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The hike to the primary waterfall in Lower Higgins Creek in Unicoi County can be steep in places, but the payoff is the seclusion and serenity found at the bottom of an impressive waterfall.

## Water Colors

### Lower Higgins hike features waterfalls, colorful leaves

*Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of five hikes that are available around our region. Hiking is a fun, safe way to get outdoors and get some exercise, especially during this time of social distancing. To read about the first hike in the series, visit [www.jcnewsandneighbor.com](http://www.jcnewsandneighbor.com).*

Much like last week's hike to Gentry Creek Falls in Johnson County, this week's hike to Lower Higgins Creek Falls/Bearwallow Hollow in Unicoi County will feature a majestic waterfall and plenty of fall foliage. The description below is not exhaustive. A couple



Hikers who wish to press on will reach an open area called Bearwallow Hollow where the fall colors seem to spread in all directions.

good resources to learn more include [www.alltrails.com](http://www.alltrails.com), and a local site by former Milligan College

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## Forgotten No More

### Local historians reconnect Christian Daniels with descendant

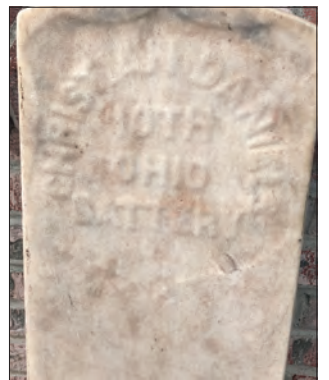
*Editor's Note: This is a follow-up on a story we did on the discovery of a Civil War-era headstone in Johnson City. If you missed it, it can be found at [www.jcnewsandneighbor.com](http://www.jcnewsandneighbor.com).*

BY DAVE ONGIE,  
NEWS EDITOR

When Dawn Peters and Teresa Mann Treadway saw a story in the Sept. 2 edition of the *News & Neighbor* on the discovery of a mysterious headstone, it piqued their collective interest.

"We both love a challenge to find historical and genealogical information about subjects such as this," Peters said in an email to the *News & Neighbor* following the publication of the story.

Little was known about Christian Daniels, a Union Soldier whose name was inscribed on a slab of marble that Eric Ward discovered in a South Johnson City home he had recently purchased. Through the help of local military historian Allen Jackson, Ward and his friend Rick Lewis learned that Daniels had died of an illness, which was common during the Civil War. Jackson's research



Christian Daniels' headstone.

helped uncover the plot where Daniels was buried as well as a purchase order from Nov. 29, 1879 for the granite stone and other pertinent information.

But from there, the trail went cold. No family came forward to request the remains be exhumed and moved prior to the flooding of the cemetery when Watauga Lake was formed by the TVA in 1948. At some point before the land was flooded or during a brief drawdown of the lake in 1983, the stone was moved from its original location, leaving Daniels to rest beneath the water in an unmarked grave. Ward and Lewis turned the stone over to the proper authorities with many questions left unanswered.

Upon reading the story, Peters and Treadway

SEE **HEADSTONE**, 7

## JCAHBA debuts Builders' Brand magazine, revamped Showcase of Homes

BY DAVE ONGIE, NEWS EDITOR

According to an old English proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

That is certainly the case for Builders' Brand, a new publication from the Johnson City Area Home Builders Association. Will Crumley said an increase in the volume of phone calls to the JCAHBA, the Chamber of Commerce and the individual members of the JCAHBA seeking recommendations on reliable professionals to complete a litany of home-related construction and renovation projects led to the creation of Builders' Brand magazine.

In the past, the JCAHBA has done a print product that has traditionally served as a companion to the association's Showcase of Homes event. This year, the decision was made to retool the magazine to serve as a one-stop shop for folks looking for reputable professionals to complete home-related projects, and home construction.

"We said, 'What if we took that magazine and made it not just for this Showcase of Homes, but made it a guidebook for people interested in building a new home, remodeling their home or looking for a place to build a home - a community or development,'" Crumley said. "It's supposed to be a guidebook that provides a resource for people to find somebody to do that work, somebody reputable."

In much the same way, the Showcase of Homes has also changed form this year out of necessity. Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic altered the traditional format of the showcase, but a booming housing market also played a role.

"We're not even promoting it as the Showcase because builders were so busy and selling houses so quickly that we had trouble getting enough houses lined up to do a traditional Showcase of Homes," Crumley said. "Throw COVID in the mix, and all of a sudden, we were only looking at having a few houses."

Instead, the Showcase is taking on more of an open-house format with two custom houses featured. The two homes will be open to the public with contractors on hand to answer questions about the houses.

"It should be fun and give folks a glimpse into the latest housing trends and what's on the market and what could be built for you," Crumley said. "It should be a neat experience."

