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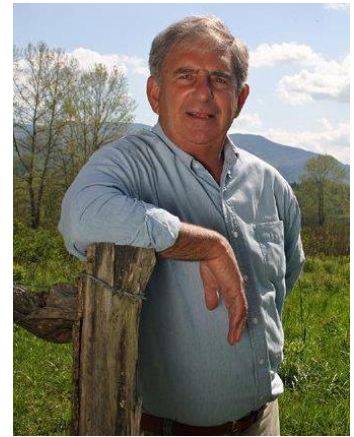
**“When the West Was Tennessee”
A Brown Bag Lecture and Book Signing with Bill Landry**

PROGRAM: “When the West Was Tennessee,” A Brown Bag Lecture and Book Signing by Bill Landry

DATE: Noon, Tuesday, December 4, 2018

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) Join the East Tennessee Historical Society on Tuesday, December 4, for a special Brown Bag lecture and book signing with Bill Landry as he discusses his newest book, *When the West Was Tennessee*. Landry takes readers on an adventure to discover the stories of the uncommon people who settled the Tennessee frontier, especially our own East Tennessee. Bill introduces a wide range of historical characters, such as the botanist and artist William Bartram, frontiersman Daniel Boone, the Cherokee warrior Dragging Canoe, the infamous murderers the Harp Brothers, and personages on the Tennessee frontier. During his three decades as spokesman, writer, actor, co-producer, and performer with the regionally broadcast *The Heartland Series*, Landry sought out the sometimes strange mountain customs and mysteries to discover the region’s character. Copies of Landry’s books will be available for purchase, and he will sign books following the program.

Bill Landry, a native of Chattanooga, is most well-known for his work on WBIR Channel 10’s *The Heartland Series* (1984-2009) where he received two Emmy Awards for directing some of the 1900 *Heartland* television episodes. He holds an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts from Lincoln Memorial University, Educator of the Year Award from Carson Newman University, and serves on the Tennessee Historical Commission. Bill is the author of several books, *Appalachian Tales & Heartland Adventures*, *Tellin’ It for the Truth*, *Buddy*, *Dog of the Smoky Mountains*, and his latest, *When the West Was Tennessee*. Landry currently resides with his wife in coastal South Carolina.

The program is presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society 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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