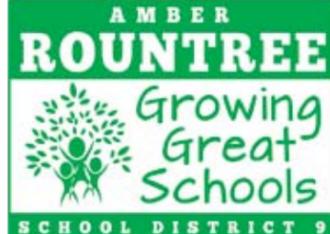




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Knox County Sheriff candidate Tom Spangler addresses a packed house at the Corryton Community Center this past Thursday evening.

## Spangler greets supporters at Corryton campaign stop

By Ken Lay

Tom Spangler has dedicated the majority of his life to law enforcement and now he's making a bid to become Knox County's next sheriff.

"I knew, from the time that I was in the Air Force, that I wanted to go into law enforcement," Spangler told his supporters Thursday night at a meet and greet at the Corryton Community and Senior Center. "I finished my tour in 1980 and I knew that I wanted to go into law enforcement because I spent the last two years of my tour in the military police."

Spangler, who has 35 years of law enforcement experience, began his tenure at the Knox County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer upon returning to East Tennessee after he was honorably discharged from the Air Force.

"As soon as I came home from military service, I went to work for the Knox County Sheriff's Office," Spangler said.

During his time serving in Knox County, Spangler, a Carter High School graduate, has worked in all areas of the sheriff's department. After a time in corrections, he became a patrolman, and administrator.

He later served as a Chief Deputy under two sheriffs. He also trained officers in both Knox and Blount County. He worked in Blount County after retiring from Knox County and spending time as a professional fisherman.

"I started the training program in Knox County," Spangler said. "We had to send our deputies to Nashville to train them. Then, I retired to become a professional fisherman because I love to fish."

He returned to law enforcement training at the behest of Blount County Sheriff James Lee Berrong. He trained Blount County officers and while there, he trained a few to work in Knox County.

"I've worked in every part of the sheriff's office, so that gives me a unique perspective. The people in the sheriff's office want a leader. They want a leader who has their back. But they also want a leader, who holds people accountable. They want to know that if somebody does something wrong, that they won't get by with it."

Spangler almost always had aspirations to be Knox County's sheriff. He served as interim sheriff in 2007 after Black



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Tom Spangler took time to talk to everyone who attended his reception at the Corryton Community Center. Above, he visits Loretta and Brian Richards.

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## Old South High School, Supreme Court Building discussed

By Mike Steely  
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Rick Dover, well-known local developer who rehabilitates historic buildings, appeared before the Knoxville City Council twice Tuesday. Both appearances were successful as he obtained permission to use a parking lot at South High School during construction there and gained a longer timeframe in working out parking at the former State Supreme Court Building.

Dover, on a request from Community Development, successfully sought an agreement for access and parking on part of city-owned property at 923 Baker Avenue. Development Director Becky Wade supported Dover's request. The developer told the council that Barber McMurray has completed plans and he's awaiting approval from the state and U.S. Park Service. Old South High School is on the



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Council members Finbarr Saunders, Mark Campen and Stephanie Welch talk prior to the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday.

National Register of Historic Sites.

"As soon as we're able to get approval we're ready to start construction," Dover said.

The other request was to amend a contract for the purchase of the Knoxville Supreme Court property

at 716 Locust Avenue. The Office of Redevelopment asked the council for permission to revise the deadline to fully negotiate the terms of the agreement and provide enough time to produce schematic designs and specifications for the proposed use of the

property.

Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons said "nobody is at fault" and explained the delay is because of a needed redesign of parking there. Councilmember Gwen McKenzie asked about the timeframe and Lyons said the city will

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## Fiscal Difficulties Ahead for School Board

By Anne Primm

All nine district representatives were in attendance for last week's Knox County Board of Education meeting which began with the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Thomas announced to the group that he had appointed Cheryl Hickman and Dr. Keith Wilson as principal for A.L. Lotts Elementary School. Thomas also remarked that the system-wide survey had closed on March 22, 2018, and has been sent to Tim Young for analysis. Results should be back by April 13. Superintendent Thomas congratulated Jarod Mueller, a sixth grader at Cedar Bluff Middle School, for winning the News Sentinel Southern Appalachia Regional Spelling Bee. Mr. Thomas further mentioned some upcoming

events such as the April 10 Dine Out for Education, The Teacher Tenure Celebration on April 17 at the Mill and Mine, and the Barney Thompson Scholarship Dinner on April 24 at the Sarah Simpson Center.

Next, Dr. John Rysewyk, Cheryl Hickman and Dr. Keith Wilson made a presentation about Byington-Solway. The main concern is that the student population at Byington-Solway Career and Technical Education Center has decreased by 133 students since school year 2014-15. A number of issues and concerns were identified but solutions were not forthcoming. In the end, it was agreed to accrue cost savings by eliminating the need for an on-site principal

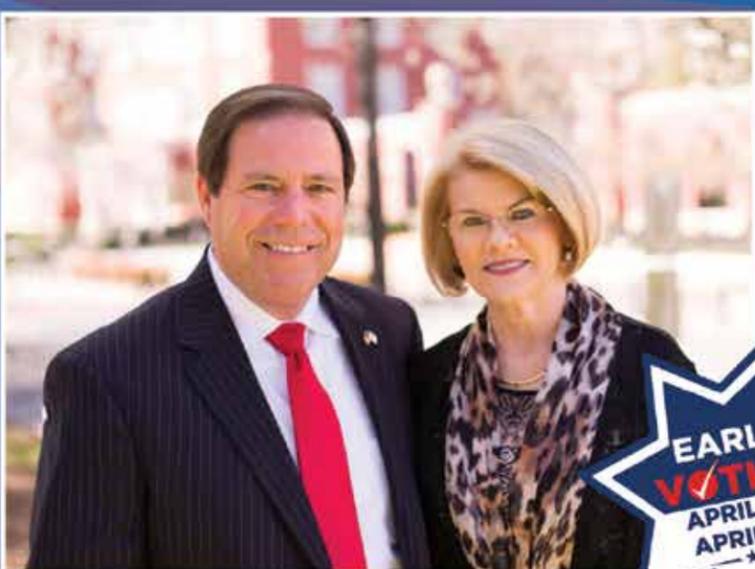
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## Fiscal Difficulties Ahead for School Board

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and use an assistant from Karns High School instead. Also, English and Math would no longer be offered at Byington-Solway CTE. Students would need to take these courses at their home school. This would eliminate two teaching positions at Byington-Solway. Transportation would no longer be provided so that Bearden and Farragut students could attend Byington-Solway. However, should a student want to complete a program, he/she may provide their own transportation or transfer to Karns High School. The estimated cost savings for these adjustments were calculated at \$219,781.70.

In light of the increased demand for CTE careers, Fourth District Representative Lynne Fugate inquired about eliminating rather than increasing the number of CTE offerings in Knox County Schools. Fugate remarked, "We definitely

need more robust offerings to help increase enrollment in CTE classes." Second District Representative Jennifer Owen asked what kinds of CTE offerings are available at Bearden and Farragut. Wilson replied that at Bearden and Farragut the CTE courses involve health sciences, business and office technology.

The next topic on the agenda was an update on Discipline Policies and Guidelines. Restorative discipline is already in use at South-Doyle Middle School. Ninth District Representative Amber Rountree introduced Principal Andrew Brown and sixth grade teacher Stacey Martin to the board to discuss how this disciplinary strategy is working at their school.

Martin conveyed to the board that she had a class of twenty-eight students at the beginning of the school year that needed to learn about respect. Martin, aided by restorative

practice teacher Derek McCarter, helped her students use restorative practices in her classroom. Martin said she would not have believed how such a huge transformation had occurred had she not witnessed it herself.

Martin emphatically expressed to the board the need for training in this method of discipline. She also stressed the need for additional staff to help implement these practices.

Fourth District Representative Fugate made the observation that restorative discipline feeds into school safety. Superintendent Thomas interjected that this is part of his plan. Principal Brown also relayed that restorative discipline can also be part of community building and an excellent way to stop bullying.

Fifth District Representative Susan Horn asked Martin about how much time it takes to use

restorative practices in the classroom each day. Martin replied that it only takes five to eight minutes and she feels that time is well spent since it gains increased cooperation from her students.

Third District Representative Tony Norman speculated that while restorative discipline works well in some schools, it may not be what is needed for the entire school system. Norman observed that even with restorative discipline, there is still a need for in-school suspension (now called the Restorative Learning Center.)

The final item for discussion was the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Capital Plan Update. Gary Spencer gave the presentation. Preliminary budget information totals \$483 million which represents an increase of 2.5% over the current year's \$471.2 million budget. Next year's budget expansion reflects

increases in health insurance and the rate of contributions required to the state retirement plan for certified personnel. In addition to those added costs, Knox County Schools is adding two new middle schools this fall totaling \$8.8 million. FY 2019 is the third year of a three year annual commitment to provide \$1 million in additional funding for student transportation. With the addition of the two new middle schools, the transportation budget will increase by \$1.3 million, raising the total to more than \$18.6 million for FY 2019. In addition to those expenses, Emerald Academy will add two new grade levels in FY 2019 which will increase Knox County School's expenditure on their behalf by \$1.05 million.

As in past years, Knox County Schools is working closely with the Knox County Mayor's Office to

forecast local funding. At this time, it looks like local funding may increase by less than one percent. The forecast is that total revenue growth will be \$11.8 million dollars but expected expenditures are estimated at \$15.1 million representing a \$3.3 million shortfall. This means that all budget items will continue under review to achieve a balanced budget.

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# Publisher's Position

# Bud Armstrong is Right



By Steve Hunley, Publisher  
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There are a great many hard-working deputies in the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Yet the recent controversy between the Knox County Pension Board and Knox County Law Director Richard "Bud" Armstrong illustrates an arrogant sense of entitlement and privilege. Evidently seven deputies have been allowed by the pension board to retire at 85% - 95% of full pay, when the Knox County charter caps the limit at 75%. The cap was instituted by the very same people who pay for it: the taxpayers of Knox County.

sought to interfere after Law Director Bud Armstrong asked for a suit to be filed on behalf of the taxpayers. Armstrong only took this last resort after several attempts to caution the pension board there was no basis in the law to do what they were doing. The pension board blithely ignored the law director's advice and went on its merry way and did as it pleased. The big question now is how many other public employees have been accorded pension rights and pay beyond what the charter allows. Evidently it is more than these seven because the taxpayers have already had to come up with at least \$400,000 to cover the shortfall to keep the pension fund actuarially sound.

Once Armstrong asked for the suit to be filed on behalf of the taxpayers, Sheriff Jimmy "JJ" Jones and county Mayor Tim Burchett dropped a last-minute resolution on the county commission permitting seven deputies to have their lawyers paid for by the taxpayers in the aforementioned lawsuit, despite the fact that they are no longer county employees.

With Commissioner Dave Wright on vacation and absent from the meeting, the commissioners deadlocked 5-5 and the resolution failed. Still, it is astonishing that five members of the county commission, stewards of the taxpayers' money, would vote to open the county's treasury for a double raid, paying for legal counsel and unfunded pension benefits. Brad Anders, Michele Carringer, Hugh Nystrom, Randy Smith and Charles Busler all voted for the resolution. Carson Dailey, Evelyn Gill, Bob Thomas, Ed Brantley and John Schoonmaker all voted to support the taxpayers and uphold the Knox County charter.

Sheriff Jones was highly upset he didn't get his way and took to attacking Armstrong and the five commissioners he could not control. Jones doubled down when he made the issue political urging the community to "back the blue." Jones went even further over the line and strongly hinted that deputies should back Brad Anders for the Republican nomination for county mayor

over Bob Thomas or Glenn Jacobs simply because Anders, a city cop, had supported the position taken by the sheriff. The sheriff also crossed another line when he used his department's official website to attack Armstrong and encourage support for Anders. Frankly, Sheriff Jones was wrong on all counts because the issue didn't come down to one of supporting deputies or not. The issue came down to either following the charter, the county's constitution, or not. The voters approved special pensions for deputies still with a 75% of salary cap, some years ago and taxpayers contribute two and a half times the amount to the pensions of deputies than they do any other class of county employee. It was the taxpayers who had to come up with approximately \$60 million to fund those pensions and the voters never approved going beyond that standard, nor should they.

The support of Tim Burchett and Brad Anders was for one simple reason: to curry favor with a special class of public employee. Or

at least that was the idea as they are currently running for various offices. Bud Armstrong and five members of the county commission had the guts to stand by the taxpayers and the county charter. I do not and would never imply that he vast majority of Knox County deputies are greedy; in fact, I think the great majority are hard working and satisfied with their current benefits and pensions. Unfortunately, the leadership at the Knox County Sheriff's Department refuses to abide by the charter and has a disturbing attitude that they can do whatever they please, simply because that is the way they want things to be.

Since he became Knox County's law director, Bud Armstrong has shown no favor for any particular special interest. Armstrong has repeatedly demonstrated he is fearless, incorruptible and determined to refuse to allow the trust of the taxpayers to be violated by anyone. Armstrong and the five commissioners who supported the Knox County charter deserve the praise and

appreciation of every taxpayer who works for a living. Despite what Sheriff Jones might have you believe, this isn't about mindlessly "backing the blue," it's about abiding by the charter and good government.

Once this excessive pension door is opened, Knox County taxpayers could become liable for even more money, perhaps necessitating finding as much as \$90 million more dollars to pour into pensions for deputies. We all need to keep in mind that Knox County is approximately \$750 million in debt as it is. What has happened is an abuse of power, an abuse of the trust of the taxpayers, and an egregious defiance of the Knox County charter. Fortunately for the people of Knox County, Bud Armstrong and five members of the county commission stood with "we the people." They were all that was standing between us and the raid on the county's treasury. Thank goodness some of our public officials believe in representing the people who elected them and abiding by the Knox County charter.

## Spangler greets supporters at Corryton campaign stop

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Wednesday. "I thought about this, 10 years ago before I retired, but the timing just wasn't right," he said. "I will bring experience to the office. I will bring administrative experience and I'll bring law enforcement experience. I was a Chief Deputy under two different

sheriffs and that means a lot to me that two different people thought enough of me to let me do that."

He said that he left Blount County to focus his efforts to run for office in Knox County. He said that he did so to eliminate the perception that he was working in Blount County while seeking office

in a neighboring county. Spangler's chief concerns are safety and combatting the opioid epidemic.

"I am passionate about your safety," he said. "Safety in our streets, with our kids, within our schools, in your homes and in your subdivisions.

"The other thing is the opioid

epidemic. We're going to enforce the laws and we're going to go after the heroin dealers. We're going to educate. And when I say educate, we're going to start educating in the second and third grade. And we're going to treat people once we arrest them."

Spangler noted that he is opposed to making the county

jails into treatment jails but said that he would favor getting treatment for those doing time. He also said that their crimes will not go unpunished. "The victims of those crimes will not be forgotten."

A longtime Corryton resident who still attends church in the community, Spangler now resides in South Knox County.





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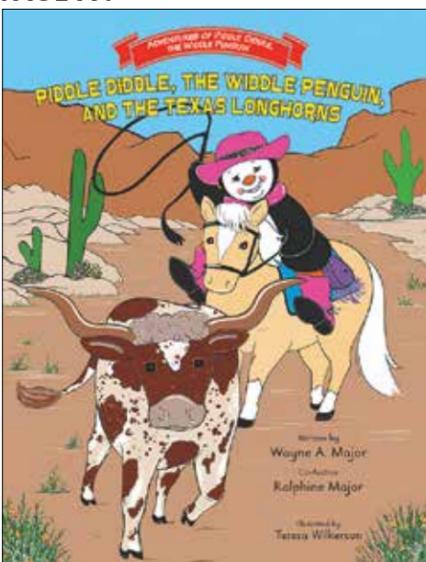
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# Piddle Diddle, the Widdle Penguin, Gallops into Spring!



By **Ralphine Major**

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## Twin Creek Road dump gets some attention

By **Mike Steely**  
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Sometimes a little thing on an agenda can go off-road and end up with a lot of discussion.

Last week among the numerous items in front of the Knox County Commission was a resolution to close a portion of Twin Creek Road. The narrow road links Martin Mill Pike and Governor John Sevier Highway. On the downhill side of that road is what one county official called "the largest trash dump in Knox County."

The Engineering and Public Works Department's resolution was asking the commission, on first reading, to close part of that road that passes the dump site. The illegal dump is only about one-half mile from the County Convenience Center but, over the last 20 to 30 years, has accumulated a huge amount of trash.

