

Safety Center turns one year old

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The Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, often called the “Safety Center,” marked its first year since opening at 5302 Ball Camp Pike on March 19, 2018. The state, county and city-funded facility is the product of a long effort by supporters and is treating mentally ill patients delivered there by city and county law enforcement. Many of those patients also have a drug or alcohol problem. The Focus got an early glimpse at the report on the center’s first year of operation last week.

Jerry Vagnier, vice president

of Helen Ross McNabb Center, oversees the program and told The Knoxville Focus Wednesday that some 400 people have been treated at the facility and a surprising number, about 75 percent, have followed up with after-care services. He said that more than 55% of those admitted have alcohol or drug addictions.

He said that less than 20% of the patients have been readmitted for the 72 hours of urgent treatment which begins with 23 hours of observation. Most of the patients, who volunteer for care following being apprehended by law enforcement and given the option of the center or jail, are

admitted to the 12-bed facility. The center also has four observation rooms.

Vagnier says the center has a 24 hour staff of 35 professional personnel and that most of the patients, about 94 percent, are delivered there by Knoxville City Police. The police or sheriff’s department also picks up and returns people to either their homes, to the City-County Building downtown or to other treatment facilities.

“About 60 percent of those coming to the center don’t have a home,” Vagnier told The Focus, adding, “and wouldn’t have

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Open since March 2018, the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center provides 72 hours of diversion from jail for mentally ill and drug offenders.

BMX supporters seek help from commission

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The Knox County mayor got an earful last week when supporters of a BMX track in South Knox County spoke before the county commission’s work session.

Wendy Edwards of Knoxville BMX said the mayor didn’t want them to attend a meeting on the project and that said that more than \$487,000 has already been spent on preparing the former athletic field at South-Doyle Middle School for the BMX races.

She added that the organization had been promised three years of national BMX races which could have resulted in an investment return of about \$6 million.

“Six years of work and we want to be heard,” Edwards said as Mayor Glenn Jacobs watched her plead with the commissioners to continue to support building the track.

Jacobs had killed the project after seeing estimates projecting the total cost to be about \$2.5 million. Edwards said that estimate was too high because the Public Service Commission sought a bid from an outside firm that inflated the figures.

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Full of spirit!



Emily Stout (left) and Hannah Hobby cheer for Fulton at this season’s TSSAA boys state basketball tournament at MTSU’s Monte Hale Arena in Murfreesboro. Please see a photo of the entire Fulton cheer squad, which received the Spirit Award in Class AA, in this week’s Sports & Recreation, Section B.

Over 220 volunteers expected for 2019 South Knoxville Community Cleanup

On Saturday, March 30, Keep Knoxville Beautiful will be hosting its third annual community-wide South Knoxville Cleanup from 9:00 a.m. - noon. The event will be kicking off from Sam Duff Park located at 4060 Chapman Highway.

Participating community leaders from various neighborhoods will meet at the kick-off event, pick up supplies, and then disperse into their own South Knoxville neighborhoods to start cleaning.

The community groups participating include Wildlife Habitat of South Woodlawn, LMU Environmental Law, Gamma Sigma Sigma, South-Doyle High School, UTK College of Law BLSA, CrossFit Knoxville, Boy Scout Troop 36, Alliance for Young Nonprofit Professionals, Old Sevier Community Group, South Haven Neighborhood Community Group, South Doyle Neighborhood Association, and Island Home.

The South Knoxville Community Cleanup began back in 2017, when South Knoxville was KKB’s “community of the year.” Over 300 volunteers participated and this made it one of KKB’s largest events ever. Over 200 volunteers are expected to participate this Saturday.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful recommends wearing long pants and closed-toed shoes for the event. Please bring your own sunscreen, bug protection and water.

Norwood Library renaming, animal control, bond issues

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When the Knox County Commission meets today in its regular monthly meeting they will probably finalize the re-naming of the Norwood Public Library in honor of Lynn Redmon. The community leader has passed away but his activism, attitude and political wisdom would be honored for all to see at the Merchant Drive library.

The commission may also

finalize two multi-million dollar bond issues and accept a contribution of funds from Seniors for Creating Learning for the Truancy Reduction Bike Program for elementary students with perfect attendance.

The first of two readings concerning changes in the animal control policies at the Young-Williams Animal Shelter is also on the agenda. The trap-neuter and return policy has already been adopted by

the city and Janet Testerman, CEO of Young-Williams Animal Center, said the new policy in the city is working well during last week’s work session.

Lisa Chassy, the Young-Williams veterinarian, said stray cats are vaccinated and returned back to their locations healthier.

The first reading passed with Commissioner Evelyn Gill passing on the vote.

A discussion with parks and recreation Senior Director Paul White concerning youth baseball fields has been delayed for one month.

The commission will also hear the health department’s reappointment of Lara Fleming to the Community Health Council. The members may also give final approval on the issuance of two multi-million general obligation bonds and vote on changes to the county’s personnel plan in first reading.



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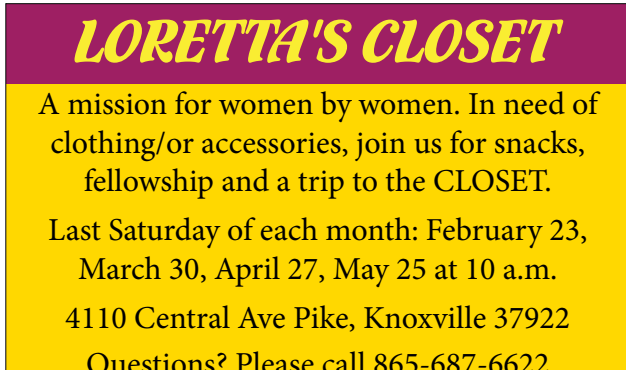


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Norwood community hears more about Recode

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Late community leader Lynn Redmon was badly missed at Tuesday's monthly meeting of the Norwood Watch and Homeowners Association. The conversation turned to the city's Recode proposal and Lauren Rider, the city council member from the adjoining district, came prepared to discuss the growing controversy over the proposed zoning changes.

The monthly meeting of local homeowners came after the new Norwood association president, attorney David B. Hamilton, blasted the city council recently during public forum and issued a three-page letter to the city about his community's objection to many of the changes. The Focus published Hamilton's remarks in last week's issue.

Amber Jernigan chaired the watch meeting and Jim and Freda Yearwood chaired the neighborhood meeting. Officer Eric Parks gave a report that not much crime



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Councilwoman Lauren Rider speaks about Recode during a monthly meeting of the Norwood Homeowners Association.

has been reported and heard several homeowners complain about homeless people wandering through their yards and streets. One of the candidates for city mayor, John Bevil, attended the meeting and spoke briefly.

The Yearwoods reminded everyone that the Norwood Library may be named in honor of Redmon and

opened a discussion of the proposed Recode changes in zoning.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider spoke at some length about the proposed changes and took questions. She said the council will hold a third Recode work session on April 4 at 5:30. She also reminded the Norwood citizens that it will take 5 of the 9 votes on council to pass.

"I haven't heard anyone say, 'let's speed this up and pass it,'" she said.

Rider said that many of the current zoning regulations haven't changed in the draft and said the biggest changes are in her 4th District. She said the council will vote on the changes "piece by piece" and that most existing properties will be "grandfathered in."

"We've been zoning by variance for decades," she said. One Norwood homeowner attending the meeting asked about fencing of campers, boats, etc. at homes and Rider promised to look at that clause.

Rider said that home occupation restrictions may be changed and said she would talk to the planning director about "putting the

25% back in" regarding the amount of space in a home permitted for home occupations.

She urged everyone to go online to recodeknoxville.com and look up their address and compare the current zoning with the proposed zoning.

In the Norwood Association's previous meeting Hamilton had said the changes "would intentionally remove the neighborhood's ability to object to projects which do not mesh with the existing residential structure."

"As a community and neighborhood we must take action and write our council members, attend meetings and voice our concerns to stop or slow Recode Knoxville down," Hamilton had said.

Hamilton was in Florida and could not attend last week's Norwood meeting but the letter he wrote to the city that was published recently in The Knoxville Focus was mentioned and displayed.

What makes up the bar exam you have to pass to become a lawyer

To this day, if someone asks me what the hardest thing I have ever done in my life is, I answer that it was taking and passing the Bar exam to become a lawyer.

So how do you get to the point where you are taking the Bar

exam anyway? So, if someone has graduated college, and then they have attended law school, and are on track to graduate, the typical next step is to practice law. That is not always the case, but 98% of the individuals graduating from law school are planning on becoming licensed lawyers next.

Since law school is normally completed in three years, during the third year of law school, students will apply to be allowed to take Bar exam. Yes, allowed. The Board of Bar Examiners may refuse to allow you to even take the Bar exam. For example, if you



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have an extensive criminal history, you may not be allowed to even take the Bar exam to try to become a lawyer.

However, let's assume you get past the first hurdle and are allowed to "sit" for the Bar exam. In Tennessee, there are many parts to the Bar exam. The first part, which is generally considered the easiest part, is the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. This is essentially a test on ethics and consists of a 2-hour, 60-question, multiple choice test. This test is typically taken by law students while they are still in law school.

The Bar exam is given twice a year in Tennessee. In February and July. Most students graduate in mid-May, and then they will spend the summer studying, and then take the Bar exam in late July.

When I took the Bar exam way back in 2007, the exam

took place over two, back to back, 8-hour days. The first day was 200 multiple choice questions and the second day was 12 essay questions (I have tried to block out the memory of this taxing experience, so hopefully that number is accurate).

Tennessee is in the process of adopting the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), which has been adopted in 31 states, and Tennessee will roll it out for the first time in February 2019.

The UBE is prepared and coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and consists of three parts: 200 multiple choice questions, two performance test tasks (these are 90-minute exercises testing basic lawyering skills), and six essay questions.

I recall being so stressed about the Bar exam because I had gone to law school for three years, had incurred thousands of dollars in debt, had no job options other than as a lawyer, and my entire ability to pursue my chosen profession came down to passing this enormously intimidating test. Talk about pressure.

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WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs declared last Tuesday "Women in Public Office Day." He was joined in his presentation by Knox County District Attorney General Charme Allen, Commissioner Evelyn Gill, Knox County Board of Education member Evetty Satterfield and Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt during a work session of the Knox County Commission.

Brown Bag Lecture by Dr. Aaron Astor

Maryville College sprang from the vision of Reverend Isaac Anderson to fill what he saw as a great need for trained pastors and churches on the frontier. As pastor of Maryville's New Providence Presbyterian Church, Anderson led efforts to establish the "Southern and Western Theological Seminary," the forerunner of Maryville College, and for six years served as the school's only teacher and officer. In a Brown Bag Lecture on April 3, Dr. Aaron Astor will discuss Isaac Anderson, his importance and legacy in the fields of religion and education in Tennessee.

Dr. Aaron Astor is Associate Professor of History at Maryville College, where he covers a wide range of topics in American history, from the Revolution to the present. He has written numerous articles, conference papers, and book chapters

and authored several books, "Rebels on the Border: Civil War, Emancipation, and the Reconstruction of Kentucky and Missouri" and "The Civil War Along Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau," and also contributed articles for the award-winning Civil War Sesquicentennial series Disunion in the New York Times.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. and Bud Albers Memorial Fund and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call (865)215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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Publisher's Position

Hypocrisy and Money Madness



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Do you recall when quite a few Democrats snorted \$6 billion for building a border wall was too expensive? Now Democrats, especially those busy running for president, are backing programs spending trillions of our tax dollars. The first thing that comes to mind is Medicare for all. Even before being applied to everyone, projections estimate Medicare for the seniors it was designed to cover will run deficits in the trillions of dollars over the next four decades. If it is applied to everybody, as many Democratic presidential candidates propose, the cost would of course be even more enormous. One estimate pegs the cost at \$32 trillion over the next decade.

for the Democratic presidential nomination have endorsed New York ultra-liberal Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's "Green New Deal," which is supposed to somehow avert the looming disaster of climate change collapse within a decade. The bill for Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal runs well into the trillions. Just the welfare proposal in Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal would cost something like \$81 trillion. That doesn't even figure in the cost of 10 million jobs in the gas, oil, and coal industries, which would be lost. There is also the "universal basic income" proposal

backed by California Senator Kamala Harris, which would give every family in the country earning less than \$100,000 a year a \$6,000 check from the federal government. Add "free" college tuition to the list of Democratic goodie bags, which will add trillions more in tax dollars. Beto O'Rourke and others are urging payment of "reparations" for slavery. One professor estimates the cost of reparations would range between approximately \$6 trillion and \$14.2 trillion. The totals push well past \$100 trillion when everything is tallied together. Estimates are if we keep

going spending-wise as we are now, the United States of America will be \$100 trillion in debt by 2037. When asked just how they will pay for all the "free" things they propose to give away, Democrats say they will tax the rich even more. The fact is if the government seized every penny and dollar from the wealthy of this country, it would not finance their socialist utopia for a year. Barack Obama doubled the debt of this country from \$10 trillion to \$20 trillion, a fact little remembered by the Democrats who bemoaned Donald Trump giving taxpayers some of

their own money back with a tax cut. In other words, there are a lot of folks out there who don't realize we can't afford our rate of spending now, much less everything these folks want to add to it. There is nothing "free" in a society. Somebody, somewhere pays for it. Democrats who cry spending \$5.7 billion on a border wall yet support an orgy of reckless and irresponsible spending are being hypocritical at best and thoroughly dishonest at worst. This country can't afford it.

