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To Infinity and Beyond

Buzz Thomas Appointed Interim Superintendent

By Sally Absher
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Last week the Board of Education approved Oliver "Buzz" Thomas to be the Interim Superintendent of Knox County Schools. Thomas currently serves as President of Great Schools Partnership, a nonprofit organization best known for expanding the Community Schools Initiative begun at Pond Gap Elementary by

UT's Dr. Bob Kronick. He is also a minister, attorney, author, and member of the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE).

An initial slate of seven nominations was quickly whittled down to three candidates. BOE member Terry Hill was tasked with vetting the candidates and bringing a nomination to

the Board to vote on this month. Hill told The Focus, "Buzz is an excellent candidate. He has total familiarity with KCS through his work with Great Schools Partnership, which has brought many great programs to Knox County Schools."

Hill added that Thomas spends at least a day each month in the classroom of

Knox County schools. She said he would be taking a leave of absence from GSP while serving as Interim Superintendent, leaving that organization in the very capable hands of Stephanie Welch, who is the Vice President of Operations.

What Buzz Thomas does not bring to the table is any K-12 educational experience, which Amber

Rountree voiced concerns about. She said she has a great working relationship with Thomas, and lauded his contributions to KCS through GSP. "But," she added, "when the discussion of Interim Superintendent first came up and I made my list of qualifications, I told Buzz that at the top of my list is someone that has a pretty significant

amount of educational experience."

Rountree said that she planned to support the will of the Board and looked forward to working with Thomas, but added, "I will not stand for our Superintendent that we bring in, to not have that educational background. It sends the

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PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero takes a swing after announcing the city's Play Ball campaign last week at Market Square. Mayor Rogero participated in a pick-up whiffle ball game with South Knox Elementary School principal Tanna Nicely and the school's student council. Tennessee Smokies mascot Slugger also participated.

City to consider more funds for Lakeshore

By Mike Steely
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Lakeshore Park continues to take shape. The city recently approved a contract with C. M. Henley, Co., LLC, to reroof the Central Service Building there and do other work to complete that project. The \$118,735 contract was proposed by the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation.

On Tuesday the city council will consider increasing a contract with Quantum Environmental and Engineering Services, LLC, by \$6,970 for a new amount of \$724,850 for work in the park and possibly extend that agreement's date of completion on a request from the Department of Engineering.

Lakeshore Park, already a popular walking area, was passed to the city by the state in 2013 after the mental health hospital closed. It is a public and private partnership between the city and Lakeshore Park, a non-profit corporation that manages the growing park. Lakeshore has miles of trails, baseball and soccer fields, open land and two playgrounds.

About 83% of the materials removed from demolition and improvements at the 185-acre facility have been recycled. More than 48,000 tons of debris has been removed thus far. The ongoing project includes the removal or demolition of 21 buildings including nine large structures, a multi-storage building and eleven cottages.

So far the city has invested more than \$6 million and fundraising is underway. Anyone interested in the park and park plans can call (865)801-1000.

Knoxville encourages youth with Play Ball initiative

By Ken Lay

Major League Baseball officially returned on April 4 and Knoxville City Mayor Madeline Rogero celebrated by announcing her affiliation with the US Conference of Mayors and Major League Baseball's Play Ball initiative.

Rogero held a press conference at Market Square. After she addressed the media, she played a little pickup whiffle ball with the student council from South Knox Elementary School.

The Play Ball campaign strives to encourage youth to participate in baseball and softball but Rogero noted that Knoxville has plenty of adult leagues so that both adults and children may play.

"We want to promote play and we want everyone to live a healthy life," Rogero said. "Baseball is a

fun game.

"I'm also a fan of softball and my kids grew up playing baseball and softball at the Christenberry Ballfields for 13 seasons. My son played baseball and my daughter played softball and they went on to play in high school at Fulton. To say that Knoxville is supportive of organized sports is obviously an understatement. Baseball and softball help our youth stay active and learn life skills. It's important that we continue to invest our time and resources to provide them with opportunities for a healthy life. Baseball and softball teaches discipline and how to take disappointment and come back."

As part of the Play Ball initiative, Rogero invited the city's youth to participate in the in the City of Knoxville baseball and softball

commission leagues. Leagues are open to players between the ages of 4-14.

The city also announced that former Major Leaguer Graig Nettles will make an appearance at the opening ceremony of Knoxville's Inner City Youth Tournament on April 29.

Nettles, who now resides in East Tennessee, played for 22 seasons with the Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, San Diego Padres, Atlanta Braves and Montreal Expos.

He had 390 home runs and help lead the Yankees to a World Series Championship in 1977, when we won the Gold Glove as the American League's top defensive third baseman. He also clubbed 37 home runs during that season.

The Play Ball initiative

encourages youth to play organized baseball but it also strives to have players enjoy the game at a casual level with friends and families.

Knoxville's youth baseball leagues run for eight weeks and are still open to players from throughout the city. Nine recreation commissions have baseball leagues. Those commissions include: Bearden Youth Sports; Center City Youth Sports Program; East Knoxville Athletic Association; Knoxville Falcons Youth Athletics; Fountain City Recreation Commission; Holston-Chilhowee Recreation Commission; Knox Youth Sports; Rocky Hill Baseball and South Knoxville Youth Sports.

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Fifty Years for the Steelys

Mike and Lettie Steely celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary April 1st in Washington, D.C., where they lived during the first years of their marriage. The Steelys have two adult sons, Michael Howard and Burton Ross, two grandchildren, Beth and Gage, and two step-grandchildren, Julia and Sean.

Mike, a writer for The Knoxville Focus, was a U. S. Coast Guard Journalist and later a daily newspaper reporter. The couple met in high school after their parents moved to Florida; Mike is originally from Jellico, Tennessee, and Lettie is from Devil's Lake, Michigan. They were married April 1, 1966, at the Drive-In Church in

Pinellas Park, Florida.

While living in the Washington D.C. area Mike worked at Coast Guard Headquarters and was a reporter for the Northern Virginia Newspapers and the Manassas Journal. Both Mike and Lettie attended East Tennessee State University. He was a reporter on the Kingsport Times-News and the Morristown Tribune.

Lettie was the business manager of the Jellico Advance-Sentinel and the Monthly Mail, which served Campbell County, Tennessee and Whitley County, Kentucky. Lettie has done volunteer work for the Community Action Committee in Knoxville. The Steelys moved to Knoxville 18 years ago and

Mike worked for Charter Media and wrote a column "A Day Away" for The Focus before becoming a reporter for the newspaper.

"Having lived in D.C. for several years we decided to take in some of the places we had not visited or were not there when we were. Some of the places we visited were the Newseum and the Museum of Health and Medicine," Mike said.

The couple enjoys traveling and have been in every state except Alaska. They have also visited every state park in Tennessee. They collect cups and buttons from places they have been and enjoy time with their grandchildren.

Food Trucks back on City agenda

By Mike Steely
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Tuesday evening looks busy for the Knoxville City Council as they discuss everything from granting certificates for wine sales in various stores and take up the Food Truck ordinance.

Eight applications for certificates of compliance come from two package stores along with Sam's Clubs and Wal-Mart stores.

Food Trucks, called "Mobile Food Units" by the proposed ordinance, would be regulated under rules of operation by amending the City Code. The Office of Business Support is asking for the amendment but some of the language in the ordinance has come under criticism from opponents who object to "smokers" being permitted and the distance a food truck may operate from a residential area.

The council will also take up the proposed One Year Plan prepared by the planning commission and consider changing the appraisal threshold for the sale of surplus real property.

The council will also consider a contract for sidewalk work for the W. Young High Pike Project, discuss a payment in lieu of taxes for Collegiate Development Corporation at 1830 Cumberland Avenue and allow a building connection over an alley there.

Milliken and Company may get \$650,477 to install carpeting at the Knoxville Convention Center and three riding lawnmowers may be loaned to the Sheriff's Department for use by inmate labor for projects inside the city.

Four Seasons Heating and Air may be contracted to remove and install an air conditioning unit at MUSE, the Children's Museum.

Will Skelton Greenway reopens after repairs

Will Skelton Greenway reopened last week after being closed since November as crews made structural repairs. The 3.62-mile South Knoxville greenway is one of the City's more popular paved trails and is an integral section of the Urban Wilderness. It connects Island Home Park, Ijams Nature Center and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area.

The section of repair began where the greenway intersects Alamo Avenue and travels east to one of the greenway's pedestrian bridges along the Tennessee River. Safety and structural improvements included foundation repair of 210 linear feet of greenway, repaving of 875 feet of asphalt along the greenway and an addition of 70 feet of handrail.

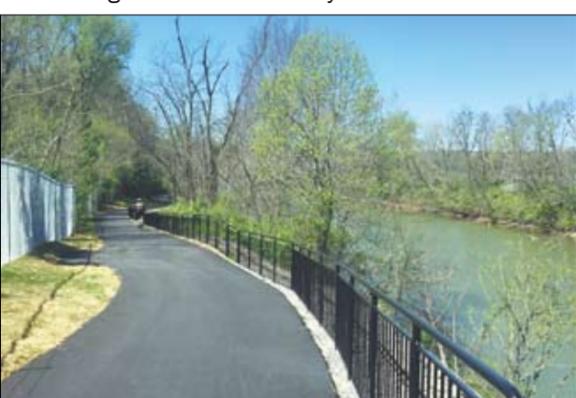
The design consultant for

the project was Foundation Systems Engineering; Merit Construction served as the project contractor.

Joe Walsh, Parks and Recreation Director, said the Will Skelton Greenway repair is a perfect example of why it's essential to invest in the upkeep of the City's existing greenway system.

"We're always looking for ways to expand our greenways and trails system, but in order to keep the momentum and support going in the community, the City needs to ensure a safe, quality experience on the system that we already have in place," Walsh said. "Building new trails and expanding total mileage is a major goal, but equally important is taking care of what we have."

For more information on City greenways, visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/greenways.



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Groundbreaking begins on Old City Gardens. Pictured are Daniel Aisenbrey and Brenna Wright of Abbey Farms; Randy and Jenny Boyd and Mayor Madeline Rogero and City Councilmen Daniel Brown and Marshall Stair.

Knoxville breaks ground on Old City Gardens

By Ken Lay

Randy Boyd always wanted to give city residents an opportunity to grow flowers or vegetables and enjoy the pleasures of gardening and he made it happen.

The City of Knoxville recently broke ground on the Old City Gardens, which are scheduled to open later this spring. Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and City Councilmen Daniel Brown and Marshall Stair were also a part of the ceremony, which marks the official beginning of the project.

It will be located 300 Depot Ave., on the outskirts of the Historic Old

City. Boyd, who has been at the forefront of Knoxville's revitalization campaign for sometime, said that the city's urban garden was inspired by other similar projects in New England.

"The idea was inspired by the Fenways in Boston where local urban residents are able to rent small garden plots to grow flowers or vegetables," Boyd said. "Often, you see people just sitting in their folding chairs and being in their garden."

Knoxville's urban residents may purchase one of 30 4 x 25-foot raised beds for an annual subscription fee of \$100.

Abbey Fields will maintain the Old City site in exchange for a portion of the land, where it will grow food to be sold to area residents.

The site will be run by Brenna Wright and Abbey Farms manager Daniel Aisenbrey.

The Old City Gardens will be part urban farm and part community garden and it will include storage sheds for tools in an effort to encourage walking or biking to the facility.

It will also include a washing station, a shady pavilion and full access to water.

The new urban garden project will also offer

a farm share program, which will follow the model of Community Supported Agriculture.

Wright said that she's pleased to be involved in the project.

"There's so much unused land in and around our cities," Wright said.

"Reclaiming these lots for garden space is a creative and economical way to enhance our neighborhoods.

"So much of our food production happens beyond our site. We hope this will give urbanites the opportunity to produce their own food while still enjoying all the amenities of downtown living."

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Bits of News About Local Education

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Kindergarten Round-up Tuesday, April 12

Kindergarten Round-up (registration/application) will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at all Knox County Elementary schools for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. At Kindergarten Round-up, parents receive important enrollment information about the upcoming school year. Children should be five years old by August 15, 2016, to enter kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year, and parents are asked to register their child at the child's zoned school.

Note that Kindergarten is a full day program. The school day begins 7:45 am and dismisses at 2:45 each day. The first two weeks of school will be a staggered schedule for Kindergarten students. Students will attend one day each week during the weeks of August 8th and 15th, beginning a full day schedule on Monday, August 22.

If you are unable to attend Kindergarten Round-up, you can still enroll at your zoned school. For more information, call (865)594-1787.

Dine out for Education April 12

This Tuesday marks the 13th annual Dine out for Education event. Approximately 40 area restaurants with almost 70 locations will donate 10% of the pre-tax proceeds from April 12 sales to Knox County Schools. Let someone else do the cooking (and clean up!) for breakfast, lunch or dinner on Tuesday (or all three!).

Last year the day-long culinary campaign helped raise approximately \$20,000 for the KCS Partners in Education (PIE) programs. This year, participating restaurants hope to raise \$25,000. A complete list of participating restaurants and locations can be found at knoxschools.org, or look for the Dine Out for Education logo in the window of your favorite neighborhood eatery.

And new this year - in addition to many traditional restaurants, some of Knoxville's most popular food trucks will gather to serve you from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Southern Railway Station. Vendors include: Jamamerican, Breezy Weenie Pub Grub, Holy Smokin BBQ, and The Lunchbox.