"I'll bet there are 3,000 or more old tires there," Commissioner Carson Dailey said. He represents the area and moved to close the road. The county has already put up a barrier there to stop through traffic because Twin Creek Road is often used as a shortcut.

Several people rose to speak against the idea, urging instead that the

county clean up the dump. County officials replied that it could take more than \$120,000 to do so as it cannot be done by hand and would require heavy equipment.

Harris Chapel Baptist Church is concerned that closing the road, which is known not only for trash but for crime and drugs as well, might cause those illegal activities to take place on the church road.

Jillian Harris said closing the road could lead to more vandalism and possibly result in someone burning down the church a second time. He said the church burned in 2009 and the arsonist was never caught.

"It's a problem and I don't know what the answer is," he said of the trash dumping and the illegal activities, adding, "We're in an isolated area."

Dailey moved to close the road but it appears that successful motion during its first reading might change when the commission meets next month. He said he'd received no negative comments on closing the narrow road and said the dump contains mattresses, tires, chemicals and brush.

Juanita Bright, a Twin Creek Road resident, pleaded with the commission to keep the road open

but clean up the roadside dump. She said that closing it means residents would need to drive 4 to 8 miles to reach Martin Mill or Sevier Highway.

"We've complained about it," Bright said, "for years but nothing has ever been done. You need to help the people out there."

"South Knox, Knox County's Forgotten Community," yelled Darrell Bright from the audience.

"You just look on us a poor, old, dumb people, we don't count," Mrs. Bright said, adding, "We've been there since 1938 and nobody wants to help."

"All you want to do is close the road and not clean up the trash," she said.

Dwight Van de Vate, director of Knox County Engineering, told the commission that he can ask for funds to clean up the trash dump but added "breaking 20 to 30 years of behavior is tough."

Van de Vate suggested adding outside lights at the church parking lot and lights around the temporary road block. Chairman Randy Smith asked if lighting and cameras along the road could be established before the road is closed. The engineering director said he would be comfortable doing that.

Commissioner Michele

Carringer said she is concerned about making Twin Creek a dead-end road. Van de Vate said that closing the road or not closing it would still mean cleaning up the dump, but added "We're not the litter police."

Darrell Bright said the dump is so old that there are Model T wooden rims there.

Chairman Smith asked if the engineering department would open the temporary barrier so commissioners can visit the site. Van de Vate agreed and said he would accompany the visit.

In other action the commission heard Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett declare April "Fair Housing Month" and approved a \$100,000 grant from the state, with a similar county match, to upgrade the Carter Convenience Center.

The commissioners also gave final approval for a charter change that will be on the August ballot. Citizens will decide on whether an outside auditor can be hired to serve more than the current two four-year terms. The Roll Call vote was unanimous.

They also approved upping the personnel allowance for county employees from \$35 to \$50 per occasion.

## Old South High School, Supreme Court Building

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know more about it during the April 19 work session.

"It pushes us back until September to close. It's a complicated site," Dover said, adding that beneath the property are large rocks forcing plans to change to include an underground parking lot with an office building going on top of the garage.

Councilmember Lauren Rider asked how long the old courthouse has been empty and Lyons responded, "About 20 years."

Asked by Councilman Marshall Stair what is changing in the plans Dover said that parking for the proposed hotel there is being reduced to 80 spaces and the multi-family unit proposed will be tiered and "esthetically pleasing." He also said the number of proposed hotel rooms have also been reduced.

The extension of a closing date was approved by council.

The council also approved several grant requests from the Knoxville Area Transit system for the purchase of two new local transit units, new buses and new technology. Also approved was \$58,474 to implement a transit passenger mobile device application, with the idea of notifying passengers when their bus should

arrive at their stop.

Approved also was the continuation of the city's outside auditor, Crosslin PLLC, through 2020 at a contract price of \$493,500.

The proposed design of the gateway for Magnolia Avenue was approved but only after Stair called the design "a little underwhelming" and urged the Office of Redevelopment to listen more to the citizens there. He said the monument looks like a subdivision sign. Dawn Michelle Foster replied that the design shields the transit parking lot and must meet state regulations.

"We're somewhat limited on what can be done," she said, adding that the office is continuing to listen to the citizens and engage the neighborhood.

The mayor and the council also honored the 100 year celebration of International Association of Fire Fighters by hosting dozens of Knoxville city firefighters on stage. Mayor Rogero said the local department answered 40,000 plus calls over the past year and noted the firefighters also support local causes. Local 65 was as applauded for buying new coats for a children's home.

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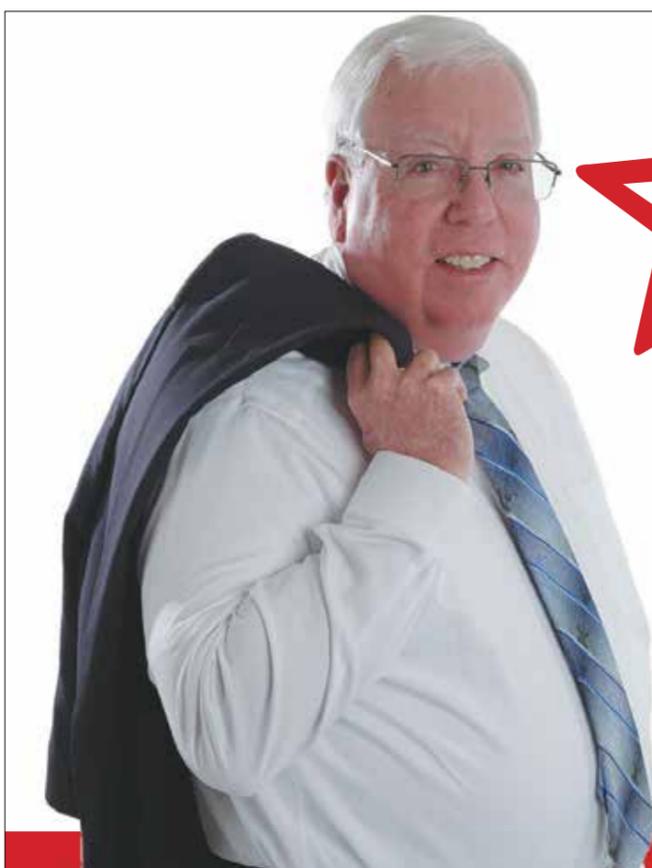
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"We are a not-for-profit organization and get involved with the community," Pratt told The Focus. That involvement includes pledging to match \$2,500 for a weight room at Central High School, delivering school supplies to local teachers, and giving monthly meal discounts for the company's members at places like Litton's, Firehouse Subs and Sam & Andy's.

Charles is the son of Perry Pratt of the well-known Pratt's County Store.

"I learned a lot of business practices from my father. Our businesses are not that much alike but I learned how to treat people. If I can have that in my practice then I'll be fulfilled," Charles said.

His success in business helped ranked him #1 in the company for advisors in their first year.

"We focus on retirement planning, life insurance and investments," he said, adding that much of the way he gets his "members" is by networking, fund raising, word of mouth and referrals. Modern Woodmen financial planning company also counsels on the different life insurance policies. Pratt can explain the difference between term life insurance and permanent life.

"I believe that life insurance is the foundation of a solid financial plan. Retirement and investing are extremely important, however we have to make sure our family is protected

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# Kirk Anderson honored as Good Neighbor of the Year

**By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com**

The Annual Neighborhood Conference Awards and Networking Luncheon had several surprises, not the least of which is that more than 600 people attended. The popular event was held at Hotel Knoxville, the former Knoxville Marriott, and featured three workshop break-out sessions and more than 60 booths manned by vendors and local

organizations. Mayor Madeline Rogero used the occasion to honor the late Lynn Redmon who died a few days prior. She spoke of his many neighborhood and political activities. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett mentioned Redmon in his welcoming remarks as well.

Rogero also honored Office of Neighborhoods Director David Massey, who retires in June, and named Debbie Sharp as the new

director. "David's tireless dedication has built the Office of Neighborhoods into an essential connection between neighborhood associations and City government. He has helped neighborhood groups organize and advocate effectively for their priorities," Mayor Rogero said. "Debbie shares his commitment to working with communities across Knoxville, and she will make sure the Office remains

an invaluable resource for our residents." Sharp opened the event and acted as host during the luncheon. Other speakers included Hannah Freeman, Doug McGill, Mary Katherine Wormsley, Black Atticus, David Massey, Darris Upton and Johnathan Blevins. Kirk Anderson was chosen to receive the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year honors and

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Kim and Chuck Severance and sons, Connor and Garrett Sepesi, invite you to the new Real Deals on Home Décor & Boutique located on Emory Road in Powell, where you'll find affordable, trendy fashion and unique home décor.

## Real Deals is personable, affordable

**By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com**

"Decorating is my passion and I have spent years searching for a store like this," said Kim Severance. She and her husband, Chuck, recently opened Real Deals on Home Décor & Boutique at 113 East Emory Road, Suite 102, in Powell.

The three days of grand opening late last month saw the store busy with well-wishers, neighbors,

friends and shoppers. The store offers a personalized yet affordable shopping experience. There are more than 65 franchised locations in the U.S. and Canada. Kim Severance's store is the first of its kind in Tennessee.

Located just five miles from downtown and just off the intersection of I-75 and Emory Road, the Severances' Real Deals offers great ideas of what to do for your home.

"I'm really excited to bring the first Real Deals in the state of Tennessee to Powell. As a small Mom and Pop store I wouldn't have much buying power. I couldn't negotiate deals like the corporate team is able to secure with vendors. Now I'm able to bring better prices to my customers by having the power of a franchise behind me," she said.

Kim Severance is an expert on

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### What is Recode and how will it affect you?

**By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com**

You must have heard of the city's effort to "Recode" the zoning regulations, which have not been changed much in the past 50 years. Several meetings and presentations of the City of Knoxville's efforts to re-write the regulations have been held to attempt to explain the 200-page comprehensive updating of the city's zoning code.

140 people signed up for a Recode presentation at the recent Neighborhood Conference. With an estimated 170,000 new Knoxville residents expected by 2040 and zoning codes in bad need of updating, the new draft regulations propose lots of changes to manage the anticipated growth and development.

Here's what you might expect:

1. Zoning name changes and lots of them plus more zoning categories are being added. R-1 and R-2 residential zones are disappearing and seven new residential designations are being added, from RN-1 to RN-7.
2. Current Sector Plans would be changed to recognize the new zoning district designations.
3. There may be a new

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Charles Pratt of Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial says he learned a lot from his father, Perry Pratt of Pratt's Country Store.

## Charles Pratt at Modern Woodmen ready to serve you

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before we get to that," he said.

In talking with people about investments he looks his client's risk tolerance and goals, and creates retirement and investment strategies using that information. Charlie customizes his strategies to meet a variety of needs and situations.

Charles Pratt is investing in his own future with a wedding planned for May 27 with a Fountain City Elementary teacher,

Savannah Adcock.

"I love work, enjoy football, keeping up with sports news, playing guitar and being with friends and family. I'm a member of the First Baptist Church in Fountain City and active in the Sunday School there," he added.

You can contact Pratt at charles.w.pratt@mwarep.org or call him at 865-919-6484. He's also on Facebook at "Modern Woodmen of American - Charlie Pratt."

## Real Deals is personable, affordable

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home staging, seasonal décor and interior design trends. Real Deals offers ladies fashion and home décor with merchandise that changes weekly. Each Real Deals store caters to their local area with different merchandise and feel. Customers often travel for hours to a Real Deals location because of unique but accessible décor products, affordable fashion and a fun and personal shopping experience.

"I'm excited to offer great pricing because of Real Deal's buying power," she said.

A graduate of Gibbs High School and UT, Kim formerly operated a decorating company called Image

This. Due to the retirement of her partners she began looking around for an opportunity to combine fashion and décor.

She has public relations experience with the March of Dimes and Rural Metro and has served on the Knox County Board of Education and the local teen driver awareness program. She is currently the Transportation Customer Service Manager at Knox County Schools. The couple lives in Powell.

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# Some of my favorite places

After some 50 years of wandering around the Southeast I've visited many, many places that interested me or my wife. We've been in every

## A Day Away



By Mike Steely

Tennessee State Park except one, in many parks in the region's states and many National Parks.

Sometimes the things you remember the most are not in parks at all. Those odd or unusual places stick with you in your memory and I've had the pleasure of saving many of those in photos and in thoughts.

## Baby Falls near Tellico Plains

Take Baby Falls south of Tellico Plains for instance, so named because it is just a few yards from the much larger and higher Bald River Falls. Baby Falls begins as the winding river through the narrow hills and suddenly dumps water, and kayakers into the deep pool below. Visitors will crowd the banks to watch the spirited little boat riders shoot off into the air at the top of the swift balls and plunge over their heads into the swirling liquid below. There's a parking lot developed there with a bathroom, designed with those visitors and those brave kayakers in mind.

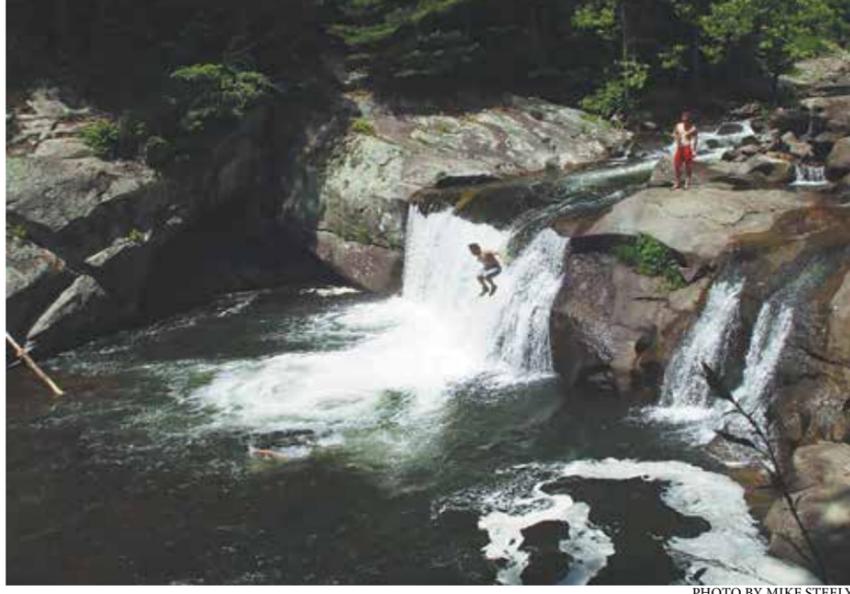


PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Kayakers aren't the only ones who enjoy plunging into the deep pool beneath Baby Falls near Tellico Plains.

Both falls are located along the Tellico River at the foot of the mountain, just beyond the ranger station. Just follow the signs.

the cook served up the evidence of a missing man and the deputy looking for him ate it up. Literally.

Juliette is located on Highway 23--- and you might want to also visit High Falls a bit further south to see several falls, a campground, and much more. You'll find them both on the internet.

stopped by when it was in Southwest Virginia you missed out because the complex looked exactly like the pre-historic site.

## Mary Todd Lincoln Home

The childhood home of President Abraham Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, is the first historic home of a First Lady to be restored in the nation. The 14 room home contains many original furnishings and was visited many times by the president. Located at 578 West Main Street the historic home is worth a visit by anyone visiting Lexington, Ky.

Mary Todd was a granddaughter of Levi Todd, one of the founders of the Kentucky city.

## Ave Maria Grotto

Called "Jerusalem in Miniature" this four acre site in Cullman, Alabama, has more than 125 miniature reproductions of famous buildings from around the world. Created by the late Brother Joseph Zoetti you can walk through the site and view the beautiful landscaping, the little buildings and churches, and imagine how the priest took care in his faithful work.

The grotto is free to the public and located at 1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE, in Cullman.

## Blowing Rock, North Carolina

This North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountain tourist town is a favorite during the summer months when visitors flock there for the cooler weather. The "blowing rock" juts out from the peak there and is said to be the site where a Native American lover jumped off and was blown back up to the arms of his beloved.

Blowing Rock is said to be the "oldest attraction in the state" and is the home of the famous "Tweetsie Railroad."

## Juliette, Georgia

If you saw "Fried Green Tomatoes" you'd immediately feel at home in Juliette, Georgia. The little town is just a few miles off I-75 south of Atlanta and was used as the town in the film. The restaurant is yet called "The Whistle Stop Café" and, yes, you can get those tasty fried tomatoes.

