled elective class that meets during the school day empowering students to achieve academic excellence."

AVID students receive instruction in writing, reading, collaboration, inquiry, note-taking, and organization; receive academic support from tutors through collaborative group sessions; and are motivated to pursue academic excellence through cultural and college field trips, classroom guest speakers, and

AVID team building activities. This used to be part of every child's education, until education reform and the toxic culture of high stakes testing tied teachers hands.

Currently AVID is in 3 Knox County High Schools (Austin East, Karns, and South Doyle) and 5 Knox County Middle Schools (Bearden, Cedar Bluff, Northwest, South Doyle and Whittle Springs). The program was already slated to end at BMS with the start of the IB MYP next year.

The decision by KCS to end AVID seems contrary to the motto "excellence for every child." AVID students are more likely to take Advanced Placement classes, to complete their college eligibility requirements, and to obtain admission into four-year colleges, than students who do not take AVID. Almost all AVID students who participate for at least three years are accepted into college, with roughly 75% being accepted into four-year universities. AVID also helps to ensure that students possess the higher-level skills they need to be successful in their lifelong academic pursuits.

Parents, students, and teachers, mostly from Northwest and Cedar Bluff middle schools, spoke passionately about what the program has meant to them. Students who didn't care about school are now planning

their college – and postgraduate studies. Parents have seen the difference the program has made for their child. Many said the program should be expanded, not cut. Betsy Barkow, AVID teacher at Cedar Bluff MS, was clearly proud of the CBMS students who spoke.

McIntyre conceded that not being able to fund the program district-wide doesn't mean the program has to go away. He said KCS could possibly come up with \$50K to cover the AVID dues and materials. Title 1 schools can potentially use Title 1 funds to retain the program and principals at other schools have flexibility in how they use their teacher resources if they choose to keep the program. Barkow asked if it would put other programs in jeopardy if a principal elected to keep AVID. McIntyre said, "Potentially, yes. Budgeting is about tradeoffs."

AVID has been partially funded since 2007 by Great Schools Partnership. The mission of GSP is to serve as a "think-tank, catalyst, incubator and start-up funder for making Knox County Schools globally competitive." But like grants, this funding had a limited life, ending in 2015. KCS neglected to plan for the future, and instead, is using students involved in this very popular, successful program as pawns in the upcoming battle with County Commission over funding. For shame.

How do you deal with dementia?

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A few weeks ago an older person drove to a supermarket, picked up two loaves of bread, and left the store without paying. The person got in their car and drove off, but it wasn't a matter of theft, it was "borrowing" according to Gwyn Earl, Director of Trinity Assisted Living and a proponent of making Knoxville a Purple City. Earl was speaking before the East Knoxville Community meeting last week and said that while most people with dementia would prefer to live at home, that option

is not always the safest. A person with dementia, be it Alzheimer's, traumatic brain injury, Encephalopathy, or a number of other brain ailments, is often misunderstood and ill-treated in public. Signs of dementia include memory loss, confusion or disorientation of time and place, poor reasoning, impaired judgement, inappropriate behavior and loss of communication skills.

One suggestion Earl made was to take whatever objects a person with dementia is familiar with and place them in the person's room if the person is being relocated. She suggested

duplicating their home bedroom if possible should they be in an assisted living facility.

What should you NOT do when communicating with a person that shows signs of dementia?

Don't talk loudly, don't talk as if the person isn't there, don't look frustrated or mad, don't use sarcasm or humor, don't rush at the person and don't argue.

What should you do?

Use short simple sentences, give the person time to process what you said, address them by their preferred name, let them know you are there to help, talk slowly and clearly, ask

one question at a time, speak only when you are visible to the person and maintain eye contact, and limit distractions such as and gestures or noise.

If necessary you can call 911 or contact the person's care giver. You may, if needed, call the police or fire department or an ambulance to assist a person in distress if no other help is available.

The Purple Cities Alliance is an organization of groups and individuals in health care who bring information to public about dementia, its various forms, and offering 10-minute training sessions to anyone

or any group that will listen. On May 11th a proclamation by Mayor Madeline Rogero will be read at Market Square making that day "Purple City Day" in Knoxville.

Purple Cities Alliance volunteers are spreading the word about how to deal with dementia and can be contacted online at www.purplecities.org.

The Alliance includes Alzheimer's TN, Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Tennessee, The Summitt Foundation, Trinity Assisted Living, Courtyard Assisted Living, Elder Advocates, etc.

Community Input on Year Round Education

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a range. Clearly, KCS has not done any significant research into the cost of this initiative.

One parent told the Focus, "The most important takeaway was the comment that the "intercessions" in which intervention and enrichment is supposed to take place, and which create the cost, cannot be mandated for those failing students to attend. By law parents ensure their children attend school because the threat of truancy looms. There is no such threat with intervention and/or enrichment during these intercessions. They are not obligated in any way to attend. So, in my opinion, I believe we are being sold a program "to help those children in need" which will never materialize and we'll be on the hook for another \$20 million."

Because KCS gave principals autonomy in how the community meetings would be conducted, the reaction of those who attended

varied greatly across the county.

Bearden High parent Ron Raymond attended both meetings at Bearden, and also meetings at West and Gibbs, and his wife attended the meeting in Karns. Raymond said the BHS principal (Dr. Bartlett) is a "huge fan of balanced calendar," and was unapologetically promoting a calendar change. Unfortunately, both meetings at BHS were cut short due to other scheduled events, so the participants only had the chance to ask about 4 questions. Many left feeling frustrated and confused.

He said the presentation was more neutral at West, and that West principal Mrs. Banner said she was "uncomfortable" about the lack of specific details she had to give the attendees.

That was also the case in Gibbs, where principals Jason Webster (Gibbs HS) and Ashley Jessie (Holston MS) facilitated. Unlike other presentations where Oak Ridge, Alcoa, and

Maryville are cited as the models to follow, Webster and Jessie said KCS should look at Metro Nashville and other large districts. They were apologetic that they had no specific information on cost, transportation, intervention/enrichment, or answers to many of the questions that were asked.

Commissioner Dave Wright and BOE member Mike McMillan also attended the Gibbs meeting. McMillan said that Dr. McIntyre has agreed to add a third option to the upcoming survey; the current traditional (please don't call it agrarian) calendar. He then asked what people thought about the current calendar with a week off for fall break. Those in attendance almost unanimously agreed that was the best option. There was vehement opposition to the 9/3 calendar and only minimal support for a 9/2 calendar.

KCS also held two meetings last week for Childcare providers. The meeting at

West HS last Tuesday was facilitated by Dr. Alvez and Russ Oaks. There were eight attendees, including Pam Walker, Director of Kids Place, which provides on-site after school care for KCS. Personnel from Head Start and two other contracted after-school care providers were also present.

One private preschool Director, Susan Todd of Fountain City Methodist Preschool, attended the meeting. She said that many part time preschools in Blount Co. went to full time when balanced calendar was implemented but, "We're not sure we are interested in doing that." It would be interesting to hear from the hundreds of other private and part time daycares and after-school providers in Knox County, but again, very few people were aware of these meetings.

Staff from on-site centers voiced concerns about staffing, and whether or not they would have access to

the school buildings during the break times. Walker said, "Our working parents are scared to death about this...they don't feel empowered to voice their concerns to KCS." She said she has already seen an increase in "latch-key kids." Currently they aren't allowed to use school facilities during breaks. Russ Oaks said this is due to scheduled maintenance such as painting and floor refinishing, which can't be done with children in the building. How would that work with interventions and enrichment during that time?

Dr. Alvez also said KCS could use some of the intercession days for teacher in-service (so much for the "much needed break for teachers").

There is a perception that the community meetings were for show only. Cost will certainly be a factor. It is irresponsible for KCS to survey the "stakeholders" without a detailed fiscal note for each of the options put forth. How much more

will a 9/2 or 9/3 calendar cost? What will the intervention cost? What about childcare? Is this like the federal law we had to pass, so we could know what is in it?

Metro Nashville tried for several years to pass a balanced calendar. They finally settled on a 9/2 calendar, with school starting on July 25. But when they looked at cost, they backed off and started a week later, reducing the fall break to one week. They also eliminated the interventions. These changes saved the district \$20M over the full 9/2 with intervention. But it also negated the stated purpose of changing to a balanced calendar. Sounds like the goal is churn and disruption.

Many people asked what the research shows about the benefits of year round education. Next week, the Focus examines the research listed on the KCS website, as well as some additional studies.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE SUCH

Mike Such, owner and operator of Junk Bee Gone, stands beside one of the company trucks.

Junk Bee Gone is thriving

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Changing with the times and customer needs has been very successful for Mike Such, owner of Junk Bee Gone. In only 10 years, the Knoxville company has grown, expanded its services, and now serves homes and businesses within a 40 to 50 mile radius. "Most people think we're a franchise, but we're not," Such says. He and his wife, Tracy, started the business ten years ago with a single truck that would pick up junk at homes and businesses. Now the company has six trucks and also offers driveway dumpsters, document shredding, and light to medium demolition. Such worked 20 years in the corporate world with Bush Brothers and Nestle USA. His background in marketing and sales has served him well. He and his wife were looking for something that didn't require much travel and Junk Bee Gone

became the first professional junk removal business in Knoxville. "This concept came to me that was in some other market places," he said. "I researched it, my wife came up with the name, my daughters picked the bee, and off we went," he explains. As the real estate boom slowed Such got the idea of adding dumpsters at homes and businesses and found it better to buy them than to lease them. In 2010 they added document shredding to their line of services and more recently added a demolition service for smaller structures like sheds, garages, single and doublewide mobile homes, etc. "About 50% of our business is residential and 50% commercial and we continue to grow every year," he says. Such said Junk Bee Gone tries to find homes for some of the gently used items that they are asked to

remove. For example, Junk Bee Gone donates bicycles to Kickstand where the bikes can be restored or used for parts. Kickstand is a bike collective for Knoxville which supplies bikes and bicycle training. The company is completely licensed and insured and recycles about 70% of the paper, plastics, cardboard, electronics and metal picked up. They also provide free estimates and, in most cases, junk removal can take place in one day. "Our document shredding is HIPAA compliant," he says, meaning that information on documents would be shredded completely. What's next? "Expanding geographically, I think. We have a good model now and expanding could be a good idea," Such said. Junk Bee Gone can be reached by calling (865)675-5865 (JUNK) and found on Facebook and on the internet at www.junkbeegone.biz.

KCHD, Nourish Knoxville host event to help farmers accept EBT cards

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) and Nourish Knoxville are partnering to help farmers and farmers market managers accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards (commonly referred to as food stamps). The two organizations are hosting a free sign-up event for farmers and farmers market managers on Monday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the KCHD auditorium, 140 Dameron Ave. "This first-time event is a win-win for local farmers and those in the SNAP program," said KCHD Director Dr. Martha Buchanan. "By helping farmers markets and farmers accept EBT cards, we're not only increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables for SNAP recipients, we're also helping the local economy by supporting our farmers." KCHD and Nourish Knoxville are bringing representatives from MarketLink, the United States Department of Agriculture, and Food and Nutrition Service to conduct this one-day event. Through a federal grant, participating farmers and farmers markets will receive a free iPhone or iPad, card

reader, receipt printer, and merchant processing and wireless data plan for a year. The event will also feature tips on how to operate a centralized SNAP token system for farmers market managers. All East Tennessee farmers and farmers market managers are encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to register for the free event by emailing Kathy.nix@knoxcounty.org or calling 865-215-5170. On the morning of the event, light refreshments will be provided. A 2012 study in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics found that providing farmers market vendors with the equipment to accept EBT cards helped significantly increase SNAP usage at the markets. According to the Department of Human Services, 62,999 Knox County residents were SNAP recipients in February 2015, including children, the elderly and disabled, as well as unemployed and working families. KCHD hopes to improve the health of those living and working in Knox County and the region, in part, by increasing access to healthy, affordable foods.

MPC gets unusual

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Usually most Metropolitan Planning Commission meetings are pretty uneventful. After all, the MPC commissioners deal with zonings, subdivisions, planning, building regulations, parking, etc. and those are important, but not very exciting issues. Sometimes the appointed, unpaid commissioners see debates over proposed changes but seldom does it get as odd as Thursday's meeting and the public comments about the proposed Northwest Sector Plan and its references to Plan ET. PlanET is a regional partnership formed to ask East Tennesseans questions and develop the tools to the citizens' vision and values. The guidance comes from the Board of Mayors and a

Community Leadership Team. But some people see PlanET as a conspiracy or plan for the future. Carlene Malone, representing Fountain City Town Hall, asked the MPC to remove all the references to PlanET from the Northwest Sector Plan, saying that PlanET is not a plan. She criticized the planning staff for referring to PlanET and charged that the sector plan makes no other references for anything used for guidance. She said that PlanET has not been adopted by any local governments and is "unvetted." The MPC staff responded that PlanET was only a resource and was used for strategic ways to develop communities. Tommy Helms of Maynardville was more directly critical of PlanET and said it was a conspiracy of the United Nation


and part of "Agenda 21." He said that Agenda 21 is a non-government international association. Critics of Agenda 21 claim the UN is attempting to control the world by forcing every government to adopt their agenda. After a discussion the planning members moved to vote on removing all references to PlanET but it failed in a split vote, 7-7. A motion was made to simply remove any language referring to PlanET as "a plan" and pass the sector plan was approved. A proposed list of possible historic homes saw debate and objections as well. The idea is to create the list of structures not already designated and use that list when and if the owners of those properties request a demolition permit. They would have to wait 60 days and, if

no one objects, the demolition would be authorized. The rub came when the MPC was told that a property owner would not be notified that their property is being added to the list. Homes on the National Register of Historic Places or nominated to that register and homes in designated Historic Districts are already covered in demolition rules. But the lack of prior notice of adding properties to a city list caused a 9-5 vote and now the issue goes to city council. Attorneys Arthur Seymour, Jr. and Wayne Kline squared off before the planners over a concept plan for the Beals Creek Subdivision on Mourfield Road Southeast of Westland Drive. Seymour was seeking a late request to postpone a concept plan hearing. Seymour wanted a 30 day delay but

Kline said he would not be available then and asked for 60 days. The issue went back and forth until the MPC voted to postpone it request for 60 days. A request for 16 units on five acres by Barbara Hooper on her property on Wilson Road was opposed by Norwood Homeowners. The request was denied and Hooper was told that the current zoning allows her to build five units per acre. A use-on-review was granted for a Dollar General Store on the north side of John Sevier Highway. The MPC also denied a request from Efficient Energy of Tennessee for a subdivision on Old Callahan Drive. The developer was told that the final plat was not ready to be approved and a permanent easement must be resolved.

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Our Neighborhoods

Search for the naming of Powell Station

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Following a story about Powell, formerly Powell Station, a reader wrote that it was named for an early settler there. I could find no reference to a Powell family living near there in early settlement records and always assumed the community was named for the Powell Railroad Station there.