The event will take place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 25. The addresses of the two homes and other up-to-date information can be found at [www.jcahba.org](http://www.jcahba.org). Preregistration is not necessary, but Crumley said those who do attend will need to take the necessary precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

"They'll definitely need to abide by the rules established by the governor, the county mayor and the city as far as COVID protection," Crumley said.



The JCAHBA is launching a Builders' Brand publication to help connect local folks with dependable experts in the housing field.

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Niswonger Children’s Hospital is asking the public to help donate items that will be given to patients during an upcoming Halloween celebration, which has been modified this year due to COVID-19.

## Ballad invites public to support virtual Spooky Trail event

Due to COVID-19 and increased safety precautions, Niswonger Children’s Hospital will not be holding its annual Spooky Trail event in the hospital. However, the plan is to hold this event virtually and give our community an opportunity to participate.

For the virtual event, we are asking community members to create a basket to be handed out to patients at Niswonger Children’s Hospital the week of Halloween. Baskets will also be distributed at affiliated pediatric departments.

The Child Life Department has suggested that baskets be organized by gender, based on age groups. You may choose to make a basket for infants, toddlers, elementary school ages, adolescents or teens. All items must be new and in their original packaging. No homemade goodies, please. Candy in original packaging is allowed, but we ask that you donate a minimal amount of candy if you choose to do so. Some patients may be on dietary restrictions.

We encourage you, your community organization, classroom or family to dress up in a themed costume and take a photo to submit with your basket so patients may still enjoy seeing people dressed up! Please print and attach your photo to your basket. Personalized notes may be submitted with baskets as well. These photos may also be featured on social media. Please email [Amanda.ward@balladhealth.org](mailto:Amanda.ward@balladhealth.org) to arrange drop-off of your basket.

Holidays are always a fun, special time at Niswonger Children’s Hospital, and we look forward to involving our community to bring cheer to our pediatric patients this Halloween!

### Items for baskets

#### Infants:

- Halloween-themed onesies, pacifiers, bottles, burp cloths, blankets
- Wipes
- Baby wash

#### Toddlers:

- Halloween-themed bubbles, balls, stuffed animals/characters, stickers
- Sippy cups
- Age-appropriate toys

#### School-age:

- Candy
- Halloween-themed toys/trinkets, stickers, etc.
- Small craft kits
- Play-Doh
- Coloring/painting activities
- Puzzles

#### Adolescent:

- Candy
- Card games
- Board games
- Brain-teaser games
- Craft kits
- Nail polish
- Puzzles

#### Teens:

- Candy
- Small-increment gift cards (Target, Walmart, GameStop, Starbucks, Dunkin’ Donuts)
- Earbuds/headphones
- Cellphone accessories/Bluetooth accessories
- Fuzzy socks
- Bath and body items
- Teen coloring

#### Ongoing needs for other items:

- Lounge wear/comfy clothing – All ages/sizes appreciated, but our biggest need is always for teens. This would be adult sizes small through XL, with lounge/PJ pants being the greatest need.
- Wireless sports bras (small-large)
- Underwear (all sizes)
- Hair brushes
- Hair detangle spray
- Sippy cups
- Lip balm
- Fuzzy/fleece blankets
- Skinny markers

## Mary Duke Cooks! Sassy Southern



Mary Duke McCartt  
Food Editor

Online at [marydukecooks.com](http://marydukecooks.com)

I’m in love with my air fryer. It gets food ultra-crispy. There is nothing better than crisp brussels sprouts!

### Air Fryer Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Balsamic Glaze

- 16 ounces fresh brussels
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic



- vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 slices bacon, cut in 1/2 inch pieces and separated

Trim and cut brussels sprouts in half. Pour into a

large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and stir to coat brussels sprouts. Pour into air fryer basket. Bake 350°F for 12-14 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking time. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Enjoy!

## Keefauver Farm hikes scheduled

Connie Deegan is offering three short, family friendly hikes up Keefauver Farm’s tree-lined ridge. Participants will learn interesting facts about trees, including root systems, mast, and color change. Deegan will teach participants how to identify some of the many species in the hardwood forest. Children will receive a free booklet, “Common Upland Hardwoods of Tennessee.”

Choose from these dates and times:  
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10-11 am: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2-3 pm: Thursday, Oct. 22, noon to 1 pm.

The hikes are free, and all ages are welcome. Keefauver Farm is located at 632 Hales Chapel Road, Johnson City.

For more information, call Connie Deegan at 423.283.5821.

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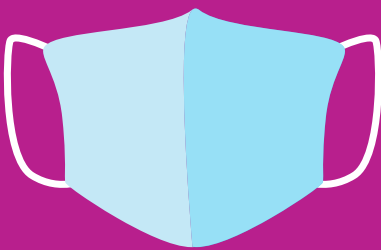
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I've heard plenty of reasons why people don't like to wear a mask:  
My glasses get fogged up.  
Wearing a mask is uncomfortable.  
I don't think masks do any good.  
And even, 'I don't like to smell my breath.'