The little roadside town has other shops during the tourist season but a popular place is behind the restaurant at the barbecue pits. If you recall the movie that's where

## Foamhenge has moved

For several years a foam reproduction of Stonehenge, in full size, sat atop a hill near Natural Bridge State Park in Centreville, Va. It was a popular free roadside stop for many travelers visiting the nearby park but in 2016 the state park expanded and said the authentic reproduction of the British landmark was not appropriate.

The creator has moved the entire pillar complex to Cox Farms in Fairfax, Va., just a few miles from Dulles Airport. If you never

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# Senator Reed Smoot of Utah

## Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Reed Smoot is a name long since forgotten by most, save for those few who remember the Smoot – Hawley tariff legislation. Yet, Reed Smoot was the first Mormon ever to be elected to the United States Senate, setting off a firestorm that consumed much of his first six-year term. Fear and bigotry ignited a challenge to his being seated in the Senate and for most of his first term, Smoot's religion was on trial, as much as his right to sit in the United States Senate.

Utah was not even a state when Reed Smoot was born on January 10, 1862. Born in Salt Lake City in the Utah Territory, Smoot was the child of his father Abraham's second wife, Anne. Abraham Smoot had once been the mayor of Salt Lake City and practice polygamy.

Young Reed attended what eventually became Brigham Young University. After his graduation, in keeping with his faith, he served as a missionary in England. Upon returning to the United States, Smoot married Alpha Eldredge and they became the parents of seven children. Smoot became a doting father and husband, although several of his children brought him considerable grief. One was apparently an alcoholic, another was almost certainly unstable mentally and yet another was irresponsible with money. Smoot himself worked very hard and soon accumulated a tidy fortune. Despite his children's problems, Smoot patiently did all he could to resolve the problems created by his offspring until the end of his life.

Smoot also remained active inside his church and as his business success grew, he moved up the ladder of the hierarchy of the Mormon Church, eventually becoming one of the members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

His fortune secure, Reed Smoot, having been born into a political family, turned his eyes towards politics. Smoot had secured the permission of Joseph F. Smith, who was the president of the Mormon Church, to become a candidate for public office. The need to secure permission was due to the official policy of the Church of Latter Day Saints, which had adopted a manifesto requiring possible candidates to seek permission to run for office. With the required permission granted, Smoot immediately became a candidate for the United States Senate and was elected by the Utah legislature in 1902. Smoot's election to the Senate immediately caused a controversy when he was introduced by his colleague, Senator Thomas Kearns. Kearns was an extremely

wealthy man, a Catholic, and a political rival. Kearns had considerable interests in newspapers, banking and railroads and exercised quite a lot of influence with the state legislature. Kearns had out maneuvered Smoot by obtaining the endorsement of the head of the Mormon Church. Smoot was forced to withdraw as a candidate, as he believed he could not defeat Kearns.

Senator Smoot's right to sit in the United States Senate was challenged almost immediately, due to his being an apostle of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Within days of his arrival in the Capitol, Smoot was accused of being a polygamist, which was untrue. Over the course of four years, more than 100 witnesses were paraded before the special committee hearing the allegations. Virtually every aspect of the Mormon Church was discussed and came under scrutiny, as the proceedings were less about Reed Smoot than the Church of Latter Day Saints. There was a precedent for not seating Smoot, as the House of Representatives had refused to seat B. H. Roberts, who had been elected to Congress from Utah some years previously. Roberts had indeed been a polygamist and the House voted to deny him a seat in Congress.

The hearings were a lurid affair, with little left unsaid, including rumor and innuendo. The committee eventually voted not to seat Smoot, although the full Senate failed to give the required two-thirds vote to expel the Utah senator. The ugly episode finished, Reed Smoot set about the business of serving the interests of his people.

Smoot proved to be popular in Utah and was reelected in 1908, 1914 and 1920. Smoot was also the Senate sponsor of the legislation which created the National park Service. As he accrued seniority, he rose in the ranks of the Senate and by 1923, he was Chairman of the Senate's powerful Finance Committee.

A largely gray and colorless bespectacled man, Reed Smoot was more comfortable with numbers than people. When he first arrived in Washington, D. C., he sported a bushy moustache, which he later shaved off. Despite his reserved personality, Smoot was completely devoted to his family. His wife, Allie, died in 1928 after a long and debilitating illness and the senator was crushed. In one letter to his wife, Senator Smoot said, "The greatest sorrow I have been called upon to bear has been your illness and sufferings."

Senator Smoot never really got over the death of his wife, although he did



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Autographed portrait of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah

later remarry.

Smoot was again reelected in 1926 and it was during his last term of office that he sponsored the legislation which would be his enduring legacy, for better or worse. Along with Oregon Congressman Willis Hawley, he sponsored the Smoot – Hawley Bill. The Smoot – Hawley Bill raised the tariff on more than 20,000 items and products. While campaigning for the presidency in 1928, Herbert Hoover had promised farmers he would help them by increasing tariffs on competing agricultural products. Senator Smoot as Chairman of the Senate's Finance Committee and Hawley as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee crafted the legislation increasing tariffs. The Smoot – Hawley Bill only barely passed in the Senate, scraping by with 44 senators voting for it and 42 opposing it.

By the time the bill reached the desk of President Herbert Hoover, more than 1,000 economists sent a petition urging the chief executive to veto the Smoot – Hawley Bill. Economists were not alone in their opposition to the tariff legislation, which not only increased the duties on agricultural products, but many industrial items as well. Henry Ford, the automobile magnate, visited with Hoover and roundly denounced the Smoot – Hawley Bill and told the president it would be an economic disaster. Thomas W. Lamont, a financial titan and head of the House of J. P. Morgan recalled that

he begged the president not to sign the bill. Initially, President Hoover disliked the bill, going so far as to call it "vicious", yet he signed it into law.

Passage of the Smoot – Hawley Bill would become a prominent issue during the 1932 elections. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic presidential nominee, denounced the bill and many believed the bill actually helped lengthen the Great Depression. Many of the trading partners of the United States retaliated by increasing their own tariffs on U.S. products. Some countries sought out different trading partners.

Smoot – Hawley came back to haunt Senator Smoot and Congressman Hawley, as well as President Herbert Hoover; all three were defeated in the 1932 elections. Willis Hawley, having been in Congress since 1907, was defeated in the Republican primary in 1932. Smoot faced Elbert Thomas, an obscure professor at the University of Utah. Thomas, like Smoot, was a Mormon and spoke fluent Japanese, after having served as a missionary to Japan. Thomas was highly critical of

Smoot – Hawley during the 1932 and voters were angry due to the Great Depression and the abysmal economy. After having served for thirty years in the United States Senate, Reed Smoot lost to Elbert Thomas winning less than 42% of the vote. It was an ignominious defeat for one of the Senate's elders and most powerful members of the Senate.

Smoot had long been considered one of those senators who had jealously guarded the U. S. Treasury, regularly calling for reduced expenditures. Senator Smoot's conservatism and reputation for watching out for the taxpayers did little to help his faltering 1932 reelection campaign. Smoot had long been the dominant figure in Utah politics, especially inside his own Republican Party. Senator Smoot exercised considerable influence on appointments and positions throughout his state.

President Hoover also went down to defeat, losing badly to New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt had campaigned on the promise of lowering tariffs and the high tariffs had by that time come to be the official policy of the

Republican Party.

Defeated, Smoot returned home to Utah. He had built a large and impressive stone home in Provo, but following his return from Washington, the former senator decided to live in Salt Lake City. The beautiful mansion remained empty for some time before Smoot's son Harlow moved into the house. Descendants of the senator continue to live in the home to this day. Many family heirlooms fill the house, including furniture and china.

Wealthy, Smoot devoted most of his remaining years to his church. Smoot divided his time between Utah and Florida. Smoot's conservatism did not diminish over the years and he remained a bitter critic of the New Deal. His health began to fail in the decade following his defeat for reelection and he died from kidney and heart disease while in Saint Petersburg, Florida on February 9, 1941 less than a month after his seventy-ninth birthday.



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# Kirk Anderson honored as Good Neighbor of the Year

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the award was accepted by James Newbill who had nominated Anderson. Rogero said that Anderson was a longtime resident of the Timbercrest neighborhood. He has been active in the association there, in the neighborhood watch, worked to beautify two entrances and has performed numerous acts of kindness for his neighbors. Rogero said that Anderson and his brother, realizing that two neighbors were having difficulty exiting their car after a doctor's visit, carried one of them from the car to their house, up the stairs and into their bed. Anderson stayed with the couple until they were able to be left on their own.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

James Newbill proudly displays the "Good Neighbor of the Year" award he accepted on behalf of Kirk Anderson of the Timberlake Neighborhood. Anderson was ill and Newbill and his wife, Clara, had nominated him for the recognition. Other nominees are seen behind Newbill.

All the nominees were invited to the stage and included David Gillette, Helen Bachrach, Paula Minhinnett, Stuart Hall, Sylvia Cook and Yarrish Cook. Neighborhood groups honored for their projects

and efforts during the event were awarded a \$75 check from the city and a certificate of honor. These areas included Edgewood Park, Forest Heights, Island Home Park, Mechanicsville, Morningside Heights,

RiverHill Gateway, Southside Waterfront, We Care Neighborhood Watch and Westmorland Hills.

The break-out sessions included a presentation of the city's proposed Recode regulations that are now

being drafted, a conversation and address by Police Chief David Rausch about opioid abuse and gun control, and a discussion about neighborhood cooperation and revitalization.

# What is Recode and how will it affect you?

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balance between historic characteristics of neighborhoods and development standards.

4. The Recode proposal would encourage controlled growth and use easier to understand terms.

5. The code changes encourage clearer regulations and administration.

6. The city's newly adopted parking regulations would be part of the codes.

7. There may be "special" uses permitted following approval by MPC and designations for community and market gardens.

8. Other designated zoning designations include Food Truck Parks, Craft Manufacturing, and a designation for "Corner Stores" in residential neighborhoods.

9. There could also be zones for temporary projects like sales, outdoor entertainment, recreational resale, warehouse sales, tent sales, etc.

"It's important that the public continues to participate and provide comments throughout the duration of the project" said MPC Director Gerald Green.

A copy of the lengthy Recode Draft is available at the public libraries or online. More meetings to gather public comment are planned. These include meetings at the O'Connor Senior Center on April 2 at 6 p.m.; Woodlawn Christian Church on April 3 at 6 p.m.; Cumberland Estates on April 19 at 6 p.m.; and in Deane Hill on April 26 at 6 p.m. In addition, the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a workshop on Recode on April 7 at 10:00 at the Public Works Complex on Morris Avenue.

You can download the document at <https://recodeknoxville.com/library/documents>. You may also call 865-215-3758 or get updates at [www.recodeknoxville.com](http://www.recodeknoxville.com).

# Think

Polls show that more and more Americans believe in the theory that the government is being influenced by "the deep state." Those same polls show that nearly 3 out of 4 individuals don't know what "the deep state" actually is. The situation is just another example of citizens surrendering their God-given ability to think. That failure to think can have serious consequences.

By Joe Rector

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Most of us have simply become lazy. Instead of researching a topic through reading and exploration, we allow all sorts of electronic media to do our thinking for us. How many of us are guilty of watching 24-hour news stations and blindly accepting what its commentators, whether liberal or conservative, say? If a person is a Fox Network fan, he isn't about to listen to a different point of view that airs on CNN. The same holds true for those who choose CNN as their news deliverer.

Social media delivers too many individuals' news. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram all shotgun news bites and ads and links with information we might find interesting. Of late, the discovery that Russians and even some political factions in our own country have corrupted those outlets with misleading stories has come to light. Still, too many people take the bait and swallow made-up lies as gospel. Even more of us unquestioningly accept information from the Internet.

I've heard so many times individuals say that something is a fact. When I ask how they know that, folks reply, "It says so on the Internet." People have assigned the same divine qualities to the Internet that they give to the Bible or the Koran. The simple truth is that too many of us have grown intellectually lazy. We don't have the desire to discover for ourselves. Reading isn't on the top ten list of

activities. As children, most of us found great joy and entertainment as we delved into a topic to find as much information as possible. As little ones, we made buttercup flowers from egg cartons and painted them a beautiful yellow to celebrate spring and the coming of Easter. In fourth grade, we students worked in groups to build replicas of the Matterhorn and report on Switzerland and the Alps. In 6th grade, Mr. Fowler instructed all of us to make a scrapbook of the events of John Kennedy's assassination, which had occurred in the fall of that year. I still have pieces of that project in a drawer somewhere.

The safeguards against foreign intrusions and subversion are continued pursuit of the truth. That comes when people invest in reading and examining information for themselves; they never merely take the word of a third-party source. At the same time, a well-informed person listens to both sides of an argument and finds the salient points from both.

Our country is more polarized each day. Folks buy into the side they like and close their minds to anything the opposition proffers. Such single-mindedness leads to a loss of moderation, and in the end, paralyzes leaders from acting in the best interest of the entire country. The time has come for each of us to reclaim our intellectual curiosity so that we no longer can be blindly lead to believe that only one answer is the right one. We owe this to ourselves and to our children. Otherwise, an authoritarian form of government will take over because of our laziness and lead us far from the democratic principles that Americans love.

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## TKA beats Mother Nature and Gibbs in softball showdown

By Steve Williams

The King's Academy softball team beat Mother Nature twice Thursday to notch a 7-6 win over Gibbs.

With stormy weather in the forecast, TKA Coach Mark Weekly first moved up the starting time of the game one hour to 5 p.m.

Then the Lady Lions used their speed in the bottom of the fifth inning to score a run and break a 6-6 tie just before the rainy and windy conditions arrived, causing umpires to clear the field at 6:45.

Approximately 10 minutes later, with the weather radar not looking favorable, the game was called and head coaches shook hands. By rule, it was an official game.

It was a matchup of two state powers from different classifications. The King's Academy had captured the Division II-A state championship last year, while tradition-rich Gibbs had won the Division I Class AAA crown before being reclassified Class AA this season.

TKA, which has seven players on track to play at the collegiate level, improved to 17-2 with the win. Gibbs slipped to 11-4. It was the only scheduled game between the two teams this season.

The two fastest Lady Lions produced the winning run. With two outs, Teygan Bouknight got aboard on an infield single and stole second base. Katelyn Norris tripled to left center to bring in



PHOTO BY STEVE WILLIAMS

The King's Academy Lady Lions line up at home plate to celebrate one of three home runs that were hit in their 7-6 softball win over Gibbs Thursday in Seymour.

Bouknight just before Mother Nature made her presence felt.

Gibbs had made things very interesting in the top of the fifth, erupting for six runs after two outs to tie the game. A grand slam to center by sophomore Macey Hughes cut the deficit to one and Olivia Wheeler followed with a solo shot down the left field line to pull the Lady Eagles even.

Gibbs wasn't done and almost

took the lead. Kaley Kern singled to right and Kaleigh Caldwell singled into the left center field gap to put runners on first and third. A ground out to shortstop finally ended the explosion.

"I think we came out a little afraid and I don't know why, but a little scared or flat," said Gibbs Coach Carol Mitchell. "We finally got into stride. I think our nerves maybe settled down. I don't know

what was wrong with us at the beginning of the game.

"They've got a great team. Anytime you can go out and get good players like that, they're going to have a great team. He's got a bunch of kids who are going to Division 1 and he's done a good job of taking those kids and putting them on the field. So hats off

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Bernard Childress is in his 23rd year with the TSSAA and ninth as its Executive Director.

## Childress has enjoyed a lifelong relationship with TSSAA

(Part 1 of an interview with TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress)

By Steve Williams

Bernard Childress once played in a state high school basketball tournament and once coached in one, but he never dreamed he would someday be the Executive Director of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

"I never had this on my mind," he said, laughing during a break in this

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## Legendary coach honored in Seymour

By Ken Lay

SEYMOUR --- Longtime Seymour High School baseball coach was recently honored for his service as a teacher and basketball coach at Seymour Middle School and his contributions to Seymour High School and his dedication to that school's baseball program.

The ceremony was held in the Seymour Middle School Gymnasium.

Norman, who coached the Eagles baseball team for 21 seasons, retired from the baseball program in 2015. He was Seymour's head coach for 16 seasons after spending time playing professional ball and serving as the pitching coach at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville.

During the ceremony, Norman was given Tennessee House Resolution number 693 by Dale Carr, who is the State Representative that represents Sevier County.

"It was just a great honor," said Norman, who left the baseball diamond following the 2015 season. "The whole staff was there. [Sevier County School board member] Charles Temple and David Loy, our principal was there. It was just really special."