Money raised through Dine Out for Education helps support and fund PIE programs including Career Day, the Teacher Supply Depot, the PTA Clothing Center, Barney Thompson Scholarships, and teacher recognition programs.

Prom Season Kicks Off With Drunk Driving Awareness

As April showers yield May flowers and Prom, at least one local high school will be addressing the issue of teenage driving under the influence of alcohol, or DUI. Halls High School will be conducting a day-long observation of the dangers of DUI this Thursday, April 14th. Halls' Prom is the following night. The school will be having an assembly for 11th and 12th graders at 11:00 a.m. in the gym.

Fourth Graders Attend Tennessee Smokies Health and Safety Day

On Monday, April 11, 4,332 fourth-grade students, teachers and parents representing 25 Knox County elementary schools will attend the 24th annual

Smokies Health and Safety Day at the Tennessee Smokies ballpark in Kodak.

The event focuses on education that supports healthy decisions for drug-free lifestyles along with the development of overall good health and character. It is presented by East Tennessee Children's Hospital and Kohl's Cares.

Students will have the opportunity to meet Smokies players, followed by an educational program that includes an anti-drug message, information on bike safety, and nutrition. The Smokies will play the Mobile BayBears beginning at 11:30 am.

The first pitch is traditionally thrown by the fourth grader who was the top seller during the KCS Coupon Book campaign. This year, that honor will be granted to Addison Brewer from Shannondale Elementary, who sold 261 books.

Tate's School and Tate's Camp Open House and Hayride

On Saturday, April 16, 2016 Tate's School and Tate's Day Camp will host their 7th Annual Open House. Come out and enjoy a hayride

tour of the beautiful, tranquil 52 acre campus featuring 3 saltwater pools, zip lines, an archery range, climbing walls, a rappelling tower, a boating pond, and the unique rustic log classrooms that define the campus. New to the tour this year will be the 6th Grade classrooms opened in the fall of 2015. Plans are in place to expand the Middle School to include the 7th & 8th Grades by 2017.

Tate's teachers will be in each classroom and will be hosting child centered activities across campus. Children can explore the Teaching Garden and learn more about the wonder of plant life and gardening. You are invited to enjoy lunch (provided free) with Tate's Camp Counselors in the picnic area by the boating pond and play on the wonderful playgrounds around campus. Chris Strelvel, Executive Director of Tate's Day Camp says, "Our weekly camp themes make each summer so very different and fun, year after year." Camp themes are detailed on the Tate's Camp website and feature a variety such as Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Wild Water.

More Board of Education News from April

Buzz Thomas Appointed Interim Superintendent

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By Sally Absher
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Despite the unanimous approval of Buzz Thomas as interim Superintendent, several other agenda items were less successful. Once again, Board members Patti Bounds and Amber Rountree were leaders in advocating for students and teachers in Knox County.

On the agenda was a proposal for a contract for KCS to participate in the National Council on Teacher Quality's new initiative "Great Districts for Great Teachers." Fortunately, Board member Patti Bounds researched this organization, and revealed that among supporters of Great Districts for Great Teachers are a number of former Superintendents, all of whom have been fired or left under pressure for poor performance. Many are graduates of the infamous Broad Superintendent Academy.

Among those listed are John Deasy, LA Unified School District, known for his failed effort to provide iPads to all students that was such a fiasco, the FBI investigated; Peter Gorman, Charlotte Mecklenburg, responsible for school closings and teacher layoffs; Joel Klein, Chancellor of the New York City Schools, accused of inflating test scores, deriding and marginalizing teachers, and closing many large "failing" schools - he is also one of the biggest supporters of

education reform and charter schools. Many of these folks have been involved in scandals, fraud, and questionable business ventures after leaving their districts.

The Thomas B. Fordham Foundation created NCTQ in 2000 as a new entity "to promote alternative certification and to break the power of the education schools." In 2001, Secretary of Education Rod Paige (McIntyre's "mentor") gave NCTQ a grant of \$5M to start a national teacher certification program (American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence), which has since become an online teacher preparation program, allowing someone to become a teacher for \$1,995.

Bounds asked, "What do we have to gain from their approval and designation? Are we that desperate for a label or an honor? Does this really impact the children of Knox County?"

Lauren Hopson agreed,

saying, "Do we need an endorsement as a great school district from this list of people? If I was a teacher looking for a great district in which to teach and I saw a school district praised by this group of people, I would run screaming as fast as I could."

Thanks to the diligent research of Mrs. Bounds, the contract failed to even receive a motion to approve at Wednesday's meeting.

Unfortunately, also failing in a 5-4 vote was a resolution brought by Amber Rountree to delay the TNReady assessment for grades 3 to 8 until test providers can develop material that is developmentally appropriate for young children. She cited the current mandated test allotment of 11 hours of testing - more than the ACT and SAT (3 hours), LSAT (3 hours), GRE (4 hours), the MCAT (6 hours).

Even high school students struggle with the amount of testing, as Student Rep. Sydney Gabrielson shared with the board. "It's exhausting. As a

freshman, I took a 3 hour test in the morning and another 3 hour test that afternoon..."

But Chairman Doug Harris said he didn't think he could support the resolution, adding "I think it's too vague... and I don't want to delay the assessment. As a parent, I've got to have to have that assessment, period. I can't rely on school grades. I want an assessment."

Harris said that an ACT score of 28 was necessary for admission to UT's Engineering program. Gabrielson countered that schools including Georgetown, Wake Forest, and Furman no longer require standardized tests. Harris dismissed her, saying, "I wouldn't call 3 a trend, but I see your point, there are a few outliers out there, but..."

Perhaps Mr. Harris should consult FairTest.org, which lists over 850 colleges and universities that no longer require the SAT or ACT for admission. Why? They have found these tests give little indication of a student's success in school.

wrong message to all of our stakeholders."

KCEA president Lauren Hopson shares Rountree's positive working relationship with Thomas, but also echoed her concerns about finding someone to fill the permanent position that has extensive classroom experience. "That's vital to understanding how the policies that are created impact the classroom," she said.

Thomas, who was out of town during last week's Board meetings, issued the following statement:

"I am honored to be chosen by the Board of Education for this incredibly important position. I know how dedicated each board member is to the well-being of our children and the success of our schools. Family circumstances beyond my control have forced me to be away this week, but I look forward to returning to assist the board in its critical mission."

Chairman Doug Harris will work with the Law Department to draft a contract for the Interim Superintendent, which Board members are expected to vote on in May. The search for the permanent Superintendent will begin after the new Board is seated in September.



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What will McKenzie do after leaving the commission? “Exhale.”



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Commissioner Sam McKenzie talks with Mike Steely about his time on the commission.

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Sam McKenzie has been one of two “city” voices on the Knox County Commission. He’s stood up for his area for more than eight years and decided not to seek re-election.

As the only commissioner whose district is entirely inside the city limits, McKenzie sometimes has been a lone vote for or against motions. He says he’s been in heated debates and often is on the losing side but said the process “has been clean.”

When asked what he will do on leaving the commission, McKenzie smiles and simply said, “Exhale.”

An ORNL employee and professional football referee, McKenzie said being a referee has taught him to remain calm.

The First District commissioner said that he favored former Mayor Ragsdale’s approach and was disappointed when Mayor Burchett cut funding for the Beck Cultural Center.

“Unfortunately my district

hasn’t fared very well,” he said.

“I’ve learned a lot about Knox County and the people in the First District. There’s still a long way to go about the city versus county,” McKenzie said.

He said the 5 p.m. commission meetings have “worked well” and explained that the commission members are “public servants” that should meet when it is convenient for the public to attend.

What is he the most proud about his time on the

body? “Bring decorum and civility to the commission,” he said.

Asked if he would seek political office in the future McKenzie first said, “No,” but then added “Never say never.”

“I’m going to stay active,” he said.

McKenzie says he is concerned about efforts to make the city elections partisan at-large contests and about who will replace him in the 1st District seat.

A bonus for money-saving ideas includes elected officials

By Mike Steely
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Knox County’s Employee Incentive Program has been passed by the Knox County Commission and includes elected officials including the Clerk and Master. Money saving ideas coming from county employees, and now elected officials, that save the taxpayers at least \$1,000 would be rewarded with a bonus to the person who suggests it.

County Mayor Tim Burchett proposed the program as “in the best interest of the county.”

Jennifer Linginfelter, Knox County Communications Manager, said that the idea of a bonus for a money saving idea originated with former commissioner R. Larry Smith. She said the idea needs to be submitted by the employee’s department head and approved by their department and the Finance Director. The bonus, according to the adopted resolution, cannot exceed \$5,000 and comes from that employee’s department budget.

Elected officials are included and bonuses would come from that elected official’s budget. Employees of the elected officers that make suggestions must involve that official for whom they work.

Real dollars that bring savings are the only consideration for the bonus. The bonus is limited to ten percent of the savings.

R. Larry Smith said he made the suggestion in 2013 and he feels that elected officials shouldn’t ask for a bonus for ideas because “that’s in their job description.” He did agree that employees of elected officials should be included in the program.

“Once a suggestion is done and a check presented it will catch on like wildfire,” Smith said.

Michael Grider, Knox County Communication Director, credits Smith with the idea but thinks it was made before Burchett was elected. He said that Smith “often came up to the office and said we need to get this thing going.”

Grider said the Mayor’s proposal is a “business like model” used by companies to reward employees and the policy “fleshes out some” of Smith’s general proposal, which apparently was a motion by Smith that was never passed or enacted.

“Certainly the genesis of the idea came from R. Larry Smith,” Grider said.

He also said that the mayor’s office double checked to see if Smith’s proposal was enacted but found no record of it. He also stated that including the elected officials in the bonus program is aimed at those official’s employees and that the language may be misleading.

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What draws our tourists?

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I've lived in Knoxville now for 18 years. For many, many years before that my family shopped in and around Knoxville and I go back to the 1950's with such visits. I've given some thoughts to what draws visitors to our county and our city and watched over the past few years to catch trends, efforts and results.

Aside from the increase in traffic the temporary visitors here add a lot to the economy whether they are just passing through or spending a few days with us.

So, what are the main draws to Knoxville and Knox County?

Obviously we have the Smoky Mountains nearby, with Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg offering many attractions there. Plus the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited National Park in the nation. But how many people stay in Knoxville while visiting our Sevier County neighbors? Not many.

Our community can boast of several attractions like Zoo Knoxville, the Sunsphere, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and Ijam's Nature Center but nothing draws people here like the University of Tennessee's sports, especially football. UT graduates are scattered across the nation and many of them,

plus fans that have never attended the university, flock to home games, stay in hotels, eat and shop, and contribute a bundle to our local economy.

"We see visitation for our awesome festivals," Kim Bumpas, Director of Visit Knoxville told The Focus, adding that Visit Knoxville has launched a partnership with Scripps Networks Interactive this year called "Knoxville Beats and Eats" that celebrates music and food this spring.

Knoxville also holds seasonal events like the Dogwood Arts Festival, Big Ears Festival, Rhythm and Blooms, the Tennessee Valley Fair, the Asian, Greek, Hola, and Rossini Festivals, Biscuit Fest, Alive After Five, Earth Fest, Concerts on the Square, the MLK events, Veterans Day Parade, etc.

"We are celebrating the 225th Anniversary of Knoxville this year and there are ways for neighborhoods to get involved," Bumpas said, urging residents to attend the events, volunteer and go online to "visitknoxville.com" and download the guidelines on how to get involved.

"We are playing a role in the year-round visitation growth. Through December hotel/motel collections were up 13% over this time last year. We're also seeing an increase in leisure travelers that are coming to Knoxville for a 'get away' destination and experience



Knoxville has the "World's Largest Basketball" at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The 30-foot tall basketball has 86,000 dimples and may be the second most photographed image after the Sunsphere.

our attractions, restaurants and outdoor adventures for a 2-4 night stay," she said.

The growing number of hotels downtown due to the renovation of older buildings will place more visitors downtown. The growing popularity of the Free Trolley service in the city will help visitors get around to shop and visit our places but the trolley service is currently limited to the central downtown area for the most part.

For those overnight guests, there is a great deal to explore on foot downtown including the many Gay Street Theatres, the Blount Mansion, Old City, and Market Square. The city's effort to revitalize downtown and the adjoining neighborhoods will do much to attract visitors. The city and county's effort to expand and develop greenways and bike trails and lanes will help also.

History buffs can visit

the James White Fort, the many historical monuments around our area, the improved entrance at Fort Dickerson, the newer Fort Higley at High Ground Park, and the National Cemetery. There are also historic buildings and homes in our area like Marble Springs, the Mabry-Hazen House, Crescent Bend, Ramsey House, the East Tennessee History Museum and Alex Haley Park. Natural attractions such as Cherokee

Caverns, the new River Bluff Overlook, the Tennessee River, House Mountain, and mountain bicycling trails here and there.

For art and culture lovers there's the Emporium, various sculptures around town, exhibits, several events, studios, the Art Museum, the Knoxville Symphony, the Opera, live music venues, plays and concerts.

So, what's missing in Knoxville and Knox County?

Do we even need a theme? There's "The Cradle of Country Music," "Knox Rocks," and "gottaknox-knox" floating around as themes but no real memorable slogan. Nashville is "Music City," Memphis is "Blues City," and Bristol is "The Birthplace of Country Music."