Powell is a historic community, one of the few in Knox County with an actual "downtown" section to it. The

community certainly developed around the railroad, which still passes through the little town. Recently the downtown was bypassed by Powell Road, connecting the west part of the community directly with Clinton Highway. That eases traffic through Powell and the merchants are hoping to continue to prosper even with the traffic change.

Another reader wrote recently about the original naming and here's the letter:

Mr. Steely, I am writing you in response to Mr. Hyman's letter regarding the history of Powell. Here is what I have found in my own quest for answers to the history of Powell. Mr. Hyman is correct that when the first settlers arrived that they built fortified stations. John Menifee, a soldier in the American Revolution, was probably the first settler in what would later become Powell.

In 1789 he built a station near the intersection of Emory Road and

Clinton Highway. Early on the area was called Menifee's Station. I have checked several sources that list early stations in the area and have found no reference to any named Powell's Station. If anyone has such a reference I would like to see it. Eventually Menifee sold some land to a Mr. Bell. Bell built a bridge across the creek on the old Clinton Road. Locals then started calling the area Bell's Bridge.

Just prior to the War Between the States

construction on the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad had begun. Mr. Columbus Powell, a merchant in Knoxville, was on the board of directors of the Knoxville and Kentucky. Sometime in the 1860's Powell purchased Dr. Ragsdale's place in the Bell's Bridge area. A railroad station built in the community and named for Columbus Powell. I have searched the newspapers and so far the earliest reference to the area being referred to as Powell's Station was

in an 1871 edition of The Knoxville Chronicle.

In 1894 a Post Office was opened there and is listed as Powell's Station. That Post Office closed in 1949 and a new one opened under just the name of Powell. I hope this helps settle the debate as to how the area came to be called Powell.

*Best wishes,
Barry Miller
(Proud resident of Knox County since 1963)*

Homeless appear at Neighborhood Council

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Normally the Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory Council hears from city officials about pending local legislation, like the Sign Ordinance or MPC actions. Last Wednesday, the council heard from three people directly involved with the homeless.

Eddie Young, director of the East Tennessee Peace and Justice Center (formerly Redeeming Hope Ministries), and two local homeless men Drew Krikua and Jonathan Jared represented the Knoxville Homeless Collective together and talked with the Council.

Young said the Collective is a grassroots group that is addressing their own issues. "We're approaching many groups and trying to connect with other community associations," Young said.

Jared said the group is part of the Mayor's Roundtable on the Homeless and that they, "want to reach out to all of Knoxville."

Both Jared and Krikua said the homeless should not be feared and that "panhandling" shouldn't be illegal. They said the group is looking for an approved place in the city where the homeless can sit or sleep without being harassed.

Young said that Knoxville agencies have only 600 beds available to the homeless but that is only one-half of the beds needed. He said the sleeping policies of some non-profit agencies are mismatched and some beds go unoccupied because of some policies.

They addressed some of what they say are misconceptions: That all homeless people are addicts and that money



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Three advocates for the homeless in Knoxville spoke to the Neighborhood Advisory Council Wednesday and expressed several concerns about misconceptions and available services in the city. Pictured are, left to right, Jonathan Jared, Drew Krikua, and Eddie Young.

donated to individual homeless is misused. They also said that many panhandlers on the streets are not homeless but need the money for food or rent.

Young said that panhandling is a protected form of speech and that sometimes support from non-profits isn't enough and, "Sometimes a person just needs money."

When asked if the number of homeless is growing in Knoxville, they answered that it is not but that more and more homeless are applying for help.

When asked why homeless men don't just get a job, one of the men explained that if you have a felony arrest then it's hard to find employment. He also said that he lost out on job applications in the restaurant industry because he had no place to shower each morning.

"Missteps don't fall equally among us," Young said.

Young urged the Council that when considering a job application from a student or a homeless person to consider hiring the homeless.

Young is the publisher of The Amplifier and employs many homeless to help the homeless. The Amplifier is a newspaper carrying information about the homeless in Knoxville and Young said that the first ten newspapers are given free to homeless vendors. They then pay \$1 for the next three copies. The newspapers are sold for \$1 each on the streets and the vendor keeps \$2 for every three papers sold. He said the homeless already have a voice but the newspaper "turns up the volume."

One of the Neighborhood Advisory Council members asked

Young how to know if the money donated to an organization for the homeless actually reaches the homeless. Young asked that anyone get in direct touch with him and he would advise them on donations.

Jared said that a current "Homeless Bill of Rights" is circulating in Nashville and, should it fail to pass, the city will be asked to pass a resolution similar to one enacted in Indianapolis. Krikua said they have been talking with Cumberland Avenue merchants and trying to "establish some middle ground" there.

An estimated 80% of Knoxville homeless are from Knoxville.

Young said that anyone wanting to contact him can do so at eddie@etnpeaceandjustice.org or call (865) 237-8166.

KTA hears 'Open Meeting' talk

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The Knoxville Transportation Authority was told at its March meeting that ridership is up and the trolley and bus service in the city has transported over a million riders during the last 11 years. Knoxville Transit Authority Director Dawn Distler also reported that during February's ice and snow storms, the buses continued to run and transported more than 3,000 riders.

She said that many of those snow and ice day riders are now using the trolley and bus service two or three times a week. She reported that, thanks to lower fuel prices and holding down operation expenses, the system is in good financial shape.

The board voted to eliminate the K-2 Committee, which had been assigned to look into route changes and decided to consider appointing "ad hoc" committees in the future to deal with specific issues. The K-2 Committee was a "standing" committee chaired by Hubert Smith.

KTA attorney Jim Lawhorn introduced Alyson Eberting of the City's Law Office, who talked to the Authority members about the Open Meetings or "Sunshine" state law. Mayor Madeline Rogero had announced last week that each committee, board, and city office would be updated on the law.

Eberting said that Tennessee's Open Meeting law is one of the most comprehensive in the nation and that it is written to insure that public business is not conducted in private. She made several points to inform new members and existing members of what they can and cannot do:

- The law does not mean that the public can speak at every meeting.
- It applies to every voting, non-voting and committee meeting.
- The only exception to having an open meeting is when a city body is in litigation and the closed meeting can only discuss the litigation.
- In a social or chance meeting by members of the same group a discussion can be held but not about business or pending business of that group.
- Members may talk to citizens about business before the group but not when other group members are present.
- Minutes must be taken at every group meeting.
- Business cannot be discussed by email with other members.
- Suggestions for agenda items should not be sent to group members but submitted to the law department or staff of that body.
- Violations of the law invalidates any item discussed and is invalid. The item must return and be discussed in an open meeting.
- The Circuit and Chancery Courts have jurisdiction over the groups and if a violation takes place the courts could oversee the boards for one year.
- Members may talk to the public, the mayor or other city officials, but not with each other about business outside of a meeting.



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The Irrepressible "Happy" Chandler

A. B. Chandler of Kentucky *Part III*

Pages from the Past



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Governor Albert B. "Happy" Chandler had badly lost his bid to defeat Senator Alben W. Barkley for the United States Senate in 1938. The death of Kentucky's other senator, Marvel M. Logan, gave Chandler the opportunity to go to the Senate. Chandler resigned as governor and a day later his successor appointed him to the vacancy. The former governor's ties to Virginia senator Harry F. Byrd helped him to get an assignment to the Military Affairs Committee.

The first thing Senator Chandler had to do was get elected, as he had to run in a special election in 1940 for the remaining two years of the late Senator Logan's term. It is a historical fact that governors who leave office to have themselves appointed to the United States Senate rarely fare well in elections. Happy Chandler's popularity, despite losing to Alben Barkley, remained intact and he defeated his challenger in the 1940 Democratic primary with better than seventy percent of the vote. Senator Chandler went on to win the general election against Republican Walter B. Smith with over fifty-eight percent of the vote.

Happy Chandler's voting record while in the United States Senate resembled that of many Southern Democrats. Chandler voted against an anti-lynching bill, which predictably highly upset many African-American constituents.

Senator Chandler had to run for reelection again in 1942 for a full six-year term and faced opposition in the Democratic primary from former Congressman John Y. Brown. Brown had been incensed by then-Governor Chandler's refusal to support him for the U. S. Senate in 1936.

Brown was the father of a future governor of the same name. He served, off and on, in the Kentucky House of Representatives for decades and had once allied himself with Happy Chandler to defeat Governor Ruby Laffoon's proposed sales tax. Brown had been elected to Congress statewide in 1932, to an At-Large seat. He had run for governor in 1939, but lost the Democratic primary.

Brown's challenge to Senator Chandler amounted to little, as he garnered less than thirty percent of the vote. 1942 was a bad year for many incumbent Democrats and while Happy Chandler's share of the vote fell slightly, he easily defeated Republican Richard Colbert.

John Y. Brown would remain a force in Kentucky politics for years to come, but he never lost his animosity toward Happy Chandler. Brown would attain the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, but many of Chandler's supporters quietly backed

Republican John Sherman Cooper, who won the general election.

After winning reelection, Senator Chandler left for a worldwide tour as part of the Senate's Military Affairs Committee. Upon his return to Washington, Senator Chandler began to think of national politics and attempted to boost himself as FDR's vice presidential running mate in 1944. Chandler's national aspirations hit a bump when many of Kentucky's most powerful politicians refused to support him for the vice presidential nomination. Earle C. Clements was a rising power in Kentucky's Democratic Party.

Clements and Chandler had long been at odds; Clements had managed the gubernatorial campaign of Thomas Rhea against Happy Chandler in 1935. The two never seemed to be on the same side since. Clements was elected to Congress in 1944, while Happy Chandler had to be content to remain in the United States Senate.

The bitterness between the two men escalated following the 1944 Democratic National Convention. Harry Truman received the vice presidential nomination and succeeded to the presidency when Franklin Roosevelt died. Happy Chandler believed that he could have been nominated and succeeded to the presidency himself had it not been for Earle Clements.

Death always plays a part in the ebb and flow of politics and it was the death of Kenesaw Mountain Landis that saw a change in the life of Albert B. Chandler. Landis was the formidable judge who was baseball's first Commissioner. It was Judge Landis who expelled eight players in perhaps the first real scandal in baseball. The "Black Sox Scandal" was notorious during its time and the forbidding Judge Landis took matters into his own hands and dealt with it with finality.

Judge Landis' decisions as Commissioner of Baseball were not always universally hailed; many believed he had been unduly harsh with some involved in the Black Sox Scandal. Others faulted Landis for long delaying the desegregation of baseball.

Kenesaw Mountain Landis suffered a heart attack while keeping his ill wife company in the hospital in October of 1944. The judge was thought to be improving and the baseball team owners voted to extend Landis' contract as Commissioner of Baseball for another seven years the next month. The 25th of November the seventy-eight year old Judge Landis died.

Selecting a successor to the legendary Judge Landis proved to be a difficult task. The team owners considered the possibility of hiring a Commissioner who had the



Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler with Ohio Governor Frank J. Lausche in 1956.

requisite skills to navigate the treacherous rapids of politics. In 1945, members of the United States Senate earned around \$10,000; the Commissioner's post paid \$50,000, which was a considerable enticement to Senator Happy Chandler.

Chandler was hardly the only politician to be considered as the new Commissioner of Baseball; in retrospect, there seemed to be hardly anyone who was not considered. Ohio had two potential candidates to be Commissioner of Baseball; Senator John W. Bricker, a Republican and Governor Frank J. Lausche, a Democrat. Both Bricker and Lausche had been talented athletes in their youth and received consideration as the new Commissioner of Baseball. James A. Farley, for eight years FDR's Postmaster General and Chairman of the National Democratic Party was rumored to be under consideration, as was Robert Hannegan, President Truman's Chair of the National Democratic Party and Postmaster General. Even FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was reputedly considered to be Baseball Commissioner by the team owners.

The initial front-runner for the post had apparently been Ford Frick, president of baseball's National League. Frick's candidacy encountered stiff opposition from Philip Wrigley, the chewing gum magnate who owned the Chicago Cubs. Wrigley's own opposition to Frick was augmented by equally strong opposition by Warren Giles, the owner of the Cincinnati Reds; Larry McPhail, a co-owner of the New York Yankees, began promoting the candidacy of Senator A. B. Chandler.

The team owners gathered in Chicago on April 24, 1945 to consider a replacement for the late Judge Landis and Happy Chandler's name was evidently not even on the short list of candidates. Deadlocked, the owners took an informal vote and Chandler was amongst the top three candidates. After further balloting, Happy Chandler received enough votes from the owners to become the next

Commissioner of Baseball.

Despite his election as Commissioner of Baseball, A. B. Chandler remained in the United States Senate until resigning on November 1, 1945. Chandler's election as Commissioner of Baseball was not widely acclaimed by many sports writers, especially in the east and northeastern region of the country. Chandler's homespun style and folksy ways seemed to irritate them and they mocked the former senator relentlessly. The fact he was a Southerner certainly did not sit well with them either.

When Happy Chandler relocated the Commissioner's office from Chicago to Cincinnati, those same sports writers were livid. Cincinnati was of course much closer to Chandler's home in Versailles, Kentucky.

Perhaps the most famous event to occur during A. B. Chandler's tenure as Commissioner of Baseball was the introduction of black players in the profession. Jackie Robinson had been signed to play baseball by Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Jackie Robinson's signing and career was the subject of a recent movie, "42". Rickey had signed Robinson to play just prior to Happy Chandler's election as Commissioner of Baseball.

Robinson's contract was actually with the Montreal Royals and he was in fact the first black to play for a major league affiliate. Rickey transferred Jackie Robinson from Montreal to the Brooklyn Dodgers. There was heated debate amongst the team owners about allowing a Negro to play baseball in the major leagues. Evidently Ford Frick was strongly against the idea and at a meeting of team owners, Frick got the owners to ratify his contention black players would be a significant threat to the institution of professional baseball. Happy Chandler later recalled that Branch Rickey came to his home and Bowie Kuhn, himself later Commissioner of Baseball, credited Chandler with breaking the color barrier in the sport of baseball.

FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

In the first place, A. B. Chandler held the power as Commissioner to negate Jackie Robinson's contract, but instead he chose to approve it. When Robinson had to endure vile racial epithets and taunts from Philadelphia Phillies manager Ben Chapman and his players, Commissioner Chandler personally intervened and pledged to discipline them for their behavior if it continued. Some members of the St. Louis Cardinals threatened to go on strike because of Jackie Robinson being allowed to play and once again, Happy Chandler was decisive. He made it quite clear he would support Ford Frick's promise to suspend any player who attempted to strike.

It was Happy Chandler who created the first pension fund for baseball players, just as he had been responsible for creating the first pension fund for educators in Kentucky during his term as governor. Chandler sold the rights to broadcast the World Series in 1947 and used the money for the purpose of starting the pension fund.

Still, not everybody was happy with Chandler. Commissioner Chandler's contract still had almost three years left to run when he sought to have the team owners extend it at the end of 1949. The vote went against offering Chandler an extension of his contract, although the owners promised to consider the issue the following year. When the time came to consider Chandler's request for an extension, he did not get the three-fourths majority required. Disgusted, A. B. Chandler resigned as Commissioner of Baseball on July 15, 1951.