Norman, a South Knoxville native and South-Young High School graduate, played minor league baseball in both the San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals organizations, won 355 games as Seymour's coach and took the Eagles to

four state tournaments.

"I loved the competition and I can tell you that those post-game meetings were a lot more fun when you won than they were when you lost," Norman said. "I had great players and I've had some great coaches."

"At one time at Seymour High School, I had five assistants who all played college baseball."

Baseball and basketball were simply labors of love for Norman, who remains a physical education teacher at Seymour Middle School.

"I loved everything about the game," he said. "I loved early-morning workouts in the weight room. I loved watching the pitchers throw bullpens and

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Scott Norman, a physical education teacher at Seymour Middle School, was presented with Tennessee House Resolution No. 693 Proclamation from State Representative Dale Carr honoring him for his years of coaching the Seymour High School Eagles, his college and professional baseball career, and his teaching career. Pictured above are (from L to R) School Board Representative Charles Temple, State Representative Dale Carr, Coach Scott Norman, and Seymour Middle School Principal David Loy.

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# Farragut cruises to victory over Catholic on softball diamond

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's softball team had all the ingredients for the recipe for victory Wednesday night. The Lady Admirals pounded out 10 hits and cruised to an 11-0 five-inning District 4-AAA victory over Catholic at Bellamy Field.

Farragut (9-3 overall, 4-1 in District 4-AAA) put things away early. The Admirals scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning as they took advantage of three errors by the Lady Irish in the opening frame.

"They gave us a few things and we had some bloop

that really got us going," Farragut coach David Moore said. "It's always good to get seven runs in an inning.

"But we actually took a better approach at the plate later in the game."

The Lady Admirals scored seven runs after junior pitcher Lakyn Moore struck out the side in the top of the frame to open the game. Lakyn, a junior, was dominant as she hurled her first no-hitter of the campaign. It was her third in since last season. She surrendered a two-out walk to Catholic's Ellie Easterly with two down in the top of the second.

She finished the contest with eight strikeouts and fanned Laura Cunningham, the Lady Irish's first baseman, to end the game.

In the bottom of the first, the Lady Admirals sent 11 players to the plate and seven of those players would go on to score.

Designated player Cameron Young drove in the game's first run when her single plated leadoff hitter and senior center fielder Andrea Sarhatt, who opened the inning by reaching on an error. Katie Tuggle added a two-run single to make the score 3-0 and

Lakyn Moore had an RBI single.

Farragut scored two more runs with the help of another defensive miscue by the Lady Irish. Joely Gruhn also knocked in a run when she grounded out.

In the bottom of the second Katie Tuggle had a two-run double that scored her sister, Kelsie, and Young. Who both reached on back-to-back singles to open the frame.

Josie Brooker, serving for a courtesy runner for Katie Tuggle, scored when Anna Lynn lifted a sacrifice fly to left field to make the score

10-0.

Kelsie Tuggle hit a solo home run that closed out the scoring in the bottom of the third inning.

**Swinging hot bats:** Farragut's week started on a rocky note on Monday, March 26 when the Lady Admirals dropped a 5-3 league game to rival Hardin Valley Academy at Bellamy Field.

Farragut, however, didn't have much time to brood over that setback. The Lady Admirals bounced back 24 hours later and routed Maryville 20-2 Tuesday night.

The Lady Rebels were without several suspended players. Still, Farragut finished that game with 21 hits.

**Streak ends for Sarhatt:** Sarhatt, the Lady Admirals' leadoff hitter, entered Wednesday night's game as one of the county's hottest hitters. She reached base twice against the Lady Irish, running her streak of reaching to 18 consecutive plate appearances.

That streak ended when Catholic pitcher Brianna Costello struck Sarhatt out in the bottom of the third inning.

## Top soccer teams tangle at Bearden Invitational

By Ken Lay

Some of the area's top high school boys soccer teams will compete in the 2018 Bearden Invitational. The four-day event opens Thursday night.

Games will be played at two locations on the Bearden campus. Turner-Allender Field at the Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex and Bill Young Field, the school's football field, will host games.

On Thursday, Houston will take on Greenville in a battle

of defending state champions at 6 p.m. Houston, the Class AAA Champion, will tangle with the Greene Devils, who won the Class AA Title at 6 p.m. at Bill Young Field. At 6, the host Bulldogs will play Gallatin on the soccer field. Action concludes at 8 p.m. when Christian Academy of Knoxville takes on Hendersonville at Turner-Allender Field.

On Friday action begins at 4:30 p.m. when Arlington tangles with Hardin Valley Academy at 4:30 at Turner-Allender Field. CAK plays

Science Hill at Bill Young Field at 4:30.

Games at 6 p.m. include Notre Dame vs. Morristown West at Bill Young Field. And Maryville will take on Houston on the soccer field. There will be a pair of matches at 7:30 as Greenville collides with Central Gwinnett (Ga.) at Young field while Gallatin will face Oak Ridge at Turner-Allender.

At 9, Central will play Webb on the football field while Bearden takes on Hendersonville on the

soccer field.

Saturday will feature another full slate of matches. Action begins at 9 a.m. Houston will play Science Hill (at Turner-Allender) and Morristown West takes on CAK (at Young Field). Central Gwinnett will face Oak Ridge at 11 a.m. at Turner-Allender. At 1 p.m., Gallatin will play Central. Notre Dame and Hendersonville will collide with Notre Dame at 3 p.m. at Turner-Allender.

At 5, Hardin Valley will play Central Gwinnett on the football field

while Maryville will take on Arlington at the soccer complex. Action concludes at 7 when the Bulldogs entertain Webb at Turner-Allender.

On Sunday, all games will be at Turner-Allender. Action kicks off when Hardin Valley collides with Greenville at 9 a.m. Oak Ridge plays Arlington at 11. Central takes on Notre Dame at 1 p.m. Webb and Morristown West will play at 3 and Science Hill plays Maryville at 5 in the final match of the tournament.

## TKA beats Mother Nature and Gibbs in softball showdown

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to him."

Prior to the late Gibbs uprising, winning pitcher Kaylan Cole had given up only three singles and struck out four with no walks.

Cole also fanned the first two batters she faced in the fifth, but then gave up a base on balls to Josie Huff and Megan Turner worked her for a walk. Gibbs lead-off batter Sierra Hucklebee followed with a RBI single up the middle and an infield single by Shelby Blake loaded the bases for Hughes.

Gibbs pitcher Rayna Pendleton survived a rocky first inning. After Cole led off with a homer, Pendleton hit three TKA batters with a pitch to load the bases but got out of the jam with an infield-rule fly out and a fly out to left.

Reagan Weekly's RBI double in the second inning and Madison Webber's homer in the third made it 3-0.

Gibbs finally threatened in the fourth when Blake and Hughes singled to put runners on first and third. But second baseman Weekly raced back into shallow right field to make a great catch and end the threat.

The King's Academy showed its speed in the bottom of the fourth as Bouknight beat out an infield hit and Norris beat out a bunt. An appeal of a ruling reversed an out call and loaded the bases.

A diving catch and throw to second base by Kern, the right fielder, produced a double play and the Lady Eagles almost escaped unscathed, but Webber launched a three-run homer to center - her second HR of the game - to make it 6-0.

TKA Coach Mark Weekly felt his team didn't take advantage of several scoring opportunities in the game.

"It's one of those that I would put an asterisk beside because I wasn't really thrilled about how many batters we left on base," he said.

"I thought we had a great outing from our No. 8 and 9 hitters. They set the table for our studs at the top of the lineup.

"Anytime you can play a team like Gibbs and come out on top, it's a good thing."

At this point in the season, Coach Mitchell is expecting more from her team.

"We've been challenged, but we've not stepped up to take the challenge," she said. "We've got to get a lot tougher mentally when we play better teams."

## UT athletics looking up under Fulmer, except for track

I've always heard time goes by faster when you're busy or having a good time. Maybe that's why Phillip Fulmer's 100th day on the job as UT's new Director of Athletics flew right past me.

When I counted up the days a couple of weeks ago, I discovered that day had already come and gone.

If I counted correctly, the 100th day fell on March 10 - the day the basketball Vols rolled past Arkansas 84-66 in the semifinals of the SEC tournament.

We were definitely having a good time then, having just watched Rick Barnes' team capture the SEC regular season championship and looking forward to seeing how the Vols would do in the post-season and NCAA tournament.

Today (April 2) is actually the 124th day since Fulmer was named to the post by Chancellor Beverly Davenport. That special day was Dec. 1.

The former longtime Tennessee head coach and Volunteer offensive guard had been serving as special advisor to UT President Joe DiPietro for community, athletics and university relations since June 20, 2017.

I won't get into the wacky coaching search former AD John Currie had been conducting, but Davenport's

announcement that Fulmer was taking over was the best news I had heard out of Big Orange Country since Fulmer was wrongfully pushed out the door by

Mike Hamilton during the 2008 football season.

Not much had seemed to go right in Tennessee athletics since then.

It was a hectic start for the 67-year-old Fulmer, but calmness seemed to come over the UT athletics program right away.

Fulmer went right to work and had a new head football coach to introduce on Dec. 7

Phillip picked Jeremy Pruitt off the Alabama staff to replace Butch Jones, who had been fired by Currie during last season's record-setting year (0-8 SEC, 4-8 overall).

Pruitt had been a highly regarded defensive coordinator at Alabama (2016-17), Georgia (2014-15) and Florida State (2013).

Fulmer also hired Eve Rackham as new head volleyball coach on Jan. 10, replacing Rob Patrick, who had resigned Dec. 6 after 21 seasons. The Lady Vols' program had been slipping in recent years and needed a boost.

This is Rackham's first head coaching position, but she had been at North Carolina for nine years and was UNC's assistant head

coach since 2013.

Fulmer rewarded Lady Vols soccer coach Brian Pensky with a four-year contract extension and raise on Jan. 18. Pensky had guided UT to the second round of the NCAA tournament last fall.

A week later, however, Fulmer may have made his first mistake as athletic director when he signed Beth Alford-Sullivan, the director of track and field and cross country, to a new contract through June of 2022. Her previous contract would have expired June 15 of this year.

What used to be one of the best track and cross country programs in the SEC is now one of the worst.

The latest poor showing was in this year's NCAA Indoor Championships.

The Vols scored only three points and finished in a three-way tie with Mississippi State and Southern Mississippi for 53rd place. The Lady Vols tallied four points and placed 40th in a four-way tie with Campbell, FIU, North Carolina A&T and Penn State.

Penn State just happens to be where Alford-Sullivan previously held the same position from 2006-14 before coming to Tennessee.

In this year's SEC Indoor Championships, Tennessee's men placed seventh and its women 11th.



By Steve Williams

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## Scruffy City All Stars Win

By Mike Steely  
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Members of the Knoxville City Council defeated Knox County employees recently in an informal and friendly bowling match at Fountain Strike and Spare. Bowling council members include Andrew Roberto, Mark Campen, Seema Sign Perez and Lauren Rider (pictured). Mayor Madeline Rogero teased Roberto at the Neighborhood Conference about the victory.

Circuit Court Clerk candidate Charlie Susano



honored the victors with the photo.

"I was playing with some old friends of mine, Josh Turbiville, Danny Clancy, Dean LaRue and Mike

McKenna," Susano told The Focus.

"Quite frankly we were awful but had a great time." (Photo courtesy of Charlie Susano)

# Childress has enjoyed a lifelong relationship with TSSAA

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year's state boys' tourney at MTSU's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro. "It's just where my career has led me and I enjoy what I'm doing."

Childress graduated from Columbia Central High School in 1973 and played in that year's state tournament which was held at the University of Tennessee's Stokely Athletics Center in Knoxville. His team lost to two-time defending state champion Chattanooga Riverside.

"You never forgot those memories," he said. "The large crowd at Stokely ...

and the fans cheering you on ..."

It was the beginning of the classification era in TSSAA basketball that year and Gallatin won the Class Large state title. The mid-state team lost only one game that season and it was against Columbia Central, Childress noted.

Childress played college ball at Belmont before returning home and coaching six years as an assistant at his alma mater. During that time, Columbia Central advanced to the state tourney at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym one season and made it to the semifinal round.

Childress later coached one season as an assistant at MTSU. After that, he once again went back home, where he became assistant principal and then principal at Columbia Central before joining the TSSAA.

He was Assistant Executive Director for 14 years before succeeding Ronnie Carter as Executive Director and now is in his ninth year in that position.

Childress said he gets his most satisfaction from "probably what I'm doing right now (at the state tourney). We attend and conduct these state championship events and watch

these kids come and compete for state titles.

"To us, it's not about winning and losing. It's about creating lifelong memories for young people and trying to get them to understand that someone is going to win a ball game and someone is going to lose.

"We're trying to teach them life lessons ... you're not always going to get your way in life."

Childress believes a lot of people don't understand who runs the TSSAA.

"The TSSAA is the 426 member schools," he said. "It's not that building and it's not those 18 people that work in that building

on Lebanon Road (in Hermitage).

"We work for the schools. They create and write their own rules. They have a governing body and Legislative Council that oversees the organization and they just ask us to enforce what they want."

Because of these rules, sometimes students have to be declared ineligible.

"But we do everything that we can on a daily basis to make kids eligible to participate within the framework of the rules that the schools have set," said Childress.

"For us, creating those memories that young

people can feel good about for the rest of their lives is what makes us happy."

Childress has such memories, too.

**COMING UP:** In Part 2 of the interview with TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress, he will address the 2-year ban from post-season play that the Austin-East and Chattanooga Brainerd boys' basketball programs were dealt this past season.

It looks like what was a very unfortunate incident could turn out to be a positive in the long run, said Childress.

## Samuel Long, Gresham team honored

By Mike Steely  
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The basketball team at Gresham Middle School took the Knox County title with the help of Samuel Long, an 8th grade athlete with autism. Long, Coach Joel Sampsel and the team were honored at the regular meeting of the Knox County Commission last week.

Commissioner Michele Carringer joined the team at the meeting and spoke highly of "Sammy" and the team's love for him. He was added to the team because of his support of the players and played to score several three-pointers.

Carringer said it was fitting to honor the youth



Gresham Middle's basketball team joins Samuel Long and Commissioner Carringer at the podium.

because April is Autism Awareness Month and

Coach Sampsel said that the team also won the

county Sportsmanship Award.

## Local hoopsters capture TSWA all-state honors

By Ken Lay

Thirteen area basketball players were recently named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association's all-state basketball teams. Seven boys and six girls were honored by the Volunteer State's sportswriters.

Grace Christian Academy's boys, who claimed the Division II-A State Championship in March, had two players named to the team as Grant Ledford and C.J. Gettelfinger were selected to the squad. The Rams edged rival Webb School of Knoxville to capture the state title. The Spartans, who finished the 2017-18 campaign with a 29-5 record, had point guard Chase Ridenour make the team.

Fulton High School reached the Class AA State Championship Game recently and Trey Davis earned all-state honors after helping the Falcons reach Murfreesboro and come home with a runner-up finish.

In Class AAA, Bearden was represented by a pair of junior guards on the all-state team. Ques Glover and Trent Stephney made the team after the Bulldogs, who went 38-2 and reached the state semifinals in Murfreesboro in their second consecutive state tournament appearance.

Bearden recently completed a stellar season as it went undefeated in District 4-AAA, East Tennessee's toughest league. The Bulldogs also won the district and Region 2-AAA Tournaments with relative ease before losing to Memphis East, which eventually claimed the state title before its coach Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, formerly of the NBA's Orlando Magic, was named coach at the University of Memphis. Hardaway played his college basketball for the Tigers.

Catholic High School's Brock Jancek recently completed a spectacular prep career with the Irish, was also named to the squad. As a junior, Jancek led Catholic to the Class AA State Championship Game.

Webb school of Knoxville's girls captured a Division II-A State Title with one of the area's youngest rosters. Senior Haylee Luttrell and junior Casey Collier received all-state honors. Grace's Cassie Peters was also selected to the squad.

In Class AAA: Bearden High has a pair of selections in senior guard Trinity Lee and sophomore forward/center Jakhyia Davis, both named to the team after leading the Lady Bulldogs to the Class AAA Semifinals in the Midstate. There, they lost to eventual champion Riverdale.

Powell's Haley Schubert was also selected to the squad after helping the Lady Panthers reach the Region 2-AAA Tournament where they lost a one-point game to Bearden.

