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**Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of
Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee**

President's Message

April is full of events and activities that are of great interest. You should plan to attend the 151st Anniversary of the Battle of Triune on April 27 and 28. There will be reenactments and living history displays both days. Further details are contained in this newsletter.

This weekend is Arbor Day at Pinkerton Park. There will be events and displays for everyone and activities for the kids. STFB will provide guides for a tour of Fort Granger to show off the improvements made by the Parks Dept and volunteers. Visit the Upcoming Events page at www.franklin-stfb.org for the latest details on these and other events.

The big news this month is that work has begun on the loop road at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park. The plan is for the road to be complete by September. It will provide access to Carnton and permit the general public to tour the park. It will also eliminate traffic on Carnton Lane to the great relief of that neighborhood

Please consider receiving your newsletter via electronic media. Our biggest monthly expense is the mailing of our newsletter. In these days of austerity, we too are trying to do whatever we can to save money so that we can dedicate our resources toward the preservation of dirt. Please go to our web site and opt for our newsletter to be sent to you electronically. It will be a help.

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Eastern Flank Battlefield Park Road Under Construction

Work has started on the new loop road on the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park and is scheduled to complete by September 30. The road from Lewisburg Pike goes south to the Carnton visitor center and parking area, then west along the



Confederate Cemetery, and then proceeds north along the creek back to Lewisburg Pike. Interpretative signage has already been produced and will be installed when the road is complete. The road will have pulloffs for visitors to walk the trails and study the signs.

The early work uncovered a 12 lb solid shot along the creek near Lewisburg Pike. Local historians postulate that this projectile was fired from Federal guns on the east end of the Federal trench line. The find adds weight to the assertion that the park was engulfed by the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864.



Triune Reenactment Set For Saturday & Sunday April 27-28

A living history event and reenactment of the Dec 27, 1862 Battle of Triune is set for April 27-28. The battle occurred during the positioning and concentration of both armies near Murfreesboro before the Battle of Stones River a few days later on Dec 31, 1862. The thunder of artillery, the trampling of hooves and the exchange of small arms fire will once again echo in the fields near Arrington Creek, believed to be part of the actual battlefield.

The event location is the Kings' Chapel community, 4980 Meadowbrook Blvd. Arrington, TN on Hwy 96 midway between Arrington and Triune and is open to the Public 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Spectators Admission is \$5 per day, or a two-day pass for \$8 and children 6 and under free. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and a picnic lunch (no food vendors). Event Contact: Alan Corry, cell phone 615-945-7500

At noon Sunday, there will be an open-air camp style Chapel service lead by Rev. Alan Corry, founder of Time Capsule Ministries. On both days there will be a small arms demonstrations and the Battle reenactments

will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors are encouraged to mingle with the reenactors and learn about our past. On Saturday at noon, there will be a talk on "How the Civil War Impacted Children" by Margie Thessin, author of "Lizzie's War".

Columbia Avenue Car Wash May Be Developed



The car wash at Columbia Avenue and Fairground Street may be considered for development. The proposal is to build seven apartments and fourteen parking spaces on the .39 acre parcel. This is where the Confederates of Brown's and Cleburne's divisions crashed into the Advanced Federal Line in the first minutes of the Battle of Franklin. To the right of the power pole is the Historical Marker placed ten years ago by STFB and the Salt Creek CWRT of Chicago locating the Advanced Line.

This type of development is totally out of character with the area and will add to the nearby heavy traffic and congestion. If the project goes to the Planning Commission and Zoning Boards, we will notify you to attend the meetings and make your voices heard.

Blue, Gray & Green 2013 Edition Is Available

The Civil War Trust has released a revised and expanded edition of materials they have compiled showing the economic & tourism benefits of battlefield preservation. This is a must-have handbook for all Civil War preservationists when they speak with local government and civil leaders. This is good stuff.

View the report at <http://www.civilwar.org/land-preservation/blue-gray-and-green.pdf>

Park Day A Big Success

Saturday, April 6 was declared Park Day by the Civil War Trust to encourage volunteers nationwide to clean up and improve their local Civil War sites. Franklin Parks Dept organized projects last year and this for volunteers to assist with improvements at Fort Granger.

Forty volunteers including many Columbia State students cut undergrowth in the trenches and then mulched them, planted shrubbery and seeded grass. Stop by Fort Granger to see their work and the improvements that Lisa Clayton and her Parks Dept staff have accomplished.



News In Review April 2013

Lotz family found all-American dream in war-torn Franklin — *Williamson Herald*— 3/28/13 —

FRANKLIN — The Lotz House Museum holds antique furniture and paintings never before seen by the public—including a glimpse into original owner Johann Lotz's fine craftsmanship as a woodworker, Matilda Lotz's paintings and artifacts collected from the battlefield that is the home's yard. There are bloodstains on the floor of every room, as well as scars from a cannonball that came through the house.

African-American cemetery added to Franklin's audio tour — *Williamson Herald*— 4/5/13 —

FRANKLIN — The city of Franklin added a historic African-American cemetery, Toussaint L'Ouverture, to its "audio cell phone tour" offerings. Other "stops" on the audio tour include Winstead Hill, Assault on the Cotton Gin, Rest Haven Cemetery, City Cemetery, Harlinsdale Farm, Fort Granger/Roper's Knob, Collins Farm and the Eastern Flank Battle Park. Visitors can enter the audio cell phone tour offerings by dialing 615-216-1597.

Landmark Purchase Moves Franklin "Cotton Gin Park" Closer to Reality — *Hallowed Ground*—

Spring 2013 — FRANKLIN — In November 2012, the Civil War Trust announced a major preservation campaign to protect three parcels totaling 1.6 acres in downtown Franklin. Among them was the Cameron Strip Center. On February 13, 2013, this was accomplished through efforts of the CWT and Franklin's Charge, through private donations and a generous matching grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Battle of Franklin Trust offers historical summer camp — *Williamson Herald*— 3/25/13 —

FRANKLIN — The Battle of Franklin Trust will once again be providing a hands-on Civil War experience for its campers, ages 8 to 12, called "Calicos and Cadets," at Carnton Plantation and The Carter House. This year's camp will be held during two sessions, June 13 to 15, and July 11 to 13. Advanced registration is encouraged. Activities for campers will include learning to drill like true soldiers, and demonstrations on weaponry, crafts and clothing led by trained Civil War re-enactors. For information, visit the Battle of Franklin Trust's website at

www.battleoffranklintrust.org.

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