However, those reasons shouldn't matter. People – and businesses – need you to Mask Up. I am not a medical expert, but those who are have consistently told us that wearing a mask is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a mask inside a business is a great way to show support for our local businesses and our region.

Please join me in showing support for our local business community and Mask Up!





Opinion

Every little boy was a Johnny.....once.

When I was 13 or so mom handed me a thick book to read, “Thoughts For Johnny.”

She said it would explain some things about young boys growing up and how to deal with changes awaiting us around the corner. Little did she know I already knew what the book would contain as my friends’ older brothers readily shared their knowledge with their little brothers and their friends.

I was in the know and laughed at the simplistic explanations the author was communicating. He never did get to the good stuff and I soon lost interest in the boring chatter.

Somehow my dad’s generation neglected to share their knowledge of the ‘Birds and Bees’. I made sure to explain those issues to my son, Jeff. I even drew some diagrams. His response to my explanations and artwork put him into hysterical laughter. He already knew too.

My dad was more interested in what I was doing in school and how my grades were coming along. Every six-weeks the dreaded day came for the report card. It must be signed by the parent to insure they were aware of the wonderful progress their child was making. And in some cases the lack of progress. I suspect in those days report cards bred a high level of forgery in America. I never had to stoop to that level as I was an A student throughout my educational experience.

However, I can relate to some of the “Little Johnny” episodes listed below. When needed I was able to develop a high level of bluffism when sharing my report card with mom and dad. And I’m sure there are teachers that can remember some of these exact situations. We were all “Little Johnny” at one time or another. Enjoy.

Teacher: “Johnny, your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?”  
Little Johnny: “No, teacher, it’s the same dog.”

Teacher: “Now, Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?”  
Little Johnny: “No sir, I don’t have to, my Mom is a good cook.”

Dad: “How were the exam questions?”  
Little Johnny: “Easy.”  
Dad: “Then why do you look so unhappy?”  
Little Johnny: “The questions didn’t give me any trouble – just the answers.”

Dad: “I hear you skipped school to play football?”  
Little Johnny: “No, I didn’t – and I have the fish to prove it.”

Dad: ”I’m sorry you flunked your math test. How far



were you from the right answer?”  
Little Johnny: “Three seats.”

Dad: ”Look at this report card - your teacher says she can’t teach you anything!”  
Little Johnny: “I told you she was no good.”

Dad: “What did you learn today?”  
Little Johnny: “Not enough – I have to go back tomorrow.”

Dad: ”Would you mind explaining the meaning of this D and F on your report card?”  
Little Johnny: “No problem, Dad. It stands for ‘Doing Fine.’”

Dad: “Were you absent on the day of the Math test?”  
Little Johnny: “No – but the boy who sits next to me was.”  
English Teacher: “Do you know what an inkling is?”

Letter to the Editor

COVID-19 Protection; a Runaway Train!

When the COVID-19 train appeared, most Americans (myself included) were slow to realize that is was a Runaway Train and that we need to jump off the tracks and dive behind protective barriers.

Our barriers against COVID-19 include face masks, physical distancing, hand-washing, and avoidance of crowds, all of which decrease our chances of contact with the deadly virus particles riding on droplets of spit suspended in the air.

Accordingly, when we are away from home and among other people, we need to wear face masks covering our noses and mouths, maintain a distance of six feet from the nearest person (to the extent that we are able to do so in our work), stay away from large gatherings of people (especially in-doors), wash our hands frequently, and remain vigilant.

Neal Sanders, M.D.  
Johnson City

Obituaries

- Lloyd Ingle, 85, Johnson City, 10/5/20
- Mack Allen Woods, 84, Johnson City, 10/10/20
- Leonard Edwards, 88, Johnson City, 10/10/20

- Ruth Pauline Krouse, 99, Johnson City, 10/10/20
- James R. Birdwell, 65, Johnson City, 10/10/20
- Betty Tysinger, 77, Johnson City, 10/09/20

Little Johnny: “It’s a baby fountain pen.”

English Teacher: “Johnny, use the word ‘decide’ in a sentence”  
Little Johnny: “My Dad got a flat tire so he pulled over to decide of the road.”

English Teacher: “Who can give me an example of a double negative?”  
Little Johnny: “I don’t know none.”

History Teacher: “What are the three zones on the earth?”  
Little Johnny: “Tropic, temperate, and tow-away.”

History Teacher: “What did dinosaurs eat?”  
Little Johnny: “Looking at the ones in the museum, they didn’t eat anything.”

Little Johnny: “I don’t think I deserve a zero on this test.”  
Teacher: “Neither do I, but it’s the lowest mark I can think of.”

Teacher: “What’s the definition of ignorance?”  
Little Johnny: “I don’t know.”