## Halls uses second-half effort to notch 1-1 draw against Ambassadors

By Ken Lay

For the first half of its match Tuesday night, the Halls High School boys soccer team could muster absolutely no offense.

The Knoxville Ambassadors not only kept the Red Devils at bay, the Ambassadors' defense did surrender a shot to Halls over the first 40 minutes of the game.

After halftime, however, the Red Devils manufactured enough offense to salvage a 1-1 draw against the Ambassadors Tuesday night at Halls Elementary School.

The Ambassadors are a team comprised of Knoxville Area students who are home-schooled.

Knoxville (7-1-2) enjoyed a territorial advantage throughout the opening half. They also outshot the Red Devils (0-0-2) 4-0 in the first half.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Halls High soccer players John Vidal (30) and Zeke Beeler (3) move upfield in last week's match against the Knoxville Ambassadors. The Red Devils and Ambassadors played to a 1-1 draw Tuesday at Halls Elementary School.

The Ambassadors took a 1-0 lead in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute of the match when Henry Rudder scored.

After the break, the Halls High offense showed signs of life. The Red Devils did get five shots on target in the second half. Halls finally scored when senior forward Richy Vineyard converted a penalty kick. The Red Devils

have yet to win a game this season but they haven't lost a regular-season match in 2018 either.

And longtime coach Mike Horner said that his side exhibited a marked improvement from its first outing against Seymour.

"You had a lot of young guys out there on the field today," Horner said. "Those

young guys are learning to play with the older guys.

"They've improved a lot between now and our first game. They still have a good deal of work to do. But they're working hard and I'm extremely proud of them."

Knoxville Ambassadors coach Justin Lloyd said that he was hoping that his energy level would be better than it was Tuesday.

"It was mediocre," Lloyd said of his squad's effort in the match. "Our energy level was OK, but I really thought that it could've been better. But we were playing our second game in as many days.

"We've played better and we're capable of playing better. We could've possessed the ball better but we're happy to come out of here with a tie."

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# Jody and Shelley started on a dirt court in Lake City

## Since then, they've combined for nine state championships

By Steve Williams

Talk about an oddity. The most successful Knox County boys and girls high school basketball head coaches of all time – Fulton High's Jody Wright and Shelley Sexton Collier of Webb School – grew up together in Lake City, a small town in Anderson County that was renamed Rocky Top a few years ago.

The Lady Spartans captured their sixth state championship under Collier this past season with a 55-42 win over Franklin Road Academy in the TSSAA Division II-A finals March 3 at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

Two weeks later, Wright led the Falcons to the Class AA finals but saw Memphis Hamilton pull out a 60-58 victory. It would have been his fourth state title team.

Collier and Wright together have coached half of Knox County's 18 state championship teams

through the years.

"We were neighbors before I ever started school," recalled Shelley last week. "Gene Wright, Jody's dad, was my principal at Lake City High School. We have many stories about Lake City. Our families were close. My dad (Dr. Curtis C. Sexton) was on the school board for years."

Jody graduated from Lake City High in 1979 and was coached by his dad when he played for the Lakers.

"I went to Lake City for three years and then they combined Norris and Lake City high schools my senior year and we became Anderson County High School," said Collier. "I was in the first graduating class of Anderson County High in 1983 and Jody's dad was an assistant principal my last year of high school at AC."

Some of Shelley's

earliest basketball memories include Jody.

"When I was little, Jody used to make me rebound for him on our outdoor goal with a dirt court that had rocks everywhere," said Collier. "I always tried not to let the ball hit the ground, so I wouldn't have to chase it."

Shelley Sexton grew up to be an outstanding high school player and was signed by the University of Tennessee. She was a member of the Lady Vols' first national championship team in 1987.

Collier said her father will turn 80 in June and still sees patients in LaFollette.

In addition to Collier's six state champion teams at Webb, she also has coached four other Webb teams that were state runner-ups.

Wright, who played college basketball at LMU, also has been on both sides of the scoreboard in state title games, with Fulton now having earned four Silver basketballs under his guidance to go

along with the three Gold ones.

"I can remember how I felt when we lost in the state finals in 1996," said Wright. "I was wondering if we would ever get that shot again and how devastated I was."

"We were runner-up again in 1998 and then had about a 10-year drought until we were back in it in 2008 and 2009 and we won both of those tournaments."

Wright's teams have now reached the state finals three of the past four seasons, while Collier's teams have missed making a state title game appearance only twice since 2007.

"It's always special to get there," added Wright. "These are hard to win and they are special because they are hard to win."

"It's the heartbreak. It's the high stakes. It's all of that that makes it special."

Bob Fry coached Fulton to its state runner-up finish in 1962, 11 years before the TSSAA started its classification system for basketball in 1973.

**THIS YEAR** marked the 40th anniversary of the 1978 Class AA state championship game that matched two Knoxville teams – the Holston Warriors and Rule Golden Bears. Holston won the game 71-51.

The head coaches of those two teams were Howard Rash (Holston) and Johnny Darden (Rule). The two schools closed about 30 years ago.

## Knox County's Gold and Silver recipients

Here's how high school boys and girls basketball teams from Knox County have fared in TSSAA state basketball tournaments since the first tourneys were held in 1921 (boys) and 1922 (girls):

### 11 BOYS CHAMPIONS

**Austin-East (3):** 1977 Class AAA, 1985 Class AA and 1987 Class AA.

**Fulton (3):** 2008, 2009 and 2016, all Class AA.

**Knoxville High (3):** 1939, 1941 and 1951, all pre-classification.

**Grace Christian Academy (1):** 2018 Division II-A.

**Holston (1):** 1978 Class AA.

### 21 BOYS RUNNER-UPS

**Austin-East (5):** 1982, 1986, 1999, 2000 and 2001, all Class AA.

**Fulton (5):** 1962 pre-classification, 1996 Class AA, 1998 Class AA, 2015 Class AA and 2018 Class AA.

**Knoxville High (3):** 1923, 1938 and 1950, all pre-classification.

**Knoxville Catholic (3):** 1974 Class Small, 1976 Class A and 2017 Class AA.

**Bearden (1):** 2011 Class AAA.

**Holston (1):** 1967 pre-classification.

**Rule (1):** 1978 Class AA.

**South-Young (1):** 1980 Class AA.

**Webb School (1):** 2018 Division II-A.

### 7 GIRLS CHAMPIONS

**Webb School (6):** 2007 Division II, 2009 Division II-AA, 2012 Division II-A, 2014 Division II-A, 2015 Division II-A, 2018 Division II-A.

**Austin-East (1):** 2007 Class AA.

### 7 GIRLS RUNNER-UPS

**Webb School (4):** 2008 Division II-AA, 2011 Division II-A, 2013 Division II-A, 2016 Division II-A.

**Austin-East (1):** 2005 Class AA.

**Fulton (1):** 2014 Class AA.

**Karns (1):** 1980 Class AAA.

— STEVE WILLIAMS



Webb Lady Spartans celebrate the school's sixth state basketball championship March 3 at Lipscomb University.

## The document dump sheds light on coaching search

By Alex Norman

Back on March 22nd, Tennessee announced that they had settled with now former athletics director John Currie on a contract buyout. Currie, who had technically been suspended with pay since December 1st, would end up receiving \$2.5 million for what amounted to eight months of work.

Currie also oversaw the most insane coaching search in the history of college football.

As part of an open records request, the text messages, direct messages, and emails of Currie and other University of Tennessee athletic personnel and administration officials were made public to multiple media organizations and ended up being placed in a publicly accessible DropBox link.

For days and days Tennessee fans have gone through thousands of pages of documents. The vitriol towards Currie

especially was not for the faint of heart. From the moment it became clear on November 26, 2017 that a hiring of Greg Schiano was about to happen, Vols supporters flooded his email inbox and phone text messages.

Right after USA Today's Dan Wolken broke the news that the Vols were finalizing the Schiano deal that afternoon, Wolken and Currie exchanged text messages. Currie said that he needed some help with the PR, knowing that the reaction would to Schiano would not be positive.

Currie texted, "Our fans are wacko."

The fact that a sitting athletics director felt the need to tell a member of the college football media that the fans base he served was mentally ill might be the most damning thing that has happened to a fan base that has been through a decade of heartache.

Currie was making a whole

lot of money to be the Tennessee AD, and with popular moves like the return of the Lady Vols name change, as well as decisive moves like the firings of the men's tennis and baseball coaches, Currie was in line for a long tenure as the Vols AD.

But the Schiano hiring was so awful, so single minded, so inept, that his firing was inevitable.

Currie's comment, whether it was meant in jest or was a truly accurate assessment of how he felt about the people paying his salary, was certainly not the only time he uttered a disparaging word about Vols fans. Or if it was, that'll certainly go down as the worst luck imaginable.

Keep in mind, Tennessee fans have been through a decade without a division title in football. They hadn't seen a conference title in men's basketball since 2008 (they'd finally see one the following March).

The baseball program has been a mess since Mike Hamilton fired Rod Delmonico in 2007. The Lady Vols basketball team hasn't been to a Final Four since 2007.

Heck, if not for the softball program being a perennial College World Series contender, the athletics program wouldn't have had very much to hang their hat on.

John Currie was chosen over David Blackburn and Phillip Fulmer last year because he had experience running a Power 5 athletics department. But he apparently didn't learn the most important thing while at Kansas State.

He never learned to listen to his program's fans. Currie had set up an email portal to get fan feedback, but he must not have ever read those. Otherwise he would have realized how unacceptable the hiring of Greg Schiano truly was.

## Legendary coach honored in Seymour

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"I loved just working on the field." During his coaching days in Seymour, Norman often did laps between the high school and the middle school. He loved that too.

"A lot of times I would be at early-morning workouts at the high school at 6 a.m. and then I would go to the middle school and teach PE at the middle school from 8-3," he said. "Then I would be at the high school for baseball practice from 3-5 and then I would be back at the middle school for basketball practice from 5-7."

"I've enjoyed waking up and coming to work here for a long time."

Longtime coaches probably never truly leave the game behind. Norman is back in coaching at Pigeon Forge and helping his daughter, Kasey, coach the Lady Tigers softball team.



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**The Doctor is in**  
 a weekly column by  
**Dr. Jim Ferguson**

**Mysteries**

These days, a lot of things mystify me. An old example is dead possums on the road. I realize possums are nocturnal creatures and don't understand roadway etiquette. However, you would think natural selection would serve as a disincentive to cross highways traversed by other night creatures traveling home from late night watering holes. My mother told me that nothing good happens after midnight, a time when inebriates roam the roads. I learned that lesson, but it seems that possum road-kills didn't get the message.

Service animals are a more recent puzzler. I'm an animal lover. We have two old dogs, a pedigreed hunting dog, three horses and twenty something chickens on our farm; we gave our miniature pig to a rehab center. Blaze-Arnold is now engaged in, but not leading,

therapy sessions; he's just a cute pet. However, I can't fathom why so many people who are sighted need an animal's presence in the grocery, the mall, or even on airplanes. Recently, a woman was denied boarding a commercial flight when accompanied by her "service" peacock. And though I am opposed to "service" dogs pooping on the sidewalk in front of Publix, I wouldn't ban guide dogs for the blind.

Another mystery are those magnifying mirrors in hotel bathrooms. Perhaps teenagers with youthful skin find these mirrors helpful, but at my age the details of my skin are a bit scary and somewhat like an alien lunar landscape.

Recently, I apologized to my barber who was clipping hair on my ear lobes. My excuse was my male XY chromosomal configuration.

Relatively little genetic information is carried by the Y chromosome, the exception being coding for earlobe hair. This only appears on men, so if you are someday confused about your date's "persuasion," check he/she for earlobe hair.

Last week the last Democrat died. Republicans have been gone for years. Zell Miller was a former Governor and Senator from Georgia who authored nearly a dozen books. His book "A National Party No More" lamented the transformation of his Democrat Party to its current progressive liberal philosophy. And though the party still carries the Democrat moniker, it is anything but democratic. Just ask Bernie Sanders.

I am perplexed that people thought their conversations and personal data on FaceBook, Twitter and now Google were private. And has everyone forgotten the NSA facility in Utah with quintillion byte capacity for data collection? How dare Trump hire a company to data mine information sold by FaceBook. Surely, the hoi pilloi realize that FaceBook gave Obama all their data for the eight years of his Presidency. Of course the media is not reporting this, because, as everyone knows, reporting has been politicized and replaced by propaganda.

Actually, I'm perplexed that anyone trusts anything by any media outlet. Fake news has become the reality. Recently, in Malaysia, a bill was offered in their parliament outlawing "fake news." Those guilty would be fined large amounts of money and be punished by up to ten years in jail. Of course, you'd first have to define fake news. Perhaps anything contrary to group think would be the standard. William F. Buckley once said, "Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other points of view, and are then shocked and offended when they discover there are other points of view."

Earl Pitts, "Uh-mer-i-kun" is a radio spoof of so-called rednecks. He begins his short polemical satires by asking, "You know what makes me sick? You know what makes me so angry I could teeze a fat man with a Twinkie?" If you're curious you can sample Earl's opinions on YouTube.

These days, I sometimes feel like Earl Pitts. I suspect the preponderance of my readers are adults, many of whom have raised children and teenagers. Humans are designed to eventually grow up, think for themselves, move out of their parents' home and start their own. I survived my teenage years and admit that I was a d\*\*\* fool until my mid twenties.

As an adult and a parent I listened to my teenagers, but I didn't respond to demands driven by emotion rather than reason. Quite honestly, most teenagers haven't lived long enough to have acquired sufficient wisdom to control their passions.

What makes me angry these days is that teenagers are marching and demanding gun control as if this were so simple. Now, the New York Times and nonagenarian and former Supreme Court Justice, John Paul Stevens, demand repeal of the Second Amendment. These same teenagers demand safe zones to prevent them from hearing anything contrary to their indoctrinated politically correct opinions. I believe the majority of the marching teenagers are well intentioned, but are largely being used as props by liberal progressive activists and media Pied Pipers.

Personally, I don't own what has commonly been described as an "assault" rifle, though I doubt many of the marchers could define one. Nor, do I have the need of a high volume clip for my semi-automatic pistol. And a \$400 bump stock would be useless for my shotgun. I have no use for dangerous NASCAR race cars, but I don't believe they should be banned. Cars kill 57,000

people every year, but I don't believe they should be banned either. In the 1990s Bill Clinton's administration proved that banning assault weapons did nothing for murder rates. Most murders are done with handguns or knives, but I don't favor banning my Henckel carving set.

Tattoos, piercings and studs are another mystery for this sixty-seven year old. I once asked a young patient about the delicate daisy chain tattoo around her ankle. Bones are covered with periosteum which is highly sensitive. You'll recall bumping your shin against a chair. Ankle bones are equally sensitive. As I counselled her about the risk of needle infections and allergic reactions to tattoo dye, I asked her "Did the tattoo process hurt?" She looked away for a thoughtful moment and then replied, "It was just short of agony."

I've about come to the conclusion that it's not my country any longer. Tommy Lee Jones' character, in the Cormac McCarthy movie No Country for Old Men, came to the same conclusion. No, I will not give in to evil's many manifestations. Nor will I be silent, even if my eyes are increasingly fixed on a resurrection reality.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

# Do Your Duty

Hobo the Wonder Dog is celebrating International Pooper Scooper Week by encouraging you to do your duty and scoop your doody. April 2 - 8 is the week to bring



By Howard Baker, RN BSN

awareness and encourage everyone to do your doody and clean up behind your four-legged family members. There are a few good reasons to scoop the poop and Hobo the Wonder Dog and I will encourage you to do your doody duty.

The topic of poop scooping is unpleasant, but every dog owner must come face-to-face with this unpleasant task at least weekly. If you take your dog to a dog park

Remember, we represent all dog owners when we have Fido in public and should always clean-up behind our pets immediately when nature calls.

It is estimated that the average dog drops about 274 pounds of waste per year. Some studies suggest we dispose of about ten million tons of dog poop per year into landfills. About 650 people slip and fall annually on dog

poop requiring hospitalization. Obviously, not picking up after your pet can be hazardous to your health. Beyond the physical hazards dog poo also presents several common diseases that can be transmitted to other animals and people—including: giardia, salmonella, E.coli, and roundworms. All the above are good reasons to clean up after and dispose of your pet's waste properly and promptly.