Even during his time as Commissioner of Baseball, A. B. Chandler kept his hand in Kentucky politics. Chandler's political foe Earle C. Clements had left Congress to run for governor in 1947 and had been elected. Clements resigned the governorship in 1950, as he had been elected to the United States Senate. Clements' successor was Lawrence Wetherby, who had been lieutenant governor. Wetherby was a

candidate for a full four-year term in 1951. A. B. Chandler spent the next four years plotting his return to public office.

To the surprise of virtually no one, A. B. Chandler announced himself as a candidate for governor in 1955. It had been twenty years since his first election as governor and Senator Clements had a hard time settling on a candidate formidable enough to beat Chandler in the Democratic primary. Eventually, Clements decided to back Bert T. Combs, a judge on Kentucky's Court of Appeals, for the gubernatorial nomination.

Happy crisscrossed Kentucky, poking fun at "the Little Judge" as well as Senator Clements and Governor Wetherby, whom he referred to as "Clementine and Wetherbine". Chandler dismissed Combs as nothing but a puppet for Senator Clements and Governor Wetherby.

Bert Combs was a novice at the art of politics and his first speech during the primary campaign showed it. Reading from a text, Combs dryly confessed it was quite possible it was time for Kentucky to reinstitute the sales tax. That admission gave Happy Chandler ammunition to point out he had repealed the hated sales tax during his first administration as governor. Chandler promised he would not raise taxes and accused Combs of intending to increase taxes.

While Bert Combs was a neophyte to politics, Happy Chandler remained a master of the art of politics and had fun with even the smallest of things. Noting that the governor's office had been paneled with African mahogany, Happy told audiences he was astonished someone had to go "clear to Africa" to equip the governor's office. Chandler promised that he would panel the governor's office with fine native woods from Kentucky's backwoods.

Despite the best efforts of the Clements machine, A. B. Chandler prevailed in the Democratic primary, beating Bert Combs by about eighty-thousand votes. The Republican candidate in the general election, Edwin Denney, proved to be no match for Happy Chandler. Once again, Happy won the general election by the biggest majority given to a candidate in the state's history up until that time.

Governor Chandler's second administration was far less successful than his first. The Democrats were seriously divided by party strife; some remained loyal to the governor, while others owed their allegiance to Senator Earle Clements. Chandler found to his dismay it was exceedingly difficult to balance the state budget and keep his own campaign promises.

Happy's second term was looking less than happy.

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From State Representative Harry Brooks

The committees have been winding down this week with most committees in the House and Senate closing. House Education Administration & Planning Committee and House Education Instructions & Programs Committee both closed on April 7th. Now that almost all committees are closed we will be spending a lot of time on the House floor discussing the final bills. To make sure we end session when planned we are going to have five floor sessions the week of April 13th.

Our last committee meeting in Education Administration & Planning turned out to be an emotional one and all members were affected. House Bill 675 was on the calendar and the discussion and testimony surrounding it was emotional. House Bill 675 would exempt certain students from payment of out-of-state tuition for higher education institutions. At first because of the language, a number of legislators were strongly opposed to the bill. However an amendment was added to the bill which included the language a student shall be classified as a Tennessee resident and be charged

in-state tuition, if the student is lawfully present in the United States; and either graduated from a Tennessee high school, obtained a GED or HiSET credential awarded by a state-approved institution or organization, or completed high school in a Tennessee home school program. This change was the catalyst to move this bill forward. Also many of the legislators who were adamantly opposed to this bill after hearing testimony, soul searching, and prayer became strong advocates for it. Also, Tennessee higher education entities were highly supportive of this bill.

There have been numerous bills this session that my constituents have been passionate about. Many constituents have reached out to me throughout the session to ask that I vote in favor or against a bill. Some of the most called/emailed about issues were vouchers, guns in parks, Insure Tennessee, animal cruelty punishments, new born screening and virtual schools. My office received numerous phone calls and emails about House Bill 1049 which would provide funding for vouchers. Most constituents opposed the bill objecting to public dollars being forwarded to private school. I support most provisions in this bill but have a problem with one section and I am awaiting the final version before I decide on my stance.

House Bill 995 allows anyone with a handgun permit to carry their firearm in parks; most constituents oppose the bill and

prefer local choice as current law allows. I am waiting for final version before I decide on my position and I do have some questions as to the loss of local control. Insure Tennessee was another topic that received a lot of attention and the majority people who contacted me asked that I vote for it. I did not support the proposal because I was concerned with too much federal control. Constituents also contacted me about the animal cruelty bills going through the legislature this session and were all in favor of the legislation. I was good with most final versions of legislation on animal cruelty punishments. All communications about House Bill 33, which would require newborns be tested for lysosomal storage disorders, was positive and requested I support this bill and I did support the final version of it. The Virtual School Act extension was another topic that generated a lot of communication. The bulk of people asked me support the virtual school act extension to allow for virtual schools to continue to function and I did support the final version of this bill.

As always, I look forward to continuing my service as your Representative. I will be in Nashville on a regular basis Monday - Thursdays until session ends. Please let me know if I, or my office, can be of service to you. I can be reached at my Nashville office at 615-741-6879 or rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov. It is an honor to be your representative.

Punishment II

Most folks work for a living. It's time-consuming and demanding each and every day of the work week. Some people also must put in overtime to complete assignments, often without extra pay. However, of all the jobs, nothing is more intense than being a parent. It's an even worse chore when children must be disciplined.

I dreaded having to correct my children, but the fact is that they were human and, therefore, made mistakes. They also tested the waters. When they did, the gauntlet was dashed and a war of wills ensued. I simply had to punish them if I planned on maintaining order in our household.

My approach to punishment was swift and just. I'd go to Lacey or Dallas and administer spankings. Amy said the kids knew they were in trouble when I frowned and put on my "Rector lips." Those spanking were administered with my hand, although I might have used a fly swatter or something on occasion.

Lacey figured out early that the best bet was to act contrite over any transgressions. With my first step into her room, she began to bawl and beg me not to punish her. I'd like to say it had no effect on me, but that would be a lie. Oh, she still received the spanking, but it was usually much lighter.

Dallas was defiant. His



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stubborn streak kept him from begging or crying. In fact, the boy refused to shed the first tear in front of me. He saved them for after I'd left the room. If I re-entered, he sniffed

and set his jaw in an act that said I won't bend.

My two children seemed to relish the idea of arguing and scuffling in the car. One would call the other a name or begin teasing, and that drove the other child into a frenzy. Then something would happen and one would squeal and retaliate. By then, I had put up with enough. That meant I reached across the front seat and attempted to thrash both of them. Suddenly, the two of them forgot about their differences and delighted in a game of dodging my swats.

Amy was a more masterful disciplinarian. I belted and stomped and threatened. Before long, Lacey and Dallas tuned all the commotion out until I left the room. My dear wife is a quiet person, but when she reached her limit, the kids feared her. On one occasion, they began a backseat argument as soon as the car pulled out of the driveway. Amy had warned them in advance that no such behavior would be tolerated. Not more than a mile down the road, she whipped the car into a subdivision road, took off her flip-flop, and flogged the two children. From that point, all Amy

had to do was step on the brakes and all misbehavior ceased.

I admit that I'm one of those parents who suffered with their children when I punished them. My stomach knotted and tears flooded my eyes. I didn't want to spank my kids, but it was necessary. So, I felt terrible after the fact.

Grounding worked better for Dallas. He hated to be confined, so Amy would place him in a chair in our bedroom and dare him to get up. With nothing to stimulate his mind, he'd grow bored in a matter of minutes and would begin calling "Mom" to seek forgiveness and release. Lacey didn't care if she were grounded for life. She'd close her bedroom door and dream of the day she could leave home. I have to admit that during her teen years I offered to help her pack her bags.

My generation is probably the last one to use spanking as a means of discipline. Other generations have decided that striking a child sends the wrong message. Instead, parents use time-out, one-on-one discussions, and other creative ways of getting points across. Perhaps that all works, but I still stand by the belief that a quick swat to the behind is an acceptable way of correcting behavior and teaching children the correct ways to act. By the way, neither I nor my children suffered any long-lasting debilitating effects from the spankings we earned.

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Picture of Les Spitzer as a Gibbs Eagle from the archives of Les and Judy Spitzer

Lucky Dave should parlay his popularity into greater fame

By Steve Williams

I'm beginning to think Dave Hart carries a four-leaf clover around in his pocket. It might even be one he picked off the ground in Tuscaloosa years ago. That doesn't matter. It's working for Tennessee now.

The popularity rating of the University of Tennessee athletic director jumped from zero to hero in most of Volville recently with his hiring of Rick Barnes as head basketball coach.

Just a few days before that hire, Hart had to fire Donnie Tyndall with cause and admit, considering how things turned out, he made a mistake by hiring Tyndall a year ago.

Hart was led to believe Tyndall's NCAA wrongdoings had ended at Morehead State, but from all indications, more garbage spilled out at Southern Miss, where Tyndall last coached before getting the Tennessee job.

Hart was guilty of being too trusting. But some still wanted to put the UT AD in the unemployment line, too.

After all, Hart and university chancellor Jimmy Cheek had already ruffled the feathers of Lady Vol fans with their puzzling branding decision to eliminate the iconic Lady Vol nickname from all women's teams except basketball.

Hart, or should I say Lucky Dave, came out of it smelling like a rose.

Texas let Barnes go after 17 seasons, even though he was one of the winningest active coaches in the nation. Hart quickly let it be known Barnes was Tennessee's No. 1 choice, if he was interested. The timing couldn't have been better.

Four days after Tyndall was fired, Barnes was hired.

Hart's rebound shot was a slam dunk.

The mood throughout Big Orange Country instantly became much brighter.

Even the weather got warmer. The sky bluer. The birds happier. Even the Vols' baseball team got better.

This was the second time Lucky Dave rebounded with a great hire in his four years at Tennessee. He missed getting Charlie Strong, but came back

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By **Ralphine Major**

It was a good while back that she handed me a big brown envelope. I did not realize at first, but it was full of gems from half a century ago--black and white photographs.

I saw Judy and Les Spitzer recently at Georgia Wright's 91st birthday celebration. Les's mother, Faye, was a sister to Georgia, and he even lived with the Wrights when his father's job transferred the family to Missouri. Judy's sister, Jane, is

Georgia's daughter-in-law. We visited with the Spitzer family over lunch at Georgia's birthday celebration. Seeing the Gibbs High School and Carson-Newman basketball standout was another reminder that just days earlier we lost Tommy Everette, another Gibbs and Carson-Newman standout who was a teammate of Spitzer's.

Les was the jump shot shooter for Bob Dagley's 1965 Eagles. "I never saw him have a shot blocked," Dagley told me when

I first started the series. The coach should know. He saw every one of those jump shots the team captain made. Eagles' fans saw them, too. Spitzer's jump shots made for some exciting moments in basketball.

Rusty Carpenter was a professional photographer who lived in the community and often captured the Eagles on film. "There would be standing room only in the gym," Rusty once told me. "I remember seeing Spitzer dribble a time or two, cross the

center line, and shoot the ball." It was those plays and more that caught the attention of Carson-Newman coaches, making Les the first scholarship player from the small, rural school.

In this series about the '65 amazing Eagles, Spitzer was the first player featured. As the last few segments are being written, here is a look at the jump shot shooter in action helping the team to another win in the 31-2 season. (No. 44)

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Steinbacher tosses another one-hitter

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School pitcher Dana Steinbacher couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed Wednesday night despite the fact that she pitched another one-hit shutout in the Lady Bulldogs' 9-0 victory over Heritage in a District 4-AAA softball game. Steinbacher was dominant as she had 16 strikeouts against the Lady Mountaineers. But she couldn't accomplish a feat that has eluded her multiple times this season. Again, Steinbacher came up short of tossing a no-hitter. "This is so frustrating because I've come close so many times," Steinbacher said after she had her most recent no-hit bid spoiled in the

top of the fifth inning at Kim Hazelwood Field. "I keep coming close." Heritage's Chloe Swafford broke up Steinbacher's quest for a no-hitter with a double, but Bearden's senior ace was nearly untouchable as she struck out nine of the first 10 hitters she faced. Steinbacher struck out the side in the first, second third and sixth innings. She surrendered a second-inning walk to Swafford and walked the Heritage center fielder again in the top of the seventh. "This is the sixth or seventh time that Dana has thrown a one-hitter," Bearden coach Leonard Sams said. While Swafford was the only Lady Mountaineer to have any success against Steinbacher,

the Lady Bulldogs rattled Heritage starter Kaitlyn Usury early. Bearden (11-4 overall, 6-2 in the district) sent 10 batters to the plate and erupted for five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Left fielder Cassidy Heemsoth started the big inning with a one-out single and advanced to third on a double by Rachael Goodson. One out later, Sadie Coons walked to load the bases before a two-run single by Katherine Glass gave the Lady Bulldogs the lead. Kierstyn Freeman then had a two-run double and Harly Hennin closed out scoring in the frame with a two-run single to give Bearden a 5-0 lead. Usury was able to wiggle out of a jam in the second and surrendered

just one hit in the third before the Lady Bulldogs plated a run in the fourth as Alaeni Ray doubled and scored on a fielder's choice by Elizabeth Hembree. Bearden scored three more runs in the fifth. In that frame, Heemsoth had an RBI single. The Lady Bulldogs scored two more runs when Heritage committed an error. Despite the lopsided victory, Bearden still had its share of offensive woes. The Lady Bulldogs stranded eight runners. "We're still having trouble with slow pitching but we got some big hits today," Sams said. "This team gave us a game the first time."

Harig 'pleased' with start as new West football coach

By Steve Williams

New West High School football coach Jeff Harig and his players are getting to know each other. "Anytime you have a change, you have an adjustment period," said Harig, former Loudon coach who took over the Rebels' highly successful program Feb. 13 after Scott Cummings resigned to take the Cleveland job in early January. "I wouldn't say it's been rocky, but just normal. Some have decided football is not for them and then some have decided this is kind of a new beginning. They can show a new coach what they're made of." West has been a consistent Class 5A state power in recent years and captured its first state championship in 2014. "What we've been trying to get through to the players is this is a chance to let somebody new know you," said Harig. "What kind of things are you showing them? Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. "I'm pleased with where we're

at and how things are going. We've been averaging 50 to 70 guys in off-season workouts, four days per week." Harig is finishing up the school year at Loudon, where he enjoyed plenty of success with the Redskins' program, and has been traveling back and forth to Knoxville to work with the West program. He admits the shortage of time at West now is challenging. "In an hour and a half, it's tough to build those relationships," he said. The return of defensive coordinator Kevin Lane to the West staff, along with several other assistants, has helped the transition. Spring practice for the Rebels starts April 27. West will have a spring intra-squad game and a scrimmage game against Morristown West. "You win with players," said Coach Harig. "Letting the players get to know who I am and what I expect I think is most important right now. "I have a phrase I use a lot called Paying the Price. You pay

the price to deserve victory. It's no coincidence that teams win by one or two plays in important games. I think if you pay the price in the off-season and you're doing what's right on and off the field, more times than not those plays go your way." Harig said he will be the team's offensive "play caller." West will return five starters on offense and five on defense. "We've got some good experience coming back, but it's a great chance for a lot of up and coming players to make their mark on West football," added Harig. The Rebels will have to replace running back Nick Cottrell (Georgia Tech signee) and quarterback Seth Marshall (Wofford signee) and find three offensive linemen in spring practice, said Harig. Only one starter returns in the defensive backfield. West also must replace outside linebacker Noah Hoxie (Air Force signee) and Alex Burch (Furman signee) at safety.