Knoxville may not need a theme because it has such variety. People coming for an event or to visit one place here often begin to discover all the other things available in our area. They go back home and tell others about the surprises they discovered.

"It's the diversity," Bumpas said, adding that in August, Visit Knoxville will roll out new creative about the expectations for visiting Knoxville.

"A lot of places don't have the depth of variety that we have," she said, adding, "I don't think the people who live here really understand that depth."



From State Representative
Harry Brooks

It has been another good week, with good weather, in Nashville. After a long night

in committee on Wednesday April 6th, we closed the House Education Administration and Planning Committee for the remainder of session. The legislation the committee passed will improve education in the state of Tennessee for years to come. Now that the committee I chair and most others are closed, floor session will be going full strength from here on out. Nevertheless, I would like to discuss two items this week that I believe will have only positive impacts in our

district and state.

The first item is the Focus On College and University Success Act (FOCUS). This bill continues the State of Tennessee's goal to meet our Drive to 55 initiatives by placing a sharpened focus on the governance of community colleges and colleges of applied technology (TCATs). The FOCUS Act grants our four year TN Board of Regents Institutions (TBR), which are our state universities, with additional autonomy to make local decisions.

The current situation at University of Tennessee (UT) remains unchanged; they have their own autonomous system. With the FOCUS Act, TBR will primarily be responsible for the community colleges and the TCATs, while the 6 other four year universities will each have a governing body resembling a board of trustees. This will place the TBR in a better position to focus on community colleges and TCATs.

The second item concerns the funding for our local road

budgets. I am sure you can think of two or three roads in our district that are in need of being repaired. Several constituents have contacted me with transportation concerns. All of our county and city governments have the same problem and struggle with sufficient funding. Since most districts across the state are having these issues, Governor Haslam has collaborated with TDOT to address these concerns. It was expected that Knox County would receive \$546,000

total for road projects this fiscal year, however due to the Governor's initiative the new budget plan proposes that Knox County will receive a total of \$1.637 million dollars for road projects.

I hope everyone has had a great week. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be any help to you. I can be reached by email at rep.harry.brooks@capitol.tn.gov or by phone at (615)741-6879. It is an honor to be your representative.

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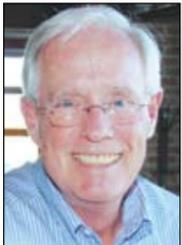
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The lost arts of handwriting and spelling

The chasm between baby-boomers and younger generations grows with each passing day. Our lives are influenced by different things, and we have a different take on what's important for daily communications. I'm not sure what strikes younger folks fancies, but I can vouch for a couple of areas that we oldsters think are worthwhile.

We seniors still think that handwriting is an important thing for individuals. We toiled for days to perfect our block letters; writing on wide-lined paper that had a third line in the middle to indicate the height of lower case letters was hard work. We used index fingers to set the space between words.

Just as we finally perfected that kind of writing, the time came to learn how to write in cursive. It was a real pain for some students, especially those of us who were left-handed. Heck, we had enough difficulty understanding which way to slant the paper, and many lefties failed to do so as is evident by watching how they curled their wrist in awkward



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ways or slanted their words in the opposite direction. A few unlucky students learned the proper way to do these things as a teacher watched with a ruler ready to slap hands that curled or slanted words incorrectly.

At some point, cursive writing no longer was an important skill to learn.

Some "experts" in education said that demanding students to learn and use the style crushed their individual creative abilities. Then computers became the predominant method of writing, a fact that further lessened the importance of handwriting. I used to make my seniors write out the alphabet in cursive five times each day before we began class, and I refused to grade papers that weren't written in cursive. Today, I'd be suspended with pay until the school board could fire me for such an egregious act.

My handwriting has taken a turn for the worse, partially because I don't practice it as much and partially because my arthritic hands find little comfort as I put pen to paper. Still, I can make those letters, and someone observed that

cursive writing could be used as a code for old folks who want to keep secrets from younger people.

In our time, spelling was an important skill that teachers emphasized each year. We had spelling books and used them every day. Lists of words increased in difficulty throughout the year, and Fridays always began with a spelling test. Most of us enjoyed the challenge and studied hard enough to make 100's on the exams. A poor grade on a spelling test upset all of us. In grammar, we also learned rules of spelling that eased the problems of putting letters in the correct order. Most often remembered was the rule "l" before "e" except after "c" or when it sounds like an "a" in such words as "neighbor" and "sleigh."

I noticed the weakness in students' spelling abilities throughout my teaching career. The curriculum placed more emphasis on other things. Subtracting 5 points for every misspelled word in an essay made students a bit more aware of correct spelling, but it didn't end the problem.

Folks today confront spelling in a couple of ways. Sometimes they take the time to consult Spell

Checker. Doing so alleviates many of the errors, but not all of them. I am guilty of sometimes using homophones but usually catch them during proof reading. That brings up the other approach. In it, people simply ignore any misspellings. They don't see them as being important. Ignorance accounts for some of this attitude. So many modern-day folks text until their fingers ache, and they abbreviate and misspell on purpose to the point that they can't tell the difference. Before long, communication in writing will be impossible without a standard of spelling.

All of this sounds too much like an old curmudgeon who once again laments the state of the world and how it's going to hell in a handbasket with the ways of the young people. That's certainly not my intent. However, I will continue to complain about a generation that all too often turns its back on some of the most important ways that we've communicated effectively for years. Maybe an outcry will rise for a return to cursive writing and correct spelling. Then again, I doubt that too many people care; just type stuff on a keyboard and let a computer program do the rest.

Safety Center Committee to meet

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The Knox County Commission's Safety Center Committee will meet next Monday, April 18, at 2 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building. The committee will hear a report from Andy Black, named to coordinate the effort to establish a center for those arrested people who are mentally ill and/or addicted to drugs.

Committee Chairman Commissioner Mike Brown announced the meeting last week.

The committee will discuss Black's report and also hear from the Sheriff's Department's Randy Nichols regarding participation by the state of Tennessee. Nichols and others recently returned from a trip to visit with the governor and his administration and an announcement of possible funding may be discussed on Monday as well.

The Committee will also host public comments.

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5 Tips for Adoption Success

Adopting a pet from an animal shelter or rescue organization should be exciting, fun, and filled with a sense of adventure. I often wonder how people approach the task of adopting a pet. A good friend recently adopted a dog from the local animal shelter. I was elated thinking my writing of National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day had inspired him to adopt his next-best friend. I could not help being excited and happy for him as he searched for the perfect dog—the dog that would match his energy and enthusiasm for adventure.

Adoption day can be a joyful and relatively stress free experience. Hobo the Wonder Dog and I suggest the five P's—Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance. Being prepared on adoption day will create success for you and the new addition to your family.

5 Tips for Adoption Success:

1. Do your homework. Research the breed of dog you want to adopt. Do you want to start with a puppy, middle-aged or senior dog? Each life stage has unique challenges and rewards. Search animal rescues and animal shelters. Many post pictures of adoptable pets on their websites.

2. Prepare your home. Like the expectation of a human baby, the family prepares for months and a pet



By Howard Baker,
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should be no different. Designating an area to confine your new pup offers a safe area for relaxation without constant monitoring. Having a crate, bedding, food, water and feed bowls, leashes, collars, and time. Yes, time. Introducing a new pet to their new home is important and should not be rushed.

3. Be Perry Mason. Ask questions and get as much information about prospective adoptions as possible. Acquire as much information about where the pet came from, behavior at the shelter, and any medical history when available. Spend time with the animal and get to know them.

4. The big adjustment. Bringing your new family member home is a big adjustment for you and the pet. Taking it slow will give everyone time to explore each other and get to know their new environment. The first few days are awkward for human and animal alike so relax and take it easy. Remember, if you have other animals or small children introduce them slowly and keep it positive.

5. Your frame of mind. Know when the time is right for you. Adopting a pet before you leave on vacation or business meeting is probably not the best idea. Managing your resources and knowing what to expect is equally important. Ask for support from friends and family. This is a big decision—it is an addition to your family.

Prior preparation prevents poor performance and is the foundation of successful adoption. A new pet is a rewarding experience. Know in the first few days there will be accidents, joys, frustrations, and maybe feeling overwhelmed. The journey is short—take it in stride and the dog you save will be the best friend, the companion, the steady, that is always with you no matter what the world throws your way. Life is better with a dog.

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Lassie

Pages from the Past



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It is quite likely there is hardly anyone who grew up in the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s who cannot fondly recall the adventures of a particular collie named Lassie. Most of us marveled at Lassie's intelligence and bravery and her unending devotion to her owner. Our hearts skipped a beat when Lassie was in danger and few of us failed to shed a tear, or buckets of tears, when Lassie was injured. Lassie became the most famous canine star of movies and television of all time. To this day, small children will see a collie and say, "Lassie".

Lassie's personal popularity made the breed all the more popular and collies remained among the most popular dog breeds for decades. Even I had one as a small boy whom I named, naturally, Lassie. I well recall my grandfather patiently trying to tell me the white collie was a boy and should be named "Laddie". I stubbornly refused to countenance such an idea and "Lassie" he remained.

Lassie was an actor after all and a very well trained actor. For one thing, Lassie was played by a male collie named Pal, who was owned by animal trainer Rudd Weatherwax. The idea for the fictional Lassie is credited to British author Eric Knight. Knight was a sometime screenwriter and novelist who struck gold with his book Lassie Come Home. Eric Knight had originally written a short story for the Saturday Evening Post in 1938. The story was well received enough that Knight expanded it to a novel two years later. The rights to Knight's story was purchased by Hollywood's most prestigious movie studio, Metro Goldwyn Mayer. MGM filmed Lassie Come Home, the same year Eric Knight, then forty-three years old and serving in the U. S. Army was killed when his plane crashed in the Pacific Theatre.

Lassie Come Home featured two of MGM's brightest young stars, Roddy McDowell and Elizabeth Taylor. The cast was rounded out by some of Hollywood's most reliable British character actors. The story was calculated to tug at the heartstrings and succeeded admirably. A family, financially strapped by the Depression, has to sell their faithful collie to the wealthy Duke of Rudling, leaving young Joe Carraclough (McDowell) heartbroken. Lassie, being the obstinate and devoted collie that she is, refuses the Duke's attentions and persistently flees back to Joe. Thinking to thwart Lassie from leaving again, the Duke takes her to his estate in Scotland. Instead, the Duke is thwarted by his own granddaughter (Taylor) who sees how unhappy

Lassie is and helps the collie to get away. On the long trek back to Joe, Lassie endures just about every hardship imaginable; terrific storms, hunger, and pursuit by wicked dogcatchers. Lassie does meet some kind people along the way before Joe finds her waiting for him one day in the schoolyard.

Lassie Come Home earned more than \$4.5 million for MGM during World War II, at a time when movie tickets sold for around a quarter. Quite an achievement for a film the studio had not intended to be an "A" picture. Apparently, Lassie Come Home was originally intended to be a "B" picture and shot in black and white. Pal's performance helped to change minds at MGM who quickly realized the potential and revamped Lassie Come Home.

Bosley Crowther, the movie critic for the New York Times, noted Lassie Come Home "tells the story of a boy and a dog, tells it with such poignance and simple beauty that only the hardest heart can fail to be moved."

Lassie became so famous the dog dined at the White House with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Lassie flew in first class on airplanes and his steaks were specially prepared during flights. Not all of Lassie's co-stars appreciated the collie, fretting he stole their scenes. Lassie also earned more than Elizabeth Taylor did for Lassie Come Home.

Lassie might have been a very different dog indeed had not the original female collie selected for the role not begin to shed terribly during the filming. The dog's trainer, Rudd Weatherwax, substituted "Pal" in the role. Pal had been intended to be the stunt dog for the picture.

Initially, Pal had been rejected by MGM executives who came to the odd conclusion Pal was too small and did not project the proper image for a canine hero. Pal impressed everyone, most especially the director of Lassie Come Home when filming a scene where Lassie swims across a river and is too exhausted to do anything other than collapse. Pal performed perfectly and the scene did not even require a second take.

Pal had been born in a kennel in North Hollywood and was not deemed to be a show quality dog by the kennel's owner. Pal was sold to Howard Peck, who, like Rudd Weatherwax, was an animal trainer. Young Pal had two very annoying qualities that vexed Howard Peck; Pal like to chase motorcycles and barked incessantly. Evidently, Peck could not break the pup from those distressing



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION.

Lassie, on Capitol Hill to receive an award, kisses former actor and U. S. Senator George Murphy of California, 1968.

habits and offered to give Pal to Weatherwax in lieu of a debt. Weatherwax gave Pal to another friend but quickly retrieved the rough collie the moment he found out MGM was filming Lassie Come Home. The friend sold Pal back to Weatherwax for the princely sum of \$10.00. Once Pal had become quite famous as Lassie, Howard Peck wanted him back, but lost his lawsuit against his former friend.

Hollywood has never been a place that failed to extract every speck of gold from a mine and six more Lassie adventures were filmed by MGM, the last in 1951. Pal starred as Lassie in all seven movies.

When the series concluded, MGM owed Rudd Weatherwax, Pal's trainer and owner, money and wanted out of its contract with the animal trainer. Weatherwax made one of the shrewdest business decisions possible when he settled for the rights to Lassie's name and trademark instead. During the early 1950s Weatherwax and Pal earned a nice living by touring the country and making personal appearances. An enterprising television producer believed there was still a big audience for Lassie and convinced Rudd Weatherwax to participate. It was a wise decision, as the Lassie television show would run for nineteen years.