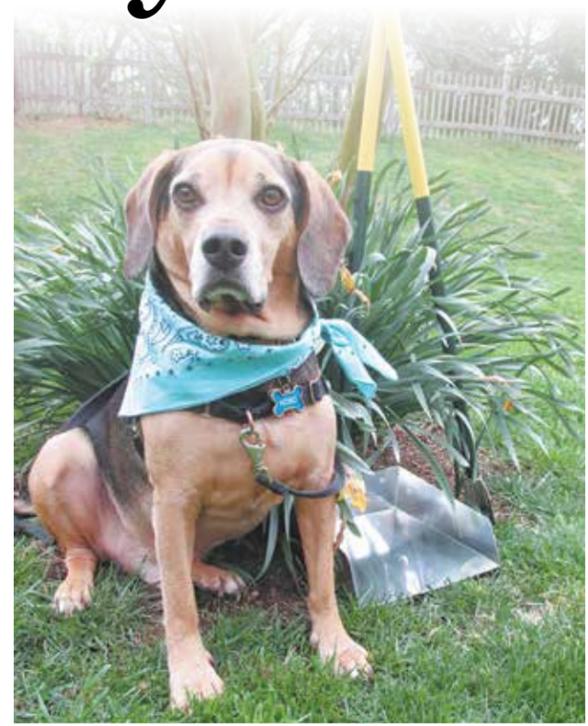
No one enjoys walking through a lawn with "doggie land mines" lurking in the grass. It is common courtesy to pick up behind your pet wherever they go. I would venture to say there are probably fewer things that cause dissension and aggravation to neighbors more than a dog going poo in their yard. As a

responsible pet owner picking up after your dog whenever they go to the bathroom is expected. Period. No exceptions. If you are hiking—take feces at least fifteen feet into the woods and bury it. When in a park or neighborhood clean up with plastic bags and dispose of properly.

Do your duty and clean up after your dog promptly. Hobo and I scoop the yard at least two to three times per week. When traveling we use doggie poo bags and leave no trace. Dealing with poo is always unpleasant but is a must for all pet owners. Celebrate International Pooper Scooper Week every day and both you and your pet will be healthy and happy.

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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2016, executed by Nicholas J. Jones, an unmarried man, to Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on July 1, 2016, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 201607010000153.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at the North Side Entrance City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

SITUATED in District No. Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 24, Block B, GOVERNOR'S MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, as shown on the plat of the same of record in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 271-C (formerly Map Book 44-S, page 86), Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to restrictions, easements, setback and other conditions recorded in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 271-C, Map Book 44-S, Page 86, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

SUBJECT to restrictions, easements, setbacks, and other conditions recorded in Deed Book 1317, Page 923, Deed Book 1339, Page 216, Instrument No. 201110110019457, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

ALSO subject to any and all applicable restrictions, easements, building setback lines and other conditions as are shown in the records of said Register's Office.

BEING the same property conveyed to Nicholas J. Jones by deed dated June 30, 2016, of record in Instrument No. 201607010000152 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Parcel ID: 136PA-034 Commonly known as **6500 Martin Mill Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920**

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Current Owner(s) of Property: Nicholas J. Jones

Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Nicholas J. Jones; Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS OFFICE IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 8, 2013, executed by JOHN MATTHEW SKINNER, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B PITT JR, as Trustee, as same that appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded March 14, 2013, at Instrument Number 201303140060223;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said

Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc. who is now the owner of said debt;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. 6 OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHWEST RIGHT OF WAY OF SOLWAY ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OF 1.348 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SOLWAY ROAD AND THE CENTERLINE OF DOGWOOD ROAD; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, NORTH 76 DEG. 38 MIN. WEST 252.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, CORNER TO HOLCOMB; THENCE WITH HOLCOMB AND A FENCE NORTH 19 DEG. 27 MIN. 41 SEC. EAST 167.34 TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 76 DEG. 39 MIN. 01 SEC. EAST 270.57 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE WESTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF SOLWAY ROAD; THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEG. 34 MIN. 53 SEC. WEST 170.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1 ACRE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHN MATTHEW SKINNER, UNMARRIED, FROM SHAUN DONOVAN, THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF WASHINGTON, DC., BY CASH DEED DATED OCTOBER 6, 2011 AND RECORDED AT INSTRUMENT 20111025002291 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 089 04902  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **3703 SOLWAY RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37931**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JOHN MATTHEW SKINNER

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

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 25, 2009, executed by Craig J. Vennix and Sarah O.B. Vennix, husband and wife, to Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on December 4, 2009, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 200912040038810.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

SITUATED in District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lot 21, Block D, Belmont West Subdivision, Unit 2, as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 154-A (Map Book 38-S, page 5), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Borrowers' source of title is that certain Warranty Deed, from Jeffrey D. Weinstein Unmarried and Barbara Coe Weinstein, Unmarried to Craig J. Vennix, married dated November 23, 2009 and recorded on December 4, 2009 at Instrument No. 200912040038809 in the Register's Office of Knox, Tennessee.

Parcel ID: 119AC-028  
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Current Owner(s) of Property: Craig J. Vennix  
Other Interested Parties: Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Lenoir City Utilities Board

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any

matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Craig J. Vennix and Sarah O.B. Vennix; Tennessee Housing Development Agency; Lenoir City Utilities Board.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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Clear Recon LLC  
Substitute Trustee  
5751 Uptain Road  
Suite 514  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411  
Phone: (877) 319-8840  
File No: 1292-565A

News: The Knoxville Focus  
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Aldridge Pite, LLP  
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### SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **April 17, 2018 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by KEITH GRAHAM, to Real Estate Title of Knoxville, Trustee, on March 1, 2006, as Instrument No. 200603060074339 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1

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

SITUATED in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee and without the corporate limits of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin situated in the Western right of way of Washington Pike, said pin being 284.5 feet from the point of intersection of the Western right of way line of Washington Pike and Bozeman Road; thence along the Western right of way line of Washington Pike, South 23 deg. 00 min. West, 196.0 feet to an iron pin; thence North 68 deg. 40 min. West, 270.87 feet to an iron pin; thence North 16 deg. 07 min. East, 200.0 feet to an iron pin; thence South 68 deg. 13 min. East, 294.78 feet to the point of BEGINNING, as shown by survey of Marshall H. Monroe, Surveyor, dated September 27, 1977.

BEING the same property conveyed to Keith Graham, unmarried by Deed from William L. McMillian, married and Kathy L. McMillian, unmarried, dated January 9, 2003 and of record in Instrument No. 200301100060626, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. Also see Quit claim Deed dated May 16, 2008 to Ramon Martinez and wife, Alba Patricia Mateo Ventura of record in Instr. No. 200805200087296, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to applicable restrictions, to building setback lines, and all existing easements of record.

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

Tax ID: 040/150  
Current Owner(s) of Property: KEITH GRAHAM

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **7217 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN 37721**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: UNITED STATES TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND KNOXVILLE TVA EMPLOYEES CU AND GAULT FINANCIAL LLC AND PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOC LLC AND OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, JUNIOR LIEN AND IMPAC FUNDING CORPORATION DBA IMPAC LENDING GROUP, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

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

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

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

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE/DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425 by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in the original amount of \$2,492.05 as Instrument No. 201010040020991\$5,184.39 as Instrument No. 201401310045270\$4,700.69 as Instrument No. 201602160047202\$5,001.13 as Instrument No. 201702100049546 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office,

Tennessee.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 27, 2007, executed by Brandy N. Jenkins, unmarried and Heriberto Navarrete, married, to Charles E. Tonkin II, Trustee, for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, its successors and assigns, and appearing of record on April 30, 2007, in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, at Instrument Number 20070430008256.

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, the party entitled to enforce said security interest; and having appointed Clear Recon LLC, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed or being filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee, with all of the rights, powers, and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust, and that the undersigned, Clear Recon LLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 12, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, local time, at the North Side Entrance at the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee, and is described as follows:

Situated in District No. Eight (8) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 41st Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 10, Block F, in the Clearview Hills Subdivision, Second Addition, a subdivision to Knox County, Tennessee, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet B, Slide 1000 (formerly Map Book 14, page 201), in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the common corner between Lots 8 and 10 in the East line of Withlow Drive, said point being distant 400 feet Southerly from the point of intersection of the East line of Withlow Drive with the South line of Margaret Avenue; thence from said Beginning point with the line of Withlow Drive, South 30 deg. 10 min. West, 100 feet to an iron pin corner to Lot 12; thence with the line of Lot 12, South 67 deg. 9 min. East, 215 feet to an iron pin corner to Lot 9; thence with the line of Lot 9, North 30 deg. 10 min. East, 100 feet to the corner of Lot 8; thence with the line of Lot 8, North 67 deg. 9 min. West, 215 feet to the place of beginning, according to the survey of Batson and Himes, Engineers, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated November 6, 1958.

Being the same property conveyed to Brandi N. Jenkins, unmarried and Heriberto Navarrete, married from Debbie A. Helton, unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated April 27, 2007 of record in Instrument 20070430008254 in the Knox County Register of Deeds Office.

Parcel ID: 080CE006  
Commonly known as **1112 Withlow Dr, Knoxville, TN 37912**

The street address and parcel number(s) of the above described property are believed to be correct; however, such references are not a part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and, in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Current Owner(s) of Property: Brandy N. Jenkins and Heriberto Navarrete

Other Interested Parties:

This sale is subject to tenant(s)/occupant(s) rights in possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: Brandy N. Jenkins and Heriberto Navarrete.

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good; however, the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

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

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Linda L. Wallace executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Nominee For Quicken Loans Inc., Lender and Joseph B. Pitt, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated January 8, 2013 and recorded on January 24, 2013 in Instrument No. 201301240048491, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds Office.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Quicken Loans Inc. (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and

payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **April 2, 2018, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Tax ID Number(s): 0581E01301  
Land Situated in the City of Knoxville in the County of Knox in the State of TN  
SITUATED IN THE SEVENTH (7TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND IN THE 38TH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING LOT 12R1, OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 12, BLOCK A, SKYLAND PARK ADDITION, AS SHOWN OF RECORD IN MAP CABINET O, SLIDE 61-C, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Being the same property conveyed to Linda L. Wallace, unmarried, by deed dated August 25, 2000 of record in Deed Instrument/Case No. 200008310015337, in the County Clerk's Office. Commonly known as: 5700 Wassman Road, Knoxville, TN 37912

Parcel ID Number: 0581 E 01301  
Address/Description: **5700 Wassman Road, Knoxville, TN 37912**.  
Current Owner(s): The Estate of

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Bradley Ross Branam and Jessica Ann Branam executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated May 30, 2014 and recorded on June 3, 2014 in Instrument No. 201406030068294, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on April 26, 2018, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in District Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being all of Lot 12, Block 1, Unit 2, of Bonta Vista Subdivision, as shown in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 44-A (formerly Map Book 53-S, page 65), in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Knox County, Tennessee, and to which map specific reference is made for a more particular description of said lot.

Being part of the same property conveyed to Bradley Ross Branam and wife, Jessica Ann Branam, from Lela Elizabeth Tipton, being one and the same as Elizabeth Tipton and Lela E. Tipton, Executrix of the Estate of David L. Clark, and individually, by Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014 and of record in Instrument No. 201406030068293 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 028KD-013 Address/Description: 7508 Pinen Drive, Knoxville, TN 37938.

Current Owner(s): Bradley Ross Branam. Other Interested Parties(ies): Southeastern Emergency Physicians, LLC dba UT Medical Center Emergency Department and Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ste 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919 File No.: 17-15115 FCO19

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Karen L. Walker, unmarried executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Investors Group, Lender and Charles E. Tonkin, II, Trustee(s), which was dated October 31, 2008 and recorded on November 13, 2006 in Instrument No. 200811130031847, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on April 26, 2018, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED in District No. 5 of Knox County, Tennessee, and being known and designated as: WITHIN the 44th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot No. 9 of the Wooded Acres Subdivision, Unit 2, as the same appears of record in Map Book 87S, Page 61 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Brian Walker and wife, Karen Walker by Warranty Deed dated 11/25/2003 and of record in Instrument No. 200312090060446 in the Register's Office for Knox County, TN. Upon execution of this Instrument, grantor makes oath that Brian Walker and Karen Walker were husband and wife, there being no intervening divorce or legal separation between them until the time of death of Brian Walker on or about [redacted]. Therefore, Karen Walker obtained title to the above described property as surviving tenant by the entirety. Further, that there is no unpaid claims or taxes due against the estate of Brian Walker.

Parcel ID Number: 092CH-009 Address/Description: 5905 Stater Mill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37921.

Current Owner(s): Karen Walker. Other Interested Parties(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY WHEREAS, Anthony R. Oglesby and Freda Oglesby AKA Freda M. Oglesby executed a Deed of Trust to Household Financial Center, Inc., Lender and Kyle M. Walters, Trustee(s), which was dated August 12, 2003 and recorded on August 19, 2003 in Instrument No. 200308190021123, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on April 26, 2018, at 10:00AM at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE EIGHTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PART OF TRACT 1 OF THE ELLIS CRUZE PROPERTY, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SAME OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 107-L, PAGE 39, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY OF JONES ROAD, SAID IRON PIN BEING DISTANT IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 3134.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY OF JONES ROAD AND THE CENTER LINE OF BURKHART ROAD IF EXTENDED TO THE SAME; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING IRON PIN LEAVING THE RIGHT OF WAY OF JONES ROAD, NORTH 41 DEG. 48 MIN, 49 SECONDS EAST, 275.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 46 DEG, 36 MIN, 52 SECONDS EAST, 170.16 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER TO PROPERTY OF RALEIGH, AS SET FORTH IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 1618, PAGE 476, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE; THENCE ALONG THE RALEIGH BOUNDARY, SOUTH 46 DEG. 01 MIN. 00 SECONDS WEST, 275.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY OF JONES ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID JONES ROAD, NORTH 44 DEG. 25 MIN. WEST, 150.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.0 ACRE, MORE OR LESS; AND BEING ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF WILLIAM L. CLARK, SURVEYOR, DATED 30 MAY 1994 AND REVISED 6 JUNE 1994.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM LEE ROY OGLESBY AND WIFE GLADYS OGLESBY TO ANTHONY R. OGLESBY AND WIFE FREDA OGLESBY BY DEED RECORDED 06/20/1994, IN BOOK 2144, AT PAGE 264, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO 10 FOOT UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT INSIDE BOUNDARY LINES, 5 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF INTERIOR LINES, AND SUBJECT TO 40 FOOT MINIMUM BUILDING SET BACK LINES, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF RECORD. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, SET BACK LINES AND ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS. TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 040 036.12

Parcel ID Number: 040-03612 Address/Description: 5120 Jones Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.

Current Owner(s): Anthony R. Oglesby and wife Freda Oglesby.

Other Interested Party(ies): Atlantic Credit & Finance Special Finance Unit, LLC.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH ELISE RUHL HANNAH DOCKET NUMBER 80051-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH ELISE RUHL HANNAH who died Dec 12, 2017, 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

ESTATE OF RUTH ELISE RUHL HANNAH PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELISE MARIE HUFF; EXECUTRIX 2100 SYLVAN LAKE DRIVE GROVETOWN, GA. 30813

ROBERT W. GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW 4611 OLD BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAMMY DAVID LANE DOCKET NUMBER 80083-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SAMMY DAVID LANE

who died Jan 23, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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

ESTATE OF SAMMY DAVID LANE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) REBECCA L SHEPHERD; EXECUTRIX 4604 MEREDIETH ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

ROBERT W GODWIN ATTORNEY AT LAW 4611 OLD BROADWAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WALLACE WOODRUFF SKAGGS DOCKET NUMBER 80079-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WALLACE WOODRUFF SKAGGS who died Jan 26, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(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

This the 19 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF WALLACE WOODRUFF SKAGGS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM C SKAGGS, III; EXECUTOR 5309 WHITEHORSE ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

AMANDA M BUSBY ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 2588 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-2588

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES H DAVIS, JR. DOCKET NUMBER 80071-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of MARCH 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JAMES H DAVIS, JR. who died Dec 11, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

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

This the 15 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF JAMES H DAVIS, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JACQUELINE DAVIS; ADMINISTRATRIX 500 GRINNEL CIRCLE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS DOCKET NUMBER 79446-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MARCH 2018, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS who died Jul 22, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 22 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOSEPH BROOKS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DEBRA L HARRIS; ADMINISTRATRIX 10047 DAYFLOWER WAY

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932 MARGO J MAXWELL ATTORNEY AT LAW 116 AGNES ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF RUTH ANN BAYLESS DOCKET NUMBER 80103-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 22 day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RUTH ANN BAYLESS who died Feb 9, 2018, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 22 day of MARCH, 2018.