Teacher: “Johnny – your handwriting is terrible.”  
Little Johnny: “That’s OK – I’m going to be a Doctor.”

Teacher: “Can you tell me what a myth is?”  
Little Johnny: “A female moth.”

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# Headstone from page 1

– both members of the Watauga Historical Association – rolled up their sleeves and got busy trying to find out everything they could about Christian Daniels. A trail of documents led them to the first of many interesting discoveries. Daniels was traveling with the 10th Ohio Battery, the unit inscribed on his headstone, but he was actually from Indiana.

A U.S. Census form from 1860 included Daniels’ signature and indicated that he had emigrated from Germany and made his living in America as a shoemaker. According to the document, Daniels lived in Polk County along with his wife Madeline and his 13-year-old son Frederick.

A widow’s pension application filled out by Madeline following Christian’s death revealed more details about his military service and his death. Daniels married Madeline on May 24, 1861 and enlisted in the Union Army three weeks later as a volunteer with Wilder’s Battery out of Indiana. Daniels was a private in the light artillery unit, but at some point he hooked up with the 10th Ohio Battery that was listed on his tombstone.

Daniels’ cause of death in the pension paperwork

was listed as “Congestion of the Brain,” a condition that was deemed to have been contracted in the line of duty, and thus entitling Madeline to a widow’s pension of \$8 per month.

“It is our wish that he be honored on the site where he fought.”

– Kathy Jensen

The identity of the person who purchased the headstone Ward found remains a mystery, and the documents gathered can only tell us so much about the life of a man who died 145 years ago. As it turned out, following the path of Frederick Daniels was the key to discovering a living descendent of Christian Daniels.

Peters was able to get in touch with Kathy Jensen, a descendent of Daniels who lives in Idaho, and Jensen was able to pass along some family history that shed more light on Daniels’ life. According to

a passenger list, Christian Daniels brought his 4-year-old son Frederick over to the United States from Germany in 1851.

“It is our suspicion that Christian’s wife, Frederick’s mother, died and he then brought his son to America,” Jensen said via email.

Once Christian enlisted in the military, it didn’t take long for Frederick to follow in his father’s footsteps. According to the oral family history, Frederick did not get along with his stepmother and enlisted in the Union Army at 16 years old about a year after his father left Indiana.

After being captured by Confederate soldiers, Frederick spent the rest of the war in a series of prison camps, ending with a stint in Andersonville, Georgia, according to information Jensen found in a family Bible. Following the war, Fredrick returned home as an 18-year-old veteran who was very ill after his time in the prison camps with no knowledge of his father’s fate.

“He never had contact or knew what happened to his father, Christian, after he went off to war according to the family story,” Jensen said. “As he was so very young when he came to America, our suspicion is that he didn’t know anything much about his biological mother either. No information was passed on to his children.”

Jensen believes Fredrick’s lack of knowledge about what happened to his father is the reason no family came forward prior to the flooding of Watauga Lake in 1948 to claim the remains. By this point, nobody in the family

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SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in the Town of Pittsburgh in the County of Allegheny State of Pennsylvania enumerated by me, on the 1st day of August 1860. John C. Fulton, Asst. Marshal.													
Post Office — Pittsburgh													
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The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.													
Description, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.													
Value of Real Estate. Value of Personal Estate.													
Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.													
Married within the year. Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.													
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3		Henry	24	M	Carpenter				Ohio				
4		George	20	M	Black				Indiana				
5	979 924	John C. Holton	42	M	Baker			150	Germany				
6		Madeline	31	F					Ohio				
7		Frederick	1	M					Indiana				
8		S. P. Vearling	22	M	Baker				Germany				
9		Bridget, Laundry	25	F	Wash. Woman				Ireland				
10		James	7	M					Connecticut				
11	979 925	William Brown	30	M	Farmer		100	70	Germany				
12		Alvina	28	F					Indiana				
13		Emmeline	9	F					"				
14		Emma B.	6	F					"				
15		Capitola	11/2	F					"				
16	981 926	Christian Daniels	16	M	Shoemaker		700	25	Germany				
17		Madeline	14	F					Prussia				
18		Frederick	12	M					Germany				

An 1860 census form from Pike County Indiana lists Christian Daniels (Line 16) along with his wife Madeline and his son Frederick.

would have known about Christian’s demise or the location of his final resting place.

Frederick got married and re-married within a year after returning from the war. His second marriage yielded a pair of daughters – Sarah and Mirilla – who both married young after Frederick died in a mining accident at the age of 40. Sarah went on to have 10 children, and Jensen is among her descendants.

When Jensen received word that her ancestor’s headstone had turned up in Tennessee, she said she was inspired to dig deeper into the family history and discover more about Christian’s 10 years in America prior to his death. The soldier laid to rest so far from home is forgotten no more.