Lassie's companion in the TV show, Jeff Miller, was played by actor Tommy Rettig. It was Pal who made the choice of his co-star, as Rettig later recounted that of the three boys up for the part, Pal liked him the best. The role must have been hard on the young actor as Rettig was allergic to dogs.

CBS agreed with producer Robert Maxwell there would

likely be a huge audience for a Lassie series and the show debuted in the fall of 1954. Pal only appeared in the pilot episodes and Lassie was thereafter played by his son, Lassie, Jr. Even though he was retired, Pal came to the studio daily with his owner and his son. Pal spent most of his time comfortably ensconced in a bed away from the set. Some cast and crew members noted that when Lassie, Jr. was called upon to perform some trick, Pal would get up out of his bed and perform it as well.

The Lassie television show had been on the air for three years in 1957 and Pal was bothered by arthritis and slowly going blind and deaf. Yet it was clear just how much Rudd Weatherwax loved Pal. Jon Provost, who played "Timmy", said, "Rudd loved that old dog as much as anyone could love an animal or person."

In June of 1958 Pal died at age eighteen. Rudd Weatherwax immediately went into a profound depression. He buried Pal on his ranch and frequently went to visit his friend's grave, but according to his son, Weatherwax would never again watch a Lassie movie. He could not bear

it. One of the stars of the original show, George Cleveland, who played "Gramps" died in July of 1957 and the cast was changed. The producers decided since Cleveland had died, "Gramps" would die on the television show, which alarmed CBS to no end. It was the first time a major character had died on a children's television show.

Pal's descendants, for the most part have continued in the role of their sire. Lassie has undergone several reincarnations and revivals. Lassie movies were made and the collie remained on television in some incarnation well into the 2000s. By 2011, there had been no less than eleven Lassie movies. Lassie's co-stars included not only Roddy McDowell and Elizabeth Taylor, but also Jimmy Stewart and Peter O'Toole.

Variety, the show business bible, named Lassie an icon of the last century in 2005. Lassie was the only animal to make the list. Lassie

was also one of the few stars to prosper in every entertainment medium of the time, save for the music business. Lassie had conquered movies, radio and television.

Author Ace Collins once summed up Lassie's appeal in an interview: "Lassie represents the best a human can be. Lassie doesn't judge; Lassie would lay down her life for you; Lassie forgives. Lassie is a better role model for humans than probably any human that's ever been a star on television and the movies."

No one who has ever watched any Lassie movie can deny the magical bond between human and canine. For many, it was the spark that ignited a love of dogs in many youngsters. Most of us have grown a bit gray and, in some cases, creaky and infirm, but we still remember the indomitable collie always coming home. It still brings tears to one's eyes.

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Archibald Rutledge, an American poet and educator, once wrote: "I once had a curious experience with a star. I was on the path to my farm at dusk when I was overtaken by a violent storm. The rain came down into howling darkness, the thunder and lightening were appalling. A bolt struck a pine 20 feet from me. The tree crashed down. Alone I was defenseless, in the profound fury of the wind.

"I squinted through the heavy rain toward what I believed was the west. To my amazement, I saw a rift in the inky darkness hardly bigger than my hand, and in the very heart of it gleamed the evening star. In faithful stillness and peace it shone, saying to my heart: 'This storm is only temporary. The sky is here, and the stars.'

"Amid the chaos about me, here came a celestial message. Shining through the storm, its light reminded me of something past our world. Taking heart, I

waded out to the road, headed homeward through the breaking storm, and reached the house in full, calm starlight."

Music, Nature's beauty, and kindnesses from others, are all life's extras. I would like to add some other extras that make it easier to start each day: a day free from pain or

calamities, a day of unexpected surprise, a bird's song, a flower's bloom, a cat's purr, a dog's lick, success in the projects we do each day, success in our family life.

Then there are life's extras of aches and pains. We have to have them to appreciate the wonderful extras that God has given

us. To face life's extras, be they great or small, is another way of saying, thank you, God

Thought for the day: Hopes, what are they? Beads of morning, strung on slender blades of grass; Or a spider's web adorning in a straight and treacherous pass. William Wordsworth



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'Just playing together' is key to Powell's big week in softball

By Steve Williams

Powell High head softball coach Jeff Inman said it had been a "hard week" with all the games his team had played.

Some also might have called it an eye-opening week as Inman's young Lady Panthers moved to the top of District 3-AAA.

Freshman standout Allison Farr hurled a two-hitter and struck out 11 as Powell remained unbeaten in the district with a 2-1 win over visiting Halls Wednesday night.

That victory came after Powell made a significant statement two days earlier on its home field by nipping perennial state power Gibbs 5-4 in nine innings.

Add a 13-4 win over Anderson County on Tuesday and a 20-1 thumping of Oak Ridge on Thursday and the Lady Panthers headed into a well-deserved week-end off at 9-0 in district play and 19-2 overall.

"We've had a long week," said Inman following the April 6 win over Halls. "We played eight games in King-sport over the weekend and probably 15 or 16 games without a day off in about a week's time. It's been a hard week. We were worried about them being a little tired coming into the week.



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Powell senior Lexi Jones comes to bat as teammates show their support in the dugout during a 2-1 win over Halls Wednesday. Coach Jeff Inman ranks "team chemistry" as the Lady Panthers' No. 1 strength.

"We didn't play our best Monday (against Gibbs) but we played well enough to win."

In that game, Kennedy Cowden came through with a two-out, solo homer in the

bottom of the seventh to tie the score 4-4. Powell won it in the ninth when Ashley Harbison doubled, McKenzie Lamb bunted her to third and Marieve Elkins singled her in for the winning run.

"I absolutely love this team," said Lexi Jones, one of only two seniors for Powell and a starting catcher for the fourth year. "We have so much heart. We give it our all every single

time and we all love each other. If somebody is down, we pick each other up. This is my favorite year that I've played and it's my senior year, and I wouldn't trade any of these girls for the

world." Jones, the Lady Panthers' clean-up hitter, gave her team a 1-0 lead in the third inning against Halls when she singled to left.

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Lady Admirals edge Hardin Valley 5-4 in tennis

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's girls tennis team had to work a little overtime to notch a 5-4 victory over District 4-AAA rival Hardin Valley Academy Wednesday at the West Hills Tennis Center.

The Lady Admirals and Lady Hawks had two matches decided by tie-breakers and two more one-set matches decided by two games.

HVA's Meriah Senogles

outlasted Farragut's Megan McNeil 9-8 (7-4) at No. 4 singles and Ella Goulding of the Lady Hawks edged Riley Woody 9-8 (9-7) at No. 2 singles.

In the top singles slot the Lady Admirals picked up a victory as junior Hannah Price defeated Hardin Valley senior Sophia Cui 8-3 in a match that both players said was closer than the final score indicated.

"We had a great match," Price said. "We had some

long volleys and we had some action.

"It wasn't like we were stopping because we were missing shots. She gave me a great match."

Cui said she felt like she also played well.

"Most of these games went to deuce and she's a really good player," Cui said of Price. "I feel like I played pretty well and I look forward to playing her again in the future."

"We had some good

rallies and every point seemed pretty long."

At No. 2 singles, HVA prevailed as Maggie Kohlbusch edged Emily Keeling 8-6.

Farragut also notched wins at the No.5 and No. 6 singles slots as freshmen Payton Todd notched an 8-6 victory over Savana Joyeuse and fellow freshman Priya Nangia downed Nicole Maestri 9-7.

The Lady Admirals won two of the three doubles

matches as Price and Keeling routed Goulding and Cui 8-2 and Todd and Nangia outlasted Joyeuse and Maestri 8-5.

The Lady Hawks won at No. 2 doubles as Kohlbusch and Senogles picked up an 8-0 victory over Woody and McNeil.

Farragut coach Ben Lyle said that he's pleased with his squad's effort in the early going this season.

"The girls are working hard and they do everything

that you ask of them," Lyle said. "That's all you can ask for."

"Hannah always does a good job and the two freshmen, Payton and Priya are both doing great."

HVA coach Seth Rayman also had high praise for his team.

"Most of these matches were really close," he said. "These are two really good programs. It was a good and productive day for us."

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Gary Carter outlasts friend and rival to help Farragut down HVA 5-4

By Ken Lay

If ever a match summed up a day at the tennis courts, it was the No. 1 singles showdown between Farragut's Gary Carter and Hardin Valley Academy's Spencer Chaloux.

Carter, who reached the Class AAA State Tournament in Murfreesboro last season, outlasted his friend and rival 9-8 (7-5) in a thrilling match at the top singles ladder spot.

Carter and Chaloux have a long standing rivalry and friendship. The two have played 15 times over the years with Carter now holding a 14-1 advantage in head-to-head matches.

But Carter is never going to take his buddy lightly.

"Despite what my record is against him, I know that he's not going to make things easy for me," Carter said of Chaloux after the Admirals outlasted the Hawks 5-4 in a District 4-AAA match at the West Hills Tennis Complex. "We've played like 15 times and he's only beaten

me once, but he's always going to challenge me.

"We're best friends and Spencer played really well today."

Despite the loss, Chaloux was pleased with his effort on a chilly and windy day in West Knoxville.

"I thought I played really well," he said. "I'm pretty happy with the way I played."

"The wind was definitely a factor. I think it made things a little harder on him than it did on me. But we had a great match."

The No. 1 singles match left both coaches impressed.

"That was a great match that could've gone either way," Admirals coach Ben Lyle said. "One shot either way could've changed things."

Hawks coach Seth Rayman agreed.

"That was really high quality tennis," Rayman said. "That was the best his school pro set that I've ever seen and I've been doing



PHOTO BY DAN ANDREWS.

The Hardin Valley Academy boys tennis team prepares for its match against district rival Farragut Wednesday. The Admirals outlasted the Hawks 5-4 at West Hills Tennis Center.

this for four or five years.

"This match will make both of these players better, especially when they get into an elimination tournament draw. They can both draw on the experience that they had today."

At No. 2 singles, Farragut's Garrett Carter (Gary's brother) celebrated his 17th birthday with an 8-2 victory over Hardin Valley's Josh Ott.

"It feels great to come out here and get a win on

my birthday," Garrett Carter said.

HVA's Eric Boden outlasted Jackson Poindexter 8-5 at No. 3 singles.

The Admirals picked up wins at both No. 4 and No. 5 singles as Jerry Zhou

downed Derek Ott 8-4 and Davis Luna outlasted Preston Young 9-7. At No. 6, Hardin Valley's Brandon Chu defeated Zach Collins 8-0.

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The Golfers' Test of True Talent: Championship at Bear Trace

On April 2-3, 2016, the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour traveled to beautiful Crossville, Tenn., to host the Major Championship at Bear Trace at Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain. The weather caused a major challenge on Saturday with up to 40 mph wind gusts and plenty of cloud cover, but Sunday turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day with clear skies and little wind. Winners in all five age divisions received invitations to the HJGT Tour Championship on Dec. 3rd and 4th, 2016. Top three in each division also received invitations to the 2016 HJGT Druh Belts Mid Season Invitational on June 11-13. Top ten finishers also received points towards end year honors, which include state teams, all HJGT teams, and the Hurricane Cup. Junior Golf Scoreboard ranking was awarded for all divisions.

Boys 16-18 Division

In the Boys 16-18 division, we had a three way tie for first between Tyler Huff from Bell Buckle, Tenn., Austin Carter from Kingsport, Tenn., and Drew Linkous from Cleveland, Tenn. All three finished out the weekend with a nine-over-par 153 two-day total, but Huff ended up claimed the title during the playoff between the three. On Saturday, Huff scored an 83 with one birdie in round one and round two showed an impressive improvement with a 70 that had one eagle and four birdies. Huff erased a six stroke victory heading into Sunday. After the playoff, Carter and Linkous tied for second place out of 36 in the division. Carter started the tournament off with a score of 78 in round one and followed it up with a 75. Linkous started the tournament off with a score of 77 with one eagle and one birdie and rounded out the tournament with a

76 with three birdies.

Boys 14-15 Division

In the Boys 14-15 division, Gage Smith from LaFayette, Georgia finished the tournament in the top spot for his second HJGT victory this season. Smith came out on Saturday dropping one eagle and a birdie on his way to a solid round of 75. On Sunday, Smith scored a 74 with two birdies. Smith's five-over-par 149 total was the low score of the event. In second place out of 13 in the division there was a tie between Joshua Holtschlag from Brentwood, Tenn., and Beck Burnette from Blairsville, Ga., who finished at nine-over-par 153. Holtschlag scored a 77 in round one, which consisted of two birdies, and scored a 76 round two, with one birdie. Burnette scored a 79 in round one, which consisted of one birdie, and a 74 in round two, with one eagle and two birdies.

Boys 11-13 Division

In the Boys 11-13 division, Lance Simpson from Knoxville, Tenn., finished the tournament in the top spot. Simpson came out on Saturday dropping an eagle on his way to a solid round of an 80. On Sunday, Jones scored a 75 with three bogeys. Simpson's two-day total was a 155 putting him one stroke in front of second. Simpson closed with five clutch pars to cinch the victory. In second place out of nine in the division was Cooper Hayes of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., who shot a two-day total of a 156. In round one, Hayes shot a 77 with one birdie and round two shot a 79 with two birdies, including one on No. 18 to make a late push for the title that fell just short. In third place was Jacob King from Boerne,

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'Just playing together' is key to Powell's big week in softball

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field off Kim Blair to drive in Cowden.