New mayor may get a salary increase

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There are currently at least six Knoxvilleans hoping to become the city's next mayor and it is likely whoever captures the seat will get a higher salary than Mayor Madeline Rogero. Rogero receives \$142,500 annually plus a car allowance. The proposed increase would take the salary to \$162,500 and is being sponsored in Tuesday's upcoming City Council meeting by Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders and Councilmembers Stephanie Welch and George Wallace. City councilmembers will get a salary increase starting in January due to a former council vote and will go from \$19,000 to \$24,000 per year. Leaving the council because of term limits are Saunders, Wallace, Marshall Stair and Mark Campen. Stair is a candidate for mayor and may or may not pass on a vote to increase the mayor's salary.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders wasn't demonstrating a pay raise for the future Knoxville City Mayor. The gesture he made when talking recently with Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons was about another topic. Lyons and some other city officials actually receive a higher annual salary than the mayor does. Saunders is proposing raising the new mayor's salary to \$162,500, a \$20,000 annual increase.

corridor on the Broadway Corridor, grant a variance to a hotel building wall to intrude into the right-of-way at 1706 Cumberland Avenue, and approve a contract with Service One Inc. for \$1.2 million to maintain the city's street lights through April 2020. The mayor may be granted permission to apply for two state and federal grants in excess of \$1.6 million for the Knoxville Area Transit System. Both require the city to provide matching funds of about \$184,000. Another closing date for the purchase of the Knoxville Supreme Court building at 719 Locust Street may be extended for 90 days. The Office of Sustainability is asking for the extension as the city and developer work out details of the sale. The Texas Avenue Sidewalk Project may see an agreement with Cannon and Cannon for \$75,000 to complete the walkway. Reimbursement of federal and state funds may be accepted for damages in the city due to the February rain storms.

BMX supporters seek help from commission

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BMX supporters turned out in numbers for the meeting where Edwards and other speakers asked for continued support of the project. The supporters spoke during the public forum at the beginning of the meeting but the subject was not on the commission agenda.

"Build it and they will come," said Barry Neal of the South Haven Neighborhood Association.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell said that bidders were initially sought but no one appeared at a required pre-bid meeting, so the county asked PBA to seek a contractor. He said the estimated cost would have added \$2.5 million to the project.

"You could rebid it but why if nobody shows up?" Caldwell asked.

Several commissioners suggested that possibly private funds could be sought to complete the project.

Also during public forum two Lonsdale residents, Liz Dodson and Angel Bowman, spoke about deteriorating conditions at the elementary school



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Knoxville BMX's Wendy Edwards pleads with the Knox County Commission to find a way to complete the bike complex at South-Doyle Middle School as Mayor Glenn Jacobs watches.

there and noted four situations there this year involving gas leaks and carbon monoxide poisoning. They charged the county had been doing a "quick fix" of problems rather than considering building a new school.

Commissioner Brad Anders quizzed Chief Operating Officer Russ Oaks about the situation. He said the gas leak was

in the school's kitchen and has been fixed. He also commented about mold in the basement. Commissioner Larsen Jay asked why Lonsdale Elementary isn't a higher priority and said he was embarrassed. "And we wonder why they are not excelling," he said, adding, "We're patching up and hoping for the best."



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the having improved if we'd only made a different choice.

I have a different look at things these days. Instead of wondering what might have been, I look in the rearview mirror of my life and realize what has occurred "in spite of."

The first in spite of deals with my existence. Mother's doctor didn't realize that she was pregnant with twins. He fussed at her for excessive weight gain and put her on a diet. When we arrived, the doctor yelled down the hall to the waiting room for my dad to come to see what he had done. In spite of that, my brother Jim and I thrived. We grew into chubby children who played hard and lived life to the fullest each and every day.

The first day of our eighth-grade year, our dad died from lung cancer. We felt empty and missed the man who'd been so serious and gruff, yet loving and kind. In spite of having lost our dad, another male role model rescued us. We discovered that our older brother Dallas was a

person to whom we could turn for direction. With his help, we made it through some tough years.

My mother has remained someone I look up to. She was left with three teenaged boys to guide through the roughest years of their lives. She worked as an elementary teacher and managed to provide a solid life for her family. In spite of being a single parent, she persevered and did without in order to give to us.

Amy and I have been married for nearly 45 years. Life with me hasn't always been easy. My teaching job never paid much, but I loved the work. Amy worked during college and slowly developed her skills so that she was a valuable employee to her companies. We started a family and made some unwise financial decisions. In spite of those mistakes, we worked to pay off bills and set up a budget to make sure we didn't fall into the same traps.

I retired a few years ago and set out to become a full-time writer. However, one year while we were on vacation, Amy's employer called to say that she was being let go. With no warning, our main source of income was gone. After the shock wore off, we set out to re-invent our lives. In spite of losing our

income and way of life, we made a new life that did without some of the extra stuff that we didn't need. What Amy and I discovered is that a simpler life is a much happier life. It also is one where work takes a proper place in the scheme of things. I returned to the workforce and drove vehicles for a rental company and moved cars for a dealership service department. I still work part-time jobs that help. Life is good.

During the time we worried about our financial security, my faith faltered. I didn't understand why things had happened and struggled with why Amy couldn't find a job that utilized her professional skills. Plenty of anger toward those who'd put us in the situation brewed deep inside. I fussed at God and questioned His presence in our lives. In spite of my weakness, the good Lord took care of us. He helped us to grow closer as a couple, learn to trust in Him more, and find comfort in our simple existence. In His time, Amy found a position with a company that has given her the joy and freedom she always wanted.

It's easy to wonder and dream "what if" as we grow. However, only after we've experienced life can we think about the "in spite of" moments. I've discovered that my "in spite of" experiences are much more rewarding and satisfying.



Picture of beautiful springtime clouds in East Tennessee, by Ralphine Major.

Springtime Clouds

Winter's wrath has left cruel reminders across America. Images of historic flooding can still be seen weeks after the rains first started coming. Homes and businesses have been destroyed. Loved ones have perished. Entire communities have been wiped off the earth. It will take years for those who have been impacted to recover.

A few days ago I glanced



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skyward to see the white trails of two jetliners. They had intersected, forming a giant cross in the sky. It was refreshing to see--majestic white clouds against a beautiful blue sky. What a perfect prelude to spring and the upcoming Easter season! It is also a reminder of scripture found in the Bible.

"... and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all

the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30 NAS).

As we prepare for the Easter season, my hope is that all mankind will find healing and new life in Jesus, the One who sacrificed His life so that we may have life everlasting.

PIDDLE DIDDLE, THE WIDDLE PENGUIN UPDATE: Farragut Book Fest, Saturday, April 6,

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, Tennessee.

Safety Center

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He said that a small number of patients want to leave before the treatment is completed. They are either taken to jail or dropped off at the City-County Building.

"We look at each patient's physical health conditions also," Vagnier said.

He added that some after-treatment referrals could involve the Cherokee Health System, the Helen Ross McNabb Center, Peninsula Hospital, Interfaith Health Clinic, or housing

through the KCDC, HUD, homeless shelters or the veterans groups.

"We have very good sister agencies we work with, a really good network," he said.

Vagnier said a first year report is being prepared and that includes consulting the city and county law enforcement agencies, the city and county governments, and the state. A final report, to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health, may be issued in May.

Vagnier said they are

talking with the state about continued funding and working with the city and county on funds. He also said that private funding is also being considered but added that state funding is vital to the operation of the center. Initially the state, prodded by Governor Bill Haslam, gave \$3.5 million toward the creation and operation of the center.

Vagnier described local activist Vivian Shipe as the "driving force" behind the creation of the center. She told The Focus that the information Vagnier supplied is accurate and said he has been willing to share information with her every three months. She also said she agrees "the state funds are vital" and is calling on people to contact their state and local representatives to continue funding.

"Lives are being changed and the revolving door to jail has been stopped—not a bad year. We must address the need for affordable housing to get to the next level of life," she said.

"A wrap around case management is critical," Shipe told The Focus, speaking of the care and after care of patients at the center.



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John Knight Shields, Tennessee's senior United States senator, had first been elected in 1913. Shields had served for a decade on the Tennessee Supreme Court before becoming the last man to be elected to the U. S. Senate by the state legislature. Shields had been reelected in 1918, defeating Tom C. Rye, who had been governor of Tennessee during World War I. Shields was a slight man with a sensitive face dominated by a bristly moustache. Senator Shields might have been slight, but he possessed a big streak of cantankerousness. Rye ran as an all-out supporter of President Woodrow Wilson. Wilson was highly popular in Tennessee and Shields had also pledged his support to the President. After the election, Senator Shields made tens of thousands of Tennesseans livid when he refused to support American entry into the League of Nations through the Treaty of Versailles. Shields had incensed many Tennesseans by supporting reservations to the treaty sponsored by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, a Republican.

Tennessee's junior senator, Kenneth D. McKellar, was an ardent supporter of the League. McKellar deeply admired Woodrow Wilson, perhaps as much as John Knight Shields disliked the President.

Shields was not a good speaker during an age when many of the most successful politicians in the country excelled at stump speaking. It was McKellar who likely saved John Knight Shields from defeat in 1918. Shields had telephoned Senator McKellar to say he had heard rumblings President Wilson intended to write a letter for publication denouncing him; a letter written by the President stating Shields was no friend to him or his administration almost certainly would have ended the Tennessean's political career. When Senator McKellar visited the White House and asked Wilson about the letter, the President readily confirmed he was going to write a letter stating John Knight Shields was unfriendly to him. McKellar begged, cajoled, and pleaded with the President not to write the letter. McKellar never got a direct commitment from Wilson, but the President did not write the letter.

McKellar believed Shields would support the President and was utterly astonished after the election when John Knight Shields barked the President and presidential secretary Joe Tumulty could

go straight to hell.

A combine of "Independent" Democrats and Republicans had first elected John Knight Shields to the U. S. Senate in 1913; the "fusionists" in Tennessee had already elected Tennessee's other U. S. senator, as well as the governor. Plainspoken, Senator Shields was a frequently difficult man who oftentimes could not get along with his own appointees.

As stubborn and curmudgeonly as he was, there was little doubt John Knight Shields would seek a third term in 1924, yet few believed he would not draw a serious challenger for the Democratic nomination. In fact, he drew two formidable challengers inside the Democratic primary: General Lawrence D. Tyson and Nathan L. Bachman. All three candidates were from East Tennessee. Shields lived on a gentleman's farm, "Clinchdale," near Bean Station. General Tyson was from Knoxville and his stately home still sits on the site of the University of Tennessee. Nathan L. Bachman was from Chattanooga, living in a grand home on Signal Mountain.

Lawrence D. Tyson was a very successful businessman and quite wealthy, but he was universally known as "General" Tyson. As the only Tennessean to have achieved the rank of general during World War I, L. D. Tyson won the immediate respect of thousands of Tennesseans and was venerated by many veterans. Having graduated from West Point, few could dispute Tyson's military credentials and the future general had actively participated in the wars against the Apaches in the West and their leader, Geronimo, as a young Lieutenant. The original source of Tyson's wealth was his wife, Bettie McGhee, the daughter of Charles McClung McGhee. McGhee was the president of a railroad, as well as prominently involved in several other business enterprises. It was Tyson's father-in-law who helped secure for him an appointment in 1901 as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Tennessee. McGhee's reasoning was quite simple; by having Tyson teach at UT, it brought his daughter and grandchildren closer to home. L. D. Tyson used his time teaching at the University of Tennessee to better himself, earning a law degree. Tyson left the faculty of the university in 1895 to practice law. Tyson served as a colonel during the Spanish-American



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Tennessee U. S. Senator John Knight Shields, circa 1913.

War and returned home to Tennessee as a brigadier-general. When the United States entered the First World War, Lawrence D. Tyson eagerly sought to renew his military commission. President Woodrow Wilson complied, giving the fifty year-old Tyson the opportunity to serve. Tyson commanded the "Old Hickory Division" and he and his troops were the first to enter Belgium during the summer of 1918. Tyson's division fought bravely, helping to capture, along with British troops, much of the Hindenberg Line in the area. Nine men in Tyson's Fifty-Ninth Brigade were awarded the Medal of Honor, while the general himself was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal.

After the war, L. D. Tyson came home to Knoxville to supervise his many business interests, which included owning textile mills and coal companies. Tyson sat on the Board of Directors of two Knoxville banks and anticipating his bid for the United States Senate, bought the Knoxville Sentinel. The General still had his military bearing and his white hair and neatly trimmed moustache gave him the air of a statesman.

Nathan Lynn Bachman was evidently a man almost impossible to dislike. An amiable man who had practiced law in Chattanooga since 1903, Bachman had been a Circuit Court judge for six years before winning election to the Tennessee Supreme Court. Bachman had resigned his position as an associate justice of the state Supreme Court to run for the United States Senate. Nathan Bachman apparently had a bottomless well of amusing stories and was a noted raconteur. Judge Bachman was one of those rare men who made friends by the score wherever he went.

At the time, it was unusual for campaigns to last much longer than a couple of months. In 1924, the aspirants for the United States Senate in Tennessee were moving around the state well before the first of the year. There was ample reason for Senator John Knight Shields to be concerned. Many Tennesseans had not forgotten his refusal to support President Wilson.

Democrats in Carroll County met in convention and heartily endorsed the administration of Governor Austin Peay; at the same time, they voted to condemn the record of Senator John Knight Shields. Democrats in Carroll County sought to endorse the candidacy of L. D. Tyson, which not surprisingly met with resistance from the supporters of Judge Bachman. A compromise was reached, omitting an endorsement of any senatorial candidate, but the resolution condemning Senator Shields' record was adopted.