Jensen was also hopeful Christian’s headstone would find a fitting home among others who fought so bravely in defense of their country. “It is only fitting that he

Daniels, Christian  
Priv. Co. —, Regt. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ohio Battery  
Cemetery Gordon's Cem.  
City or Town near Butler, J.  
County and State Johnson, Tenn.  
Grave —  
died April 8<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Headstone supplied 18  
by S. L. Bridges  
Contract dated Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1879

The order form for Daniels’ headstone, which was purchased by an unknown person in 1879.

should be honored in such a profound way,” Jensen said. “Our family burial plot is in South Dakota, where most of his great-grandchildren are buried,

and there is no connection for him there. It is our wish that he be honored on the site where he fought.”



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# School board candidates respond to Chamber survey

The Chamber of Commerce serving Johnson City, Washington County and Jonesborough, with input from its Governmental Relations Council, recently surveyed the candidates seeking seats on the Johnson City School Board. The Chamber is pleased to present the results of the survey and trusts you will rely on these responses as you determine who should represent us on the Johnson City School Board. Early voting begins Oct. 14 and ends Oct. 29 with Election Day set for Nov. 3. Please vote and exercise this freedom. The Chamber wishes to thank the candidates for their willingness to run and serve.

**Candidates: Ginger Carter; Kenneth Herb Greenlee; Jonathan Kinnick; David Linville; Beth Simpson; Paula Treece; Matt Wilhjem**

Candidates were asked to limit their answers to 50 words or less.

1. What are your three main reasons for seeking a seat on the School Board and what distinguishes you from the other candidates?
- Carter:** 1. Provide quality education for all 2. Improve safety measures on school campuses. 3. Ensure that all processes are as efficient as possible. Education has always been a part of my life and continues to be as a mother and an associate professor at ETSU College of Medicine.

**Greenlee:** a. Provide creative ways of using our finances b. Share in the construction of continued educational plans during the pandemic. c. Expand our school buildings and classrooms where necessary Having 50 years of monitoring school children, 8 years within the truancy department. Presently, Carver Recreation Center Director, I feel very qualified to...

**Kinnick:** I analyze systems and find solutions for a living, and I'd like to continue doing this for our schools. I want to help teachers and students succeed by continuing to ensure they have the necessary resources. I have the skills/commitment to do the job. I'm the longest-serving incumbent running. [www.VoteKinnick.org](http://www.VoteKinnick.org)

**Linville:** I am passionate about education and believe

- strong representation on the school board is critical to the continued success of our school system. My experience as an educator and educational leader sets me apart. I seek to serve so we may continue to build on a foundation of excellence.
- Simpson:** My candidacy is motivated by a desire to serve our community, to provide level-headed leadership, and to help JCS continue to expand its mission to enable all students to achieve excellence. My experience as a parent, volunteer, and as a former teacher helps distinguish my candidacy.
- Treece:** To ensure the students are educated to the highest standards.; Educating our students is ensuring our future.; Making our community better I have worked advocating for students at the local and state level through my 15 years of PTA leadership in our schools.
- Wilhjem:** Thankfully, we have a talented field of school board candidates. As a businessperson with 15 years of senior financial leadership, I bring to the board a background in strategic thinking, decision making, and the ability to hear all sides of complex issues to set policy. At my core, I am...
2. Do you feel all students are receiving an optimal education in our system? If not, what needs to change?
- Carter:** I do feel like Johnson City has a fantastic public school system. I always think improvements could be made and want to help facilitate positive changes for both students and teachers. Education is always evolving. We need to be ready to make appropriate adjustments and changes to optimize our education.

**Greenlee:** Yes, I feel that our children are currently receiving an optimal education however, the duty of the board is to always work toward ways and means of continual optimal educational improvements that allow each student a chance to succeed.

**Kinnick:** Yes, they are. Our administrators and teachers are always looking for potential improvements for educating our students. This pandemic has shown our

- resilience, creativeness, and expertise in unprecedented times, as we continue to strive to offer the best education possible.
- Linville:** The mission of our school system is “to enable all students to achieve excellence in learning, social responsibility, and self-worth.” I worry especially in these challenging times certain students are at greater risk for not achieving their fullest potential. We must continually address roadblocks to ensure all students’ success.
- Simpson:** JCS works hard to meet the difficult objective of enabling all students to achieve excellence. Regardless of effort, some students will have unmet needs. Creating opportunities for self-assessment and increasing avenues for communication from the community can ensure that opportunities are expanded and improved for all students.
- Treece:** No. I believe education starts at home. The importance of education needs to be stressed from a very early age both at home and in our schools. We need to work towards finding the best way to educate each student which is its own challenge.
- Wilhjem:** As a community, we should all be proud the Johnson City School System ranks as one of the tops in the state. That is a testament to the work of our teachers, staff, administrators, and the Board. That said, I do not believe there is an educator in the system...
3. What do you feel should be the school board’s role during post-pandemic recovery? (i.e. virtual education be incorporated into curriculum, plans for future disruption needed?)
- Carter:** The Johnson City Board of Education needs to get things back to “normal” as soon as we can. Education at this level is not ideal in the virtual setting. Our children need socialization and interaction to properly develop. They need to physically be in a classroom with teachers and friends.