The bottom of Powell's batting order produced the second run with two outs in the fourth as No. 9 hitter Karsten Miller doubled just out of leftfielder Beth Karnes' reach to plate Lamb, who had singled.

"It doesn't matter where you're at in the lineup," said Jones. "It doesn't matter if you're No. 1 or No. 9. We just want you to go out there and give your best. And she (Karsten) did a great job tonight driving in that run."

Starting in the second inning and continuing through the sixth, Farr retired 14 Halls batters in a row and was working on a no-hitter heading into the top of the seventh.

McKinley Snyder sparked the Lady Red Devils with a single to center. With one out, she moved to second on a dribbler back to the mound. A single to center by Lauren White put runners on the corners.

Mayci Mason was put into the game to run for White and when she stole second, Snyder raced home from third to cut Powell's lead to one. Farr, however, struck out Taylor Gilley to end the game.

The key to the two big wins over Gibbs and Halls, summed up Jones, was "just playing together."

Halls Coach Bryan



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

With a Halls runner on second base, Powell freshman pitcher Allison Farr works out of a seventh inning jam as the Lady Panthers hold off the Lady Red Devils 2-1 Wednesday in a District 3-AAA clash at Powell.

Gordon said "hitting" was the difference.

"They hit the ball and we didn't," he said. "She (Farr) did a great job against us. She kept us off balance and we didn't hit the ball at all. We were lucky to be in the ball game at all to be honest with you."

As for Farr's performance, Inman said, "It was awesome. After the long week and a half of play, she's battled a little bit of a sore back, but she threw the ball really well tonight."

Allison is a special freshman.

"You get one every now and then," said Inman. "She's definitely a good one."

The fourth-year Powell coach likes many things about this team, including its competitiveness, but feels "team chemistry" tops the Lady Panthers' strengths.

"We're a good hitting club," he said. "We can play pretty good defense and we've got pretty good starting pitching."

The team's other senior, Chelsey Fortner, pitched the win over Anderson County.

Inman isn't concerned about being unbeaten now, he just wants his team "to be there at the end."

"But it's not just Halls, Gibbs and us. Karns is better, Anderson County is better. The district has improved as far as the quality of teams that's in the district. You go out any day and have an off day, and you're liable to get beat."

Powell is scheduled to return to action Tuesday at 5:30 at home against Karns. The Lady Panthers will travel to Corryton for a rematch with Gibbs on Wednesday.



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Inspired Falcons honor Zae and his 'broad shoulders'

By Steve Williams

They won this one for Zae.

That was my first thought after watching Fulton win the Class AA state high school basketball championship the night of March 19.

Zaevion Dobson, who lost his life while protecting others, was an inspiration to the Falcons in their march to the title.

"I think he was," said head coach Jody Wright the week following the tournament. "Half of these guys played football with him. Some of them were kin to him. But all of them were friends with him."

One of them said he felt Dobson was looking down and watching them as they competed for the gold basketball trophy at MTSU in Murfreesboro. One of them cried tears of joy in an emotional celebration after the title was won.

Dobson, a 15-year-old sophomore, was shot and killed Dec. 17 as he shielded two girls from gunfire in the Lonsdale community. Zaevion and friends were innocent victims of gang activity. His act of heroism drew national attention and recognition from President Barack Obama.

FHS has honored Zaevion in many ways since he died with such bravery. Each time I drive on Woodland Avenue and pass by the school in North Knoxville I look to see "ZAE #24" flashed on the electronic sign out front. That's one message that should never end. We should never forget this young man.

"Zae had a personality that was larger than life in a lot of ways," said Wright, who was his principal. "He was very fun-loving and outgoing and had a personality that everybody kind of wanted to be around."

The basketball team wanted to honor Dobson,



Clockwise from top left: The sign outside Fulton High School memorializes Zae Dobson day and night (Photo by Steve Williams). Fulton High sophomore Zaevion Dobson was shot and killed Dec. 17 as he shielded others. President Obama praised his act of heroism. The back of the Falcons' memorial warm-up jersey paid tribute to Zaevion Dobson. Zachary Dobson (far right), a Fulton junior and Zaevion's older brother, celebrates with (left to right) Donovan Filer, Chaton Mobley and James Davis following the Falcons' sectional win over Greeneville on March 7 (Photo by Dan Andrews).

too.

I was at Murphy Center in Murfreesboro the afternoon the Fulton team took the court for pre-game warm-ups prior to its quarterfinal game against Chattanooga Central. The first things I noticed were the Falcons' memorial warm-up jerseys. On the back of each read:

#24strong
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"I think these guys wanted to do something and to honor him ... I think their play this year honored him in a way that they wanted to honor him," said Coach Wright. "It's something that's still in the back of our minds and on our hearts, but I think the guys felt like they honored him in a very fitting way."

Wright believes the state championship was a shot

in the arm for the entire school.

"It's been a hard winter for Fulton with Zaevion and all that went on," he said. "It was kind of like we couldn't shake it a little bit. Hopefully, this gives us a rallying cry. This is something to be proud of and hopefully helps with the healing process."

I wanted to get a picture of that special warm-

up jersey each Fulton player wore. Coach Wright called assistant coach Clifford Beeler and told him I would be coming over to the gymnasium to take the picture.

Zae was known more for his play in football and had worn No. 24, but he did play basketball as a freshman during the 2014-15 season and Beeler had been one of his coaches. Beeler

remembered Dobson wore No. 50.

"The number 50 is usually suited for one of the bigger players and Zaevion had broad shoulders," said Coach Beeler.

That he did. And not just in basketball, but in life.

Beeler, his voice cracking just a bit, said that's a "connection" he had thought about, too.

Crosby overcomes rocky start to stifle Red Devils 3-1

By Ken Lay

Grant Crosby had to overcome a rocky start Tuesday night. After surrendering a run and two hits in the first inning of Gibbs High School's win over Halls in a District 3-AAA baseball game, the Eagles senior left hander was unhittable.

"I got off to a shaky start," Crosby said after Gibbs completed a regular-season sweep of the Red Devils on a chilly Tuesday night at Steve Hunley Field. "But in the end, we settled down and played together and it was all about trusting my pitches and letting my defense make plays behind me."

Crosby didn't allow a run or hit after the top of the first inning. He walked three and struck out 12. He pitched out of a jam in the sixth after the first two Halls hitters reached base in the frame.

Crosby escaped damage as he struck out both Chase McDaniel and Cooper Cook before inducing a pop up from Josh Johnson to end the inning.

"You feel really comfortable when you have Grant out there on the mound," Gibbs coach Geff Davis

said. "We had a wild game against them last night over there.

"But you feel good when Grant's on the mound because he's a senior."

With Tuesday night's victory in Corryton, the Eagles (12-4, 8-3) completed a sweep of the Red Devils (4-8, 1-5). Gibbs notched a 9-6 comeback win in Halls on Monday, April 4. The Eagles won that game with a four-run outburst in the top of the seventh inning.

Early Tuesday night, the Red Devils appeared poised to avenge their lost a little more than 24 hours earlier.

Halls right fielder Sam Beeler doubled to lead off the game and scored one out later when Bryce Hodge singled to give the Red Devils a 1-0 lead.

Halls starting pitcher Graham Elkins then kept the Eagles at bay until the bottom of the fourth. He surrendered a one out single to Gibbs designated hitter Blake Merritt in the second. Elkins issued a two-out walk to Brennan Davis.

Davis later stole second but neither runner got to third base.

The Eagles finally scored the tying run in the fourth.

Elkins hit Wyatt Humphries to open the frame. Humphries advanced to second when Cam Hill executed a sacrifice bunt. Humphries took third on a wild pitch before coming home on a single by Merritt.

After Crosby averted damage in the top of the sixth, Gibbs plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame.

Crosby led off the inning with a single and Humphries walked. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Hill. One out later, Dylan Wyatt drew a free pass to load the bases.

Tyler Mullins then delivered the big blow of the game with a two-out, two-run singled that plated Crosby and Humphries to make the score 3-1.

"We had two seniors come through for us tonight," Davis said. "Grant came up big on the mound and Tyler Mullins came up big for us at the plate."

Halls coach Doug Polston was disappointed after seeing his team's frustration continue Tuesday night.

"He threw the ball really well," Polston said of his sophomore hurler. "We're a young team and right now, anything that can go wrong for us is going wrong for us.

"We just have to keep working. We just have to keep plugging away."

Elkins threw 5 2/3 innings before Mullins' big hit. He gave up three runs, four hits and three walks. He hit a batter and struck out eight.

He was relieved by Cook, who got the final out of the sixth inning.

Crosby added the exclamation point to his night by retiring the Red Devils in order in the top of the seventh.

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The Orange and White "Festival"

By Alex Norman

On Saturday Tennessee will hold its annual Orange & White Game at Neyland Stadium. Tickets are free! On campus parking is available! You can boo Steve Spurrier! Peyton Manning might show up! The weather is forecasted to be great!

The one thing this weekend will not feature is a competitive football game. Sure, Josh Dobbs will play quarterback and yes Cam Sutton will be at defensive back... but with at least 15 players missing these important spring practices due to injury, the spring scrimmage isn't exactly a proper representation of what fans will see this Fall.

"The spring game may end up being a spring practice," said Tennessee head coach Butch Jones back in March. "We might have to call it an Orange and White festival or something just because of a lack of running backs and defensive linemen."

With this in mind we have a few suggestions for what the Vols can do and Shields-Watkins Field to keep the fans interested and the

players jazzed in a "please God don't let anyone else get hurt" kind of way.

1) Thanks Peyton! Tennessee's favorite son is scheduled to be at Bristol for the NASCAR race on April 17th, so it would not be a surprise to see him 100 miles west at his old stomping grounds the day before. Who doesn't like showing up somewhere that gives unconditional love. Manning should walk to midfield and give Neyland Award winner Steve Spurrier a Stone Cold Stunner. The place would explode and the video would go viral.

2) Listen to your Chart! The most controversial coaching decision of 2015 was when Butch Jones kicked an extra point while leading by 12 points with less than 11 minutes to go in the Florida game. The much criticized decision might have cost the Vols a chance to send that game into overtime. Instead Florida won 28-27, the 11th straight loss to the Gators for Tennessee. Why not put different scenarios on the Jumbotron and ask Vols fans to select the correct option. Quick! Tennessee,

down 11 late in third quarter, scores a touchdown. Go for two? Kick extra point? Take a knee? It's not as easy as it looks, haters!

3) Tennessee Drill with a Twist! The one on one physical battles at midfield are always a fan favorite. But so many guys are getting injured it might not be the best idea to have 300 pound players falling on each other. Instead, put the players in those big hamster wheel looking balls and have them bump into each other at slow but safe speeds. Neato!

4) Catching Punts for Charity! Everyone likes catching a football. You don't need to take a hit or tear an ACL to enjoy the magic of making sure the pigskin isn't damaged by the cold, unforgiving ground. How about allowing ten fans to make \$1000 donations for the chance to catch a few punts from Trevor Daniel? That's ten large for the athletic department! I'd of course suggest that this money goes to the unpaid labor that actually risks their health and plays the games but I'd be

laughed out of the stadium by UT compliance.

5) Make Me Laugh! Have Tennessee's defensive players take part in a series of skits in an effort to make new defensive coordinator Bob Shoop laugh. Anyone that has seen Shoop's picture with that ice cream cone during a recruiting trip knows this will be a futile exercise.

6) Overreaction Fandom! Let the fans that come up with the biggest overreaction from the Spring game get free tickets to the worst home game on the Tennessee schedule. Go on twitter after the game and see what fans are saying based purely on a pretty much meaningless scrimmage. Dobbs is gonna win the Heisman! Dobbs should be benched! Why aren't they throwing deep! Kahlil McKenzie should return kicks! Seriously, it's a mess on social media. Join in on the fun!

The Orange & White Game is what it is... the good news? After it's played there will only be 4 1/2 months to go until a real football game...



PHOTOS BY DAN ANDREWS.

TOP: Hardin Valley Academy tennis player Josh Ott prepares to make a return against Farragut's Garrett Carter in a singles match Wednesday afternoon. Carter celebrated his 17th birthday by defeating Ott 8-2. **ABOVE:** Farragut High School tennis player Gary Carter goes airborne to make a shot in a singles match against HVA's Spencer Chaloux. Carter outlasted his friend and rival 9-8 (7-5) at West Hills Tennis Center. The Admirals edged the Hawks 5-4 in a District 4-AAA showdown.

Gary Carter outlasts friend and rival to help Farragut down HVA 5-4

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The Hawks claimed two of the three doubles matches. HVA's tandem of Josh Ott and Derek Ott beat Poin-dexter and Zhou 8-4 in the No. 2 slot. At No. 3, HVA's

Boden and Chu notched an 8-1 win over Farragut's duo of Cameron Fang and Crawford Hullender.

The Admirals won at No. 1 doubles as Gary Carter and Garrett Carter downed Chaloux and Young 8-4.

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Texas. He ended up shooting a two day total of a 157. He shot a 78 in round one with one eagle and two birdies and an 81 in round two with four birdies.