Area basketball players receive state honors

By Ken Lay

Twelve area high school basketball players received All-State honors from the Tennessee Sportswriters Association recently. Eight area boys were named to the team while four Knox County girls made the squad. Area boys included four players from two players from both Fulton and Carter. The Falcons, who won the District 3-AA Championship and went on to play for a State Title, were represented by Kentel Williams and center Joe Kimber. The Hornets, who also made an appearance in Murfreesboro in 2015 and beat Fulton,

their district rival to capture the Region 2-AA Title, had Jordan Bowden and Kelvin Jackson named to the squad. In Class A, Grace Christian Academy's Connor Arnold and Kobe Kelley received all-state honors after leading the Rams to the state tournament. Grace reached the semifinals. In Division II-A, Webb School of Knoxville's Justin Jenkins and Troy Whiteside were named to the team. Webb also had two girls, Katie Collier and Micah Sheetz; make the Division II-A squad. Collier and Sheetz helped the Lady Spartans win their second consecutive

state title last season. Christian Academy of Knoxville's Anna Hammer received Class AA All-State honors while Bearden's Anajae Stephney was named to the Class AAA squad. Stephney was a dominant post presence for the Lady Bulldogs, who won both the District 4-AAA regular-season title and tournament championships. Bearden, which posted a perfect 14-0 regular-season district record and finished 31-5 overall, was the Region 2-AAA runner-up and reached the Class AAA State Semifinals in Murfreesboro.

HVA edges Science Hill to stay unbeaten

By Ken Lay

Hardin Valley Academy's boys soccer team escaped the toughest week of the season with a pair of victories in a span of just 48 hours. The Hawks, who downed Class A/AA powerhouse Christian Academy of Knoxville 3-1 on the road Wednesday night, followed up that effort with a 1-0 home win over Science Hill at home Thursday night and home. The victory over the Hilltoppers enabled HVA to keep its perfect record intact. After Science Hill and the Hawks slugged through a scoreless first half, Hardin Valley scored the lone goal of the match when Cameron Schneider tallied in the 54th minute. "I knew we needed that one," said Schneider, who chipped the shot into the back of the Science Hill net. "So I thought I might as well chip it. "That was a tough one. Those were the two toughest games that we've had this year. CAK and Science Hill were the two best teams that we've seen all year." Hawks' coach Mike McLean was extremely pleased with his squad's effort. "We grew up tonight," he said. "Those were two tough

back-to-back games." The Hawks (8-0) were scheduled to play the Warriors on Tuesday night but rain forced the game to be postponed until Wednesday. "You don't really want to play two back-to-back games like that but we wanted to keep the game against a quality team [in CAK]," McLean said after his team withstood a late comeback attempt from the Hilltoppers (11-2). Hardin Valley got a stellar effort from a pair of goalkeepers in junior Jeremy Wise (who played the first half) and sophomore Andrew Foster, who kept the visitors at bay after halftime. "That was a ton of pressure," Foster said. "But I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew what they were doing," Foster said. Science Hill coach David Strickland said he hopes to see the Hawks again in the Sectional Playoffs. "I think we will see them again," he said. "This was a great game. "They played well and I think we did too. Unfortunately, we came up on the wrong end. I knew a goal would have to be special and it was. I want to say that it was a fluke the way it went in."

Lucky Dave should parlay his popularity into greater fame

Cont. from page 1 and landed Butch Jones to turn around a struggling football program. I wonder now if Hart should parlay his new found popularity into something even bigger. Hart is hot. But just think how much more his popularity could rise if he made all those Lady Vol fans happy and reversed his decision on that branding fiasco. It's a no-win battle anyway. Even if the university officially goes through with calling all of its women's sports team, except basketball, "Volunteers" and issues them the "Power T" logo, like the men's teams have, to

make it "One Tennessee," the new branding won't ever really be accepted. Lady Vol fans, from one generation to the next, will forever refer to all Tennessee women's teams as "Lady Vols." Headline writers and many sportswriters will continue to distinguish between UT's men's and women's teams by writing "Vols" and "Lady Vols." TV and radio play-by-play announcers will even slip up and say "Lady Vols" now and then. But that's okay. It's really who we are. Now's your chance Dave Hart. Score big with another rebound.

Middle school day honors young players

By Ken Lay

Some young softball players got a possible glimpse into the future late Wednesday afternoon as members of the Bearden Middle School team took the field with Bearden High School. Members of the middle school squad were introduced before the Lady Bulldogs routed Heritage 9-0 in a District 4-AAA game. "This was a big thrill for these kids," said Bearden High coach Leonard Sams, who also coaches the middle school team during the fall sports season. The middle school team is comprised of players from Bearden and West Valley middle schools. Bearden Middle School seventh grader Emma Davis said she enjoyed a brief moment in the spotlight at Kim Hazelwood Field. "It feels good to go out there with the high school girls and have the people clap for me," said Davis, a Bearden Middle School seventh grader who

pitches and plays third base for the Lady Bulldogs middle school squad. "It's fun to hear my name and see all the girls." Davis has some lofty plans for her pending high school career, which is slated to begin in the spring of 2017. "I hope to be a [varsity] starter by my sophomore year," she said. West Valley Middle School seventh grader Christina Kosier agreed. "I think it's awesome to see that this team is like a family," said Kosier, a pitcher and utility player for Bearden Middle School. "It's really nice to see. I hope to be a starter here one day." The annual middle school day is always special for the younger players. "It feels good to go out there and be where [the high school players] are," said West Valley eighth grader Jersey Patterson. "I know that I can be there one day and all I can really say is 'Go Bearden.'"

Vols Spring Practice Continues

By Alex Norman

It was a beautiful day in Knoxville. On Tuesday, March 24th, the sun was shining brightly without a cloud in the sky. It was the kind of day that makes you realize spring is here and the long hard winter is over.

Vols fans hope that the weather that greeted their football team on the first day of Spring Practice was a harbinger of more good things to come, for a program that appears to have emerged from a long hard winter of its own.

Of course, that winter has lasted since the firing of Phillip Fulmer in November 2008.

"We have basically one goal and that is to be a better football team every time we step into the Anderson Training Center," said Tennessee head coach Butch

Jones. "Everything else will take care of itself. We have to work on being a much better football team. Everyone is responsible for their own self-determination. If every individual in our football program improves individually then we improve collectively as a football team. That is where earning the jersey, earning the right... all that is associated with it. There is an expectation on this football team but it all comes from inside, it comes from us."

Jones knows full well that the anticipation is growing. Now in his third year in charge, Jones has seen his Vols win 5 games in 2013, then 7 games in 2014, including a dominating performance in the TaxSlayer Bowl victory over Iowa. Throw in the fact that Tennessee returns 18 starters (tied

for most in the nation among Power 5 conferences) and you can see why fans are so excited about the possibilities that the 2015 season could bring.

"Praise and blame... it's all the same. I don't listen to any of that," said Jones. "I know what we have inside. And that's what I like about our players. They've had a consistency in approach each and every day. They have not been entitled. They have not had a bad work day. But also I think it's a compliment when your program has those expectations placed upon them because they see what's going on here at Tennessee. They understand how far we've come from year one to year two to year three. And really the people inside the program know how far we've come. We've come night

and day. The standard and the expectation are always going to be high at Tennessee. That's what we expect and that's why individuals come here. They want to play at the elite level. They want to play at the highest level, and they want those standards and they want those high expectations."

One major change for the Vols this spring is that there isn't an open competition for the starting quarterback position. In the previous two years Justin Worley, Nathan Peterman, Joshua Dobbs and Riley Ferguson were all fighting for that spot. But Worley has graduated, and Peterman and Ferguson left the program. Wouldn't have mattered anyway, as anyone that watched the Vols at the end of 2014 knew that barring injury, Dobbs

would be the guy in 2015.

Jones says that presents its own set of challenges for the junior signal caller.

"You have to fight complacency. That's a human condition. And Josh has been driven," said Jones. "He's just got that different look in his eye. And the other thing is, in terms of confidence, he's leading others. He's not setting the example, he's leading them vocally. He's been very demanding. He set up all the offseason throwing on his own. So he's really taken ownership in that position."

One challenge for Jones and this coaching staff is the fact that they are limited this spring. Key players like defensive end Derek Barnett, linebacker Curt Maggitt, defensive tackle Danny O'Brien and wide receiver Jason Croom are

out due to injuries. Players like running back Jalen Hurd and linebacker Dillon Bates are participating this spring, but won't be at full strength either after surgeries.

"It is going to be a challenge but that is what we need to do to get better," said Jones. "Every day is an accumulation of knowledge and we have to make sure we are accumulating that knowledge each and every day. The biggest setback is the injuries. Having nine individuals out and a number of individuals that are day to day. That really hurts the progress of your football team. But again, if you look on the positive side, it also allows for many opportunities."

New Fulton shot putter may get to celebrate another state title

By Steve Williams

Jonathan Roth's first year in the shot put event could be a golden one.

The Fulton High senior, who helped lead the Falcons to a state championship in football last fall, has the top mark in the state in Division I Class A-AA, according to Tennessee Runner's state rankings for high school outdoor track and field as of April 9.

Roth tossed the shot 47 feet, 4 inches in a meet at West on March 31.

"This is actually his first year ever throwing the shot put," said Fulton coach Justin Long last week. "Hopefully, he'll make it to Murfreesboro and be able to compete at the state. That would be awesome."

The Falcons could end up with two in the state in the shot put. D.J. Campbell,

also a standout in football, missed qualifying by "an inch or half-inch" at last season's region meet, said Long. "Hopefully, he can make it this year."

The competition between Roth and Campbell is good for both.

"They are battling it out pretty good in practice," said Long. "If they continue to work on their technique, I think they can be good."

"They compete a lot and I appreciate that, because we're just trying to get them better every day, so hopefully they can continue to grow."

Roth (6-5, 260) played left tackle in Fulton's offensive line and also was a defensive end. He signed a football scholarship with Middle Tennessee State University.

Campbell saw action

as a running back and linebacker and also handled kickoff duties. He'll be continuing his football career at Georgia Military College, where he will reunite with former Falcon offensive lineman Akeem Cooperwood, said Long.

Catholic has two individuals and a relay team ranked No. 1 in the state in D-I, A-AA.

Joe Binder has the top time (9:42.37) in the 3200-meter run and Irish teammate Johnathan Chavez is the 1600 leader with a 4:28.42. Catholic also has the best A-AA time in the 4x800 relay (8:59.06).

Rhett Elwood, Grace Christian Academy junior, has turned in the best performance (153-7) among the state's A-AA discus throwers.

In Division I Class AAA, Hardin Valley Academy's 4x800 relay team leads the state with an 8:10.88 effort.

Other standouts in Knox County this season include Karns' Jamerial Parks in the 100 meters (11.01), Austin-East's Gedarian Mobley in the 200 (22.69), Hardin Valley Academy's Jose Parrilla in the 400 (51.11) and Catholic's William Doktycz in the 800 (2:05.16).

Dartanian Oakley of HVA has run 4:24.30 in the 1600.

Bearden's Ty Chandler has sparked in the hurdles, with times of 41.69 (300) and 16.44 (110).

In the relay events, West has posted a 44.05 in the 4x100, A-E a 1:33.44 in the 4x200 and HVA a 3:29.04 in the 4x400.



Fulton senior Jonathan Roth has state's top mark in first year of competing in shot put event.

Field event standouts include Farragut's Weldon Wright, who has leaped 21 feet, ¼ inch in the long jump and 44-3 in the triple jump. Bearden's Joshua Sobota has a 48-10½ mark in the

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Everly Brothers Park moves ahead

By Mike Steely
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On the City Council's agenda for their Tuesday meeting is an item authorizing Mayor Madeline Rogero to enter into a license agreement with the state that would grant the city the use of TDOT property at Forest Park and Kingston Pike.

The little pocket park, on the corner, was once the site of a gas station and already has been graveled and trees planted. The Bearden Council has also been working on a plan for a kick-off campaign to raise funds for the park and has been working to fill the park with benches, an entry way, and maybe even a statue of the Everly Brothers.

Don and Phil Everly attended West High School in the 1950s and Don graduated there. The high school boys performed on the Cas Walker Television Show and discovered Rock and Roll, which cost them their slot on the supermarket owner's show but led to a lifetime of hits, recognition, and fame.

"Our group (Bearden Council) has agreed to not have any plans that have been put forth thus far published prior to

the final concept plan," Bearden Council President Terry Faulkner told The Focus.

"The Bearden Council members are grateful to everyone in the city administration and to TDOT official who helped make this happen. Now that the leasing process is near completion our members, with the support of Council Representative Duane Grieve and city officials will begin the process of working towards producing a park to honor and commemorate the outstanding contributions of the Everly Brothers to American Music," Faulkner said.

So the group is holding off on any public announcement or release of their plans and hopes for the park at this point until all the administrative, safety and legal details are finalized.

City Councilman Duane Grieve, an architect, has been active in the push for the creation of the park. The agenda item carries the name of "Bearden Gateway Park" and notes that the park would be "in honor of the Everly Brothers."

Recently the gravel lot there has been replaced with grass turf. Evergreen and other trees were planted several months ago.



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Miracles

I've been thinking about miracles lately. Mr. Webster gives three definitions of miracles. One is secular and the other two describe extraordinary events as the work of God or a "divinely natural phenomena experienced humanly as the fulfillment of spiritual law." I especially like that definition which sounds a lot like Intelligent Design.

A friend of mine once told me that with sufficient technology there is no magic. In other words, things once considered miraculous were once not fully understood. At one time doctors thought disease was due to miasmatic (foul) air, and placed fans in operating rooms for healthy ventilation. Two thousand years ago, descriptions of what we might describe as epilepsy were then attributed

to demonic forces (Mark 9: 1-29). Perhaps understanding and technology move us from the realm of magic.

Sometimes, we moderns refer to the Middle Ages as the Dark Ages. The notion of an era of intellectual and technological "darkness" was actually coined by early Renaissance writers as they disparaged the previous Age of Faith. The Dark Ages weren't dark to those living in the centuries after the fall of the Roman Empire, but it was a time where believing led to "seeing" or understanding. Observational truth, where seeing is believing, actually began a millennia before the Middle Ages in ancient Greece. Actually, it was during those "dark" centuries that magic moved toward observational reality, astrology transitioned

to astronomy, and alchemy progressed to chemistry and physics.