**Greenlee:** The Board should work toward the safety of the staff, teachers, and the students. Virtual education

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JUVENILE COURT

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No. 20-5-00527-1

NOTICE AND SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (TERMINATION)  
(SMPB)

TO: ALEXIS KRISTIN HAVSY, Mother

A Motion and Declaration for Order Terminating Parent-Child Relationship was filed by Petitioner, Patricia Ann Charochak on August 27, 2020. You must respond in writing for the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your Response must be served on the Petitioner within 20 days of the date you were served this Summons (60 days if you were served outside of Washington State). If the case has been filed, you must also file your Response by the same deadline. If you do not serve and file your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:

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Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents you receive with this Summons. These documents explain what the Petitioner is asking for.

2. Fill out your Response. You can get a Response and other forms at:

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- Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the Petitioner at the address below. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:  
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should be incorporated into the curriculum with the necessary equipment needed in place to be sure that each student can be properly taught. The School Board should prepare ahead for pandemics or other disruptions.

**Kinnick:** We are already planning to offer remote (in-home) learning as a permanent option for our students going forward, as some students may need that for reasons besides a pandemic. This pandemic has given us a template for disruptions in general, and then we would fine-tune it to a specific circumstance.

**Linville:** The school board’s role is to ensure the system has the necessary resources to fulfill its mission. As we move through the pandemic, realizing we are not yet near a post-pandemic recovery, providing exceptional remote education is critical. This requires ongoing commitment to technology resources and professional development.

**Simpson:** The board’s role in the coming years will be critical. With yet unknown social and economic ramifications, the board must make level-headed fiscal and educational decisions. This should include wise allocation of funds, appropriate use of virtual education, and sensible contingency plans.

**Treece:** Our ultimate goal is to have every student back in school full time. The best education is in-person education, but we need to incorporate virtual learning for those students who have medical issues. We had systems in place before the pandemic for that type of learning and need to continue.

**Wilhelm:** Valuing “Kids First”, the Board’s role is to create learning opportunities for students - regardless of circumstances. How we educate our children today looks different than it ever has before. We need to listen to the desires of the community, heed expert health guidance, and with that framework create the...

4. How can the school system better prepare students to meet the needs of our area employers?

**Carter:** I think engaging local businesses in more co-op programs would be great. I think it is difficult for a teenager to know what he/she wants to do with the rest of their life. More exposure to local business opportunities would better equip our children to plan for their future.

**Greenlee:** The School System should allow businesses to plan Job Fairs, and Job Shadowing events, to display the types of programs available to those students who will decide what field of employment they are interested in.

**Kinnick:** Employers need individuals who can work with a team, use creativity and critical thinking to do problem solving, and have good oral and written communication skills. These skills need to be taught in both college-oriented and vocational classes, along with how to apply them in the real world.



David Linville

**Linville:** Nearly two thirds of individuals will require some type of credential, certificate, or degree after high school to meet the needs of employers. Our school system must remain positioned to provide students with skills not only for entry work after high school but also for continuing their education.

**Simpson:** Our region’s success is dependent on JCS preparing students to be college-and-career ready. Continued support for vocational education and continued improvement to the curriculum that promotes critical thinking skills across all disciplines is vital.

**Treece:** Students are best prepared when they have been given the tools for a good solid education. We need to have paths for both vocational/technical and academic pursuits as local employers need both types of workers to function effectively.

**Wilhelm:** Preparing children to become open-minded, well-functioning adults who are ready for the workforce is primary to our educational priorities. The economy of today and tomorrow rewards life-long learners. Furthermore, when the children who are entering school today graduate college, they will be competing for jobs not against folks from upper-east...

5. Please identify measures that could enhance the education of the students in the Johnson City School System that would not materially increase the cost of educating them?

**Carter:** In any endeavor, I think budget reviews are crucial to success. Ensuring that services provided are effective and not duplicated may open new opportunities for success without requiring any extra money. Appropriately distributing dollars already in the budget costs nothing more than time.

**Greenlee:** It is possible to provide the school system with updated changes using the same dollars that they are spending now, making sure that those dollars are spent on relevant materials that will address the ever changing society that we are living in. We should be ready to supply necessary materials.

**Kinnick:** Partnerships with area employers and with area colleges could do this. The more exposure students have to classes and experiences related to their interests, the more interested they will be, and the more likely they will be to pick a college or vocational path that they enjoy and excel in.