Girls 14-18 Division
In the Girls 14-18 age division, Manchester, Tenn., native Jacque Crossland took home the first place trophy in Crossville. On Saturday, Crossland set the foundation for what would be a very good two-day total when she carded an 81 with one birdie. Crossland secured her first place title when she shot a 78 with four birdies on day two. Crossland finished the tournament with a two-day total of 159, four strokes ahead of second. Finishing in second was Alyssa Campbell from Lake Wylie, S.C. Campbell scored a 90 on day one with one birdie. She then scored a 73 on day two with three birdies, finishing out the week-end with a solid 163 two-day total. Finishing in third place out of 18 in the division was Lizzie Loy from Jamestown, Ky., with a two-day total of 164. Loy

knocked in a birdie on each day and posted scores of 85 and 79.

Girls 13U Division
In the Girls 13 and under age division, Hannah Grace Nall took home the first place trophy with a pair of solid rounds. On Saturday, Nall posted an 82 which gave her a four-stroke lead. Nall only added to her lead when she followed it up with a 77 that included two birdies. Nall finished the tournament with a two-day total of 159, six strokes ahead of second to win her first HJGT event after taking second at the Pensacola Junior Classic in February. Finishing in second was Sara Im of Duluth, Ga., who tallied scores of 86 and 79. Finishing in third place out of six in the division was Madison Logan of Brasstown, N.C., with a two-day total of 173. Logan followed up a 93 with a 13-stroke improvement on Sunday for an 80.

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Synchronicity

Last week I saw the first lightning bugs of the season; no April fooling! As most of you know I'm a Science Fiction buff, and have wondered what an alien might think on first encountering these marvels of nature which we too often take for granted. Paradoxically, the name "lightning" bug intrigues me, though it shouldn't, because these insects radiate the same electromagnetic energy as lightning. Lightning is caused by a buildup of static electricity in thunder clouds. The "batteries" of lightning bugs are charged by the chemical luciferin which powers their night time summer flashes.

Perhaps more noteworthy for us is the synchronous flashing of lightning bugs in Elkmont of the Smoky Mountains. I'm told this synchronous flashing is also seen in certain areas of Southeast Asia. Apparently, male lightning

bugs around the world gather to "flash" young ladies of their species. Years ago I went to see the synchronous flashing in the Smokies, but apparently the bugs were having an "off" night. All I encountered was a young human couple sporting in the bushes when I accidentally stepped on the unfortunate lovers.

Recently, I read that a long standing mystery of synchronicity has been solved. More than three hundred years ago the physicist Christiaan Huygens lay ill on his bed and noted that the pendulum clocks he invented began to beat synchronously and in the same direction. Others have noted this strange and reproducible phenomenon of pendulum clocks, but no one knew why until recently. One group of scientists posited that sound waves traveled from clock to clock and produced the

synchronous beating. In the 17th century Huygens thought that "imperceptible vibrations of the beam on which they (the clocks) are hanging" caused the synchronous beating, and this has been recently confirmed by researchers in Mexico.

Synchronization that occurs throughout the natural world is reflective of the tendency to organize. Examples are birds who flock and fish who swim in schools. Perhaps these creatures find safety in numbers. It seems logical that more eyes to search for and "voices" to announce approaching danger might benefit survival in animals. Interestingly, a computer model has been developed by researchers which duplicates this flocking behavior in simulations.

But why do humans dance in step or sing in unison? The obvious answer is that we consciously or unconsciously synchronize with others. An example of unconscious synchronization is females who cycle together when placed in dormitory situations. The answer is thought to be related to pheromones which modulate hormonal and menstrual cycling under certain situations.

In physics the second law of thermodynamics

describes a process known as entropy. Simply put, all systems lose energy, just as a spinning top slows to a stop. You can wind it up, but it will eventually run down again. The tendency of things and creatures to organize (synchronize) has challenged my concept of entropy. Apparently, even subatomic particles organize themselves as pairs just as the stars in galaxies coalesce in patterns which defy known physics. In fact, our Milky Way galaxy and others appear as they do because of what scientists now call "dark matter," so named because we can't see it; we can only measure its galaxy forming effects.

Did you know that you have a cardiac pacemaker? The normal heart has a collection of specialized cells known as the sinoatrial (SA) node. These 10,000 cells organize and send electrochemical signals down through the heart muscle to synchronize the pumping chambers of the heart. The heart beats 100,000 times a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year for a lifetime. There is no intellect governing the sinoatrial node. It turns out that all cardiac cells have an inherent property called automaticity, a process of synchronized electrochemical pulsations. In a healthy

heart the SA node pulses at a faster rate than other areas and therefore regulates how fast the heart beats. If diseased, the SA node may quit functioning and a mechanical pacemaker must be inserted.

Thinking about pendulum clocks and synchronicity has caused me to recall my minister when I was a teenager. He reminded me of a metronome, the ticking device used by musicians to mark time. His monotonal sermons were—soporific, and not just because I was a young whipper snapper. Science has demonstrated synchronous rhythms of pulse, respiration and blood flow that optimize health and energy expenditure. Similarly, recognizing and synchronizing biological and spiritual rhythms are conducive to optimal health. Studies have shown lower blood pressure and greater peace in people who practice meditation and prayer.

Becky and I share devotional readings each morning. The wisdom of the ages is readily available, and yet so many neglect this aspect of our nature. Cultures in antiquity thought they could build civilizations on what we now know as the "cardinal" virtues. Plato listed these as common sense, courage, justice and moderation.

He felt these reflected the "nature of the soul." Plato recognized humans as rational beings capable of wisdom. And yet his cardinal virtues were not enough. Five hundred years later the Apostle Paul wrote of faith, hope and love in I Corinthians 13. These theological virtues serve to steer the cardinal virtues.

Sarah Young wrote the daily devotional book, "Jesus Calling." It is a gem. Though based on scripture, the work is unusual because Ms. Young pens Jesus' words in the first person. Some have considered her prose heretical saying she deigns to speak for Jesus. I think this is hogwash and these folks should read Mark 9:40.

In a recent meditation Ms. Young speaks of "darkening of mind." Unfortunately, I believe she's right. Our increasingly secular society has lost its way as so many cultures have done in the past and ended upon the ash heaps of history. We can still turn it around. The only thing which retards synchronization with the Wisdom of the Ages is our hubris. Bob Dylan once sang, "You're gonna have to serve somebody, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord." I say, make it the Master.

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



Walter Maples, David Hill, Dorothy Johnson, Mary Lynn Cameron, Melba Hill, and Howard Clark. Photo courtesy of David and Melba Hill.

Harmony and Hymns

The new gospel singing group that Walter Maples helped to start in 2004 needed a name. They were all choir members, but no longer all members of the late Charlie Hatchett's department.



By **Ralphine Major**
 ralphine3@yahoo.com

Thus, the inspirational group "The Old Time Singers" or TOTS was formed.

TOTS originally began with Dorothy Johnson, soprano; Mary Lynn Cameron, alto; Howard Clark, tenor; and bass Walter Maples with wife Margie as accompanist. Later, David and Melba Hill and Jim Ballinger joined the group. Along with their music, TOTS have always included a

message in their ministry. Bringing the message was a perfect fit for Howard Clark, the retired pastor and missionary. "Seeing the joy on faces of those we minister to with our music and testimonies and hearing their words of appreciation is hard to describe," Clark said. "It has been one of my most rewarding musical experiences." Dorothy Johnson recalls sharing the parable of the lost sheep many times. The words of Jesus tell that when even one of the sheep was lost, the shepherd went in search of it. Jesus is our shepherd, and He wants all who are lost

to be saved. That is such a wonderful thought to leave with others after the singing and service ends.

Accompanist Margie Maples shared an interesting connection with TOTS that I had not heard. A spinoff from TOTS was the formation of a male quartet with the four men of the group who became "The Forefathers"—all four were grandfathers and Walter was a great-grandfather! The group provided wonderful harmony until they lost Jim Ballinger to another church and Dwight Black was transferred.

The names in the group have often changed, but the beautiful harmony has never faltered!

Types of Prayer

The acronym ACTS - Adoration (Praise), Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (Requests) - shows four classifications that all prayers fall under. In *adoration*, we are praising and worshipping God.



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

We are not asking anything from Him as we do this. This is all about God. Psalm 150 is a challenge to praise God with all we have, in all types of places, and at various times. The Hebrew word hallelujah is actually a command to praise (*hallel*) the Lord (*Yah*). We are all wired to worship and this is evident in the fact we will all give our time, attention, money, and service to what we value the most. When we pray with adoration or praise, we stop focusing on ourselves and our problems and focus on the One who is able to help us with any need.

Confession is prayer that gets real about personal or corporate sin. If we want to stay close to God, we must confess sin. We need to remember that

"we all stumble in many ways" (James 3:2). We can't expect God to answer our prayers when we are unwilling to confess sin in our lives. But if we do confess sin, we will be blessed:

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1-2).

God uses the Bible, the Holy Spirit, your conscience, and others to help show ungodly things in your life. When you are confronted with sin, don't hide from it. Turn quickly from sin (repentance), confess it to God, and you will be forgiven. Unfortunately, we often try to rationalize or deny sin. But when you have hidden sin, there is no joy. It is slavery. Let's be like King David, who repented after Nathan the prophet confronted him. This prayer of confession is found in Psalm 51.

Thanksgiving prayer is

gratitude expressed to God for what He has done or what He is doing. As a parent, I love it when my children thank me for the things I've done for them. It shows that they appreciate it and don't just take it for granted or think they deserve it. God wants us to thank Him instead of complaining. Despite how bad things might be in your life, there are still things you can be grateful for because God is always working through both the good and bad for the good of those who love Him (Rom. 8:28-29). By faith, stay thankful in prayer.

Supplication is when we ask something from God. James wrote: "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Jesus said to ask, seek and knock (Mt. 7:7-8). This also involves making intercession for others. Interceding is one of the most loving things you can do for someone else. Moses was constantly interceding on behalf of God's people.

Include all four (ACTS) of these in your prayer life as you go deeper in prayer.

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: LAWRENCE M. DAY TRUSTEE IN RE: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN VS LAWRENCE M. DAY TRUSTEE NO. 187087-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, LAWRENCE M. DAY TRUSTEE, 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 LAWRENCE M. DAY TRUSTEE, it is ordered that said Defendant, LAWRENCE M. DAY TRUSTEE, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua R. Hopkins, an Attorney whose address is 3740 Davinci Court, Suite 150, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Mike Moyers

This 30th day of March, 2016

/s/Howard G. Hogan Clerk and Master

To be published 4/04/2016, 4/11/2016, 4/18/2016 and 4/25/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SAMUEL JOHNSON IN RE: MARY E. JOHNSON v. SAMUEL JOHNSON NO. 190973-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, SAMUEL JOHNSON, 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 SAMUEL JOHNSON, it is Ordered that said Defendant, SAMUEL JOHNSON, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Deanna Breeding, an Attorney whose address is 900 S. Gay Street, Suite 1950, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the Cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 21st day of March, 2016

/s/Howard G. Hogan Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN AND EVON GRIFFIN IN RE: BANK OF AMERICA N.A. vs. ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN NO. 190110-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendants ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN AND EVON GRIFFIN, non-residents 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 ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN AND EVON GRIFFIN, it is ordered that said Defendants, ALFRED LAMAR GRIFFIN AND EVON GRIFFIN, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Joshua R. Hopkins, an Attorney whose address is 3740 Davinci Court, Suite 150, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 11th day of March, 2016.

/s/ HAROLD G. HOGAN Clerk and Master

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at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 30th day of March, 2016

/s/Howard G. Hogan Clerk and Master

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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: SABRINA SAULS, DENISE MEJIA, and/ or the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF MONICA GABRIELA SAULS born 03-12-2008, in Sevierville, TN to SABRINA SAULS

IN RE: ADOPTION OF MONICA GABRIELA SAULS, DOCKET #3-62-16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this cause, it appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent(s), SABRINA SAULS, DENISE MEJIA, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of the child, are either non-residents of the State or whose identity and whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that ordinary service of process of law cannot be served upon them. SABRINA SAULS, DENISE MEJIA, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, it is ORDERED by the Court that the Respondent(s), SABRINA SAULS, DENISE MEJIA, and the UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER, file an Answer with the Circuit Court Clerk, Catherine Shanks, and with N. David Roberts, Jr., Attorney for the Petitioner, whose address is PO Box 2564, Knoxville, TN 37901 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 Judge DEBORAH C. STEVENS, CIRCUIT JUDGE at the Knox County Circuit Court, Div. II, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902. This Notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 10th day of February, 2016

/s/ CATHERINE SHANKS, Circuit Court Clerk

Published: 3/21/2016, 3/28/2016, 4/4/2016 and 4/11/2016

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: JOSHUA LAFAYETTE JOHNSON IN RE: LAKLEY SAMANTHA JOHNSON v. JOSHUA LAFAYETTE JOHNSON NO. 191215-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, JOSHUA LAFAYETTE JOHNSON, 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 JOSHUA LAFAYETTE JOHNSON. IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, JOSHUA LAFAYETTE JOHNSON, file an Answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with JERRY GIVEN, an Attorney whose address is 4706 Papermill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the Cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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This 14th day of March, 2016.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In the matter of the Conservatorship of Michael Lynn Pointer

Knox County Chancery Court No. 191359-3

Notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2016 at 9:00 shall have a hearing to determine the appointment of Anna Pointer as Conservator for Michael Lynn Pointer. All persons, resident and non-resident, having an objection to the appointment of Anna Pointer shall file said objection with the Court no later than April 15, 2016.