It was clear the issue of Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations would follow Senator John Knight Shields throughout the 1924 campaign. Wilson had died February 3 that year and the memory of the stricken and ill former president burned brightly in the hearts of many Tennesseans. Wilson had bitterly excoriated several Democratic U. S. senators who had fought his administration. Senator James K. Vardaman of Mississippi, the infamous "White Chief", had gone down to defeat inside his own primary in 1918, largely because of a letter written by the former president, which became public. Before he died, Woodrow Wilson penned the letter which he had failed to write in 1918. The late president told one correspondent in Tennessee that John Knight Shields had been the "least trustworthy" of his many associates in public life. It was certainly true John Knight Shields had frequently voted with the Republicans in the Senate for the reservations to the League of Nations. Felled by a serious stroke, Wilson had been obsessed on the topic of the League and had been inflexible in refusing to accept any reservation to the treaty. Nor was Wilson capable of accepting even the mildest of disagreement with his foreign policy from fellow Democrats. Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama had long been friendly to Wilson, yet when Underwood voted for a "separate peace" with Germany, the President considered it the height of treachery. Underwood compounded his sin by serving on a delegation with the patrician senator

from Massachusetts, Henry Cabot Lodge, the author of most of the reservations to the Treaty of Versailles. Wilson snapped, "If Underwood is a Democrat, then I am a Republican."

John H. Clarke, a former justice of the U. S. Supreme Court and the president of the League of Nations, spoke in Asheville, North Carolina and called for the defeat of Senator John Knight Shields. It was potent evidence that supporters of the League and President Wilson had not forgotten John K. Shields. Clarke worried that with two strong candidates opposing the senator, Shields might squeeze through the Democratic primary and win reelection to the Senate. "One of the two candidates opposing him should retire and make the defeat of the present Senator possible," Clarke thundered. The former justice said if neither Tyson nor Bachman could agree as to which of them should drop out of the race, they should draw lots. Quite likely Senator Shields believed having two opponents for the Democratic nomination made it much easier for him to win the primary election. Both Tyson and Bachman had already opened their statewide headquarters before March of 1924; Senator Shields announced the opening of his own headquarters in the Hermitage Hotel the first week of March.

John H. Clarke was hardly the only Democrat who worried John K. Shields might win a plurality of the vote and the Democratic nomination. Luke Lea, publisher and owner of the Nashville Tennessean, had served with John Knight Shields in the United States Senate for four years. To say the two did not get along would be gross understatement. Shields had backed then-Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar inside the Democratic primary against Senator Lea. Lea had run third in a primary contest with McKellar and former governor Malcolm Patterson. Lea had not forgotten the opposition of his junior colleague and his newspaper was solidly against the reelection of John Knight Shields. The Tennessean complained, "If people by their indifference allow Senator John K.

Shields to be elected to the Senate, happily a minority candidate, they'll deserve the shame they bore for the last six years, and no bonus and no anything to boot."

General Tyson raised the issue of a debate between the candidates for the senatorial nomination; more specifically, the debate should focus on the issue of whether Senator Shields had been "untrue" to the Democrats of Tennessee. "If Senator Shields and Judge Bachman desire a debate," Tyson said in a statement released by his headquarters, "I shall be very glad to make it a three-cornered affair and shall ask that I be included and given a division of the time." It was the General's opinion that Senator Shields had already been judged by Tennessee Democrats to have been faithless. "I do not feel it incumbent upon me or necessary to show wherein Senator Shields has failed to abide by the principles advocated by his party. His record is well-known in this state, and the Democrats have already judged on this point." General Tyson noted while Shields was likely "busy" performing his duties in Washington and probably would not accept an invitation for a joint debate, the old soldier scoffed at the notion Shields defied anyone to point to any instance where the senator "had been untrue to the principles of the Democratic party..."

The 1924 campaign for the United States Senate had begun early in Tennessee and it promised to be a hot fight between three well-qualified candidates. It would be a long, hot summer in Tennessee.

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Getting to know MAE MOODY

She's a five-foot tall community activist, noted civic and political volunteer, and a ball of energy and enthusiasm. Mae Moody is joined in all her efforts by her husband, Jack, whether it's being active as coordinators in the Murray Drive and Wilkerson Road Neighborhood Watch or preparing for the Knox County Sheriff's Citizens Academy. She's also been active on the Metro Drug Council and many other organizations. Mae is proud of the many letters of recognition and photographs of her with city, county, and state officials and even U.S. presidents. The Knoxville Focus sat down with Mae recently as part of our "Getting to Know" feature and she chatted with us over coffee and muffins at her Murray Avenue home. She doesn't like to tell her age but she is more active than most folks 30 years younger.

What have your positions and volunteer activities taught you?

I left 9-1-1 in January after 14 years at "Safety City." I suppose I've learned to make a difference in people's lives. We've been fortunate enough to be involved with so much. We've had pretty good luck.

Tell us about "Safety City."

I didn't ask for the job. Chief Coker, I worked for him years ago. When he retired he took 9-1-1 and called to ask if I'd come back to work. Jack had just taken an early retirement from Oak Ridge. He took both of us. He said, "You all worked together for 21

years with the Citizens Police Academy as assistant coordinators."

How did you get involved with law enforcement?

Back in the 80s I was working with Channel 10 and reporting to them things I heard on the police scanner. One day Channel 6 asked how Channel 10 was getting all their top stories and some said "Mae Moody." I went to work for them doing photography and news stories. They got me the equipment and on the way home I heard on the scanner that a Caterpillar had overturned when they were building Interstate 640. I got that and took it right back. They said I didn't have to tell them anything unless I was going to cover something. That worked, it was fun, and the police department helped me so much. I got to know the police officers. They told me I should work for the police department but I knew I was too short. They said there's a new thing opening, the Crime Prevention Bureau, and I put my application in. They hired me and let me carry my camera on ride-a-longs.

You do a lot of volunteer work, don't you?

Yeah, we do volunteer work with the Highway Patrol and with the FBI when they need extra people. We went through the District Attorney General's Academy and Charmé Allen asked us to be ambassadors for that. We're beginning to start working with the sheriff department's eleven week

academy. We got a letter from Tom Spangler asking us to come and join.

He (Spangler) is trying to make a dent in a lot of things there before him.

We're also on the board of the Norwood Homeowners Association.

Tell us a bit about your family please.

My daughter, Terry, lives up here behind us and is a big promoter of our work. She's Terry McGill, works at Walgreens, and she has two sons, two of the best kids. Susan Harrill is our oldest daughter and she works for the U.S. Postal Service in Faragut. She has two daughters. Our son Charles, who goes by Chuck, works for Southeastern Freight and he has one son who is an honor student at Halls High School.

What was your favorite position over the years?

Probably working at Safety City. I liked working with the children.

How has your position or volunteer work affected your family?

They've been real supportive of it, every one of them. Jack tags along; he's involved with everything I am.

Are you originally from Knox County?

I was born at Fort Sanders Hospital but Jack was born in Birmingham. He's lived all over the Southeast. We were introduced by a mutual friend, also named Jack. They came to my house; we were married



PHOTO BY JACK MOODY.

Mae Moody chats with Knoxville Focus reporter Mike Steely. The Norwood resident is a community leader, a noted volunteer and a well-known supporter of law enforcement.

in 1960, almost 60 years.

(Jack explained he moved to Knoxville with his family when his father took a job in Oak Ridge.)

What do you see as your main accomplishment in life?

Making a difference in people's lives—a good difference.

When someone meets you for the first time how do you believe they see you?

I'm smaller than anybody but I was "top gun" in the highway patrol in my class. When we graduated they chose 10 people to do an advanced class and Jack and I were fortunate to be

picked. We got to fly over Knoxville in the patrol's brand new helicopter.

What is your favorite place to eat when you two go out?

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KNOXVILLE YOUTH BASKETBALL

EKAA program claims five titles in city tournament

By Steve Williams

The keys to the success of East Knoxville Athletic Association's youth basketball program are simple. "If you have good athletes, you can win," said William Anderson, a commissioner in the EKAA program. "We also have a program with dedicated coaches and two to three coaches per team."

In the 2019 City of Knoxville Youth Basketball Tournament, EKAA won five of 10 division championships and had a tourney finalist in another division.

Center City Youth Sports Program (CCYSP) was second in awards earned with two division titles and one tournament finalist.

Commissions that won one division championship and had one tourney finalist each were the Knoxville Falcons, Fountain City & Inskip-Norwood and New Breed.

West Bearden Basketball League didn't capture a first place trophy but had three tournament finalists. Commissions which finished with one tourney finalist each were Knox Youth Sports and South Knoxville Youth Sports.



The EKAA Roadrunners (red jerseys) and WBBL-Dillon start their 10U Silver Division championship game with the tipoff at the Christenberry Community Center. It was one of 10 title games played in this season's City of Knoxville Youth Basketball Tournament.

The annual city tournament was held in February at several recreation centers in Knoxville.

"We had a total of 90 teams across 10 different divisions, ages 8U through 14U," noted Nathan Nease, Athletics Coordinator for

the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department.

Head coaches of EKAA championship teams were Charlie McCaleb (Boys 8U Gold), Daran Taylor (Boys 10U Gold), Mike Dobson (Boys 10U Silver), Tim Cupp (Boys 12U Silver) and

2019 CITY OF KNOXVILLE YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS		
DIVISION	Tournament Champion	Tournament Finalist
GIRLS 10U	CCYSP Big Shots #2	Falcons-Hedrick
BOYS 8U GOLD	EKAA Roadrunners	New Breed Shockers
BOYS 8U SILVER	Falcons-Martin	KYS Clippers
BOYS 8U BRONZE	Fountain City-Duncan	Fountain City-Hill
BOYS 10U GOLD	EKAA-3 The Hard Way	EKAARockets
BOYS 10U SILVER	EKAA Roadrunners	WBBL-Dillon
BOYS 10U BRONZE	New Breed-Washburn	WBBL-Murphy
BOYS 12U GOLD	CCYSP Bears	CCYSP Bullies Elite
BOYS 12U SILVER	EKAA Shockers	SKYS-Weissinger
BOYS 14U	EKAA Knights	WBBL-Mize

James Mathis (Boys 14U).

"Our girls' team hadn't lost in two years and won the AAU Nationals fourth-grade division last season, so this year they participated in the Boys 10U Gold Division and had a 5-5 record in the regular season," said Anderson. "They didn't play in the tournament (because it was below the roster size requirement)."

The EKAA basketball program, which started six years ago, had 160 kids and 18 teams this season, plus four 6U teams, according to Anderson.

"Another big thing is community effort," Anderson

said, pointing out that businesses donate to the purchases of uniforms and Sarah Moore Greene Elementary School provides a place to practice in addition to the gyms at Milton Roberts and E.V. Davidson recreation centers.

Kenny Jones also is a commissioner with the EKAA basketball program.

CCYSP's two championship teams were the Big Shots #2 in the Girls 10U division and the Bears in the Boys 12U Gold division. Leonard Campbell was head coach of the Big Shots #2, while Ralph Lee was the Bears' head coach.

"I would like to say 'great

job' to the coaches," said Lonnie Cornelius, a co-commissioner along with Melissa Foxx in the CCYSP program. "They work hard. We only get 45 minutes two days a week to get them in shape and ready for the season, but it makes it all worth it when you hear that the kids you were working with went on to the next level. That's because at Center City Youth Sports Program we believe in teaching the kids as well as coaching."

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Vols get past Colgate, 77-70

By Alex Norman

At this time of year the cliché holds true... survive and advance.

On Friday, March 22, the second-seed Tennessee Volunteers blew a 16-point lead to fifteenth-seed Colgate, but hit enough shots down the stretch to win 77-70. This allowed the Vols to advance to the second round where they would face tenth-seed Iowa. (That game was played after the Focus went to print.)

Tennessee opened the game with nine straight points. The Vols were up 12 at the break, but the underdog Raiders fought back. Colgate guard Jordan Burns had

a game high 32 points, including eight three-pointers in the contest. He also had 20 points in the second half. With less than 12 minutes remaining, the Raiders led 52-50, and the crowd in Columbus, Ohio was rooting big-time for the small school from upstate New York. The Vols were ice cold, converting on only two of their first 12 shots after play resumed.

But Tennessee didn't panic. "We've been in (these) situations so many times," said Tennessee senior forward Admiral Schofield. "We've been in situations against Kentucky, Villanova

where we've come out on top.... So we have experience in those situations and we understand what it takes to win in those situations. It's just defense, getting stops, getting rebounds and taking smart shots."

"We knew they were going to make a run," said Tennessee red-shirt junior guard Lamonte Turner, who had 13 points. "They're a good team. It isn't like they can't play basketball. They're good. That's why they're in the NCAA tournament. We have to tell our guys, 'We're going to make our own run. We're going to answer their run and see how they

respond to it.' It was an up and down game. It was a dogfight."

Schofield had a team high 19 points, including two huge three-pointers down the stretch. Guard Jordan Bone had 16 points. Guard Jordan Bowden came off the bench to score 14 points.

Two-time SEC player of the year Grant Williams only took six shots, scoring buckets on four of them. He finished with nine points and seven rebounds in 33 minutes of action. Statistically, it was one of his worst games of the season. But that's still a positive sign for this team. If they can win without a large offensive output

from Williams, what will they be able to accomplish when Williams returns to form?

"You can't forget about the game, but you have to learn from it, and you have to play the next one," said Williams. "You can't focus on it too much because if you do, you're just going to be hung up on the game before. You've just got to move on with a clean slate and clear mind and get ready to play another talented team."

Even with Williams not having a big game, the Vols outscored the Raiders 38-20 in the paint.

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Lady Devils pound out 14 hits in league win over Karns

By Ken Lay

Throughout the early part of the 2019 softball season, Halls High School has battled some offensive inconsistency.

This, despite the fact, that the Lady Devils have scored 49 runs in their first three games.

But Halls took a major step forward when they routed Karns 10-0 at Halls High School Wednesday night.

"We've been a little inconsistent," Lady Devils' coach Bryan Gordon said. "But the girls are working hard for me. They're playing hard and that's all I can ask of them."

"I have a great group and I'm waiting for them to find their stride. The more we play, the better off we'll be. We'll get better as we see more pitching. These are great girls and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do with them, I'm interested in seeing how far they can go."