Materialism is a perspective that says only what man reasons or observes is real. This philosophy holds that our universe exists by chance, and would be what we observe given sufficient time and opportunity. Alternatively, a deterministic universe posits a purpose, a plan and an author. Materialists can't tell us where we come from or whether we have a purpose. Determinists accept the mystery and majesty of a Creator and a Divine Intelligence.

Recently, I wrote an essay about swimming and the discovery of the Higgs Boson. You should read the essay of March 30, 2015. I consider it one of my best efforts. Science is often at its best when it is driven by curiosity rather than by grants or politics. The particle accelerator known as the LHC (Large Hadron Collider), where the illusive "God particle" was discovered, is scheduled to restart soon. This time the scientists are seeking to observe and measure what has been called dark matter and dark energy.

You may be surprised to learn that everything we see is a pittance of all that is. It turns out that all the

planets and stars of the universe, even light itself, make up only 5% of all that is. Theoretically, scientists posit the existence of so-called dark matter which comprises 25% of the universe. Dark matter is responsible for stable galaxies like our Milky Way, though admittedly we've never "seen" it. And equally mind boggling is dark energy which drives the expansion of the universe and comprises 70% of everything. Scientists will now try and understand the 95% of the universe that is not part of our reality.

Perhaps this gives some of you a headache and others imagine these concepts as magical. The purpose for their introduction is to challenge the notion that reality is only what man knows. Everywhere we look the majesty and mystery of the universe increases. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 once said "we see dimly... and [we] know in part." How prophetically he uttered those words 2000 years ago in his letter to the churches at Corinthian.

To the ancient Greeks arrogant pride was known as hubris and was the ultimate sin. Homer's Iliad was the equivalent of the Bible in the ancient Greek world. Its purpose was to teach

people about virtue and morality, and the destruction wrought by hubris in characters like Achilles and Odysseus. I never knew of these stories until my post-doctoral self-education in the humanities which began about twenty years ago. Some may think it foolish to study the past. The Founders and other luminaries down through time felt that lessons of the past can serve as guides in our own lives. Others may think it foolish to look into an atom or study the universe. Some even think it foolish to study the Bible, and consider this great compendium of wisdom and God himself irrelevant. What hubris.

If life and reason have taught me anything, it is that there is more than I can ever know. And I am humbled by the little I do comprehend. The Proverbist half a millennium before the Greeks once said, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." I believe we would all be wise to embrace this philosophy. It saddens me to see so many adrift in drugs, sex, pop-culture and solipsism (look it up) ignore the wisdom of the ages.

The Myers-Briggs typology is a way of demonstrating

a person's strengths and gifts, as well as areas that are less developed and need more focus. I am a scientist at heart and training, but with continuing education I have become a more rounded person and a better disciple of the Way. Scientific inquiry is a discipline I use to see and observe the universe around me. Likewise, my spiritual eyes allow me to see even further. It is not either/or for me; it is both.

OK, enough arcane science and philosophizing! I want to invite all of you to a party. On Sunday, May 17, my wife and I are hosting a book-signing at my church, First United Methodist, 3316 Kingston Pike, from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. I hope you will come so I can personally sign a copy of my new book, "Well... What Did the Doctor Say?" for you.

Many have asked for such a collection of my essays and this compendium has ninety from the seven years I've written for *The Knoxville Focus*. Please come; it'll be fun, and a way for me to meet and personally thank my readers!

Sincerely, Jim

Like these stories? Stay tuned, because coming in May is my book of stories!

What you NEED to know about your child's 'day care'

First and foremost I would like to correct the title of "Day Care." Many of us in the Early Childhood Education field like to refer to our services at "Child Care" not "Day Care." We are caregivers of children and take care of "children" not "days." Child care has become a much needed service in this generation of two working parents, single moms, and grandparents raising grandchildren.



By Debra B. Robinson, Director
 Christus Victor Early Childhood Development Center

by providing the best quality care only second to yourself?

Just as there are many different kinds of retail stores, there are many different kinds of child care services. They are not all the same. As the saying goes, "You must compare apples to apples and not apples to oranges" when you shop for your child care

service. Did you know that a child care center can be...

- Profit or non-profit?
- Curriculum or no curriculum?
- Christian or non-Christian?
- Individually owned or corporately owned?

- Professionally trained or not trained?
- Full day or part day
- Licensed or not licensed

Even licensed Child Care Services can be licensed by different agencies and be governed by different rules and regulations. So... how do you choose where you send your child? What do you base your decision on and what is most important to you?

What really happens when you leave your child at Child Care....

Although many parents/guardians think that child care is babysitting; it is much more than that. Try to imagine yourself in a room full of six one-year olds, four infants, or 13 preschool children. What would be your plan of action? As we all know, we

can't easily control the behavior of another human being. How will you keep them entertained or keep them from hurting or killing each other? Much planning and thought goes into making a child care classroom function properly. Remember... the first three years of a child's life is the most important. If that is true, what is my child learning at child care?

What you and your child should GET out of Child Care...

Not every Child Care Center is a good fit for every child and family. Finding the best one for your child/ren should be your ultimate goal. You and your child should feel comfortable and get to know your child's caregivers. You both should feel a true sense of acceptance for who you

are and where you are in life and not feel judged. Your Child Care Center is your partner in raising your child/ren. Safety and comfort should be your concern however knowing you are understood and that your children are in a secure and loving environment is most important. Communicating openly with your child care center (regarding positive or negative issues) is necessary to build a solid relationship just as good communication is necessary with your life partner.

When you are forced to leave your child at child care, do you feel comfortable and trust that your child will be okay when you return to pick them up?

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A Divided City

By Mike Steely
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During the Civil War, Knoxville was a much divided city. The families, especially the prominent ones, found themselves on separate sides.

The Brownlow, Mabry, Ramsey, and other well-known families became involved in the struggle and, at several points during the four years of war, fled the area for safety. Other families, like the Kerns, discovered an opportunity to thrive during the struggle. These families held various opinions about the Union and the Confederacy and even some of the Union families had been slave holders.

Following the Union occupation of Knoxville or the end of the war the families returned to Knoxville to recover, re-enter public life and become leaders once again.

Early in the war **William "Parson" Brownlow**, a Knoxville newspaper publisher, was thrown into jail for his public support of the Union. He was then expelled from Knoxville and went through the Union

States speaking of his imprisonment and his support for the Union cause. Following the war he returned and was elected as governor overseeing a rather harsh reconstruction period. He is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery.

An avid proponent of state's rights, **James "JGM" Ramsey** served as treasury agent and field surgeon for the Confederacy. His home, Mecklenburg in Knoxville, was burned during the Union occupation of the city, destroying the family library of thousands of books. The exterior of the home survived and was eventually sold and restored. Ramsey spent the rest of the war in exile, mostly in Charlotte, N.C., and returned to Knoxville when granted amnesty by President Andrew Johnson, where he resumed his medical practice and served as President of the Tennessee Historical Society. He died in 1884 and is buried at the Lebanon Forks of the River Cemetery.

Ramsey's "Annals of Tennessee" (1853) was one of the first and most comprehensive

histories of the state ever published.

A very vocal Union supporter, **Horace Maynard** was a college professor and U.S. Congressman. He released his slaves at the beginning of the war and supported the Lincoln administration. When the Confederacy entered and occupied Knoxville, Maynard fled to Kentucky and addressed the Union soldiers assembling there. Maynard continued to serve as Congressman for East Tennessee during the war and returned to Knoxville after the conflict.

Maynard was to serve on the Tennessee Supreme Court, U. S. Posts Master, and as a Minister to Turkey. Maynardville is named for him. He is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery.

Joseph Mabry, Jr., was a wealthy merchant and Confederate supporter who outfitted southern troops with his own funds and was given the honorary title of General in the Confederate Army. The family home, known today as the Mabry-Hazen House, was occupied by General Felix Zollicoffer, commander

of the regional Confederate forces.

Mabry and his family donated the land that became Market Square in downtown Knoxville. A slave holder and smart businessman, he switched sides when Union forces took control of the city. He was shot and killed, along with his son, by a business rival in 1882. His son returned fire before dying, killing the attacker. All three men are buried in the Old Gray Cemetery.

Following Mabry's death, his daughter, Evelyn Hazen, lived in the house and, in passing, specified that the house should either be a museum or demolished.

Joseph Cooper had been a Union General from East Tennessee and moved to Knoxville following the war. He was appointed commander of the new state militia and oversaw the state's efforts to quell the Ku Klux Klan. Later he was appointed by President Grant to collect federal taxes.

Cooper is credited, during the war, with raising East Tennessee volunteers for Union Service and took part in many battles.

He moved to Kansas and died in 1869. His body was returned to Knoxville and is buried in the National Cemetery. Cooper's wife died during the war and he could not get leave to see her on her deathbed.

A wounded Confederate soldier, **Peter Kern**, was recuperating in Knoxville when he attempted to return to duty. He was captured by Union Forces who had captured the city and Kern was released under the condition that he remain in Knoxville and not return to Rebel service. Kern and a fellow German-born companion began baking and selling food to the occupying force. After the war Kern remained in Knoxville and moved the operation to Market Square.

Peter Kern went on to be one of the most prominent Knoxvilleians. He served as mayor and was a founder of the Knox County Humane Society. Kern's Bakery became a brand name and his later location, on Chapman Highway, was recently purchased and the local landmark will see new life. He is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery.

UT McClung Museum to Host Civil War Events

The McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will host a Civil War lecture and history walk during April.

The museum will help kick off the Outdoor KnoxFest 2015 with a history hike at Fort Dickerson Park in South Knoxville led by Civil War curator Joan Markel at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25. The event will take place at the Fort Dickerson Park Greenway, where

participants are invited to join this free guided walk on trails within the future Battlefield Loop of the Urban Wilderness. More details are available online from Legacy Parks at <http://www.outdoorknoxville.com/outdoor-knoxfest-2015>.

Fort Dickerson Park is home to one of the best-preserved earthen forts from the Civil War era. Resting on a knob just across the river from downtown, it is one of 16 earthen forts and

battery positions that protected the city of Knoxville during the war.

The hike is a part of Outdoor KnoxFest—a weekend for adventurers, outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers to celebrate outdoor recreation in Knoxville and its Urban Wilderness from April 24 to 26. Outdoor KnoxFest is presented by Legacy Parks.

Additionally, the museum's annual Civil War Lecture Series will continue at 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

April 26, with the talk "Four Years of Civil War Commemoration in Knoxville." Markel will recap the 150 years of Civil War history and highlight the accomplishments of the sesquicentennial commemoration effort here in Knoxville. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the museum auditorium.

Markel notes, "Our goal at the museum has been to educate and engage the community in the richness of their Civil War

past. Those four years of life and death conditions were traumatic—a terrible experience almost completely lost to time by people today living in its shadow. Strong lessons and legacy provide a cultural depth to our understanding and appreciation of East Tennessee 150 years later."

The McClung Museum is at 1327 Circle Park Drive. Museum admission is free, and the museum's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday

and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Free two-hour museum parking passes are available from the parking information building at the entrance to Circle Park Drive on the weekdays. Free public transportation to the museum is also available via the Knoxville Trolley Vol Line.

Additional parking information is available at <http://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu/visit/parking>.

For more information about the McClung Museum and its

Know What You Have

We need constant reminders in our lives to know what we have. Whenever I look at my wedding band, I am reminded of the vows I made before God to cherish and love my wife, as Christ loved the church.

It is not that my ring makes my marriage, but it is a constant reminder that I belong to her, and she belongs to me.

If it were not for my



By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the
Arlington Church
of Christ

calendar, I would be in serious trouble. My calendar serves as another constant reminder as to my schedule and the duties of the day. Each month I have various withdrawals from my bank account

to pay things like the mortgage and insurance. These serve as reminders to contracts and obligations I have made for my own protection and well-

being. I am grateful for the laws of the land that help protect me and my family from the wrong doing of others. These laws also protect me from driving too fast in an area that would not be safe to do so otherwise. Communion serves as a weekly reminder at our place of worship to remember the loving sacrifice of our Savior and that He is with us in Spirit and is coming back one day where we will all commune together in our heavenly home.

Reminders are important on many different levels, but perhaps none more important than to be reminded about all the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. Paul writes: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has

called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe" (Ephesians 1:17-19).

Revelation and insight is something that is needed by everyone. Paul prays that the Spirit will continually give the church wisdom and revelation for life and understanding. The result is that the "inner eyes," the instruments of sight and understanding for the inner being, will receive light by which to see. We need to open the eyes of our heart so that we might know God in all His ways.

Knowledge and insight

about God does not keep us from persecution, danger, and death, but it makes us more than conquerors in all these things (Romans 8:31-39). We have a power to live in an evil world and still live godly lives to His praise and glory.

We live in a society that in many respects has stopped thinking. People know the dangers of drinking and driving and transmitted diseases, but still drink and drive and live immoral lives. Knowledge is different from wisdom. Grow in wisdom as your knowledge of God increases.

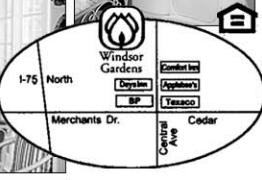
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Cumberland Gap: Gateway to the War

With the upcoming remembrance of 150 years since the end of the American Civil War being held in Knoxville a little known fact is the importance of Cumberland Gap in that struggle.

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

and Union positions there. The story of the attempts to capture and hold the peak is little known, but was very important at the time both for the control of

brings you to the National Park Headquarters in the park, which has a museum and lots of information. From there you can drive up the north face of Cumberland Mountain to the Pinnacle Overlook and hike along the top. You'll find many earthen walls and cannon sites atop the peak built by both sides during the struggle.

Morgan's forces only held the gap a few months, from June until September, when they were started out and basically surrounded by Confederate forces. The Yankees destroyed everything they could, abandoned the gap, and marched north into Northern Kentucky.

So, the South held it first, the Union held it briefly, and then the South returned to occupy the important position.

In 1863 Union forces under Gen. Ambrose Burnside bypassed the gap with thousands of soldiers and marched into the Tennessee Valley by way of Scott County and approached Knoxville from the west. The march resulted in the fall of Knoxville, the unsuccessful battle to retake our city by Confederate forces, and the Union occupation of the region for the remainder of the war.

after Knoxville. Northern forces to the north were placed in the Pineville, Ky. area and, to the south, were approaching under orders of Burnside. The Confederate forces at the gap were surrounded, just as the Union Army had been a year earlier, and eventually most of them surrendered. Following the success in East Tennessee U.S. General U.S. Grant toured the gap and proclaimed it the "Gibraltar of America."

Another little known fact is that the same Union Cavalry commander that arrived first at Cumberland Gap in 1862 was the same officer who arrived first to capture the gap in 1863. Colonel John DeCourcy, an English volunteer from Ireland for the Northern cause, disobeyed Burnside's instructions and, with a surprisingly small force, took position of the stronghold before Burnside could arrive. Burnside charged that

DeCourcy's disobedience resulted in the escape of the Confederate Calvary there who rode off before the surrender. The English volunteer had marched his smaller force from Pineville and had the men descent a ridge, circle back, and march down again and again. From a distance the Rebel forces though he had many more men that he actually commanded.