Glenna W. Overton-Clark, Attorney 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D-200 Knoxville, TN 37923 (865) 690-0617

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of THOMAS JOSEPH WOOD Docket Number 76479-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of April, 2016, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of THOMAS JOSEPH WOOD, who died Mar 16, 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.

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

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

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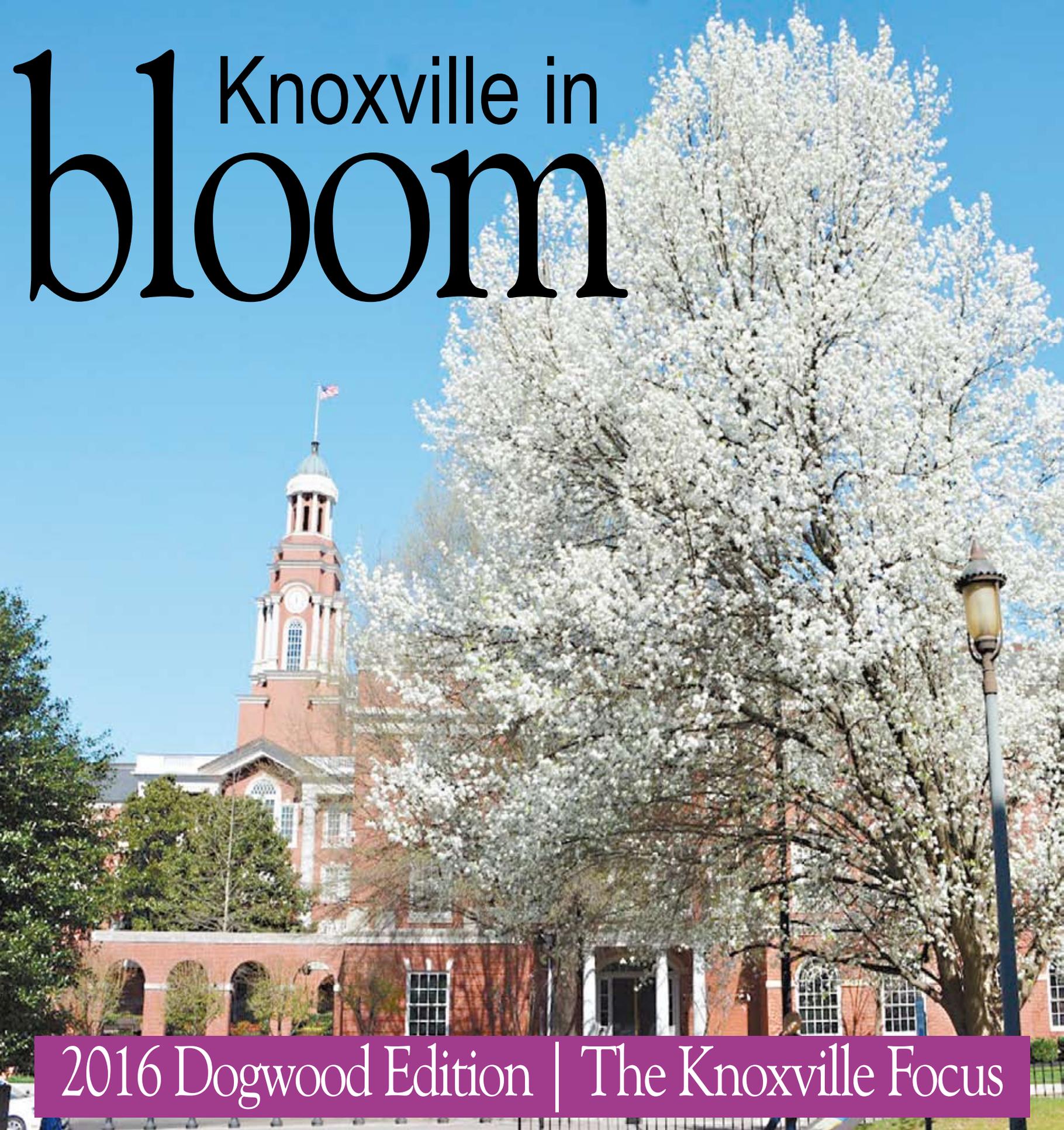
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Dogwood Arts Walking Trails

Open April 15

Focusing on the idea of stepping out into our community, the trails are at least one-mile in length and folks are encouraged to walk, run, or bike these trails.

April 15-May 1
Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk
How Much: Free

NORTH

4TH & GILL – the corner of East Glenwood & Luttrell Street at Brownlow School, Knoxville, 37917 *Check the special event mailbox at trail entrance for guided map during the month of April.

ADAIR PARK – 1807 Adair Drive, Knoxville, 37918

OLD NORTH KNOXVILLE – 100 block of West Glenwood Ave in the parking lot of Rose Mortuary, 1421 N. Broadway, Knoxville, 37917

SOUTH

HIGH GROUND PARK – 1000 Cherokee Trail, Knoxville, 37920 [1 mile one way, pea gravel/natural]

IJAMS NATURE CENTER – 2915 Island Home Avenue, Knoxville, 37920 [3.62 miles, paved; 11.8 miles, natural trails]

EAST

KNOXVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN & ARBORETUM – 2743 Wimpole Avenue, Knoxville, 37914

SEVEN ISLANDS WILDLIFE REFUGE – 2809 Kelly Lane, Knoxville, 37914 [1.2 miles, paved; 8 miles, natural]

WEST

GRIGSBY CHAPEL GREENWAY – at the corner of Campbell Station Road and Campbell Lakes Drive, Knoxville, 37934 *Perfect for biking. Parking available at 11700 Campbell Lakes Drive. [2.25 miles, paved]

SEQUOYAH GREENWAY – Entrance at 1400 Cherokee Boulevard, Knoxville, 37919 [2.6 miles one way, crushed gravel]

ALCOA

MARYVILLE ALCOA GREENWAY – 636 Vose Road, Alcoa, 37701 [9 miles, paved]

ANDERSON CO.

HAW RIDGE PARK – 821 Old Edgemoor Road [28+ miles, single track/old roads]

MELTON HILL GREENWAY – Melton Lake Drive [3.4 miles, paved]

ROANE COUNTY

BETTY BROWN TRAIL – Kingston City Park, 333 W Race St, Kingston, 37763 *Lovely paved 3 mile trail that also links to the Fort South West Visitor Center. [3 miles one way, paved]

NORRIS

NORRIS SONG BIRD TRAIL – 2121 Norris Freeway *This gravel 2.3 mile loop is a beautiful flat path below the Norris Dam and is across from the Lenoir Museum.

HAMLEN COUNTY

TROUT LILY TRAIL – 2010 Panther Creek Road, Morristown, 37814 *This 2 mile trail has many spring flowers to enjoy

LOUDON COUNTY

MEADOW LOOP TRAIL & RIDGE TOP TRAIL LOOP – 338 Fort Loudoun Road, Vonore, 37885 *Both of these trails are located in the Fort
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Dogwood Arts Art in Public Places will be featured in Downtown Knoxville, McGhee Tyson Airport and Oak Ridge through March 10, 2017. Photo by Dan Andrews.

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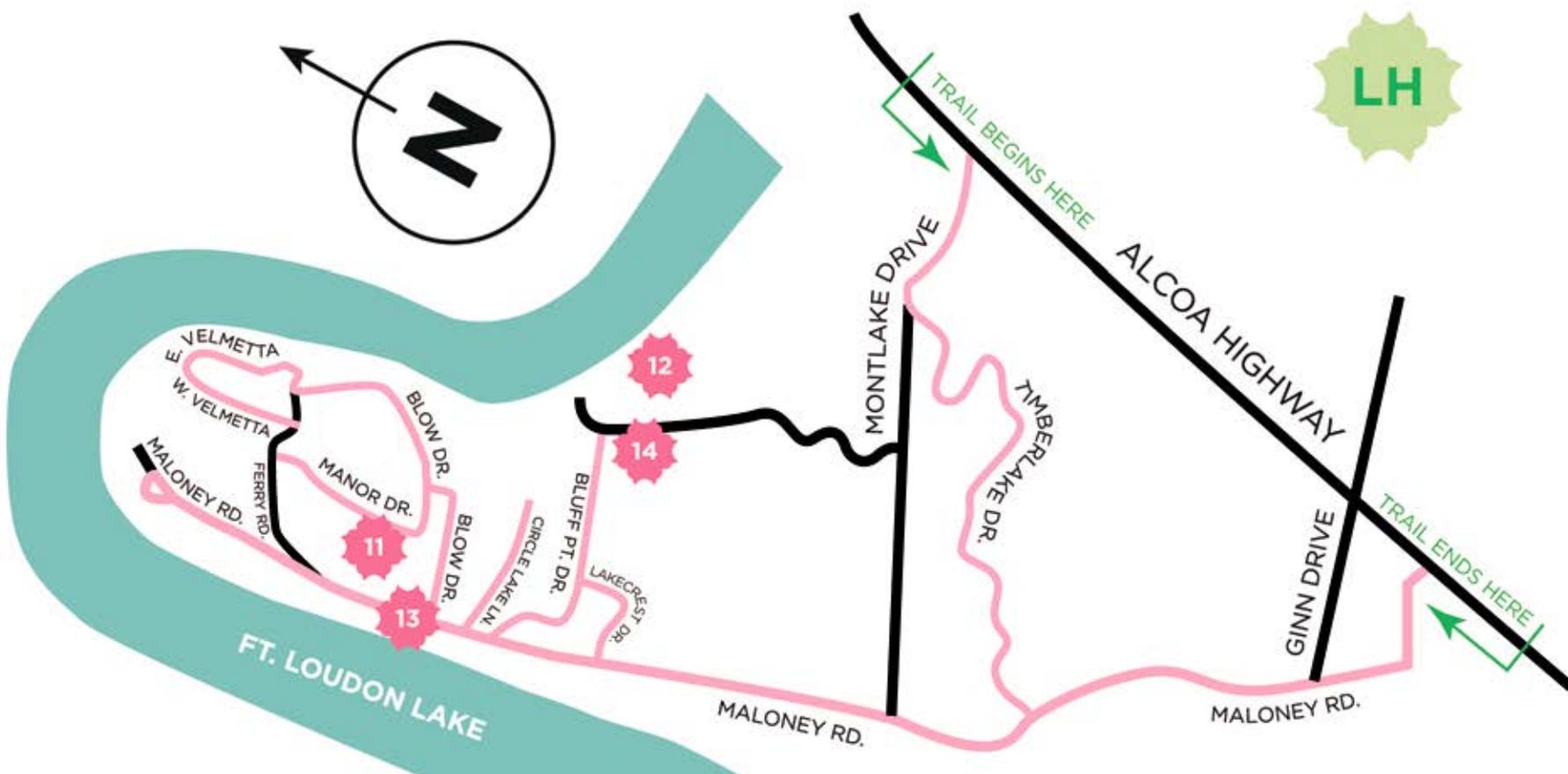
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Celebrate Earth Day at Knoxville's 17th Annual EarthFest

EarthFest 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville. There will be over 60 exhibitors and attractions, and as always, it's a free, zero-waste event for the whole family, including your pets.

Over the past 17 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 live music, 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. Individually-wrapped items are prohibited and water stations are available to refill bottles. In 2015, the day-long event sent less than 2 pounds of waste to the landfill.

In addition to four live bands, other onsite events will include: a Goodwill pop-up shop, Medic blood drive, clean fuel vehicle showcase 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.

New tree-nurturing technique strengthens roots, saves money

Growing trees in an urban area is no easy task, but it's one that City of Knoxville tree experts tackle every year, as more than 500 trees annually are planted throughout the city.

This year, a new technique is being used to strengthen the roots in young trees while minimizing the shock of transplant.

About 100 trees were placed last Monday in a Missouri gravel bed at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum in East Knoxville. That's where they will remain for the next six months. The bare-root trees – redbuds, tulip poplars, sweet gums and London planetrees – will be nurtured multiple times a day with a drip irrigation system, and the gravel bed will facilitate stronger root growth.

By fall, they'll be ready to be planted. The stronger, better-developed root system eliminates the

transplant shock that trees otherwise might experience when moved out of a pot or container.

Not only will the stronger root systems help the trees to survive and eventually thrive, but the gravel bed method is also cost-effective. Kasey Krouse, Knoxville's urban forester, said the City of Knoxville typically spends about \$110 on average per tree with shipping costs. Each gravel bed tree costs between \$8 and \$15, since the trees are bare-root trees that haven't been in production in a nursery and do not have bulky root balls to transplant.

"We're putting about 100 trees in here, so that's about 20 percent of the trees we will plant," Krouse said. "That's a lot of money that we can be doing other things with to expand our number of trees and the size of the tree canopy within the city."

With the gravel bed, Krouse said

the community could become much more involved – an effort he said is vital to the City's urban forestry efforts. The Knoxville Botanical Garden will use the bed for educational purposes for anyone visiting the Center for Urban Agriculture, and community members can volunteer to plant the trees, since they are lighter than those with large root balls.

"Anytime we can help save the City money and resources, while we get more creative and get more volunteers involved with the urban forestry program, it's great," Krouse said.

For more information about the City's tree-planting efforts or to assess the City's 2014 tree canopy report, visit: www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_departments_offices/public_service/urban_forestry/.