Gordon certainly had to like much of what he saw Wednesday as the Lady Devils pounded out 14 hits and drew four walks.

"We teach them to be patiently aggressive," Gordon said.

Halls certainly were patient as it worked Karns starting pitcher Madi Lamon for four free passes over the first two innings.

The Lady Devils (3-0 overall, 3-0 in District 3-AAA) took a 1-0 lead. Lamon walked two batters in the frame and one, Halls shortstop, Tanna Hensley scored on a double by Aspen Calloway.

They would add three more runs in the second as Bri McMillan clubbed a two-run homer, her first of her high school career, and Hensley had an RBI single.

Halls expanded its advantage to 7-0 in the third as pitcher Bri Blair had a two-run double and Sloane Baldrige added an RBI single.

Blair's RBI double plated Lauren Lawson in the bottom of the fourth to make the score 8-0.

Blair was also stellar in the circle. She retired the first 11 Karns batters she faced. She allowed three hits and a walk.

She struck out five and kept the Lady Beavers at bay until the top of the fourth when Karns center



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Halls pitcher Bri Blair had prepares to deliver a pitch in a 10-0 victory over Karns Wednesday. Blair struck out five and hurled a two-hit shutout to help the Lady Devils keep their perfect record intact.

fielder Elizabeth Breeden singled with two outs. She stole second before Kate Swafford drew a base on balls.

Blair escaped damage when caught Lamon looking for the third out of the frame.

Karns picked up two more hits in the top of the fifth as pinch hitter Amanda Weaver and second baseman Lexie Baker both singled with two out.

Blair again wiggled off the hook when she caught A.K. Reichter looking.

Halls ended the game with two runs in the fifth. Hensley drove in the game's ninth run with a groundout and Calloway helped the Lady Devils invoke the 10-run rule when her double scored Baldrige, who reached on an error earlier in the frame.

Halls, Karns wear Crazy Socks to honor young softball fan

By Ken Lay

Bryan Gordon may have seen his Halls High School softball team notch a key District 3-AAA home win Wednesday.

The coach saw his squad keep its perfect record intact with a 10-0 win over rival Karns.

But all that didn't seem to matter much.

Sure, the Lady Devils took the field to win and did so impressively but it was what happened before the game that left Gordon happy. The team observed National Down Syndrome Day and Gracie Hensley took the field with Halls for the national anthem.

Gracie is the younger sister of Lady Devils' shortstop Tanna Hensley. She's Halls High's biggest softball fan. Both the Lady Devils and Lady Beavers wore Crazy Socks in honor of the day.

"Today was about more than softball," Gordon said. "Today was for Gracie. She's our biggest fan."

"The kids love her and she does a lot for me. When we have a bad day, I see her in the stands after the game and she gives me a lift. That was really what the day was about. I told the girls that if we play as hard for her as she cheers for us, then everything else will take care of itself."

National Down Syndrome Day was actually Thursday but the Lady Devils and Lady Beavers honored Gracie, who was in full uniform and introduced as an honorary player.

It was a big day for Halls softball but Karns was also on board and the players thanked the Lady Devils for allowing them to participate in the ceremony. The Lady Beavers also took to social media after the game and posted on their Twitter account with #WELOVEGRACIE.

Gracie's older sister Tanna had a big day at the plate as she went 2-for-3 with a run. She also drove in a pair for the Lady Devils, who improved to 3-0 overall and in the district.

Elkins has 'OK day' in Halls High's win over Bobcats

By Ken Lay

Halls High School senior pitcher Graham Elkins had a day that would leave most baseball players ecstatic.

He threw a complete game, struck out 10 hitters and fanned the last three batters he faced.

But he wasn't too happy after he and the Red Devils notched a 10-2 District 3-AAA victory over Black Oak Ridge rival Central Tuesday night at Tommy Schumpert Park.

"I had an OK day," said Elkins, who surrendered two runs, three hits and three hits while also hitting a batter. "I couldn't have done this without my teammates."

"I had some trouble and struggled with my command."

Elkins, who also made an impact with his bat by driving in the game's first run on an infield groundout in the top of the first inning, certainly received praise from longtime Halls coach Doug Polston.

"I thought he threw pretty well," Polston said. "I certainly don't have anything to complain about. He walked more than he usually does."

"Those were the command problems he was talking about."

Elkins had a 3-0 lead before he ever took the mound Tuesday.

Caleb Berry, the Red Devils' leadoff hitter, opened the game by hammering the first pitch of the contest for a base hit.

Central starting pitcher Jacob Pointer then issued back-to-back walks to Drayden Johnson and Will Shoaf to load the bases.

Elkins gave the Red Devils a 1-0 lead when he grounded out. Berry, who stole second, came home.

Blake Hubble then drove in another run when he grounded out. Hunter Housewright capped the inning with an RBI double.

Halls extended its advantage to 5-0 in the top of the second on a two-run single by Johnson, that plated Berry, who legged out an infield hit and again stole second, and Ty Hutchinson (who reached on an error).

The Red Devils put up a four spot in the third as Housewright had an RBI triple and Hutchinson clubbed a three-run homer over the left-field fence.

Pointer left the mound after the third inning. He gave up nine runs, six hits and seven walks. He struck out a pair of Red Devils.

"He just couldn't throw strikes," Bobcats'



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Central pitcher Jacob Pointer prepares to deliver a pitch in a District 3-AAA game against Black Oak Ridge rival Halls Tuesday at Tommy Schumpert Park. He and the Bobcats had a tough day as the Red Devils claimed a 10-2 victory over the Bobcats.

coach Devan Parrott said of Pointer. "You have to be able to throw strikes in a big district games like this."

"We gave up one run after he left the mound. He had a tough day and it was a tough day for us."

"But the good thing about baseball is that you get to come back and do it again tomorrow."

Halls scored its final run of the night when Berry reached on an error to plate Hutchinson with one out in the fifth to make the score 10-0.

Polston said that the Red Devils made Central pay for its mistakes, which included three errors. Central pitchers Pointer and Justin Mize combined to walk eight Halls hitters.

"I told them that we needed to jump on them early," Polston said. "We did that. We took advantage of some things they did early. We haven't really done a good job of that yet this year."

"But today, we were able to string together some hits early."

The Bobcats scored both their runs in the bottom of the fifth to avoid having the 10-run rule invoked.

In that inning, Cole Rheinecker had a two-run double.

Berry finished the game with two hits, two runs, an RBI and a pair of stolen bases for the Red Devils.

Housewright had a pair of extra-base hits and drove in two runs and scored another for Halls.

The Red Devils (5-3 overall, 3-1 in District 3-AAA) completed the season sweep of the Bobcats (2-6, 2-2) with an 11-0 victory Wednesday afternoon at Bob Polston Field in Halls.

Panthers rout mistake-prone Maryville 8-3

By Ken Lay

Powell High School took advantage of its opportunities on the baseball diamond Thursday night and cashing in netted the Panthers an 8-3 non-district victory over Maryville on a cold and sometimes soggy night at Danny T. Maples Field.

The Panthers took advantage of seven errors by the Rebels, who are normally one of the areas more fundamentally sound teams. Maryville's pitchers were also a bit wild.

Coach Adam Sullivan used five pitchers and those hurlers combined to walk nine Panthers and hit another one in the contest, which was delayed nearly 30 minutes due to some showers that moved through the Knoxville Area.

Powell (6-3) took an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, which started with lead-off hitter Courtney Payne reached on an error. He would advance to second when Walker Trusley grounded out.

Payne stole third and came home when Logan Sutton lifted a sacrifice fly to center field to give Powell a 1-0 lead. The Panthers would add another run when Cameron Bryson doubled home Mason King, who reached on a base on a ball.

Meanwhile, Powell lefthander Colton Reynolds kept the Rebels (2-5) at bay early. Reynolds gave up two hits and a walk over the first four innings and the Panthers played some solid defense.

"We talked before the game and I told the guys that defense and pitching would win a game like this, especially when the weather was like this," Powell coach Logan Dalton said. "We've been struggling a little offensively."

The Panthers, who finished the game with five hits, took advantage of mistakes that Dalton said the Rebels usually don't make.

"They're a really good team," Dalton said of Maryville.

Maryville coach Adam Sullivan wasn't quite sure whether he agreed with Dalton's assessment of the Rebels.

"I wish I could say that we made mistakes

that we don't usually make but this game was indicative of our season so far," Sullivan said. "We had like seven or eight errors and we really need to clean it up."

"I'm hopeful that we can get that done by May and that gives us about a month and 10 days. I don't think it's a question of our desire to do well. We're just not doing well."

Powell extended its lead to 3-0 in the third without the benefit of a hit.

Sutton walked and stole second. He took third on a wild pitch and also came home on a wild pitch.

In the bottom of the fourth, things really got crazy.

Shade Powell led off the frame and reached on an error, one of three Maryville miscues on the play and when the dust had settled, he came home with the game's third run.

The Panthers added another tally on an RBI double by Trusley, making the score 5-0.

Powell made it 8-0 in the sixth thanks to a scoring single by Matt Grim. The Panthers picked up another run on a double steal in which Bryson swiped home and Grim took second.

Sutton singled to open the frame. He stole second and took third on an error and came home on another defensive miscue by the Rebels.

With the Maryville victory in the rear view mirror, Powell now shifts is focus to an upcoming two-game District 3-AAA series against Central.

The Panthers, who have won their first four league tilts, face the Bobcats (2-2 in district) at Tommy Schumpert Park tonight (March 25) at 7:30 p.m.

Central makes the return trip to Powell Tuesday night.

"Central is a good team and they're getting better," Dalton said. "That will be a big series for us."

"District play is different because everybody brings a different intensity."

On Thursday, the Rebels scored all three of their runs in the seventh inning off Reynolds, who tossed a complete game.

West's Rausch and Lengenberg have a big day in Florida

By Steve Williams

With Knox County schools on spring break, West's baseball team played ball in the Clearwater, Fla., area last week and got off to a good start with an 11-0 win over Imagine High School at North Port on March 18.

Two of Coach Buzz McNish's players had outstanding performances in the victory. Joesph Rausch, a 6-6, 215-pound junior righthander, threw a no-hitter and struck out 12 in the 6-inning game. Offensively, Brandon Lengenberg, a senior first baseman and outfielder, went 4 for 4 and had seven RBI, belting a grand slam, a three-run homer and a double.

West's scheduled doubleheader the next day was rained out. In addition to the rain, it also was a little cold in Clearwater, according to Coach McNish.

Wednesday was supposed to be an off day for the Rebels, with an outing planned at Clearwater Beach or at St. Petersburg on the Gulf Coast just 15 minutes away.

"It's supposed to warm up and be nice," said McNish, when asked about the forecast.

West had a 2-1 record prior to its trip to the Sunshine State and went 2-1 in Florida.

A few other Knox County baseball teams also made trips to Florida, including Bearden playing in the St. Petersburg area, Catholic at Panama City, Farragut at Fort Lauderdale and CAK at Sanford, Fla.

The Bulldogs went 2-2 in Florida, while the Irishmen went 1-0 to improve to 5-0 overall. The Admirals won three of five games and go into this week 7-2 overall. The Warriors split their four games and now stand 5-2 overall.

JUST CHILLIN': Powell baseball players were wondering why longtime KIL skipper and current Panther assistant Chris Lindsay was walking up and down the dugout so much in a close game at Anderson County last Tuesday night.

"You nervous Coach?" one asked.

"No, I'm just trying to keep my toes from freezing," Lindsay replied.

The late winter night game, which Powell won 3-2, ended around 9:15 and it was getting pretty cold.

Thankfully, spring was on deck.

Local ball playing was held under blue skies on a gorgeous Wednesday, with spring officially stepping up to the plate at 5:58 p.m.

On Thursday, Coach Logan Dalton's Panthers turned back Maryville 8-3 to improve to 6-2 overall.

ROAD TO FAME: With approximately 30 applications to be considered, selection committee members will meet April 10 to pick the first class of Halls High athletics' Road to Fame, said Board Chairman Jerry Julian last week.

"We're also going to decide when we will make this first class known to the public," added Julian. "That probably will be around Aug. 1. The honorees will be presented at the Halls vs. Clinton football game Sept. 6."

CHAMPS AT BEACH: Some members of Bearden's state championship basketball team went to the beach last week, including Drew Pember, Ques Glover, Trent Stephney, Shamarcus Brown, Roman Robinson and Tyler Nordin. Kordell Kah was going to meet up with them at the beach. Drew's dad Donny went with them. At last report, everyone was having a good time.

POWELL SOFTBALL: The Lady Panthers played at the Gulf Shores Classic II in Alabama during spring break week and went 3-1 in four games. In their only loss, a 4-0 decision against Buckhorn of Huntsville, Ala., Wednesday, Coach Jeff Inman held out No. 1 pitcher Allison Farr to keep her from being overworked.

Inman said Powell, which captured the TSSAA Class AAA state championship last season, has the potential to get back to the state this year.

"The hardest thing is getting out of Knoxville," he said.

Anderson County and Halls are expected to be the toughest challengers for Powell in District 3-AAA.

"We're not hitting well right now," said Inman. "Defensively, we're coming along in the right direction."

The Lady Panthers are 6-1 and return to action Tuesday at Halls.

In other softball action last week, Grace Christian Academy went 6-0 in a busy week at Pigeon Forge to raise its record to 11-1.

The Lady Rams' only loss came against Oak Forest, Illinois 13-7 in their fifth and final game in the Gordonsville tournament March 16.