The officer was court martialed, resigned, and returned to England, where he was eventually declared a Baron and lived until 1890.

Just beyond the national park going north is Middlesboro, Kentucky, a little city that sits in the bowl of an ancient meteor crater. The city didn't exist during the Civil War but grew as a result of the coal boom in the 1880s. It has a unique history as well and a link to the English investment in the United States.

The historic pass played two important roles in the history of the United States, the first as a passage for settlers and adventurers in moving from the coast to the inland as the nation expanded and the second as the stronghold of both sides in a gap that divided the two nations during the 1860s.

movement between the warring states but also for the location's importance in the capture or control of Knoxville and East Tennessee.

You can tour the little town of Cumberland Gap, see the old buildings and furnace there, or walk the reconstructed "Wilderness Road" blazed there by Daniel Boone. You can tour "Cudjo Caverns" and exit the cave through "Soldier's Cave" where Civil War soldiers were hospitalized.

A drive through the Cumberland Gap Tunnel

Cumberland Gap was occupied early in the war by Confederate forces which began building defenses, placing large guns pointing north, and for two years was held for the South.

The historic pass changed hands four times, the first time in 1862 when the Union Army, led by East Tennessee Volunteers who served as scouts and soldiers, captured the gap, bypassing the northern portion by way of Powell Valley and marching into the abandoned fortifications from the west.

But Gen. George

Home School Day at Marble Springs State Historic Site

Marble Springs State Historic Site will be offering historic building tours on April 24, 2015 at 11am and 2pm, and arboretum tours at 1pm and 3:30pm for home school students and their families in honor of Arbor Day. Tours of the structures will take approximately 1.5 hours and will include a storytelling stop, and the arboretum tour will be roughly 30 minutes. Interpreters in period clothing will lead the discussion at each stop.

A lunch break will be offered from 12:30-1pm, and visitors are welcome to bring a bagged lunch to eat in our pavilion. The Trading Post will be open from 12:30-2 p.m. and 3:30-close.

After the arboretum tours, the Water Quality Team will provide a service opportunity to anyone ages 11 and up. They will be providing all of the tools to remove invasive species on the Marble Springs grounds. Invasive removal will be offered from 1pm to 4pm and will be a come and go as you please type of service. Come serve with the Water Quality Team to make Marble Springs a

more beautiful place!

Two hands-on activities will be offered: corn husk doll making and bead bracelet making at 2:45pm. A minimum age of 6 years old will be required to participate in the hands-on activities. Participation will be limited for each activity. Because these activities will be happening simultaneously, there will only be enough time for each student to complete one hands-on activity.

This event will be \$3 per person (4 and under are free), with an additional \$2 for the hands-on activities. Members of the Governor John Sevier Memorial Association at the Family level or higher will be free (*not including the hands-on activities.)

Reservations are required. Please email assistantdirector@marblesprings.net to reserve your spot or to ask any questions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Democratic Women's Club Meeting

Established in 1928, the Knox County Democratic Women's Club is the oldest in the United States. The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Shoney's on Western Avenue in Knoxville. New members are always welcome! Call 742-8234 for more info.

Ed and Bob coming to Halls

Commissioners Ed Brantley and Bob Thomas (The Radio Guys) are coming to Halls to Meet and Greet Local Voters. The commissioners At Large have been visiting different parts of the county getting comments and input from residents. They will be at E. B.'s Eats and Treats, 4620 Mill Branch Lane (across from Tractor Supply) on Maynardville Highway, on Wednesday, April 22 from 5-7 p.m. It's Dutch Treat. Everyone is welcome to come and discuss the Maynardville Freeway, Halls Park, Schools, and other items.

Gardening Workshop

Plan Before You Plant: Maximizing the output of your raised beds. You have built and filled your raised beds. Now, join Knox County Master Gardeners to learn how to maximize your vegetable production. Two free workshops will be available to the public: Saturday, April 18, 10:30-noon at All Saints Catholic Church, 620 N. Cedar Bluff Rd, Knoxville, TN 37923 Monday, April 20 1-2 p.m. at the Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Dr, Knoxville TN. For more information, call 865-777-9622

Halls Business & Professional Association Meeting

Mike Edwards, CEO & President of the Knoxville Chamber, will be the guest speaker at the Halls Business & Professional monthly luncheon on Tuesday, April 21, at noon, at the

Beaver Brook Golf & Country Club. He will present an overview of the numerous activities of the Knoxville Chamber. Edwards is a Knoxville native, and graduated with a BS in History from the University of Tennessee.

Heiskell Elementary School Class Reunion

The Heiskell Elementary School Class Reunion (all classes) will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the old school at 9420 Heiskell Rd. in Heiskell, TN. Light refreshments served. Please bring any pictures and memories to share. For more information call Bobbie Kennedy-Jones at (865)257-1283.

Knoxville Christian School April programs

Fun Jog/Field Day will be on April 17th.

Outreach to the community is "Stress Relief Day" on April 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The KCS baseball team will be involved with the "Twelfth Annual Fighting Irish Spring Baseball Classic" at the Smokies Park on April 21.

On April 23rd KCS will host "Elementary Career Fair" from 8:30-11:00.

Knoxville Civil War Meeting

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable April meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 14, 2015 at Buddy's Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. The speaker will be Thomas Flagel, Professor of American History at Columbia State College whose talk will be "Mourning and Knights: Appomattox." Dinner is at 7 p.m. with a cost of \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. The lecture only is \$3. RSVP by Monday, April 13 by noon to (865)671-9001.

Pancake Jamboree to benefit community projects

The Kiwanis Club of Northside, Knoxville will hold its 44th annual Pancake Jamboree and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Broadway at Emory Place, in North Knoxville.

Serving times are 8 a.m. to noon.

The event was rescheduled after the February snowstorm that blanketed the Knoxville area.

Tickets are \$10 for families (up to four) and \$4 for individuals and will be available at the door. Tickets from the February event will also be honored.

Monies raised will

support Northside's community projects focusing on children, the Aktion Club of Northside, Knoxville at the Cerebral Palsy Center, and Key Clubs at Central, Fulton, and Halls High Schools.

Train Talk

An illustrated talk on the old Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern (Knoxville Slow & Easy) railroad is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at Seymour Public Library, 137 W. Macon Lane, Seymour. Speaker is Joe Holloway, whose presentation will include maps and photos of the old line, also known as the Smoky Mountain Railroad.

The program is part of Friends of Seymour Library's "How We Live: Then & Now" series on the people and culture of East Tennessee. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call the library at (865)573-0728.

LILLIAN'S BEANPOT

Cantaloupe Salad

1 large ripe cantaloupe
4 medium cucumbers (or 2 large ones)
1/2 tsp. salt
8 oz feta cheese, cubed or crumbled
About a dozen medium-sized mint leaves, very finely chopped
For the Honey-Lime Dressing:
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tbsp. white wine vinegar
Juice of one lime
2 tbsp. honey
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut the cantaloupe in half and scoop out the seeds.

With a melon baller, carve out as many balls as you can get out of your cantaloupe.

Chop the cucumbers in thin, quartered slices. Place the cucumber slices and melon balls in a colander and sprinkle with 1/2 tsp salt, toss gently with your hands. Place the colander over a bowl and allow the juices to drain for about 20 minutes. (Keep the juice for smoothies!)

Place the cucumber and cantaloupe balls in a salad bowl. Add the cubed feta and chopped mint.

Place all salad dressing ingredients in a lidded jar and shake vigorously.

Pour on the salad, toss gently, and serve cold.

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Evelyn T. Carter
DOCKET NUMBER 76117-3

Notice is hereby given that on the **1st day of April, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Evelyn T. Carter** who died Feb 10, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **1 day of April, 2015**

Estate of Evelyn T. Carter

Personal Representative(s):

Robert A. Carter; Executor, 5511 Dogwood Road, Knoxville, TN 37918

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Jerri-Ann Tabor
DOCKET NUMBER 76109-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **31th day of March, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor** who died Mar 3, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **31th day of March, 2015**

Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor

Personal Representative(s):

Michael J. Hall; Executor, 8129 Paradise Drive, Powell, TN 37849

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Joann Acuff
DOCKET NUMBER 76025-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **8th day of April, 2015**, letters administration in respect of the **Estate of Joann Acuff** who died Jan 23, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **18 day of March, 2015**

Estate of Joann Acuff

Personal Representative(s):

John Christopher Acuff; Administrator, 1716 Kemper Lane, Knoxville, TN 37290

Branden Bellar; Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 192, Carthage, TN 37030

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Estate of
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DOCKET NUMBER 75548-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **27th day of March, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Ioma C. Patty** who died Sep 6, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **27 day of March, 2015**

Estate of Ioma C. Patty

Franklin Cassidy, Jr.; Executor, 8541 Bud Hawkins Rd, Corryton, TN 37721

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
James Chrisley Mooney
DOCKET NUMBER 76071-2

Notice is hereby given that on the **20th day of March, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of James Chrisley Mooney** who died Aug 24, 2014, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death
This the **20 day of March, 2015**

Estate of James Chrisley Mooney

Erin Mooney Keith; Administratrix, 2714 Shipetown Road, Mascot, TN 37806

D. Scott Hurley; Attorney At Law, 205 Mochican Street, Knoxville, TN 37919

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65 COURT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Jerri-Ann Tabor
DOCKET NUMBER 76109-1

Notice is hereby given that on the **31th day of March, 2015**, letters testamentary in respect of the **Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor** who died Mar 3, 2015, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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This the **31th day of March, 2015**

Estate of Jerri-Ann Tabor

Personal Representative(s):

Michael J. Hall; Executor, 8129 Paradise Drive, Powell, TN 37849

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75 FORECLOSURES

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on May 4, 2015 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by GREGORY S TRENTHAM AND TRACY J TRENTHAM, to NORMAN B. JACKSON, Trustee, on January 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 200502040061830 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: GOLDMAN SACHS MORTGAGE COMPANY

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BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM TED TRENTHAM AND KATHLEEN S. TRENTHAM TO GREGORY S. TRENTHAM BY DEED RECORDED 6/28/99, IN INSTRUMENT 199906280208727 IN THE

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Tax ID: 019-06303

Current Owner(s) of Property: GREGORY S TRENTHAM AND TRACY J TRENTHAM

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 8510 Hill Road, Knoxville, TN 37938, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead 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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pamela K. Taylor executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated February 12, 2010 and recorded on February 16, 2010 in Instrument No. 201002160052869, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **May 14, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 42 Cascade Villas Subdivision, Phase II, as shown by map of same of record entitled "Final Plat for Cascade Villas Subdivision- Phase II, Lots 35-38, 40-42, 90-95 and 99-101" of record as Instrument Number 200901200067147 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

Access to the subject property is by Declaration of Non-Exclusive Joint Permanent Easement of record in Instrument Number 200904200067127 and see also agreement for Maintenance of record in Instrument Number 200904200067128 of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to the terms, conditions, and obligations as set forth in Master Deed for Cascade Villas Condominiums of record in Instrument Number 200702070063943, as amended at Instrument Number 200811070030715, all of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Being the same property conveyed to Pamela K. Taylor by deed of record as Instrument Number 201002160052868 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building setback line, existing easements and to all conditions as shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 091OF00203

Address/Description: **2118 Beacon Light Way, Knoxville, TN 37931.**

Current Owner(s): Pamela K. Taylor.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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.

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

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File No.: 14-28177 FC01

Insertion Dates: 03-30, 04-06, 04-13-15

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Alicia D. Howard executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Larry A. Weissman, Trustee(s), which was dated February 28, 2011 and recorded on March 1, 2011 in Instrument No. 201103010051784, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **May 28, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee and being known and designated as all of Unit 14, Cascade Villas Condominiums, as shown in Master Deed of record of record as Instrument Number 200702070063943; as amended at Instrument Number 200704160084208; 200705160093775; 200705230096061; 200707170005190; 200707180005211; 200709040020265; 200802150061106; 200805140085496 and 201003150058418, all in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is made subject to the terms, conditions, provisions, and restrictions as contained in Master Deed of record of record as Instrument Number 200702070063943; as amended at Instrument Numbers 200704160084208; 200705160093775; 200705230096061; 200707170005190; 200707180005211; 200709040020265; 200802150061106; 200805140085496 and 201003150058418, to applicable restrictions, building setback lines, existing easements and to all conditions as shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Together with an undivided interest in common elements as the Grantee is entitled to take under the terms, conditions, and provisions of aforesaid Master Deed.

Being the same property conveyed to Alicia D. Howard by deed of record as Instrument Number 201103010051783 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 091OF-00100X

Address/Description: **2130 Fig Tree Way, Knoxville, TN 37931.**

Current Owner(s): Alicia D. Howard.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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File No.: 15-06103 FC01

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, David P Rudder and Martha B Rudder executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated May 30, 2007 and recorded on June 4, 2007 in Instrument No. 200706040099256, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on May 5, 2015, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, 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, being known and designated as Lot 3R, The Quarry at Keller Bend Subdivision, as shown on plat of same of record as Instrument No 200502110063791, 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 all applicable restrictions, easements etc of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Being the same property conveyed to David P Rudder and wife Martha B Rudder by Warranty Deed dated April 8 2005 and recorded as Instrument # 200504120081118 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee

Parcel ID Number: 154MA-003

Address/Description: 9519 Fortress Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Current Owner(s): David P. Rudder and Martha B. Rudder.

Other Interested Party(ies): Internal Revenue Service; Capital-Mark Bank & Trust; and Gary Douglas Enterprises, LLC.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in: Instrument No. 201010050021067, Serial No. 704322710; Instrument No. 201304190068726, Serial No. 933445213; Instrument No. 201009070014792, Serial No. 694575410, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds. Notice of the sale has been given to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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.

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Heirs of Clyde H. Beeler, Single

Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Clyde H. Beeler, Single, dated January 20, 2012, and recorded as Instrument No. 201201310041769, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'clock A. M. on APRIL 29, 2015, at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 35th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 8, Block L, Villa Gardens Third Revision, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet B, Slide 88-C (Map Book 14, page 152), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Clyde H. Beeler and wife, Wanda L. Beeler, by William Eugene Monday, Jr. and wife, Florence S. Monday, by Warranty Deed, dated February 22, 1963, and recorded in Deed Book 1222, page 669, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee; and being the same property passing to Clyde H. Beeler as the surviving tenant by the entirety of Wanda L. Beeler, who died July 31, 2003. Reference is made to Affidavit recorded as Instrument No. 200911040031798.

THIS conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building set-back lines, all existing easements, and to all conditions shown on the recorded map

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 4504 Greendale Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918; Control No. 049PD-008, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

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

Said sale will be made subject to superior unpaid liens, claims and taxes, if any.

Said sale will further be made subject to the, "Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009."