'Shopping at the Farm'

Marble Springs State Historic Site is proud to present the 6th season of 'Shopping at the Farm' – the Marble Springs Farmer's Market for our South Knoxville community. Vendors can now bring antique or vintage items

for sale at the market. The market will be held Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. beginning on May 19 and continuing weekly through September 22, 2016. All vendors will be selling fresh, locally-produced products, and

artisan crafts. This year we will be allowing the addition of antiques vendors.

Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Email info@marblesprings.net or call (865) 573-5508 to request

a vendor information packet, which includes a registration form.

All activities take place at the Marble Springs State Historic Site at 1220 W. Governor John Sevier Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920.

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Bike, Boat, Brew & Bark This Summer

Knoxville is a place where you can get out and have an adventure whatever your enthusiasm level. Join Visit Knoxville and kick off Bike Boat Brew & Bark in June. It's time to ride your bike, take your boat, bring your dog and grab a great local brew around town. Bike Boat Brew & Bark celebrates the outdoor adventurer, the dog lover, the craft beer enthusiast, the local and the tourist looking to discover something unexpected. Explore Knoxville in a new way as Bike Boat Brew & Bark is launched June 4-5.

"This initiative involves many of the partners and activities that we promote every day. Our goal is to increase awareness about all Knoxville has to offer," says Visit Knoxville President Kim Bumpas. "The four Bs will encourage locals and visitors to discover year-round adventure as they come out to support the Powerboat Classic, a great event we're pleased to bring back to Knoxville."

Knoxville Powerboat Classic will take place June 4-5 on the Tennessee River at Volunteer Landing. This marks the third year for the boating event in Knoxville; Powerboat Superleague is the nation's oldest and most respected powerboat racing circuit for Formula Two and Formula Three boats. Grab some friends and watch in amazement as racers from around the country circle inside the banks of the Tennessee at speeds up to

100 miles an hour. Plus, there will be entertainment by Hoyt's Watersports and Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs at Volunteer Landing.

A few suggestions on how to make the most of Bike Boat Brew & Bark:

- Early bird gets the worm at the Farmer's Market; then walk over with some fresh baked goods.
- Check out the powerboat races; then grab a Knoxville craft beer.
- Ride your bike along the greenways to see the races; then continue on to enjoy the Urban Wilderness.
- Plan an outing along the river with your four legged friends and, remember, there are plenty of dog-friendly patios around town.
- Bring your boat and watch the races with friends before heading out for the day.
- Tucker the kids out by letting them watch Smoky Mountain Dock Diving Dogs demonstrations.

Live it, experience it and continue to explore it all year long. Visit Knoxville will show you how on June 4 and 5 with Visitors Centers open on Gay Street, at Volunteer Landing and at Outdoor Knoxville. Staff will help guide you on your next adventure, providing special maps, brochures and itineraries.



Preschooler Ansley Carr meets Mosby the Owl at last week's Very Special Arts Festival at West High School. Mosby is handled by Zoo Knoxville's Susie Kaplar. Photo by Dan Andrews.

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Landscaping with native plants program presented at the UT Arboretum

Come to the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. to learn about "Landscaping with Native Plants," presented by the UT Arboretum Society. The Arboretum is located at 901 S. Illinois Avenue.

A great way to kick off the 50th Annual UT Arboretum Society's Spring Plant Sale on April 15 (members only) and April 16, horticulturalist Hank Bruno has an extensive background as a horticulturalist and has a longtime interest in native

plants.

Currently Bruno works on the campus of Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina for SSC Service Solutions of Knoxville. Previously he held the position of Director of Horticulture at Cal-laway Gardens in Georgia and Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont, North Carolina.

Describing his talk Bruno said, "As the use of native plants gains widespread acceptance it is time to examine a few of the assumptions and

practices that have been handed down. There is much to learn from nature as we strive to create human habitats that are restorative for man and the earth."

Bruno refers to a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"Empirical science is apt to cloud the sight, and, by the very knowledge of functions and process, to bereave the student of the manly contemplation of the whole. The savant becomes unpoetic."

This is a free event and donations are welcome to help support the UT Arboretum Society and its programs.

The Arboretum Society's Spring Plant Sale will take place Friday, April 15 from 5:00 p.m. to -7:00 p.m. for members only. The public sale will be Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To learn more about the Arboretum Society, go to www.utarboretumsociety.org.



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The Emporium Center Artists Welcome Visitors for the Art DeTour Weekend

The Emporium Center in downtown Knoxville is pleased to participate in Dogwood Arts' Art DeTour weekend on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. The ten resident artists of the Emporium will open their studios for live demonstrations from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. Admission is free. The Art DeTour is a two-day event during which local artists throughout Knoxville welcome the public into their working studio spaces to experience the creative process while demonstrating the making of their artwork. While at the Emporium, see some of Knoxville's most talented artists as they work:

Bobbie Crews, Suite 107 - Oils, watercolors and other mixed media; portraits of people and antique or classic cars, murals, courtroom sketching, drawing, design and consulting; www.bobbiecrews.com

Connie Gaertner, Suite 109 - Oil, acrylic, watercolor, en plein air; www.conniegaertner.com

Judi Gaston, Suite 108 - Fiber, hand-woven garments, recycled materials.

Judi was recently featured in the latest CityView magazine and will be weaving in her studio throughout the weekend: www.judigastonhandwoven.com

Diana Kilburn, Suite 105 - Watercolor, painting. Diana will be working on a new downtown Knoxville painting commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the City and a botanical painting which will be exhibited in August at the Visitor's Center at the Smoky Mountains National Park in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service.

Bob Leggett, Suite 101 - Watercolor, pastel; fiction, non-fiction

Fritz Massaquoi, Suite 111 - Batik, tie-dye, weaving, painting, printmaking, handmade papers



Pam Radford, Suite 113 - Oil, watercolor (**Painting pictured above**)

W. James Taylor, Suite 102 - Chalk pastel painting, graphite/pencil portraits, commissions; musician. James recently became a

VIDA.com Designer, and his ecommerce apparel collection can be seen at <http://shopvida.com/collections/voices/w-jamestaylor>. He will be demonstrating his process of Birch Tree Painting; www.genevagalleries.com

Clay Thurston, Suite 111 - Photography; www.claythurston.com

Sandy White, Suite 113 - Oil, watercolor

Each of these artists will have completed works of art for sale! The public is also invited to view the current exhibitions, on display through April 29: Dogwood Arts Regional Fine Art Exhibition, which encompasses all styles and genres from 43 distinguished and progressive regional artists as selected by juror Nandini Makrandi; and works by

members of the Art Market Gallery. On Sunday, April 17, the Emporium will also host a Jazz Jam in the Black Box from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with Vance Thompson & Friends.

The Emporium Center is located at 100 S. Gay Street on the corner of Gay Street & Jackson Avenue.

For more information on the Emporium Center, please contact Suzanne Cada at (865)523-7543 or sc@knoxalliance.com.

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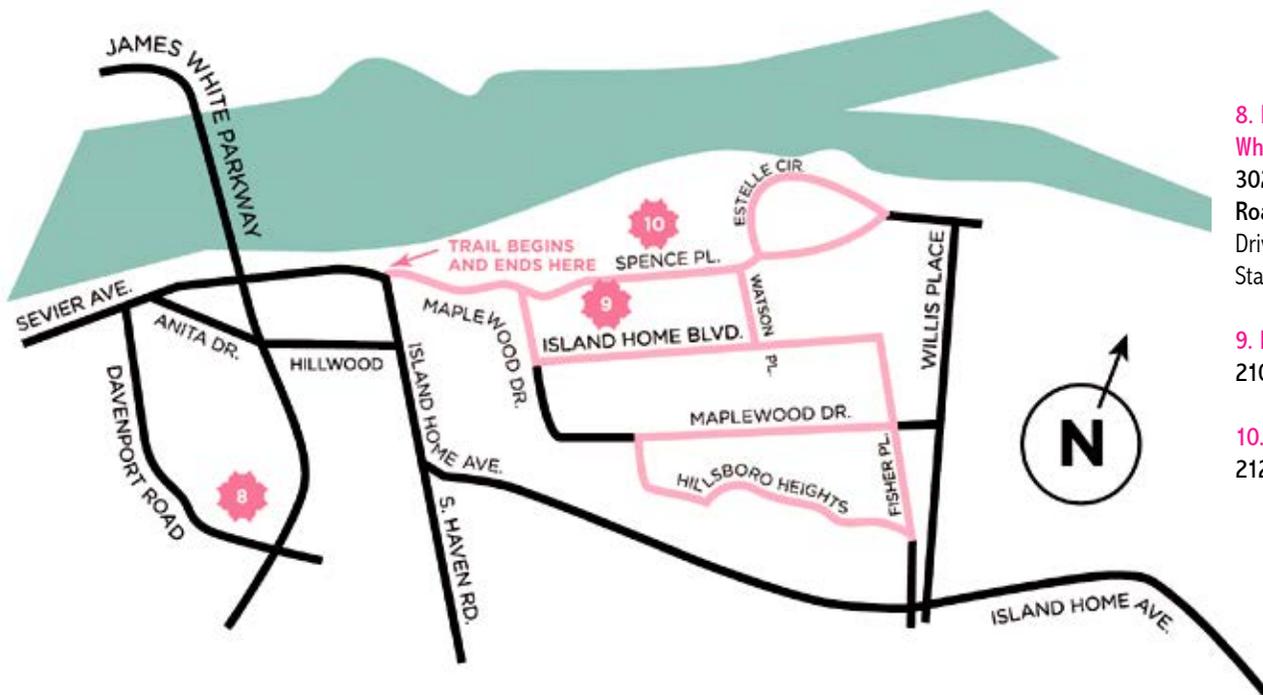
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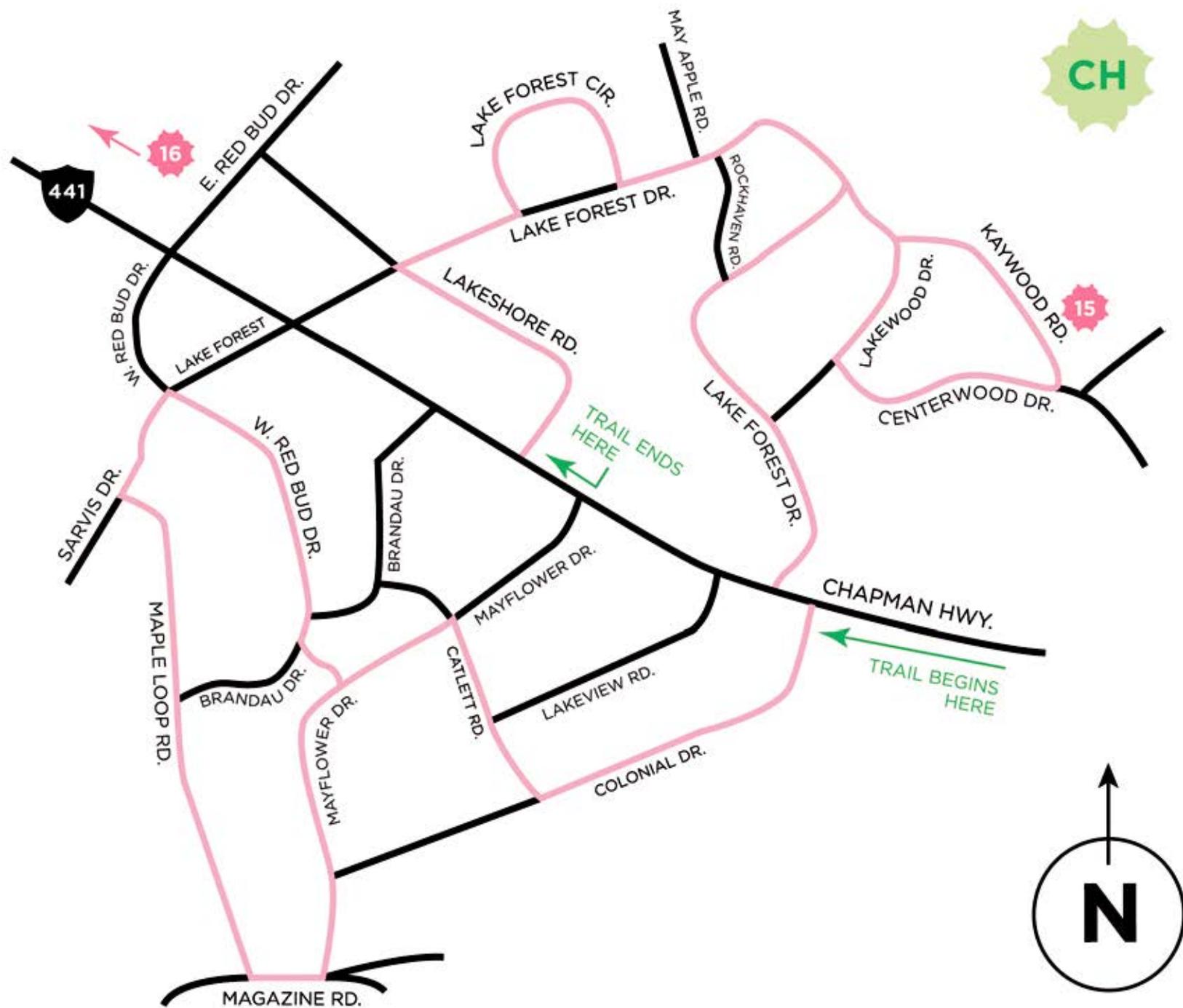
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