ESTATE OF RUTH ANN BAYLESS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES BAYLESS; EXECUTOR 7933 SHARP ROAD / P.O. BOX 16 POWELL, TN. 37849

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF J BRUCE THOMPSON DOCKET NUMBER 80116-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of J BRUCE THOMPSON who died May 30, 2011, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26TH day of MARCH, 2018.

NORMA SUE THOMPSON; EXECUTRIX 2909 MILLER ROAD POWELL, TN. 37849

WADE M. BOSWELL ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 S. GAY STREET, SUITE 2111 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF NORMAN VINCENT HODGE, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 80114-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of MARCH 2018, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NORMAN VINCENT HODGE, SR. who died Nov 19, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

This the 26TH day of MARCH, 2018.

VARIL K. HODGE; EXECUTOR 6204 MCNEELY RD. CORYTON, TN. 37721

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DEBBIE CALWALL, DEBBIE CALDWELL OR HER DESCENDANTS IN RE: WAVY JEAN WOOLIVER v. MARY JANE WOOLIVER

NO. 193649-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants DEBBIE CALWALL, DEBBIE CALDWELL OR HER DESCENDANTS, 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 DEBBIE CALWALL, DEBBIE CALDWELL OR HER DESCENDANTS, it is ordered that said defendants, DEBBIE CALWALL, DEBBIE CALDWELL OR HER DESCENDANTS, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with David B. Hamilton, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 12891 Knoxville, TN 37912 within thirty (30) days of the last date of the 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 a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 26th day of March, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MARK ANTHONY MCCONNELL, IN RE: BEVERLY FINN MCCONNELL v. MARK ANTHONY MCCONNELL NO. 195511-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, MARK ANTHONY MCCONNELL, 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 MARK ANTHONY MCCONNELL.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Jerry Givens, an Attorney whose address is, 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37909, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 22nd day of March, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, IN RE: JAXON LEE RHYNE NO. 195346-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, UNKNOWN FATHER, 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 UNKNOWN FATHER.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Travis Patterson, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, TN 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in a The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 22nd day of March, 2018.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: RALPH PARKER, ANDRANITA PARKER, FESS PARKER, JAMES PARKER, LEONARD PARKER JR., CORDELIA PARKER, IZETTA PARKER, WILLIE PARKER, JEWEL PARKER, JOHNNY PARKER, LISA BLAIR WALLER, YVONNE BLAIR, REGINA BLAIR CLARK, ETHEL CARTER AND THE CHILDREN, HEIRS, ANS REPRESENTATIVES OF ETHEL CARTER AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6975 SAM TILLEY ROAD OR 6975 SAM TILLEY ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY PROPERTY ID #S 057FB-016 AND 057FB-017;

IN RE: JEWELL MATTHEWS v. MICHAEL EARL TILLEY

NO. 193311-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants RALPH PARKER, ANDRANITA PARKER, FESS PARKER, JAMES PARKER, LEONARD PARKER JR., CORDELIA PARKER, IZETTA PARKER, WILLIE PARKER, JEWEL PARKER, JOHNNY PARKER, LISA BLAIR WALLER, YVONNE BLAIR, REGINA BLAIR CLARK, ETHEL CARTER AND THE CHILDREN, HEIRS, ANS REPRESENTATIVES OF ETHEL CARTER AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6975 SAM TILLEY ROAD OR 6975 SAM TILLEY ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY PROPERTY ID #S 057FB-016 AND 057FB-017;

IN RE: JEWELL MATTHEWS v. MICHAEL EARL TILLEY

NO.

# The Torture of King Jesus

The Easter season is upon us and we are reminded once again of the incredible hope we have due to the resurrection of Christ Jesus. The resurrection is a game changer for sure. But before that first Easter Sunday morning came, Jesus first suffered much for his creation.



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

After the trials of Jesus, John tells us that Pontius Pilate sent Jesus to be flogged before passing sentence on him. Flogging was a common form of torture during this time period. It was utilized by the Jews and

the Romans, as well as other cultures around the world. Even today, some criminals are publicly flogged in Iran before being put to death. In one form of Roman flogging, the victim was stripped and forced to bend over a post to which his hands were tied down. Next, two or more Roman soldiers, who were specially trained in inflicting pain through flogging, took turns striking the victim with whips. The whip was made of leather, braided with bits of bone, glass, metal, stone, or other sharp objects to bruise and

tear the flesh. One whip was called "the scorpion." It was made with nail-like talons designed to tear the flesh away from the bone. Flogging was designed to inflict incredible pain and damage, but to leave the victim with enough strength to carry his own cross beam to the crucifixion site.

As Jesus was flogged, he did not beg for mercy from the soldiers. This no doubt angered them and next the soldiers mocked Jesus with a false coronation. They likely brought him an old faded Roman robe that was purple in color, the color of royalty. They twisted a branch from a thorn tree into a rough oval that

resembled a royal laurel wreath and pressed it down onto his brow so the thorns dug into his flesh. With just one word or thought, Jesus could have wiped them all out. Instead, Jesus bore the shame and taught a lesson to all humanity of the cost of God's grace. It is easy to think that we would never be like the Roman soldiers who took delight in mocking, lashing, and terrorizing an innocent man. But we need to be careful about such claims. Given the right combination of ideology, gradual desensitization, and authority, each of us are capable of destroying the character and the bodies of others,

be it from casting hurtful words or escorting people to gas chambers. We must guard against this evil and be what God intends for us to be - a kingdom of love. Jesus was brought back to Pilate bloodied and humiliated. Pilate once again presented Jesus to the crowd thinking this beating would pacify them, but they shouted, "Crucify him!" Jesus was then led to a rocky hill where he would be crucified. Calvary was about a third of a mile from where Pilate's palace stood. Jesus began carrying his own cross, but due to his weakened condition, a passerby named Simon of Cyrene was ordered to

carry the cross of Jesus (Mark 15:21). We know that Simon later became a follower of Christ because his family ended up in the Roman church (Romans 16:13). As Jesus neared Golgotha, someone offered him a glass of wine mixed with myrrh. Myrrh served as an analgesic, something to deaden pain; but Jesus refused despite his thirst and pain. He was determined to experience the cross fully. His suffering and death was not accidental. Jesus showed a love that refused to give in to vengeance. The cross showed the full extent of God's love.



Cooking Club at Windsor Gardens Assisted Living. Every other week residents and staff make something new in Cooking Club! Bob Johnson recently enjoyed homemade ice cream- delicious!



Brickey-McCloud Elementary School Celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a special Photo Booth. Pictured is Noelle Byrd with her Dr. Seuss Bow Tie and Thing 1 and Thing 2 Headband. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

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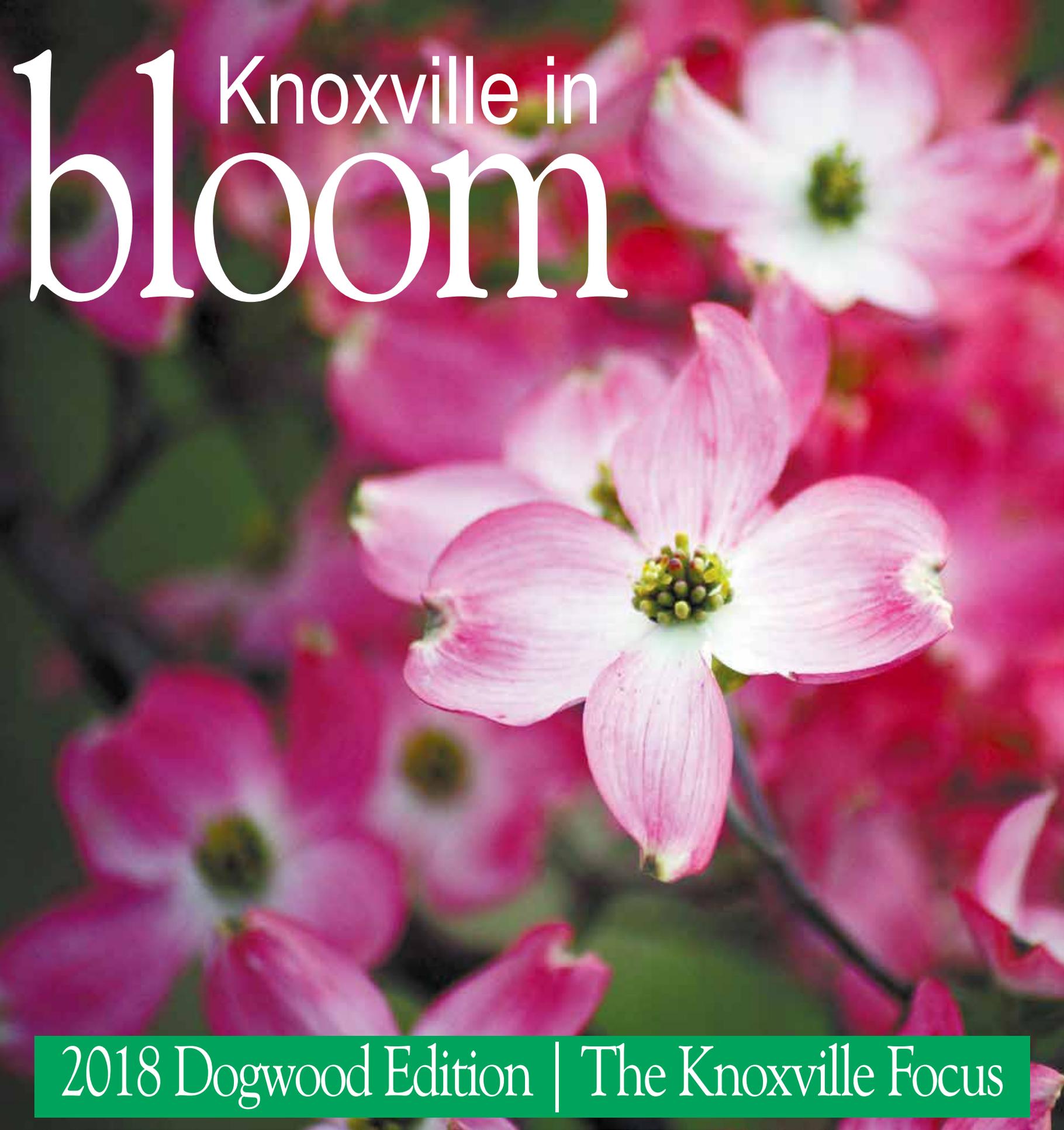
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# Mabry-Hazen House seeks volunteers for Park Day April 7

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, history buffs, community leaders, and preservationists will aid in the maintenance and restoration of numerous sites as part of Park Day, the Civil War Trust's annual hands-on preservation event. Thousands of volunteers across the country will participate as Park Day celebrates its largest year ever with over 155 historic sites in 32 states.

Mabry-Hazen House will host a Park Day event from 9 AM until 2

PM. Needs include Activities will include mulching, removal of invasive plants, washing the historic house, planting flowers, preparing the garden beds, and general spring-cleaning. Some tools will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring rakes, pitchforks, tarps, and similar yard tools. A local historian will also be available to describe the park's significance. For more information about Park Day at Mabry-Hazen House please contact Patrick Hollis by phone at 865-522-8661 by e-mail at [director@mabryhazen.com](mailto:director@mabryhazen.com).

**WHAT: Park Day volunteer event at Mabry-Hazen House**  
**WHEN: April 7, 2018, beginning at 9 AM until 2 PM**  
**WHERE: Meet at Mabry-Hazen House - 1711 Dandridge Ave.**

The Civil War Trust is a national nonprofit land preservation organization devoted to the protection of America's hallowed battlegrounds. It saves the battlefields of the Civil War, the Revolutionary War and War of 1812, and educates the public about their importance in forging the nation we are today. To date, the Trust has preserved over 48,000 acres of battlefield land in 24 states. Learn more at [CivilWar.org](http://CivilWar.org).

The Mabry-Hazen House Museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located atop Mabry's Hill and the home. Confederate military forces fortified the site as

in Knoxville, Tennessee. Built in 1858, three generations of the same family resided in the Italianate-style home overlooking downtown Knoxville, Tennessee River, and Great Smoky Mountains. The museum showcases one of the largest original family collection in America with over 2,000 original artifacts on display. Furnished and decorated in the style of several decades, Mabry-Hazen gives a rare view into 130 years of Knoxville history. During the Civil War, both North and South occupied Mabry's Hill and the home. Confederate military forces fortified the site as

## UT Gardens Spectacular Plant Sale this Saturday

The University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, will hold its annual Spring Spectacular Plant Sale on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme this year is 'Color for Every Season' and the Gardens will be selling plants to fill your garden with color all year long. From coral-stemmed dogwoods and dark purple weeping mimosas to winter-hardy lantana and violet blue garden phlox, organizers promise to have a splash of color for every garden space. Professional horticulture staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions as you shop.

The sale will include an array of herbs, edibles, ornamental perennials, annuals, native plants, trees and shrubs. "We're excited to offer this year, hard-to-find choice selections like the bright and cheerful yellow-flowering 'Buttered Popcorn' re-blooming daylilies...6-inches across!" says Susan Hamilton, director of the UT Gardens. "We also are featuring the 'Chapel Hill Yellow' winter-hardy lantana, 5-varieties of the new 'Sugar Buzz' dwarf beebalm series, and many unusual or new trees and shrubs, including the new 'Carolina Sweetheart' redbud and the incredibly fragrant, spring blooming 'Spice Baby' viburnum."

A preview sale will be held on Friday, April 6, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. for all UT Gardens' members, Gardens' volunteers and UT employees. Garden members receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases. Memberships can be purchased on Friday with an immediate discount on plants.

For directions to the UT Gardens, Knoxville, located on the UT Agriculture campus on Neyland Drive, or for a listing and prices of the huge selection of plants on sale, go to the UT Gardens website: [utgardens.tennessee.edu](http://utgardens.tennessee.edu).

## Azaleas in April

It has arrived.... "April" ... National Gardening Month! April is also the month that celebrates the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville



By Mike Cruze, Master Gardener

early-blooming rhododendron all in bloom making my heart dance with joy knowing that this is a prelude to what's to come in April.

April, in our area, is highlighted with the dogwoods but there is so much more. There comes the burst of colors from the Azaleas. There are many varieties of Azaleas and with Encore Azaleas becoming so popular because of the fact that they rebloom, new varieties of Encore Azaleas are being introduced quite frequently and rapidly. For example, a fast-growing, dwarf azalea in the Encore family is the new "Autumn Bonfire". It glows with numerous, true red, semi-double and single blooms in spring, summer and fall. These Encore Azaleas have 31 varieties from which to choose...so there's a color (or colors) to please everyone.

Some species of Viburnum bloom in April. Viburnum are such versatile shrubs. They have attractive foliage and growth habits as well as lovely, fragrant flowers.

In the fall, they have stunning fall foliage and fruits. There are more than 150 species of Viburnum. They are available in evergreen, semi-evergreen, and deciduous varieties. Viburnums prefer full sun to partial shade. Viburnums bloom in white to pink-tinged with some of their blooms resembling lace-cap Hydrangea blooms. Viburnum come in dwarf varieties up to full-grown mature varieties which are the size of small trees. They are a great addition to your garden providing beauty and fragrance. Another advantage is birds and butterflies love them.

Japanese Tree Peony blooms in April. It blooms a few weeks earlier than the garden peony which usually blooms in May. Tree peony is a slow-growing shrub that grows 40 to 10 feet tall with beautiful, silky, large (8 to 10 inches across), fragrant flowers. They prefer partial shade and need a well-drained location (standing water will kill them). Flowers may be white, pink, red, magenta, maroon, violet or multicolored. My garden has one that is white and has a delicious aroma. Young tree peonies do not bloom so it is recommended that you purchase plants that are at least three years old. These plants are easy to grow, requiring little attention.

I must not leave out one of my wife's favorite bloomers in April, the Japanese kerria (also known as Japanese rose). It is a great woodland flowering shrub as it is one of the most shade-tolerant flowering shrubs. With its showy, bright yellow flowers that are about 1 1/2 inches across and five-petaled, it is a standout in the woodland garden. They are also prominent in cottage gardens with its informal style and naturally arching form. The showy yellow flower can be single or double and although they bloom profusely in spring, they can continue to bloom sporadically throughout the summer, albeit more sparsely.