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

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

INVESTOR'S TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

By: M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Insertion Dates: April 6, 2015

April 13, 2015

April 20, 2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS LETTER IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NAMES OF INTERESTED PARTIES:

Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried

Home Federal Bank of Tennessee

Midland Credit Management, Inc., Assignee of ASPIRE Visa

Discover Bank issuer of Discover Card

MRC Receivables Corp.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of authority vested in the undersigned, Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by that certain Trust Deed executed to Investor's Trust Company, Trustee, by Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried, dated December 10, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200212120052153, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, the undersigned will, at about 11:00 o'clock A. M. on MAY 12, 2015, at the front door of the City & County Building, Main Avenue Level, nearest Main Assembly Room, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, offer for sale, and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all homestead rights, the statutory right of redemption and the equity of redemption, which are waived in said Trust Deed property conveyed by said Trust Deed, which is described as follows:

SITUATED in District One (1) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 12th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 2, McMillan Heights Addition to Knoxville, Tennessee, 2nd Unit, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet B, Slide 342-B, (Map Book 20, page 60), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, and according to the survey of Jim Sullivan, dated November 22, 2002, RLS No. 1306.

BEING the same property conveyed to Marshall L. Kindrell, Unmarried, by Richard and Robert Pasley, all the Heirs and Devisees of William C. Pasley, by Warranty Deed, dated December 10, 2002, and recorded as Instrument No. 200212120052152, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS conveyance is made subject to applicable restrictions, building set-back lines, all existing easements and to all conditions shown on the recorded map.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1029 Wilder Place, Knoxville, 37915; Control No. 095BJ-022, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

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

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

Said sale will further be made subject to the, "Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009." Notice of Right to Foreclose was provided pursuant to TCA §35-5-117.

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

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

By: _____

M. JOYCE CANNON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Insertion Dates: 04-13, 04-20, 04-27-15

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated June 14, 2011, and recorded as Instrument No. 201106290074486, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office ("Deed of Trust"), Kendall and John Properties, L.P., by and through Betty B. Pride, General Partner, conveyed in trust to Hugh M. Queener, Trustee for Pinnacle Bank (formerly Pinnacle National Bank), certain real estate hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the principal sum of \$312,000, evidenced by a certain Promissory Note ("Note"), said instruments being incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, by instrument dated June 27, 2013, and recorded as Instrument No. 201307010000236, in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office, Pinnacle Bank; the owner and holder of said indebtedness, appointed Joseph H. White, Jr., as Successor Trustee; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the Deed of Trust and the owner and holder of the Note has declared the entire balance due and payable and has instructed the undersigned Successor Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms and provisions,

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Successor Trustee under said instruments, I will, on the 21st day of **April, 2015 at 11 A.M.** at the front steps of the Old Knox County Courthouse, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, and in bar of the statutory right of redemption and equitable rights of redemption, and all other rights and exemptions of any kind, equitable or statutory, all of which were expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, the property therein conveyed which is more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I (3006 Tazewell Pike): SITUATED in District Seven (7) of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 34th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 14 in J.L. McComey's Addition to Smithwood, Tennessee. Map of which is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Knox County in Map Book 4, Page 103. Said lot fronts 50 feet of the East side of Tazewell Pike and runs back between parallel lines 148-1/2 feet to an alley, the southwest corner of said lot being 100 feet from the intersection of Minnie Avenue and Tazewell Pike

BEING the same property conveyed in Quit Claim Deed from Betty Brown Pride to Kendall and John Properties, L.P., dated April 24, 2001 and recorded as Instrument # 200105050077125 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

The above described property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, restrictions, easements, and building setback lines, matters show on the map referenced above, and to any prior or superior liens, judgments or Deeds of Trust, including, but not limited to the following:

a. Unpaid property taxes of \$20,379.63 due to the City of Knoxville and \$18,379.69 due to Knox County.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Deed of Trust. Said sale is being made upon the request of Pinnacle Bank, the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust due to the failure of the maker to comply with all provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Should the highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of the bid at the public sale, then the Successor Trustee shall have the option of accepting the second highest bid, or the next highest bid with which the buyer is able to comply.

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

Notice provided by:

Joseph H. White, Jr., Successor Trustee

The Law Office of Joseph H. White, Jr.

3226 Division St.

Knoxville, TN 37919

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Arnold L Harbolt and Patricia A. Harbolt executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Platinum Mortgage, Inc., Lender and Broadway Title, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated June 8, 2009 and recorded on June 16, 2009 in Instrument No. 200906160082722, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, CitiMortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 30, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 32 of Mountain Shadow Subdivision, as shown by map of the same of record in Map Book 65-S, Page 59, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Arnold L. Harbolt and wife, Patricia A. Harbolt by Deed dated June 9, 2004 of record in Instrument # 200406110114027, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

This conveyance is subject to any and all restrictions, easements, setback lines, conditions, plat of record, and encumbrances of record in the Register's Office for the aforesaid county.

Parcel ID Number: 030HA032

Address/Description: **6701 Larvik Court, Knoxville, TN 37918.**

Current Owner(s): Arnold L. Harbolt and Patricia Harbolt.

Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 29, 2005, executed by MALCOLM S. JEFFERYS A/K/A MALCOLM SHERAURD JEFFERYYS, conveying certain real property therein described to JAMES G. RICKMAN, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded May 5, 2005, at Instrument Number 200505050088358; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in 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 NUMBER FIVE (5) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHIN THE 41ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 22, WINDY HILL SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN BY MAP OF SAME OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET N, SLIDE 138-C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LINES AND ALL CONDITIONS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED MAP. Parcel ID: 080CJ 021

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **1448 CARRIE BELLE DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37912.** In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): MALCOLM S. JEFFERYYS A/K/A MALCOLM SHERAURD JEFFERYYS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: PNC Bank, National Association, PIONEER CREDIT COMPANY The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2004, executed by DOUGLAS E. ADAMS AND PAULA G. 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, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 29, MEADOWCREST SUBDIVISION, UNIT I, 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 FAWN RIDGE 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 AND 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 I 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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STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Joshua E Hugo and Anne Sutherland Hugo executed a Deed of Trust to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, Lender and Shapiro and Kirsch, LLP, Trustee(s), which was dated April 14, 2011 and recorded on August 24, 2011 in Instrument No. 201108240010283, and modified by document dated August 1, 2014 and recorded on October 21, 2014 in Instrument No. 201410210022300, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, PNC Bank, National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 30, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land situated in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, State of Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being an irregular lot, fronting 230.17 feet on the Southeastern line of Hidden Brook Lane, and being known and designated as all of Lot 17, Unit 2 Bell Air Plantation, a subdivision to Knox County, Tennessee, as shown by plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet N, Slide 201-A and 201-B, recorded August 17, 1994, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua E. Hugo by Quit Claim Deed dated October 13, 2005, from Laura Mary Hugo of record bearing Instrument Number 200511150043315, recorded November 15, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, in compliance with the marital dissolution agreement entered as part of the Final Judgment for Divorce between Laura Mary Hugo, Plaintiff, and Joshua Ethan Hugo, Defendant, under Docket Number M05-0160108-3, Chancery Court for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 0200A017

Address/Description: **6054 Hidden Brook Lane, Knoxville, TN 37938.**

Current Owner(s): Joshua E. Hugo and Anne Sutherland Hugo.

Other Interested Party(ies): First Tennessee Bank National Association.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department

277 Mallory Station Road

Suite 115

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Charles E Garrett II and Deborah D Garrett executed a Deed of Trust to Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee(s), which was dated October 23, 2008 and recorded on November 19, 2008 in Instrument No. 200811190032918, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Knox County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 28, 2015, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in the City of Knoxville, District Number 6 of Knox County, State of Tennessee:

Without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 3, Block E, Gulf Park, Unit 2, as shown on the map of the same of record in map Book 43-5, Page 12, Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee. To which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description and according to the survey of Wade B. Nance, surveyor, dated March 30, 1999, bearing Drawing Number A-19197.

Being all of that certain property conveyed to Charles E. Garrett A/K/A Charles E. Garrett, II, and wife, Deborah D. Garrett from Timothy C. Scott and wife. Leigh Anne B. Scott, by and through her attorney in fact Timothy C. Scott by deed dated 03/31/99 and recorded 04/05/99 in Book 2321, Page 577 in the land records of Knox County, Tennessee.

\Parcel ID Number: 119HC003

Address/Description: **9528 Mobile Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923.**

Current Owner(s): Charles E. Garrett a/k/a Charles E. Garrett, III and Deborah D. Garrett.

Other Interested Party(ies): Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property 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; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

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 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

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Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
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File No.: 13-27316 FC02

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Unknown Heirs of: Brian E. Horton and Frank E. Horton

IN RE: Frank E. Horton vs Brian E. Horton and the unknown heirs of Brian E. Horton and Frank E. Horton

NO. 189067-3

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Unknown Heirs of: Brian E. Horton and Frank E. Horton, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Unknown Heirs of: Brian E. Horton and Frank E. Horton, it is ordered that said defendant Unknown Heirs of: Brian E. Horton and Frank E. Horton file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Stanley F. Roden an, Attorney whose address is 10269 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Mike Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 111, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS 12TH DAY OF FEB, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN

Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Jamie Leann Piety
vs.

Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller

Docket # 131520

In the Fourth Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Raymond Patrick Piety Mark Anthony Vestal Sanni Cortez Miller.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by Jamie Leann Piety, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with R. Brandon White, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 216 Phoenix Court, Suite D, Seymour, TN 37865 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

s/s Mike Hammond

MIKE HAMMOND

Clerk

s/s Theresa Sibley

THERESA SIBLEY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE AUCTION

The following described vehicles impounded/repared/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967 Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Jim's Garage and Wrecker Service's Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Walden Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

These vehicles have been checked through the files of the Commissioner of Revenue, Title Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Revenue, State of Tennessee. In appropriate cases, the vehicles have been checked in other states and the owners and/or lienholders have been notified by certified mail. In those instances where no vehicle identification/serial number or license number was available, this Public Notice in the newspaper will comply with the law.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Stephen Andrew Cole

vs.

Whitney Thompson Martin

Docket # 129072

In the Fourth Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Whitney Thompson Martin is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Whitney Thompson Martin.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by Stephen Andrew Cole, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with T. Kenan Smith, Esq, Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 617 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37901-0869 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

s/s Mike Hammond

MIKE HAMMOND

Clerk

s/s Theresa Sibley

THERESA SIBLEY

Deputy Clerk

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65 COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Thomas Edward Baird Jr
IN RE: Jessica Irene Baird vs
Thomas Edward Baird Jr

NO. 188993-1

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Thomas Edward Baird Jr, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Thomas Edward Baird Jr, it is ordered that said defendant Thomas Edward Baird Jr file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Angela D. Lowe an, attorneys whose address is 3814 Powers Street, Knoxville, TN 37917 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS 10TH DAY OF MAR, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN

Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO Shiloh L. Bowers

IN RE: Sir Charles H. Bowers vs
Shiloh L. Bowers

NO. 189156-2

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Shiloh L. Bowers, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon Shiloh L. Bowers, it is ordered that said defendant Shiloh L. Bowers file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Sir Charles H. Bowers whose address is 1717 Maple Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence Pridemore Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 11, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS 4TH DAY OF MAR, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

HOWARD G. HOGAN

Clerk and Master

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65 COURT NOTICES

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of
Jeanette Zacharczyp

IN RE: Tennessee Housing Development Agency vs Missy Roach, All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Jeanette Zacharczyp Etc.

NO. 188636-1

In Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Jeanette Zacharczyp, a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Jeanette Zacharczyp, it is ordered that said defendant All Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Jeanette Zacharczyp file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua R. Hopkins an, attorneys whose address is 3740 Davinci Court Suite 150, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 in thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division 1, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

THIS 10TH DAY OF MAR, 2015.

s/s Howard G. Hogan

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Knoxville's 16th Annual EarthFest

EarthFest 2015 will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville. There will be over 100 exhibitors and attractions, and as always, it's a free, zero-waste event for the whole family, including your pets.

Over the past 16 years, EarthFest has become East Tennessee's premier Earth Day event. And it's not simply a celebration of the planet. From an interactive educational scavenger hunt and vintage pop-up clothing shop, to kid-friendly activities and a fuel-efficient car showcase, EarthFest has something for everyone.

During a zero-waste event, there are no trash

cans. Instead, waste stations located throughout the festival offer recycling and composting opportunities for everything distributed at the event. In order to minimize waste, exhibitors and food vendors agree to control the types of materials they sell or distribute. Frisbees are used as plates, individually-wrapped items are prohibited and water stations are available to refill bottles. In 2014, the day-long event sent less than 3 pounds of waste to the landfill.

In addition to three live bands, this year's EarthFest will feature entertainment by Max A. Pooch, a unique dog who enjoys cleaning up litter and promoting recycling. He will

demonstrate his talents throughout the day with litter clean up performances and routines.

Other onsite events will include an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for most simultaneous cloth diaper changes, a Medic blood drive and interactive youth learning area. In the youth area there will be lots of free activities for kids to learn about reuse and going green. Also be sure to complete a scavenger hunt card while at the event. Prizes will be given away every hour.

For more information, including a detailed list of sponsors, bands, onsite events and scavenger hunt prizes, visit www.knox-earthfest.org.

TDEC offers complimentary radon test kits in observance of Earth Day

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), in observance of Earth Day, will offer free radon test kits for a limited time as part of its ongoing efforts to inform Tennesseans about the dangers of radon exposure.

"It is important for Tennesseans to test their homes because radon acts unpredictably," TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau said. "We are pleased to provide a simple do-it-yourself test kit that can determine the presence of radon in the home and can help prevent exposure."

According to the EPA, Americans spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. This can be problematic, as radon is a naturally occurring gas that can seep into homes through cracks and openings in the foundation. Radon cannot be seen, tasted or smelled, but in concentrated levels can pose a threat to human

health.

The EPA estimates approximately 70 percent of Tennessee's population lives in high risk or moderate risk radon areas. According to the EPA, radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

Radon test kits are the first step toward a solution and are easy to use. Tennesseans can visit radon booths at the following events to receive a complimentary short-term test kit:

* Knoxville's Earth Fest at World's Fair Park in Knoxville on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information about radon and to register for a complimentary test kit, please visit http://www.tn.gov/environment/sustainable-practices_radon-program.shtml or contact the Tennessee Radon Program at 1-800-232-1139.