BEST AT STATE
Fulton cheerleaders were recognized for their sportsmanship at this season's TSSAA boys' state basketball tournament and received the Spirit Award out of the eight squads in Class AA. From left to right, front row: Kennedy Gaertner and Ariana Smith; middle row: Erreesae King, Chyna McNair and Jaliyah Teasley; back row: Hannah Hobby, Kaylee Gilland, Khadijah Latham, Emily Stout and Amani Wilson.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Ten years ago, on March 27, 2009 – Jake Ragland scored the lone goal of the match as Christian Academy of Knoxville notched a 1-0 win over Germantown Houston in the Bearden Invitational. Ragland produced the game winner with a goal from 35 yards out and under 17 minutes to play. The victory upped the Warriors' early season record to 2-0-1.

Smotherman: a TSSAA state tourney fixture since 1960

If you have a question about past TSSAA state basketball tournaments – like final scores of games, who the champions were or how far a team advanced in the bracket – Nelson Smotherman will have the answer.

Starting in 1960 and every season since, he has worked the state tournament in some capacity.

This season made his 60th year working at the state tournament and I had the pleasure of sitting beside him on media row during boys' quarterfinal action at MTSU. Nelson also is one of the few people still around that I remember from my days covering state tourneys for The Knoxville Journal in the 1970s and '80s.

Smotherman, 85, told me he went to his first state tournament in 1946 when he was 13 years old and recalled Nashville West being the state champion.

A few years later, in 1955, his brother Bill played for Murfreesboro Central in the state tourney and that was the first season Nelson kept stats at the state for the radio broadcast of the games on WGNS.

He worked in that role for WGNS from 1960-1975, for WMTS from 1976-1980 and with the TSSAA State Tournament Network for years starting in 1974.

Smotherman also was the statistician for the TSSAA boys' and girls' state tourneys for years, beginning in 1960.

In 1989, the TSSAA hired him to compile records, which led to the 1991 publishing of the TSSAA State Record Book.

"Nelson is a walking record book," said Matthew Gillespie, Assistant Executive Director of the TSSAA. "The amount of history he has physically collected and stored and also mentally collected and stored is unprecedented. He knows little tidbits that no one else in the gym will know. The craziest thing you can think of Nelson will know."

"He's kind of our – whatever you want to call it, official or unofficial – historian."

I showed Smotherman a copy of The Knoxville Focus column I did

recently on the first girl and boy players to make a 3-point shot in TSSAA history (1987 season) and that seemed to be right down his alley in the trivia department.

Since retiring as statistician, Smotherman still comes to the state tourneys in Murfreesboro to collect all stat sheets and keep up with the records, said Gillespie.

"He gives radio and TV broadcasters and other members of the media little tidbits of things that he may know," added Gillespie. "He's just a wealth of knowledge."

Matthew didn't know I had experienced that earlier in the day during the semifinals when Smotherman looked up and gave me a list of all the Knoxville teams that had won state titles over the years, including Knoxville High's championships in 1939, 1941 and 1951 in the pre-classification era.

"We are definitely lucky to have him involved in high school sports," added Gillespie. "There's a lot of my job that I couldn't do or wouldn't have been able to gather the information if it wasn't for Nelson."

Smotherman said his father, Nelson Sr., knew the man who owned the radio station in Murfreesboro and that helped open the door for him to eventually keep stats for Hall of Fame broadcasters like Monte Hale and Billy Haney.

"It's just something I got into back in 1950," said Nelson. "I've stayed in it and done it ever since. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't still be doing it."

He's worked state tourneys when A.F. Bridges, Gill Gideon and Ronnie Carter were TSSAA Executive Directors as Bernard Childress is now.

Best team at the boys' state he's ever seen?

"My answer to that is the Pearl High team from 1966," said Nelson. That Nashville team was champion of the first integrated state tourney.

Best player?

"I can remember a few of them," he said. "Ed 'Too Tall' Jones, he's one of the pros that played in the state tournament. He played for Jackson Merry in 1969."

Jones didn't become known as "Too Tall" until he played football at Tennessee State University. The 6-9 defensive end went on to play 15 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys.



Nelson Smotherman worked his 60th TSSAA state basketball tournament this season. Matthew Gillespie, Assistant Executive Director with the state's high school athletics association, calls him a "Walking Record Book."

Remember Jim Smiddy, the National High School Hall of Fame girls coach from Bradley Central, who's name was brought up a time or two after the Bearettes won the Class AAA title this season for the first since Smiddy won his fifth in 1976?

"I knew Jim quite well," said Smotherman.

What about Bearden's boys team I asked Nelson after the Bulldogs' win over Memphis East in the Class AAA finals?

"I thought they looked good," he answered. Those words mean a lot coming from a man who has seen so many state champions through the years.

What have you enjoyed the most over the years with your affiliation with the TSSAA state tournaments?

"I've just enjoyed keeping up with all this information and having it for sportswriters and everyone to use," said Smotherman, who was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame as a contributor in 1997. "And certainly I have enjoyed the games."

Retirement?

"Not at least for two years," answered Nelson, "because two years from now will be the 100th anniversary of the TSSAA boys basketball state tournament and I want to be here for that."

He'll have to be. The TSSAA hasn't had a state tourney since 1960 without him.

Assistant coach's sons help make Fulton basketball a family affair

By Steve Williams

Fulton High head basketball coach Jody Wright was in the post-game media room with some of his players talking to reporters after the Falcons' overtime quarterfinal win over Memphis Mitchell in this season's TSSAA state tournament at MTSU in Murfreesboro.

But what caught this reporter's eye was the little boy standing just to the right of Coach Wright. Who is he I wondered. So I walked over to him, with my microphone in hand, and started interviewing the youngster.

The little boy turned out to be 5-year-old Tate Cox, the son of Fulton assistant coach Jonathan Cox.

Two days later, Tate and his 8-year-old brother Sully were both in the media room with the Fulton head coach and players following their semifinal win over East Nashville.

Coach Wright was asked to comment on the Cox youngsters and their relationship with the team.

"I've been at Fulton a long time and my girls (Lauren and Mollie) were raised and spent time with me on the bench," said Wright. "I've even pulled a tooth of one of them in a middle of a ball game. Coach Cox has got three young boys – and the youngest one (Nash) is about a year and a half old."

"They love the players and they love spending time with them. We kind of have a family atmosphere at Fulton. So what better way to spend time with your kids than doing it around a good bunch of players and a good team?"

"These boys ride the bus with us. They come to



Rob Black, Fulton High head football coach, sits with Tate (left) and Sully Cox outside the Falcons' dressing room at the TSSAA state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro following a semifinal win. The two Cox boys are sons of Fulton basketball assistant coach Jonathan Cox and were around the Fulton team a lot this season.

practice with us. They've set on the bench with us. They're in the locker room with us. We want the state to be a special time for them, too. It's a special time for us. We're all pretty fond of these boys."

Baby Nash may not have been in the media room, but he was at the state tourney, said Wright.

"He hasn't missed a game. He's a little bit young to be down on the sidelines right now," chuckled Coach Wright. "He'll be down there in a few years."

Nash most likely was with his mom, Meredith, in the stands.

The boys' paternal grandparents also have ties to basketball. Johnny Cox is a longtime referee and his wife, Karen, has kept the scorebook at high school games for around 40 years.

Fulton basketball is family and that certainly was evident at this season's state tournament.

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The Doctor is in

a weekly column by
Dr. Jim Ferguson

Derangement

One of my axioms is, “I don’t find stories/essays; they find me.”

“The Doctor is in...” is an opinion column, but recently a self-avowed atheist took umbrage at my religion, my opinions and my observations. Public speaking and writing take courage because there will always be “nattering nabobs of negativity” who disagree with you. But this was more than just disagreement. His diatribe against God and my opinions reminded me of the chat room at the News Sentinel where I was once a columnist. I don’t use Twitter or frequent chat rooms, but the email rant caused me to reflect on social media bullies, who also roam college campuses and shutdown opinions which conflict with their socialist-progressive indoctrination, mislabeled as education.

In the age of fake news, photoshopping and internet

“research,” I’ve become somewhat skeptical of most things I see and read. I wasn’t at Pericles’ Funeral Oration nor did I hear The Gettysburg Address. Did those speeches come down to us as uttered? If CNN or The Washington Post was the source, I’d probably discount the rendition.

Is it more important what someone said or what you heard? In other words, is “My Story” more relevant than facts? This conundrum was played out in the Brett Kavanaugh SCOTUS hearings, and we all have perceptual biases.

You may not realize it, but we live in the post-modern era which began at the end of World War II. Perhaps working from Einstein’s principle of relativity, a foundational principle of our postmodern era is that everyone has a unique position in the universe and a unique perspective on reality.

Disagreeing with someone’s perspective is fine, but to shout them down or deny them the right to have their own opinion is, in my opinion, anti-American and unjust.

You might find it hard to believe, but I once voted for Democrats. Unfortunately, the Democrat moniker is now only of historical interest, because aside from septuagenarians like Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden, there aren’t any Democrats left - and I’m not sure about Pelosi and Biden. There certainly aren’t any John Kennedys or Zell Millers left. Though they march under the traditional banner, the radicals who make up the modern Democrat party bear little resemblance to the Democrats of bygone eras.

Though it seems to change every day, there are currently more than fifteen “Democrats” who are declared as running for President. This includes Bernie Sanders who marches as a Democrat, but is a self-avowed socialist.

I’ve been following the Democrat candidates and their platforms. The following is a partial list of these alt-left wannabes who seemingly want to punish America for daring to elect the outsider Trump. They espouse: Medicare for all, even for people who have never paid into the system

as I have for more than four decades; eliminating the electoral college which will result in the most populous states, California, New York, Texas and Florida, electing all future presidents; lowering the voting age to sixteen, though science has shown that the human brain does not mature until it is twenty-five years old; paying reparations to the descendants of former slaves; abortion at any stage of pregnancy including after birth; elimination of national borders and ICE; voting rights for noncitizens; social security for illegal aliens; retrofitting all buildings in America, eliminating fossil fuels, airplanes and flatulating cows with the New Green Deal; a universal income of \$1000 per month for everyone whether they work or not; banning circumcision; packing the Supreme Court rather than amending the constitution; and continuing the soft coup d’état to overturn the 2016 election by impeaching President Trump because he opposes the Washington “mob.” I could go on, but the above demonstrates the lunacy that has over taken the Democrat party.

Nancy Pelosi is no longer in control of her House caucus. AOC and the anti-Semites Omar and Tlalib are the new faces of the Democrats, driving Pelosi

to see “How [left] she will go.” The new alt-left Democrats (example Stephen Cohen of Memphis) apparently don’t know the history of the 1786 Constitutional Convention’s The Great Compromise or they choose to bastardize the truth for race baiting headlines. All the while, the chairwoman of the Democrat party of Tennessee calls our state racist. The Democrats’ loss of power and their hatred of Trump has led to derangement.

Late in life, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams became friends after being bitter political enemies with the election of 1800. They both died on July 4, 1826, fifty years after the Declaration of Independence. Adams last words were, “Jefferson lives,” though Adams did not know Jefferson had preceded him a few hours earlier.

I am thankful that Trump still lives, and that he is upsetting the Washington mob bosses and opposing the lunacy that has overtaken half of our country. Trump’s Wall is being built. And like the Great Wall of China, Hadrian’s Wall and the wall around the Vatican, Trump’s wall is necessary. I am a proponent of legal immigration, but the illegal invasion must be stopped.

History proves that lowering taxes and smaller government always work.

Our booming economy is a modern example. The stock market is up even without Obama’s quantitative easing, interest rates remain low, unemployment is at record lows, use of food stamps is down, good jobs are being created, our military has been revitalized and America is again respected in the world. NATO countries are paying their dues, negotiations with China and North Korea continue, industries are returning to America and for the first time in 70 years we have energy independence.

Yet there is work to be done. Trump seems tireless, but he needs help. It’s time for citizens to stand up for America and Americanism. We must oppose the Trump derangement syndrome and “treat” those poor souls who have been co-opted by hatred and lost their way.

The utopian social contract espoused by Democrats was first proposed by Jean Jacques Rousseau in the 18th century. It doesn’t work. You cannot build a utopian society by educating and feeding the masses. Actually, Sir Thomas Moore concocted the word utopia in his 17th century allegory Leviathan. Utopia means “no place.”

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The Power of the Holy Spirit

Do you remember “show and tell” in school? Kids would come in with an object and talk about it. It might be a rock collection, a quilt, a baseball card, or a musical instrument. Some kids would talk as if they were an expert. I had just started guitar lessons and I brought my guitar to class to share on “show and tell.” I told a friend on the bus that day that I was going to show off my guitar but I hoped no one asked me the names of the strings because I didn’t memorize them yet. Well, at the end of my presentation the teacher asked the class, “Does anyone have any questions for Mark?” Up went the hand of my



By Mark Brackney,
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friend, “Yes, could you please name the strings for us.” He threw me under the bus. I did my best to keep my composure and proceeded to name the strings. I had no clue what they were, but it sounded good and no one questioned me. I got away with it because I pretended to know.

Some people live their entire lives this way. They fake it till they make it. They live a life of pretending. I am afraid that we might do this at times with our spiritual life. On Sundays we show up to worship, but during the week we have been doing anything but worship with our lives. We claim to have the power of the Holy Spirit when

we are around church folk, but have no evidence of that power when we walk out the doors of the church building. But if the “show and tell” is good enough, we think no one will really notice. This can happen in our social lives as well. We hope our posts on social media will convey that life is great, that my family has their act together, but really life is not going well.

If the Holy Spirit were to leave your life, would anyone notice? If the Holy Spirit were to leave where you gather to worship, would anyone notice? What we see in the early church is that they were totally dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit. It was not about the show, it was about the Spirit. We want the Spirit to be real and at work in our lives. We want to experience

the Spirit in our lives.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven he said: “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8). The word for “power” in the Greek is the same word we have in English for “dynamite.” This is an explosive power and strength. The power of the Holy Spirit in Acts is tied to being a witness. The Spirit is not at work in our lives so we can show off, it is at work so we can be a witness to the power of the gospel. It is present so we can bless, love, and serve others.