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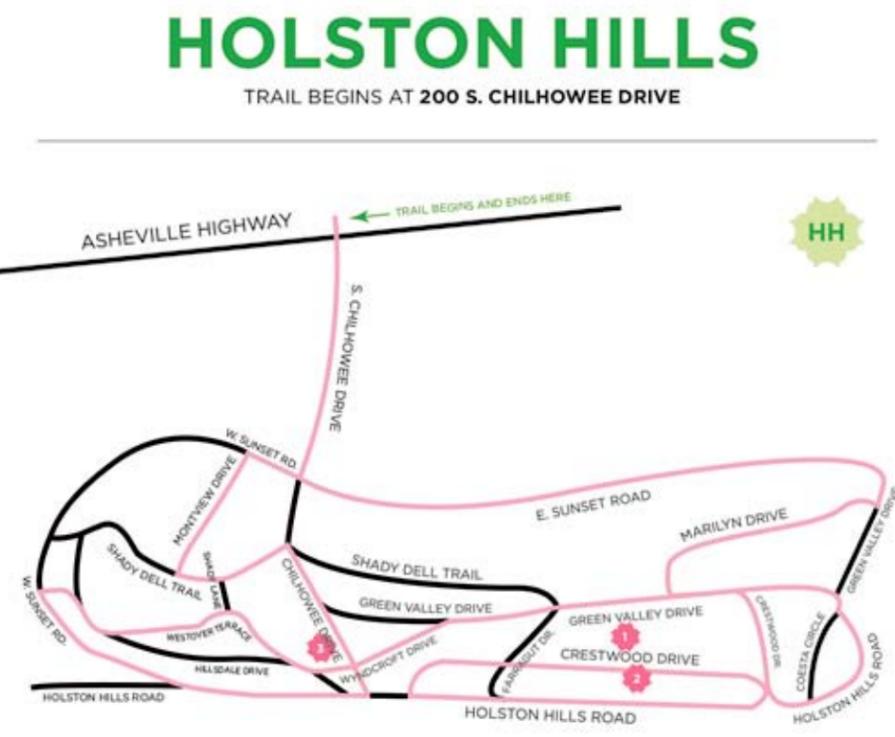
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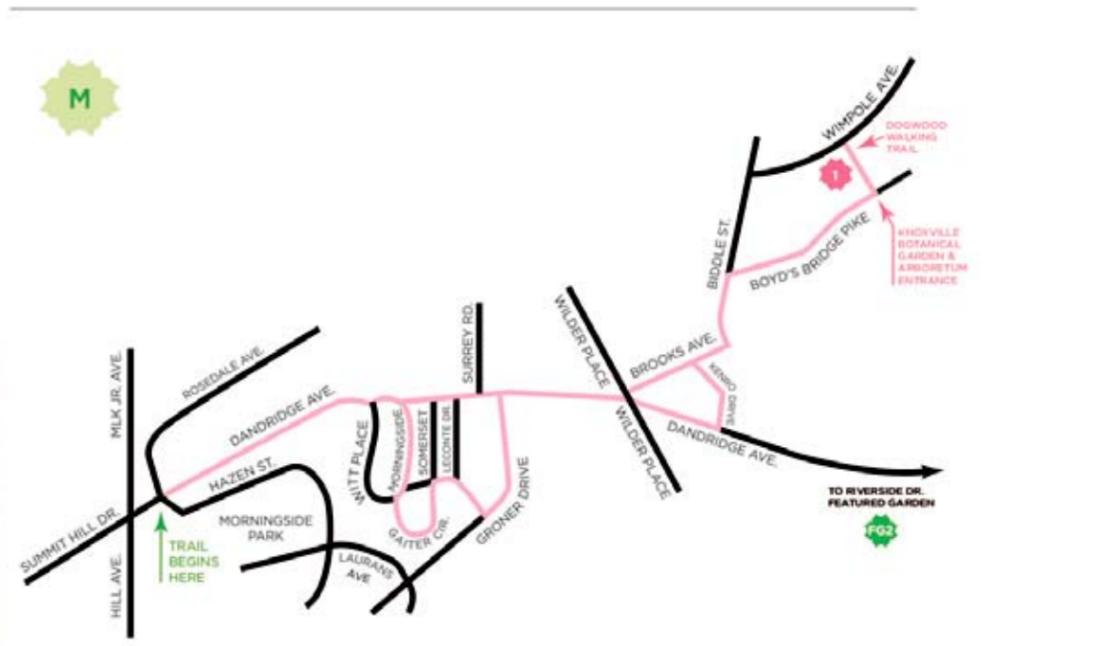
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Historic Holston Hills, located east of downtown, was the vision of businessmen and investors in 1925 to develop a 180-acre country club, golf course and stately residences along the curves of the Holston River. The group sold shares after subdividing the land for home sites. Shareholders drew numbered choices for home sites from a hat, and their holding purchase included membership to the country club.

many of the young trees have been planted through Dogwood Arts 'Bazillion Blooms Program' as we plant for the future to replace older trees which have succumbed to age or disease. The Historic Holston Hills Community Club in was formed in 1937 by neighborhood women as a group for gardening and socialization. The park was granted to the group in 1951 and the relationship with the Dogwood Arts Festival began in 1956 as the site of the annual ceremonial ribbon cutting in the park. Today, the park hosts egg hunts, garden club in-service meetings, and a holiday tree lighting for the community.

brick Tudor Revival style home at 5404 (1928), and an Italianate Revival style house at 5421 Holston Hills Rd (1928). The Barber & McMurray stone Tudor house (1927) was built for the owner of Salomone Marble Company, who contracted the marble construction for the National Gallery and Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C., as well as other notable buildings in New York City. Moving west along Holston Hills Road and across from the country club's pool is a brick Tudor with a recognizable "turret" built in 1939. During this same year (1939) Mr. William Chambers

built a stone and house overlooking the river at 5610 Holston Hills road, Mr. Chambers has been referred to as "the father of Oak Ridge" as he recommended the location of that secret city to the US Army and helped oversee the atomic project.

At the corner of 5600 Holston Hills Road and Cliffside Lane stands a three-story home which is the site of Joseph McDonald's Idle Hour Creamery built in 1910. McDonald sold his products by the brand Idle Hour Farm Sanitary Dairy.

Acknowledgements: Sandy Stevens-Woodland history of Holston Hills

The clubhouse with its' rambling English Colonial style was designed by nationally known architect Charles Barber and the 18-hole golf course was designed by the world famous golf course architect Donald Ross.

Scattered generously amid the rolling hills is a varied mix of architectural housing styles from Colonial Revival, Italianate Revival, and Tudor built in the 1930s to the single-story ranch style of the 1950s.

The different eras of construction are easily recognizable as you travel through the neighborhood and the absence of conformity bestows the individualized character of each house. Many homes have their own private vistas of the Smoky Mountains, in fact from the parking lot of the country club on a clear day one can see Mount LeConte.

A centerpiece along the trail is the Holston Hills Community Club Park situated at the corner of Holston Hills Road and Chilhowee Drive. This park is home to approximately 39 dogwoods;

# Azaleas in April

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Of course, there are many other April bloomers. Many tulips bloom in April as well as some species of Iris. The lilac bushes, weigela, creeping phlox, candytuft and much more. Get out and enjoy all the beauty in East Tennessee

in April. Whether it be enjoying the Dogwood Trails, Open Gardens and Camera Sites or just in your own yards and gardens!  
 "And Spring arose on the garden fair,  
 Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;  
 And each flower and

herb on Earth's dark breast  
 Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.  
 -Percy Bysshe Shelley, "The Sensitive Plant"  
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Welcome to the Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Trail, which begins and ends at the stone arch on Cherokee Boulevard. This street and many in the neighborhood were named for the Indians who were Knoxville's "first settlers." Established in 1955, this was the first of Knoxville's iconic dogwood trails, and was planted in response to Knoxville being called 'the ugliest city in America' by a visiting New York author. Today, 12 trails covering more than 60 miles welcome visitors from far and wide to celebrate the beauty of our city when it blooms in springtime! Nestled in a large bend in the Tennessee River, Sequoyah Hills is one of Knoxville's oldest premiere residential neighborhoods in Knoxville. Development began in the 1920s when E.V Ferrell and Robert Faust saw an opportunity for a residential community outside the city and purchased 100 acres at the end of what is now Cherokee Boulevard. Development was halted by the depression in 1929, though improvements that were in place continue to endure today. The Sunhouse and Panther Fountains, cast stone pillars, Talahi Park with its double paired gates, quaint street lights and Art Deco representation of American Indian motifs are a hallmark of the area and are on the National Historic Register. A small business district in the heart of Sequoyah Hills, which was part of Faust's original plan offers restaurants, real estate services and other small businesses to the community.

This special community is noted for its diverse architecture and beautiful landscapes. Its oldest home dates back to the mid-1800s and is joined by a mix of early classical, 'period' English Tudor and Cottage style mansions, American Colonial, Spanish and Italian housing styles. Centuries-old oaks and other hardwood species form a canopy over native

dogwoods, redbuds, crepe myrtles, and old-fashioned azaleas. A wide variety of mature trees, shrubs, perennials and annual flowers adorn stately lawns in this area and each spring visitors delight in the beauty of this spectacular Dogwood Trail. The 87-acre park which runs along the river is host to various charity walking and rowing events along with Little

League ball fields. Runners, walkers, bicyclists, and strollers enjoy the beauty of the trail the lean, green way along the boulevard. For more information, an excellent source is 'Reflections on Sequoyah Hills' published in 1997 by the Kingston Pike-Sequoyah Hills Association.

# DOGWOOD ARTS: Hikes and Blooms

Whether on a greenway through a historic park or on a natural trail through the woods, you will observe historic relics and beautiful wildflowers among the dogwood trees on these easy, four-mile hikes. The interactive hikes will highlight interesting facts, features, and flora in the unique locations. Hikers should wear comfortable clothing and bring any water or snacks you might need. Pre-registration as noted.

Missy Kane, Covenant Health fitness expert, will lead three guided hikes this season. Whether on a greenway through a historic park or on a natural trail through the woods, observe beautiful wildflowers among the dogwood trees on these guided hikes. The interactive hikes will highlight interesting facts, features, and flora in each unique location. Space is limited so please call (865)541-4500 to reserve your spot.

- Friday, April 6 at 9:30AM**  
East Lakeshore Trail, Mizell Bluff off Jackson Bend (off 321)  
Highway 95, Tellico 5-6 mile hike
- Tuesday, April 10 at 11:15AM**  
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- Friday, May 4th at 9:30AM**  
Obed Wild & Scenic River Park, Point Trail  
208 N Maiden Street, Wartburg, 37887  
4 mile hike. Meet at the

- Obed office in Wartburg.
- Additional Guided Hikes**  
**Monday, April 9 at 9:45AM**  
Songbird Trail, Norris State Park  
2121 Norris Hwy, Norris, 37705  
Happy Hiker's Carlene LeCompte & Brenda Therry leading an easy 2.5-mile wildflower hike  
**Saturday, April 14 at 10:30AM**  
Seven Islands Birding State Park  
2809 Kelly Lane, Knoxville, 37914  
Ranger Bailey Smith will lead a hike. To sign up email Bailey.smith@tn.gov or call (865) 660-0282. Meet at the main parking lot.
- Friday, April 20 at 2PM**  
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**Saturday, April 28 at 10AM**  
Panther Creek State Park, Trout Lily Trail  
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- boat ramp parking area. Wear hiking shoes and bring water. For more information, you can contact the PC office at (423) 587-7046.
- Thursday, May 10 at 5:30PM**  
Ten Mile Creek Greenway  
200 N. Peters Rd, Knoxville, 37923  
Meet Smoky Mountain Hiking Club's Cindy Spangler for a 4-5-mile easy walk. Parking available east of Wyndsong Theatre. Email Cindy Spangler for more information spangler@utk.edu  
**Saturday, May 12 at 10AM**  
Panther Creek State Park, Point Lookout Trail  
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Panther Creek Rangers will lead a 2.5-mile moderate/hilly hike with many spring flowers to enjoy. Meet at the Spoon Picnic Pavilion. Wear hiking shoes and bring water. For more information, you can contact the PC office at (423) 587-7046.
- Friday, May 18 at 9:30AM**  
East Lakeshore Trail, Mizell Bluff off Jackson Bend (off 321)  
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Tellico Village's Simon Bradbury will lead a hike

around several new trails in the village. Meet at the Wellness Center. Contact sbradbury@tvpoa.org for more information.  
**Thursday, May 24 at 9:30AM**  
Chestnut Top/The Sinks/Schoolhouse Gap Trails  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, 37738  
The Happy Hikers will lead a 7.6-mile hike. Meet at the Townsend Wye/Chestnut Top Trailhead. The hike is rated moderate to strenuous. For questions and to RSVP please email CarrieRoller at crhands1@gmail.com  
**Saturday, May 26 at 8AM**  
Ace Gap Trail  
Townsend, TN 37882  
Steve Dunkin from the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will lead an 11-mile round-trip hike starting at the Rich Mountain Gap and continuing along the crest of the mountain to Beard Cane Trail. The hike is rated moderate to strenuous due to distance involved. Contact Steve with questions at (865) 202-3286 or jsdunkin@roaneschools.com.

## CARING FOR ALL CREATION Music Celebrating the Earth 2018

Musicians from four Knoxville churches will perform on Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, 546 College Street, Knoxville, TN 37921. The concert is open to the public without charge. Included are choirs are from Church of the Savior, Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, and Knoxville AME Zion District Churches. The Carving for All Creation choral celebration is offered to the community by Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light, an interfaith response to the challenges of climate change. The musicians present songs that celebrate the majesty of God's creation – the earth and all living beings. "From ancient times, the inspiring effect of music moves all hearts and draws us closer to the Spirit. Our aspiration for this choral concert is for all to open their hearts and know the miracle of Earth", stated Courtney Shea, coordinator for the concert. For more information, contact Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light at tennesseeipl@gmail.com.

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## Free event to feature civil rights discussion, movie screening

The Tennessee Theatre, Beck Cultural Exchange Center and Knoxville Area Urban League have partnered to host a free event Sunday, April 15, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the 55th anniversary of the desegregation of the Tennessee Theatre.

Titled “What Real Courage Is,” the program will include a civil rights panel discussion and screening of the film “To Kill a Mockingbird” at the historic theatre on Gay Street in downtown Knoxville.

The panel will explore the environment of Knoxville in the mid-1960s

when “To Kill a Mockingbird” was being shown in theaters and also will cover perspectives and insights from today’s African American youth in the community.

“In this iconic film, Atticus Finch references seeing ‘what real courage is,’” said Rev. René Kesler, president and CEO of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center. “The theme resonated with us because it reflects Dr. King’s life and dedication to others, the bravery and selflessness of his fellow civil rights protestors here in Knoxville and the challenge facing many young people today. It’s important that we reference African American history and culture – and

the experiences of our neighbors here in Knoxville – to inform how we continue to move forward today in honoring Dr. King’s legacy.”

Featured panelists will include:

- Bob Booker, civil rights activist, former Knoxville City Councilman and state legislator and nonprofit director
  - Katy Jeffers, a then-freshman at East High School when it was integrated in 1964
  - Quineka Moten, director of education and youth services at the Knoxville Area Urban League
- “The impact of Dr. King lives on, and the messages of ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’

resonate still today,” said Phyllis Y. Nichols, president and CEO of the Knoxville Area Urban League. “As organizations including the Urban League and our friends and partners serve African Americans, other minorities and the disadvantaged in our community, it’s imperative that we continue to promote and enable these conversations. We must continue to shine a light on the need for equity, justice and equal opportunity to be afforded to every member of our community.”

Nichols will moderate the panel. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., and the panel discussion will begin at 3 p.m. The film screening

will begin immediately following the panel. The 1962 three-time Oscar-winning film “To Kill a Mockingbird” starred Gregory Peck, who received the Oscar for best actor in a leading role for his portrayal of lawyer Atticus Finch, the character made famous by author Harper Lee.

“We feel it’s important to remind the community of all aspects of the Tennessee Theatre’s history,” said Becky Hancock, executive director of the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation. “‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ was being screened at the Tennessee Theatre during the time of civil rights demonstrations against the

theatre’s practice of segregation. This panel discussion offers an opportunity to learn about the past, while viewing it through today’s lens.

“The theatre is grateful for the partnership with the Beck Cultural Exchange Center and Knoxville Area Urban League to present this event and to our esteemed panelists for their insight. We hope the public will take advantage of this free opportunity for meaningful dialogue and reflection, as well as a classic movie screening.”

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