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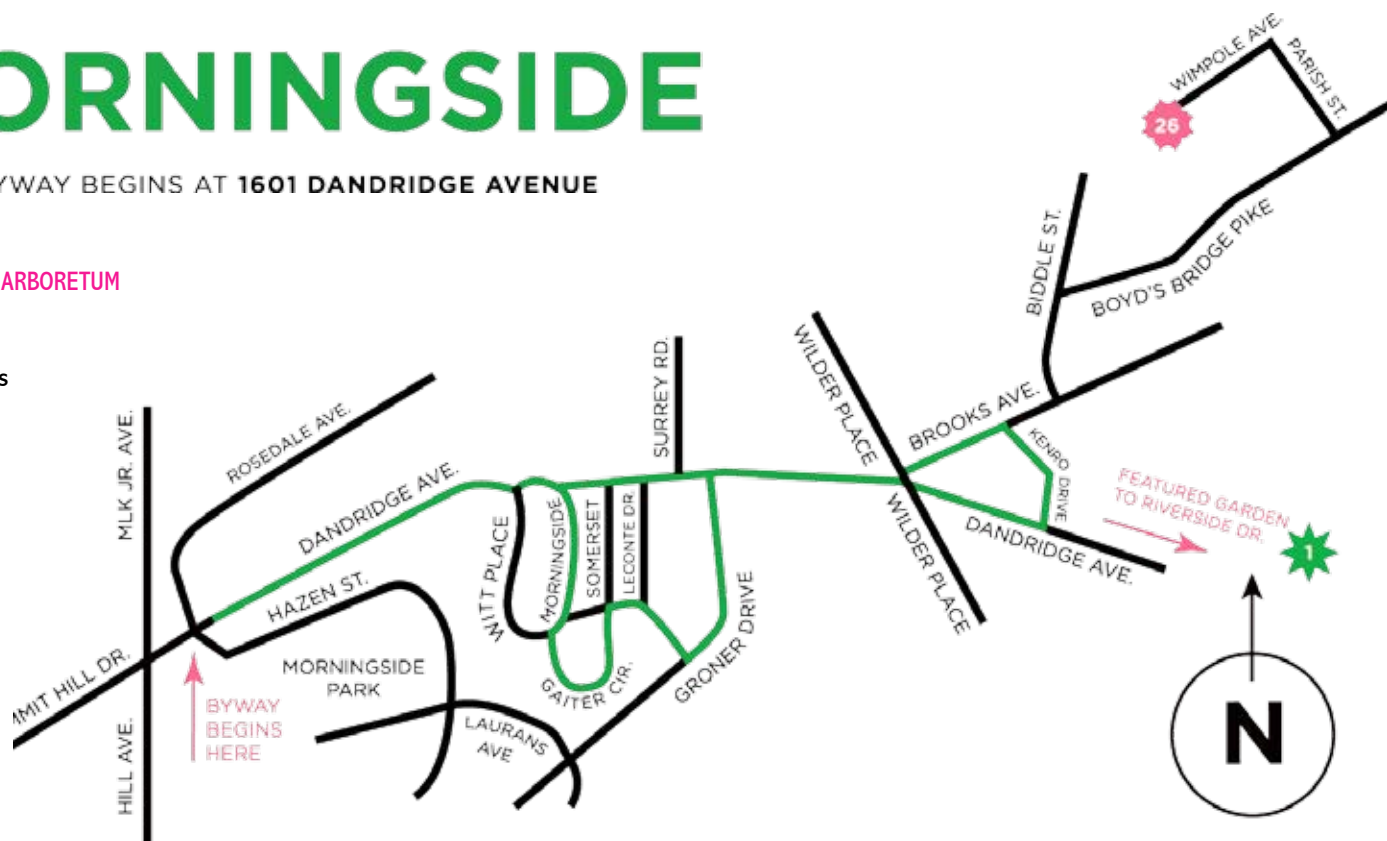
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Hills. Follow the street markings on Chilhowee Drive to the top of a hill. Just beyond the crest the trail turns left onto East Sunset Road that affords sweeping panoramic views of the Great Smoky Mountains. A swift decent

and a sharp curve to the right leads to Marilyn Drive and Green Valley Road, to newer homes, lush green lawns, and gardens with rare and beautiful wildflowers.

For a short distance, the route parallels the Holston River with its lovely riverside homes and then climbs quickly onto Crestwood Drive where a forest of wild dogwoods form a white background for colorful foreground plantings of azaleas.

When the trail turns right on Holston Hills Road, look left for a glimpse of Holston Hills Country Club. After two more right turns, the

trail enters a curving valley that provides a woodland setting for attractive homes. It returns to Holston Hills Road (allowing a second glimpse of the clubhouse on the right) and turns left. Here many handsome residences overlook the Holston Hills Golf Course, which is famed for its excellence and difficulty.

Rounding a curve, the road arrives at a bluff overlooking the Holston River. One and a half miles downstream, the Holston and French Broad rivers join to form the mighty Tennessee River. This "confluence of waters" is 3 miles east of downtown

Knoxville.

The trail descends to river level, turning left to reach Green Valley Road again. It angles right on wooded Shady Dell Trail, dips down to cross Chilhowee Drive, and continues uphill on the other side.

After veering right onto the top of a ridge and then turning left, the route meanders with a winding creek through a cove starred with wild white dogwoods. It turns sharply left, and zigzags upward to reach yet another overlook. Below in the foreground is the rolling green expanse of the Holston Hills Golf Course. Beyond it, the

Holston River coils like a broad silver ribbon; behind the river are the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and in the distance, the mountains themselves.

Coming down from this high point, the trail passes the Holston Hills Community Club's hillside park where dogwoods, azaleas, and flowering shrubs create a beauty spot. Here we invite you to "Stop and Stroll", or take a picture.

A final left turn onto broad Chilhowee Drive reveals gracious homes with well-established plantings; colorful rock gardens, drifts of violets, flowering crabapples, weeping cherries, and the ever-present dogwood.

The trail ends where Chilhowee Drive joins Asheville Highway. Turn left for downtown Knoxville; turn right to reach I-40.

We hope you have enjoyed the beauty of Holston Hills Dogwood Trail. Please Come Back!



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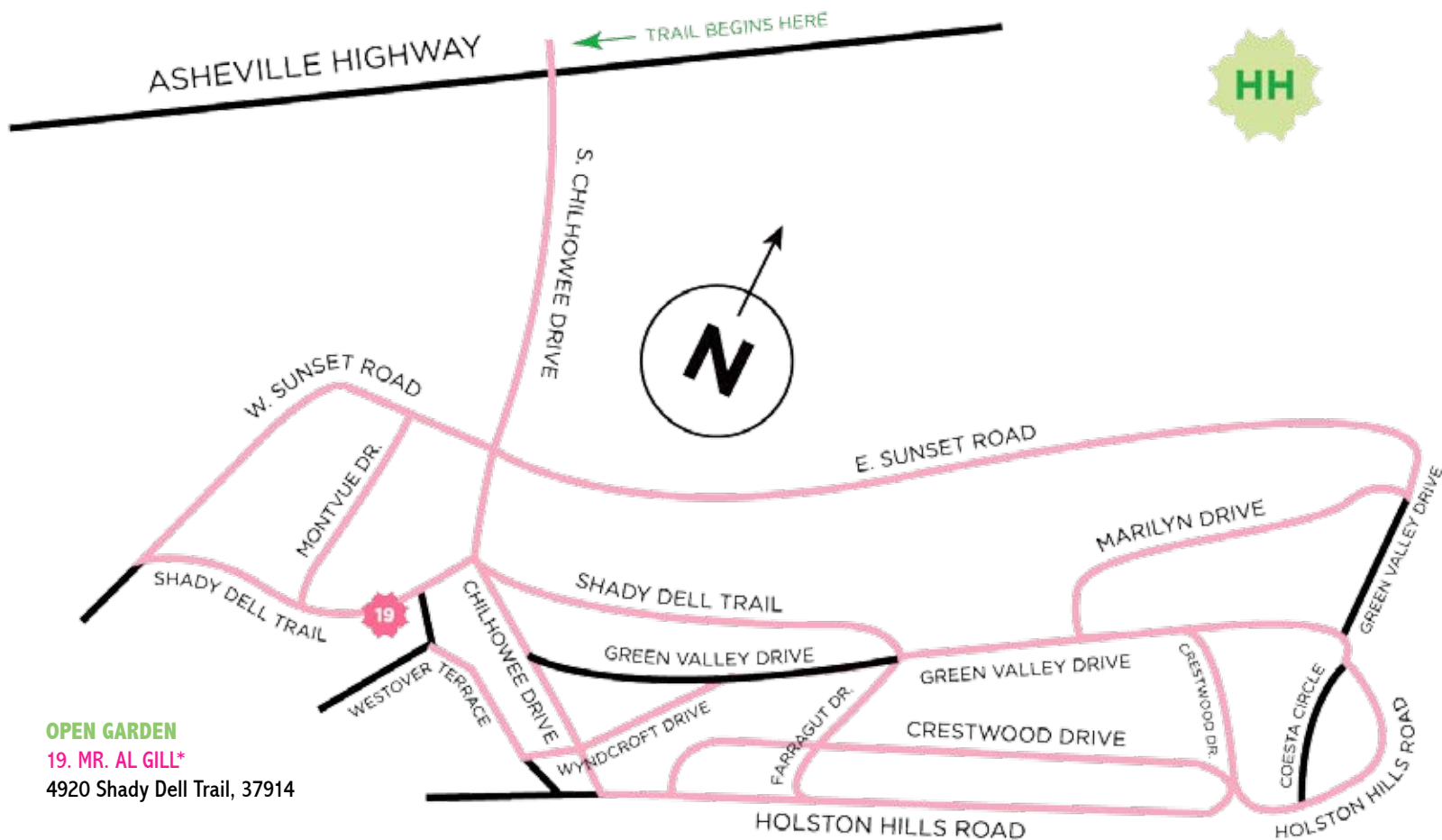
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SEQUOYAH HILLS DOGWOOD TRAIL

Welcome to the Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Trail, which begins and ends on Cherokee Boulevard. This street was named for the Indians who were Knoxville's original "first settlers," and Knoxville's first Dogwood Trail opened here in 1955.

The route turns right beneath overarching trees on Kenesaw Avenue and returns to the Boulevard via Woodland Drive. Then a right turn leads to large azaleas of many colors on Iskagna, Kenesaw, and Talahi.

The trail dips down to Talahi Mall, skirting a tall ornamental fountain to pass an enclosed playground that rejoiced in the early-day name of

Papoose Park. The mall plantings include azaleas (white and dark red), and a gigantic American holly; pink is the preferred color for lawn plantings with redbud, flowering crabapple, and Japanese cherry trees abounding.

After a right turn onto Cherokee Boulevard at the large circular Talahi Fountain, be on the lookout for the Indian burial mound in the center of the boulevard. Sequoyah Hills was named for a Cherokee chieftain who was born a few miles from here on the Little Tennessee River. Although he could neither read nor write and knew no language except the Cherokee tongue, Sequoyah invented a phonetic

alphabet for his people in 1820. Through its use, all Indian dialects have since become written languages. In his honor, the Sequoyah Hills Trail celebrated the Bicentennial Year by planting a young Sequoia tree at the base of the Indian Mound.

The trail turns right on Kenesaw Avenue, left on Taliluna Avenue and left on Agawela with their views of the rolling hills that give this residential area the second half of its name.

Rejoining Cherokee Boulevard, the large building in the distance ahead is Cherokee Country Club seen from riverside.

The Trail leaves the Boulevard on South Garden Road to begin a meandering climb by way of

Navaho and Cedarhill to the crest of Scenic Drive. Next, the trail turns right off of Scenic Drive onto Kenilworth Drive, then left on Oakhurst Drive to Glenfield where both pink and white dogwoods are old and very large.

Back on Scenic Drive, turn left onto Towanda Trail where Night Dogwood Trails originated. In 1957, six members of the Knoxville Garden Club living on this street lighted their trees for viewing after dark. The effect was spectacular. Some residents still light their blooms at night from dusk to 10:00 p.m.

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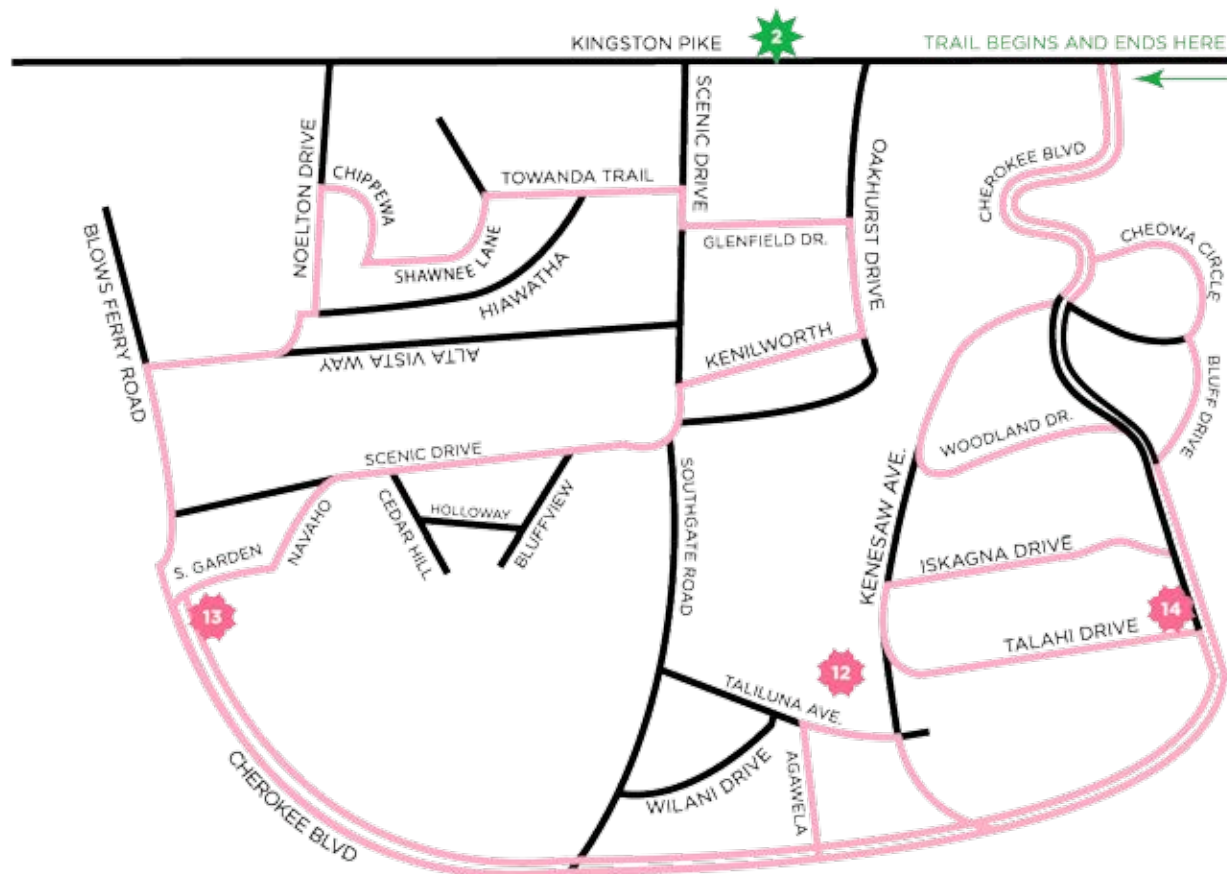
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The trail repasses the Indian Mound and the large round fountain at the entrance of Talahi Mall. After a right turn onto Bluff Drive and Cheowa Circle and a descent through clouds of snowy dogwood blooms, the trail rejoins the boulevard and returns to Kingston Pike. Downtown Knoxville is to the right as Trail and Boulevard end together.



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