When we try to live out our faith apart from the Holy Spirit, it is like trying to push a motorcycle across the country, when all you have to do is start the engine and let it do the work. It

doesn’t make sense to live life this way. With whatever challenge or struggle you may be dealing with, don’t turn to self-help, but Spirit help. We need to be more dependent on the Spirit.

Just before Jesus ascended back to heaven, he said: “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven” (Luke 24:49). Jesus told his disciples to not do anything until the Spirit came.

Why? Because they couldn’t do what God needed them to do apart from the Spirit. Everything they were to do was to be dependent upon the power of the Spirit.

Let that be our aim.



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Touring Historic Powell Valley

Powell Valley is located just south of Cumberland Mountain stretching from Wise County, Va., all the way into Eastern Tennessee along the Powell River. The name

A Day Away



By Mike Steely

“Powell” comes from longhunter Ambrose Powell, a member of Dr. Thomas Walker’s exploration of our region. His name was found carved into a tree.

The extension of Powell Valley between LaFollette and Harrogate, Tn. is a scenic and interesting day trip with many old places along the way and the heights of the mountain to the north and the river to the south.

You can loop the drive by taking I-75 to Caryville, past Cove Lake State Park, and through LaFollette heading east. Just stay on Highway 63 and you’ll pass some historic mountain gaps to the north. Other than Highway 25 West and 25 East there’s no road across the mountain between LaFollette and Harrogate, just the unbroken and majestic Cumberland Mountain.

Lots happened during settlement and in the Civil War atop that mountain including skirmishes at Big Creek Gap (now LaFollette), Woodson’s Gap and Rogers Gap near Speedwell.

Heading east you’ll pass

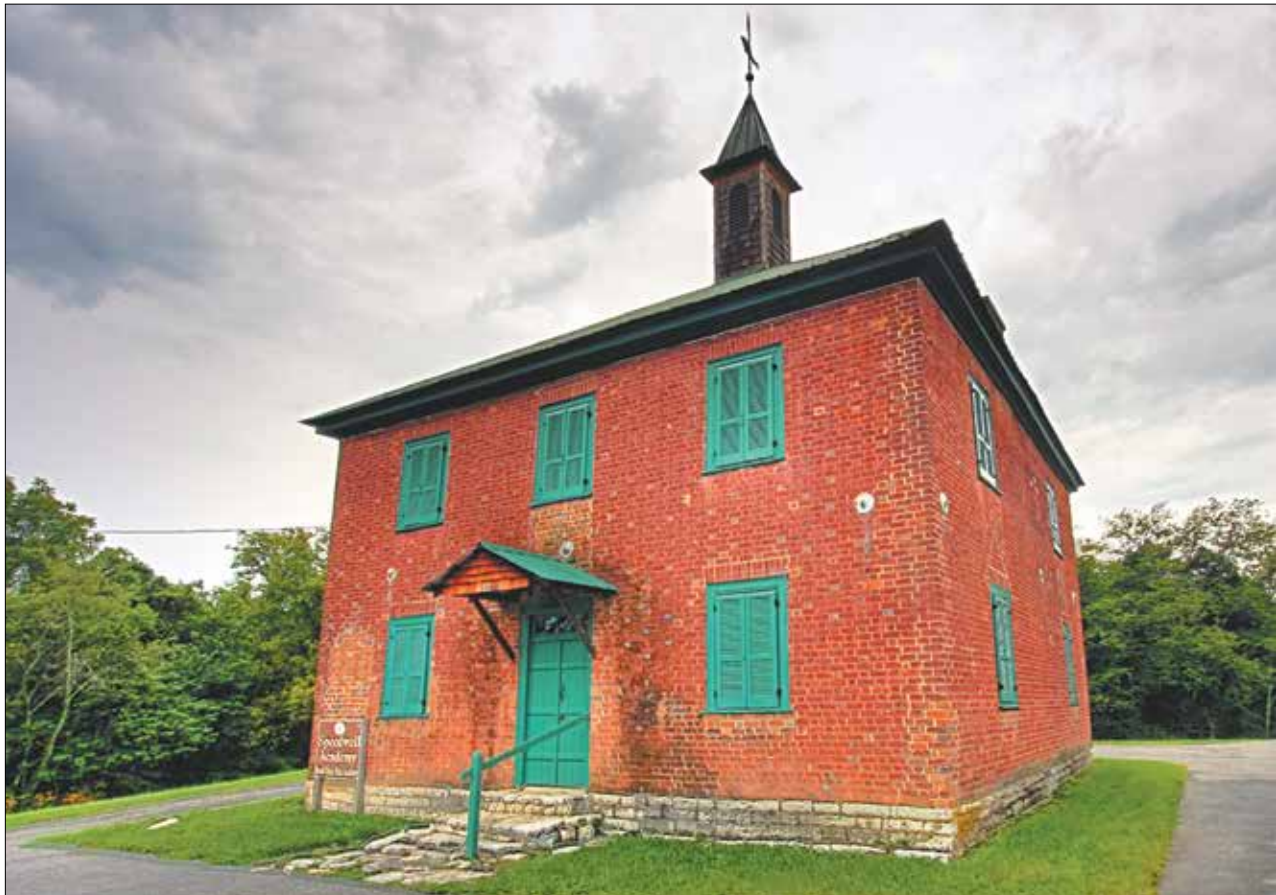
through the little communities of Fincastle and Well Springs. At Speedwell you’ll find a few stores, a post office, large farms and lots of history. Where the name comes

from is a guess but probably it was for Speedwell, Virginia.

Powell Valley has an elementary school, a post office, churches, a volunteer fire department, and a convenience store. Highway 63 has been designated as the General Carl W. Stiner Highway after the Campbell County native.

If you’ll turn south you can drive Old Highway 63 and basically travel along the old pioneer route. Along the road you’ll find the Kincaid-Russell House, built by John Kincaid in 1840 for his brother William Harrison Kincaid. It’s on the National Register of Historic Places. The Kincaid family were wealthy settlers, slave holders, and Confederate supporters.

Still along the old route you’ll come to Academy Road. If you turn right you’ll eventually come to a very notable structure, Speedwell Academy. The ancient schoolhouse was donated by a Pennsylvanian, George Shutter, who donated 114 acres and supplied the



Speedwell Academy, built in 1827 by George Shutter, has 18-inch thick brick walls and is in Powell Valley just off Old Highway 63. Hogs hair was used in the plaster of the walls. It served as a Confederate headquarters in 1862.

funds and the slave labor to build the school. Originally a log structure the building was bricked when clay from a nearby creekbed was shaped in handmade molds and fired on the site. Some of the bricks have paw prints, apparently from dogs who walked through the molds. With a foundation of limestone the building has exposed hand-hewn beams running the full length of the structure.

Male students at the school worked on the Shutter farm. Church services were held on the second

floor and the school building became a makeshift center of the rural community. Eventually Claiborne County acquired the school and it closed in 1970. The Academy was abandoned and much of it destroyed by vandals.

Today a non-profit organization maintains and restores the building.

During the Civil War the Confederates occupied the school with area commander General Felix Zollicoffer residing there occasionally. The grounds around the school were known as

“Campground Bluff.”

Back on the newer Highway 63 heading east you’ll pass Carr’s Chapel, Arthur and Town Creek. Town Creek was so named because, in early settlement, a Native American settlement was found along the creek.

Eventually you will arrive in Harrogate, home of Lincoln Memorial University, and near the town of Cumberland Gap. A venture into the historic little town is worthwhile as is a trip atop the mountain there to overlook both Kentucky and Tennessee. If you continue through

Powell Valley into Virginia on Highway 63 you’ll eventually come to Martin’s Station, built on the edge of Indian Territory and destroyed by the Chickamauga Cherokee.

But if you’ll turn right in Harrogate and follow Highway 25W on your way back home you’ll pass through Tazewell, New Tazewell, and Maynardville.

A day away, especially with family, makes for a great getaway from home. If you take such a trip you should stop occasionally, see the sites, and enjoy your outing.

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

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

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said vehicle.

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The following described vehicles impounded/ repaired/towed will be sold at public and/or private auction in compliance with the Tennessee Public Acts 1967, Chapter 240, House Bill 379. The sale will be held at Volunteer Towing Vehicle Impoundment Lot located at 5906 Waldon Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

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

The failure of the owner/lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim any vehicle listed below, not bearing a VIN/Serial number, shall be deemed a waiver of all rights and title and authorization to sell said described vehicle(s).

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FORECLOSURE NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 9, 2015, executed by ROGER A THOMAS, BROOKE F. THOMAS, conveying certain real property therein described to Charles E. Tonkin, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded April 13, 2015, at Instrument Number 201504130055066;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, THE ANNEX AT JEFFERSON PARK WEST, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD IN INSTRUMENT NO. 20131120030377 AND INSTRUMENT NO. 201407140002636, BOTH IN THE REGISTER’S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLATS SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Parcel ID: 162ED008

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 12217 HARPERS FERRY LN, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922. 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): ROGER A THOMAS, BROOKE F. THOMAS

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of November, 2007, William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham conveyed the hereinafter described real property and improvements thereon to Joseph G. Coker, Trustee, by Deed of Trust of record at 200711210041501 in the Knox County Register’s Office, to secure certain debts and obligations as are described in said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Wise was appointed and designated to serve as Substitute Trustee under said Deed of Trust by instrument dated July 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an event of default has occurred, and the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, First Volunteer Bank, being the owner and holder of the debts secured by and described in the Deed of Trust, has declared all debts and obligations secured thereby to be immediately due and payable; and

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust has directed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof, and to sell the real estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Deed of Trust, I will on the **1st day of April, 2019, at 11:00 o’clock a.m.**, at the main entrance to the City/County Building for Knox County, Tennessee nearest the main assembly room, Main Avenue, in Knoxville, Tennessee offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, or on such terms as may be announced at the sale, the following described real estate and all improvements thereon:

SITUATED IN District No. Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as all of Lot 32-R1, a resubdivision of Lots 31, 32 and 33, of the Chestnut Grove Subdivision, Unit One, as the same appears of record in Map Book 88-S, page 43 (Map Cabinet K, Slide 43-C), in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more complete and particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to William J. Farnham and wife, Kathleen M. Farnham by Quitclaim Deed from F & F Development Corporation, dated April 18, 1994, recorded in Deed Book 2138, page 729, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Property Address: **1919 Chestnut Grove Road, Knoxville, TN 37932**

Tax Map #: 117FB-018

Provided, however, in the event of any inconsistency between the description and the address or tax map number, the property description shall control.

The sale shall be subject to: (i) all matters shown on any recorded plat; (ii) any unpaid taxes; (iii) any restrictive covenants; (iv) applicable easements or set back lines; (v) any prior or superior liens or encumbrances; and, (vi) any other priorities as may appear in the public records or as may be disclosed by an accurate survey of the property. The sale shall be made in bar of all rights or equities of redemption, homestead and dower, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust. Title is believed to be good, but the undersigned

shall convey only as Substitute Trustee, without covenants or warranty of title.

KNOWN INTERESTED PARTIES: Pinnacle Bank, Discover Bank, Knox County Trustee.

The right is reserved to: (i) adjourn the date or time of the sale to another date or time certain without further publication, upon announcement of the same at the time and place for the sale set forth above; (ii) extend the time that the successful bidder has to make settlement; (iii) keep bidding open for any length of time; (iv) reject all bids; and, (v) accept the second highest bid or the next highest bid with which the bidder is able to comply, should the highest bidder fail to comply with the term of the sale. The sale may be rescinded at any time.

This the 7th day of March, 2019.

Stephen R. Wise, Substitute Trustee
Wise & Reeves, P.C.
625 S. Gay Street, Suite 160
Knoxville, TN 37902
(865)544-1199

PUBLICATION DATES: March 11, 2019, March 18, 2019 and March 25, 2019

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

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

Owner of Debt: Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC

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

SITUATED IN District Nine (9) of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 25th Ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being known and designated as Lots 37 and 38, Block 3, Southland Park Addition, as shown by map of same of record in Map Cabinet A, Slot 195-B (Map Book 6, Page 47), in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to James H. Robinson and wife, Corrine B. Robinson by deed dated January 8, 1993 from Mable McMillion, unmarried of record in Warranty Book 2094, Page 343, Register’s Office for said County.

Tax ID: 123HK018

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

The street address of the above described property is believed to be **806 Drive D, Knoxville, TN 37920**, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ESTATE OF

JAMES H. ROBINSON AND SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities’ right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 567-1-1433.

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

MWZM File No. 19-000009-22-01

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured to be paid by a certain deed of trust executed by Doris J. Shanks on the 14th day of October, 2010, to Myron C. Ely, Trustee recorded in Instrument No. 201010140023578, Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, given to secure the said indebtedness and the liabilities and obligations therein described; and the holder of said Note having declared the entire debt due and payable and the same has not been paid and default has been declared on the Note due in full at the death of Doris J. Shanks.

THEREFORE, the undersigned, having been appointed Substitute Trustee of record in Instrument Number 201903150053835, Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and having been requested to advertise and sell the property described in and conveyed by the said deed of trust, do give notice that the undersigned will on **April 25, 2019, commencing at 11:00 a.m.**, 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 tract of property, lying in the District Number Six (6) of Knox

County, Tennessee that is more fully described as follows:

SITUATE in District Number Six (6) of Knox County, Tennessee, without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 10, Block H, Wedgewood Hills, Unit 3, as the same appears of record in Map Cabinet D, Slide 246B, in the Register’s Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

BEING the same property conveyed to Doris J. Shanks from Harry J. Klepser and wife, Pearl E. Klepser, by warranty deed dated June 22, 2006, of record in Instrument No. 200606230108303, in the Register’s Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

This is unimproved property located on **301 Engert Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.**

Other interested parties include Wells Fargo Bank (Instrument No. 201010130023296) and First Tennessee Bank (Instrument No. 200705300097639). Said sale shall be subject to any prior deeds of trust, to any unpaid property taxes, to any additional prior liens, leases, encumbrances, to any rights of redemption not heretofore expressly waived, and to all applicable reservation of minerals, easements, rights-of-way, setback lines and restrictions.