**Linville:** Enhancing student education is not just a one and done project. It is a continuous improvement process that is integral to operating schools and student success. The focus should be on closing the gap between high performing and low performing students, an approach that doesn’t have to add cost.

**Simpson:** Dollars spent do not always equal educational enhancement. Leveraging community partnerships with government, industry, higher education, and non-profits to promote academic goals is one way to expand our educational reach. Further promotion of the JCS Education Foundation can raise funds and our school’s profile in the community.

**Treece:** Mentoring by having our local businesses and business leaders work with students at all levels and showing them what it takes to succeed in our city as adults. Sometimes just one individual can do amazing things in changing the life of a child.

**Wilhelm:** When you are young, connecting how schoolwork translates to your future-self can be a difficult thing to do. I am the benefit of role models and mentors. I



Paula Treece



Jonathan Kinnick



Ginger Carter



Matt Wilhelm



Herb Greenlee



Beth Simpson

support the idea of engaging the community to bring real-world experience into the classroom to support the work of our teachers.

6. Do you favor curriculum changes at any level of the school system?

**Carter:** I favor a review of the curriculum on an annual basis. Education is not stagnant. New research and facts are continually discovered. We must continue to keep our educational system and processes current with the times. No one can expect to use the same curriculum without adapting to change.

**Greenlee:** Curriculum changes at any level should be discussed and reevaluated by the board and changes should be made whenever needed and conveyed to other necessary administrative boards, and to the citizens of the city whenever possible.

**Kinnick:** Curriculum changes are not something to do for the sake of doing, but need to be driven by state requirements, data, college requirements, employer requirements, etc. We make curriculum changes when necessary.

**Linville:** I support curriculum changes that serve to improve the educational outcomes of all students and advance the school system’s reputation as one of the top performing systems in the state.

**Simpson:** Curriculum standards should be under routine review. Teachers, administrators, and school boards should cooperate with state officials to analyze, review, and revise curriculum to meet the changing needs of our students and our community.

**Treece:** Yes, we should always be looking for the best curriculum to teach our students and evolving it as we see best meets the needs of everyone.

**Wilhelm:** I still have much to learn about our curriculum and the expectations of Tennessee requirements. That said, to expand on my earlier point, I would support basic life-skills training, particularly in the area of personal finance at the high school level. I believe this is an area where we can...

7. Please identify any aspects of federal or state laws that you consider to be an impediment to operating the Johnson City School System?

**Carter:** If the Board becomes aware of any federal or state law that is an impediment to operating our school system, then we will address it accordingly.

**Greenlee:** I am concerned how truancy is viewed. I want to make sure that our youth are in school and getting the education that is needed without having so many days missed from school before court action.

**Kinnick:** The law that appears to allow the County to collect property taxes from the City, but then not share millions of those dollars with the City when the County uses cash to build new county schools is quite the impediment. Even if it is legal, that doesn’t make it right.

**Linville:** Certainly, regulations can often add additional, seemingly trivial challenges for our system. More importantly however, I believe unforeseen challenges, for example when Washington County opted for a different approach to fund a new school, are the more worrisome concerns we have to be ready to address.

**Simpson:** Despite federal and state laws which may hinder or complicate JCS ability to meet community needs, JCS has risen to the challenge of educating all students. However, state tax codes hinder equitable allocations of tax dollars between the city and county creating an impediment to the operations of JCS.

**Treece:** Fully funding the Basic Education Plan (BEP) by our state government. Currently Tennessee ranks 46 out of 50 in education funding. Our state government hands down unfunded mandates to our school systems and expects that we will be able to fund anything they legislate without first giving us adequate backing.

**Wilhelm:** Much has been made about the school voucher system for the State of Tennessee. Because of the great work to date in Johnson City, I believe a voucher program would contradict its intended purpose, and I would adamantly oppose the expansion of the program to our system.

8. Please identify areas of current Board of Education and/or Administration policy that you think should be changed?

**Carter:** Our schools should not operate like a public park during school hours. There should never be any person on a school campus while in session that cannot be identified. Safety measures need to be tightened on all our school campuses. In addition, schools should never be used as election sites.

**Greenlee:** All policies should be reviewed, addressed, and reevaluated by the current board and Administration with changes made when and wherever necessary.

**Kinnick:** Policies are typically reviewed on a rotating schedule and updated at that time or on an as-needed basis. While there is always room for improvement, I do not believe we currently have any areas necessitating significant changes.

**Linville:** I am not aware of specific policies that currently are problematic. However as with all policies, the board must continue to regularly review and if necessary approve updates as part of the school system’s continuous improvement process.

**Simpson:** I am in favor of a board and

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administration who are always assessing and evaluating policy to make sure it aligns with the JCS mission and executes fair and equitably to its constituency.