The exemptions of homestead, statutory rights of redemption, curtesy and dower, appraisal, and marshaling are hereby expressly waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only such title as he may convey as Trustee there being no representations or covenants of warranty of title made hereby.

It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain possession of the property at his expense, and any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or other loss or damage to the property occurring subsequent to the date of sale shall be at the risk of the successful bidder.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to postpone or set over the date of sale in the event the Substitute Trustee deems it best for any reason at the time of sale to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, with such notice of postponement as deemed reasonable by the Substitute Trustee. In the event the highest bidder at such sale fails to complete his purchase of the subject real property within the applicable time allowed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to complete the sale of the subject real property, without further notice or advertisement, to the next highest bidder who is able to consummate his purchase of the property within the time permitted by the Substitute Trustee.

This 21st day of March, 2019. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

John Beam
Substitute Trustee
709 Taylor Street
P.O. Box 280240
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(615) 251-3131

Insertion Dates: March 25, 2019, April 1, 2019, April 8, 2019

You can reserve your legal or public notice by emailing
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Authors Guild to meet

The Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 11 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church of Farragut. Published authors are invited to attend. authors-guildoftn.org

Daughters of 1812 Meeting

The General Henry Knox Chapter National Society United States Daughters of 1812 will meet on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11:00 at Calhoun's Restaurant on Bearden Hill, Knoxville. The program speaker is Wolfgang Schaber and he will share his joys of the accordion. For more information, call (865)719-9744.

Free Lung Health Community Day Offered in Knoxville

The American Lung Association is offering a free Lung Health Community Day in Knoxville. Lung disease is the third leading cause of death in America, and as ALA likes to say, "When you can't breathe, nothing else matters." By offering this free educational event, ALA hopes to improve lung health and save lives in Knoxville. The event is locally sponsored by Erlanger Heart and Lung Institute.

The American Lung Association in Tennessee invites you to a free Lung Health Community Day on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike, Knoxville. Come and learn about your hard-working, precious lungs and how to keep them healthy. There will be free screenings for asthma, COPD and lung cancer, smoking cessation information, food, games

and more. To learn more call 615-329-1151.

Fountain City Egg Hunt

The Annual Fountain City Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9 a.m. to noon at Fountain City Park.

The Annual Fountain City Easter Egg Hunt is a yearly tradition bringing together kids of all ages and their parents to enjoy a fun day of vendors, games, a variety of activities, and, of course, Easter egg hunting! The event is free and open to the public, so we hope you'll join us. There will also be a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Hunts

Ages: 6yrs to 8yrs at 9:30 a.m.

Ages: 3yrs to 5yrs at 10:15 a.m.

Ages: Walking to 2yrs at 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 9yrs to 12yrs at 11:45 a.m.

*Note: Parents are NOT allowed to help kids hunt, so no parents will be allowed in egg hunt area. Small kids must be walking on their own! Please bring your own Easter basket. Some of the prizes will include stuffed animals, games, Easter baskets, toys, and bikes.

If you are interested in booth/food truck space or in volunteering to help, please email info@fountaincitybusiness.com.

Grace Baptist Church

On Sunday, March 31 at Grace Baptist Church, 113 Smothers Rd, Seymour, TN 37865, Christian evangelist and motivation speaker David Ring will speak. Everyone is welcome; the event begins at 6 p.m.

Inskip Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Celebration

Inskip Baptist will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 9, 2019. All members past or present are encouraged to attend. Worship starts at 10:45 a.m. with lunch following the service. There will be an additional service following lunch.

All are welcome to come celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

Inskip Baptist Church is located at 4810 Rowan Road, Knoxville, TN 37912.

Master Gardeners of Knox County offer April Classes

"Work Smarter, Not Harder: Master the Demands of Your Garden"

Join Master Gardeners Cathy Carpenter, Vickie Smith, and Ellen Liuzza to learn how to save time - and your back - with your gardening.

This free public event is scheduled on Saturday, April 6, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golfclub Rd, Knoxville, TN 37919, phone 865-588-8813 or web knoxlib.org. This is also scheduled on Tuesday,

April 23, from 11 a.m.-noon at Karns Senior Center, 8042 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN 37931, phone 865-951-2653.

"Don't Treat Your Soil Like Dirt"

Soil is ALIVE! Come and listen to what Master Gardeners Andy Mehninger and Barb O'Neil have to share about soil and soil amendments for your flower, vegetable, and herb gardens. This free public event is scheduled on Saturday, April 13, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Cedar Bluff Branch Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, phone 865-470-7033.

This event is also scheduled on Monday, April 15, from 1-2 p.m. at Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922, phone 865-777-9622 or online https://ymcaknoxville.org.

Knoxville National Cemetery to Honor Vietnam Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs Knoxville National Cemetery will honor the service, sacrifice, and enduring achievements of the Armed Forces

in a 50th Anniversary event on March 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Knoxville National Cemetery flagpole. The event will commemorate Vietnam War Veterans and include a pinning ceremony to all Vietnam Veterans in attendance that have not been previously been pinned. There will be a wreath placed to honor Vietnam Era Veterans.

Reverend Dr. Pat Polis, Former Capt. US Army, will be the speaker.

Lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during the event, and include accompanying remarks to reflect the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice.

Public Service Announcement

Over the last several years drug overdoses have continued to increase. At this point, the Surgeon General has issued a statement for all communities to increase Narcan availability since research shows when communities increase education and availability, the number of overdose deaths decrease.

For more information, visit: www.narcanonnewlifere-treat.org/blog/where-to-get-narcan.html

WordPlayers present...

The WordPlayers presents "Tennessee Tunes Through Time" on Monday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Jewelry Television's Timothy B. Matthews Theatre, 9600 Parkside Drive, Knoxville.

This music revue takes us on an enjoyable ride with classic tunes from Tennessee that made a huge mark on music in America. The show will include different styles of music for each of the grand divisions of the State; East TN: Bluegrass; Middle TN: Country; West TN: Jazz/Blues. There will be give-aways during the evening of amazing jewelry items from JTV's Gemstore.

"Tennessee Tunes Through Time" is a benefit event. Admission is \$35 minimum donation for adults and \$15 for ages 21 and under. Donations may be made online, by mail, or at the door. For more information please see www.wordplayers.org or call (865)539-2490.

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DOGWOOD ARTS: Your ultimate guide to spring in The Scruffy City

Everything You Need to Plan Your Springtime Adventure

The first day of spring just passed last week, which means Dogwood Arts is about to kick off its annual springtime celebration with a number of exciting events and programs for the entire family. Hop-

scotch through Chalk Walk on Market Square, take in the natural beauty of our region on over 85 miles of blooming Dogwood Trails, make memories at the Dogwood Arts Festival all during April and discover your new favorite band at Rhythm N' Blooms--now in May!

Since 1955, Dogwood Arts has hosted Knoxville's favorite springtime celebration. What started as a neighborhood beautification project has blossomed into a year-round celebration of our region's art, culture, and natural beauty.

Now it's time again to welcome another blooming East Tennessee spring! Follow Dogwood Arts on Facebook or visit dogwoodarts.com to discover

more about the events, performances, and exhibits featured this season.

Dogwood Arts, presented by ORNL Federal Credit Union, is a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to promote and celebrate our region's art, culture, and natural beauty.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 29 | ARTITUDE

A celebration of art, courage, and survivorship produced in partnership with the Cancer Support Center.

APRIL 1 - MARCH 2020 | ART IN PUBLIC PLACES EXHIBITION

An exhibition of large-scale outdoor sculptures in downtown Knoxville, the McGhee Tyson Airport, Zoo Knoxville, and Oak Ridge. Sculpture installation will take place March 22-23, 2019.

APRIL 1-30 | EPIPHONE GUITAR ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of student artwork produced on Epiphone

Guitars, on display at the Songbirds Guitar Art Museum in Chattanooga until April 30th before moving to Knoxville in May.

APRIL 4 - APRIL 30 DOGWOOD TRAILS, OPEN GARDENS, AND CAMERA SITES

Twelve blooming trails covering over 85 miles of residential neighborhoods in the Knoxville area. Farragut is the 2019 Featured Trail. A ribbon-cutting on April 4th on the Farragut Trail will officially open the Dogwood Trails.

APRIL 6 | CHALK WALK

A day-long chalk festival that turns downtown Knoxville sidewalks into a vast canvas for the region's most talented professional and student artists.

APRIL 13 & 14 FEATURED GARDENS

Remarkable private gardens open to the public for one week-end only.

APRIL 14 | BIKES & BLOOMS (Spring)

Organized bike rides showcasing Knoxville's natural beauty the lean, green way.

APRIL 26 - 28 DOGWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL

Downtown Knoxville becomes a dynamic street festival showcasing artwork from local and national artisans, live entertainment, food trucks, children's activities, and much more!

APRIL/MAY HIKES & BLOOMS

Guided hikes that highlight interesting facts, features, and flora, produced with Covenant Health.

MAY 17 - 19

RHYTHM N' BLOOMS

This 3-day music festival features emerging acts in American roots music - encompassing blues, country, jazz, rock, indie, and everything in between.

JUNE 1 - 2 | SUMMER FEATURED GARDEN

One of Knoxville's exceptional gardens opens to the public for this weekend only.

JUNE 7 - 31 | REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of fine art showcasing emerging and established regional artists.

2019 Featured Trail: FARRAGUT

While you may begin your journey by following a path of pink, you will discover so much more when you experience the Farragut Dogwood Trail, featuring 7.9 miles and nearly 500 homes with impeccably maintained yards. The path begins near Willow Creek Golf Course and the entrance to Fox Den subdivision, deep in the heart of Farragut. Continuing to Country Manor subdivision, you'll see newer construction highlighted by these darling dogwoods, in addition to other flowering trees that provide shade and character to the scenery. In Village Green subdivision, the trail is transformed into a historic experience. Modeled after Colonial Williamsburg, the neighborhood features carefully maintained landscapes surrounding homes with classic American features. Enjoy your passage through Farragut's bounteous blooms!

FARRAGUT HAPPENINGS

FARRAGUT BOOK FEST FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, April 6

In conjunction with the Dogwood Arts Festival, the 12th annual "Farragut Book Fest for Children" is Saturday, April 6, at Farragut Town Hall. Sponsored by the Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee, this free event will feature book signings by local authors, storytellers, art activities, music, magic and more. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite storybook character.

The Hardin Valley Academy drama department will roam the park telling stories, with a feature performance under the event tent. Featured authors include A. D. Asher, Tab Bouk, David Boyce, Lucy Branam, Bonnie Cadotte, Jean Leigh Claudette, Jared Jackson, Elizabeth Kidder, Ralphine and Wayne Major, Naomi Miller, JC Morrows, Bobbi Phelps, Adele Roberts, Lisa Soland, Bethany Stahl, and Frances Thomas.

FARRAGUT TOUR & TRAIL DAY

Sunday, April 14

On Sunday, April 14, catch a screening of "A History of Concord & Farragut" at Town Hall and

tour the Farragut Museum from 1:30-2:30 p.m., then attend an open house at the Campbell Station Inn from 2:30-4 p.m.

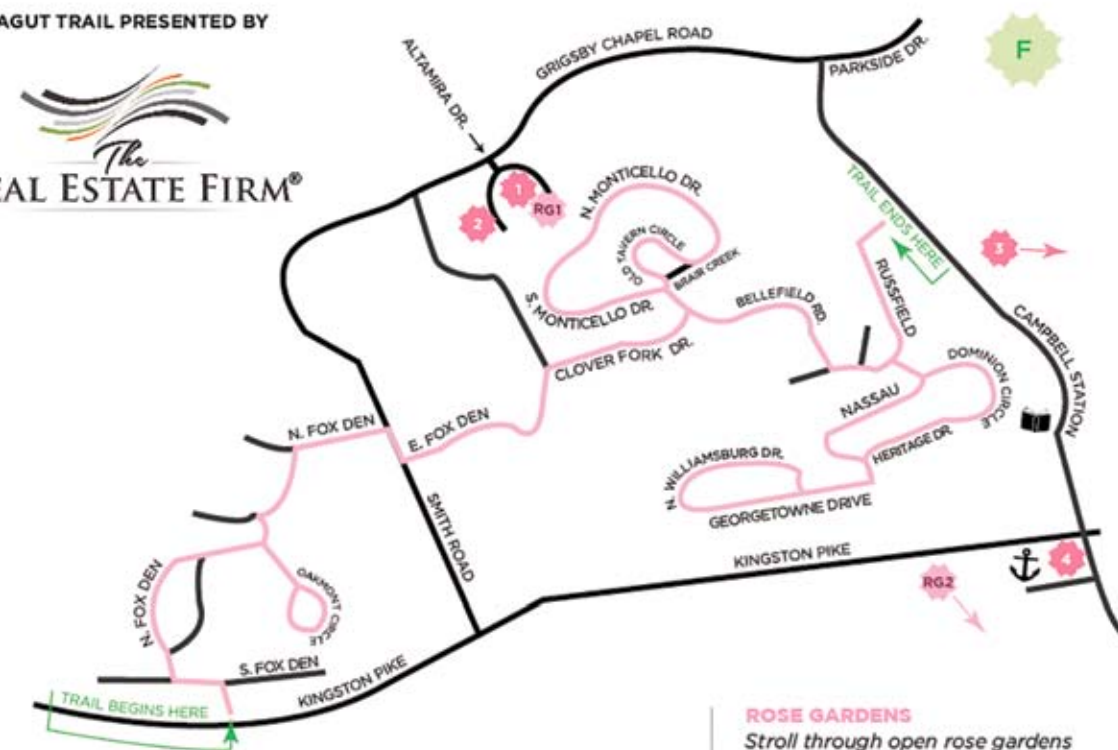
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2. John & Pam Garrity

Open Garden

532 Altamira Drive, 37934

The gardens include a wide variety of perennials, dogwoods and unique garden features.

PUBLIC GARDENS

3. Founders Park at Campbell Station

405 N. Campbell Station Road, 37934

Hours: Daylight

A beautiful 17 acre park offering extensive walking trails.

4. Farragut Town Hall - Farragut Memorial Plaza

11408 Municipal Center Drive, 37934

Hours: Daylight

A Civil War Trails Historical Marker commemorates the Battle of Campbell Station fought in 1863. The Farragut Memorial Plaza features a life sized bronze statue of Admiral Farragut and Civil War era cannons on loan from the U.S. Naval Yard honor his life.

ROSE GARDENS

Stroll through open rose gardens presented by members of the Tennessee Rose Society. Open weekends of May 10-12 and May 17-19 from 10:00am - 5:00pm.

RG1 Michael & Mary Bates

Open Rose Garden

513 Altamira Drive, 37934

World travel created a lifelong love of roses for these property owners. Their garden is home to over 300 roses including hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers, David Austin English Roses and easy-care shrub roses.

RG2 Kathy Brennan

Open Rose Garden

706 Landing Lane, 37934

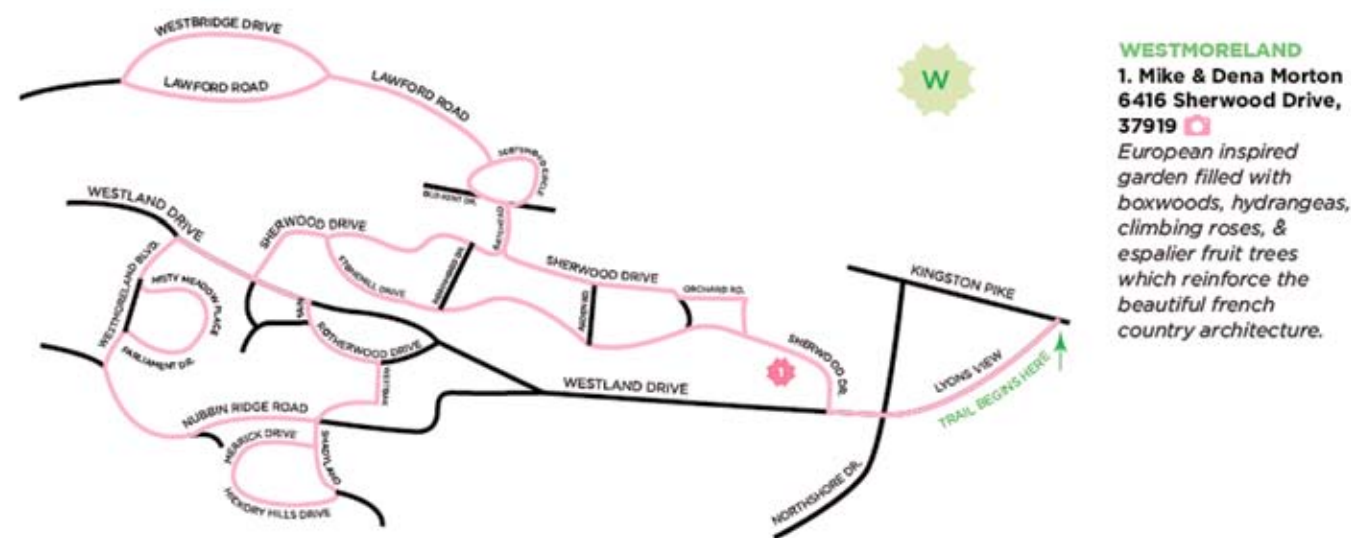
Brenrose Garden is a secret rose garden with companion plants; enter a backyard oasis thru the arch covered with 'Iceburg' roses and clematis.

Find additional upcoming events, programs, and news at
www.townoffarragut.org



WESTMORELAND

TRAIL BEGINS AT KINGSTON PIKE AND LYONS VIEW



WESTMORELAND

1. Mike & Dena Morton
6416 Sherwood Drive,
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European inspired garden filled with boxwoods, hydrangeas, climbing roses, & espalier fruit trees which reinforce the beautiful french country architecture.

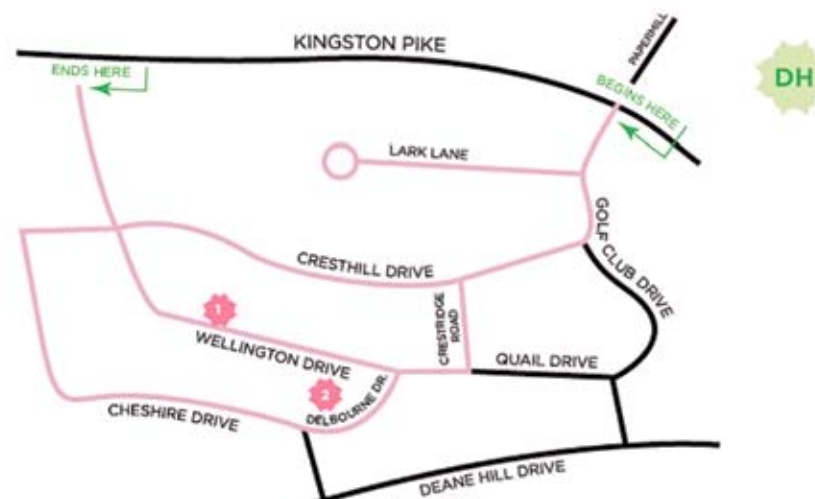
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TRAIL BEGINS AT KINGSTON PIKE AND GOLFCLUB DRIVE

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GrowTeachKnox Spring 2019 at CAC Beardsley

Open to professional and informal educators alike, GrowTeachKnox is dedicated to engaging students with the outdoors. GrowTeachKnox is set for Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at CAC Beardsley Community Farm, 1741 Reynolds St, Knoxville, TN 37921, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Local environmental, gardening, and education professionals will provide hands-on learning for educators to better integrate lessons in the classroom with nature. With topics from observing wildlife habitats to no-plan outdoor lessons, educators will leave the day with the confidence to take their students outside, allowing students to more tangibly connect what they are learning to what they see in the wider world.

For more information or to register for GrowTeachKnox, visit beardsleyfarm.org/gtk

In addition to breakout sessions, attendees will also hear and learn from the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont and the Knox Forest School. The day will conclude with a panel discussion with local experts in the field.

Outdoor Education Improvisation

Amanda Spangler,
Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum.
Kalil White, Inskip Elementary School

Finding and Studying Wildlife

Jennifer Roder, Ijams Nature Center

Nature Art with Found Collections

Elli McNall and Corey Pope, Corelli Art Studio

Gardening Through the Calendar

Khann Chov and Matthew Gabb, CAC Beardsley Community Farm

CAC Beardsley can be contacted at beardsleyfarm@gmail.com or (865)546-8446.

UT Arboretum Society presents the history of the Clinch River environmental studies program March 28

The UT Arboretum Society will sponsor a talk by the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization (CRESO) on Thursday, March 28 at the UT Arboretum Auditorium, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

John Byrd, principal investigator with CRESO and Fred Holtzclaw are retired high school biology teachers. After spending 12 summers transporting junior high and high school students to remote places in the Southeastern United States to visit unique ecosystems, they decided it was time to turn in their chauffeur hats and set-up a research facility in their own community of Anderson County, TN. In 1989, the Department of Energy partnered with Anderson County and Oak Ridge Schools to develop an education/field research program known as the Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization (CRESO). John will document the evolution of this 30-year program along with the

upsides (and a few downsides) of student research and conservation efforts. It will also be an opportunity for participants to become more familiar with some of the unique flora and fauna found at the Arboretum and surrounding landscapes.

Byrd and Holtzclaw found that a key motivator behind CRESO was the heartfelt desire to introduce young people to local wildlife, which continues to be a constant source of joy, questions, and discovery on an almost daily basis for its founders. They sincerely thank the many students and CRESO staff members that contributed



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to the fun and serendipity associated with doing science.

This is a free program sponsored by the UT Arboretum Society and

no advance registration is required. For more information contact: mcampani@utk.edu or (865)483-7277.

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The Arts & Culture Alliance is pleased to present five new exhibitions at the Emporium Center in downtown Knoxville from April 5-26, 2019. A reception will take place on Friday, April 5, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. as part of First Friday activities downtown to which the public is invited to meet the artists and view the artwork. Additionally, the Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus and Vance Thompson & Friends will provide music at the opening. Most of the works are for sale and may be purchased through the close of the exhibition.

Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild Quilt Show 2019 in the main gallery

The Knoxville Modern Quilt Guild (KMQG) exists for residents of Knoxville and surrounding areas who have an interest in modern design and quilting. The guild's mission is to provide a community where modern quilters can meet and share ideas while creating an environment that encourages creativity and acceptance. The KMQG was established in 2010 by Mary Beth Meadows as a member of the Modern Quilt Guild, which is made up of over 14,000 members in more than 200 guilds in 39 countries.

Framing the Scene: Seeing the Situation by Tom Owens & Marianne Woodside in the Balcony gallery

A still photograph puts a frame around a moment frozen in time. It sits still, allowing and perhaps

commanding the viewer to look at something real. One definition of realism is a "rejection of visionary". Yet, photography done well is transcendent: extending the limits of ordinary experience. Seeing is the essence of photography. Seeing the situation may be when all the visual elements coalesce to produce something that engages the viewer. Henri Cartier-Bresson, the French humanist photographer, coined the term "the decisive moment." In his book by that title, he defines the decisive moment: if a photograph is to communicate its subject in all its intensity, the relationship of forms must be rigorously established. Photography must seize upon this moment and hold immobile the equilibrium of it.

As the title of this exhibit suggests, "Framing the scene, Seeing the situation," (inspired by and adapted from Eudora Welty's text, On Writing) represents the hope of Tom Owens and Marianne Woodside to extend the images in this exhibit beyond the moment and the frame. The movements inward and outward represent aspects of the viewer experience and help make personal meaning of the images seen and experienced. The two photographers often have different styles and approaches to their work, yet they hope the transcendence from real to something curious, interesting, attractive, humorous, or even disturbing engages each viewer.

Judy Overholt Wheeler:

Putting the Pieces Together – Mosaic Art in the display case

As I sit here by the sand and water, I am thinking even the beach is an example of putting pieces—little grains of sand—together to make a beautiful place for us to enjoy. Much of life is made up of putting pieces together, whether it is getting dressed in the morning, putting breakfast on the table, or planning a project. In my mosaic art, it is about cutting and placing tesserae (pieces of glass, ceramics, smalti, etc.) to make pieces of beauty for people to enjoy.

Judy Overholt Wheeler is a retired teacher, principal, and supervisor; mother, wife, and grandmother; and a self-taught mosaic artist. She has learned through working with other mosaic artists, taking classes, and researching the components of art. Her first class and inspiration came from Sharra Frank, a Minneapolis mosaic artist. She has also learned from artists in North Carolina, Minnesota, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Once she began doing mosaic art, she was "hooked" and loves creating the pieces as they come to life. Wheeler's art has placed first and honorable mention in the Farragut Art Shows, and she previously exhibited at the Emporium in 2017. She is available to teach small classes out of her home studio. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Judys-Glass-Mosaics-1059875880692229.

Pam Hamilton: The

Woman Within on the North Wall

With varying degrees of abstraction, I paint about silence and solitude – essential moments in life. You will sometimes see other figures share the space, as solitude is only one facet of our lives. The surface of the painting is critical, and I spend time with the texture and colors. Embracing the unexpected, layers are built up, wiped off, and painted over. My appreciation for things aging and well-worn shows through in the hints of cracking paint and textured surfaces that evolve as I work.

This partial collection of paintings by Pam Hamilton is a celebration of women and the strength that comes from within. The exhibition features acrylic and mixed media paintings on canvas. Rough texture and cracking paint underline the contrast to the femininity of Hamilton's figures.

Pam Hamilton is a visual artist born and raised in the Midwest. In 2016, she relocated to the Southeast and now calls Knoxville home. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University, specializing in illustration and visual communications. Hamilton's work has been the subject of solo exhibitions throughout the Midwest. She has participated in numerous group exhibitions in both Chicago and Knoxville. Her work can be found in private collections internationally. She has received numerous awards

and grants for her work. Presently, Hamilton creates art out of her home studio. She has curated exhibitions in both Chicago and Knoxville, taught classes, and mentored up-and-coming artists. For more information, visit www.pamhamiltonart.com.

YARDAGE by Emily Doane, Melissa Everett, Ashley Beals Pace, Sarah Shebaro, Megan Stair, and Coral Grace Turner in

Yardage is defined as a distance or length measured in yards, but more casually refers to an amount of material to be used for making something, most commonly fabric or textiles. In this exhibition, six artists, coming from different disciplines and training, each create their own yardage using techniques such as screen printing, digital printing, shibori, and resist.

The development of pattern can be perfected with computer design and digital printing processes or be the framework through which hand printed or resisted fabrics are inherently one of a kind. All of them, examples of surface design, are able to be transformed into a variety of objects. In this exhibition, there will be both yardage and objects made with yardage designed by the artists.

The exhibitions are on display at the Emporium Center, 100 S. Gay Street, in downtown Knoxville. Exhibition hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.. Please note, the Emporium will be closed on Friday, April 19 for the holiday. For more information, please contact the Arts & Culture Alliance at (865) 523-7543, or visit the Web site at www.knoxalliance.com.

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