**Treece:** I don’t think that there are any policy areas that need to be changed currently. We review all policies every year. The Policy Committee reviews all policies and the recommends changes to the full board and we vote on the changes twice a year.

**Wilhjelm:** By and large, we have a sound Board and Administration and the results bare it out. Our role on the Board at this time is not to create mass change, but to support and enhance a successful Administration.

9. The School Board is responsible for overseeing the work of the Director of the Johnson City Schools. Please describe your expectations of his performance and his relationship with the Board?

**Carter:** The School Board should expect our Director of Schools to have high moral standards. He/She must make hard decisions- even when the right choice is not the popular choice. The Director must strive to develop good relationships with faculty, staff, and our entire community.

**Greenlee:** My expectation is that the director continues to put the student first and seek out relevant educational materials to keep our youth competitive with todays job market.

**Kinnick:** Our expectations are high, and Dr. Barnett continues to meet those high expectations in all areas. He has a great relationship with the board, both individually and collectively, and he is available, responsive, informative, thorough, etc. when we need information and professional advice to make sound decisions.

**Linville:** The board’s role in supervising the Director of Schools requires a deliberate partnership where the director and board must hold mutual expectations related to strategy, accountability, and support.

**Simpson:** The Superintendent and the board must have a harmonious working relationship with clear expectations of standards and performance objectives by which he or she is to be evaluated annually.

**Treece:** I do believe we have the best Director of Schools in the state of Tennessee. He is a great communicator and strives every day to make our schools better. The Board has high expectations of him and he exceeds those expectations.

**Wilhjelm:** “Expect the Best”, the motto of our system, applies to our students, our staff, and first and foremost, our administrators. As a professional school administrator, the Director of Schools should be held with the highest expectations. I believe, and this is supported at the State level, our Director of Schools...

10. What’s your perspective on ensuring the safety of our students and teachers?

**Carter:** My perspective is that we need to do more to ensure the safety of students and teachers. Too many random people are found on school campuses while in session. Our schools should not function like a public park during school hours. This assumes an unnecessary risk for our schools.

**Greenlee:** All protective measures necessary should be used to protect teachers, students, and staff, in this pandemic world we now live in. Sanitation, hygiene, and other protective measures should be promoted to keep our teachers, students, and staff safe.a plan should be implemented to address this matter,

**Kinnick:** It’s good! We’re currently in the process of making physical changes at a number of our school buildings to improve safety. Those were a result of our standing Safety Security Committee, which continually reviews matters related to school safety, and our staff has on-going training on safety issues also.

**Linville:** Providing a safe learning environment in our schools is undeniably one of the primary responsibilities of the system and the board. Safeguarding the safety of our students, teachers, and staff requires continuous reassessment and appropriate allocation of resources.

**Simpson:** Students and teachers who feel unsafe are unable to work to their best abilities. JCS must provide emotional, social, and physical safety. From ensuring schools have adequate counseling available to regulating school entrance procedures, the system must continually implement and improve research-based policies that ensure safety.

**Treece:** Our school district has done a phenomenal job over the last several years working on safety issues. We have worked with the Johnson City Police Department to put School Resource Officers in every school to help keep our students safe.

**Wilhjelm:** Our staff and educators are on the front line of safety of our students – and this is not limited to the on-campus safety of our students. The reality is, during the break from school, in an unheralded manner, our educators were checking on the well-being of students. As a City...

11. What will you do to continue the collaboration between the Chamber and the School Board?

**Carter:** The key to the success of our schools is community involvement. I am happy to work with the Chamber as a member of the JCBOE to facilitate working relationships to benefit our students and our community. Collaborative projects involving the Chamber and our schools will strengthen our entire community.

**Greenlee:** Monthly or quarterly meetings should be held between the two board to discuss board issues and community involvement.

**Kinnick:** Chamber members have invaluable insight as to the skills and abilities our graduates ultimately need, as they are the eventual potential employers. The Chamber and their support of the Youth Leadership and Tennessee Scholars Program are important to our system. I look forward to continued involvement and collaboration.

**Linville:** The School Board plays a significant leadership role in our community through its relationship with the Chamber and other organizations. Understanding and partnering with the Chamber to address challenges and create opportunities in our business community helps the region grow and prosper.

**Simpson:** JCS benefits from the chamber’s work in regionalism, economic growth, and workforce development. Continuing the friendly relationship between the school board and the Chamber by supporting their events and maintaining good communication is essential to the entire Appalachian Highlands.

**Treece:** Our community works better when we have a solid relationship between our leaders, our schools and our businesses. Working with the chamber to build our schools and our student leadership benefits everyone.

**Wilhjelm:** I believe as previously stated, there is not only room but a need for the business community engagement in our school system. Having deep relationships in the business community, particularly the Chamber, I am positioned to further connect the school system with our business leaders, who every day ask of...



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