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Knox Rail Salvage Greenway store grand opening a huge success



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Joel Piper and Mike Frazier cut the ribbon at Knox Rail Salvage's second location at 4214 Greenway Drive. The opening event Thursday drew about 100 customers and well-wishers. Also pictured are Nancy David, John Harbison and Michael Harbison and family, Beth Piper and Michael Piper.

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Joel Piper, vice president of marketing and operations of Knox Rail Salvage welcomed several hundred people to the opening ceremonies of Knox Rail Salvage's 4214 Greenway Drive location. Located near Fountain City and the Washington Pike exit off I-640 the large facility offers cabinets, floors, doors and other products at the lowest prices possible.

In addressing those who attended, Piper recognized owner Mike Frazier and credited him with the success of the company. Piper stressed that Knox Rail Salvage now has two stores, one downtown at 200 East Magnolia and the new location on Greenway.

"We're focused on satisfying the

customer and we want to thank God's glory for all of our success," Piper told the crowd, adding "You all being here is a great encouragement to us."

Piper told a story of the old Southern Railroad Salvage, the forerunner of Knox Rail Salvage. He said the store had a \$39 fishing reel that he wanted as a child and his father told him to go buy it.

"Dad and I still have that reel. At the time I was so intrigued by the business. It was the first time I had saved money and bought something. Now I've worked there twenty years, it's amazing how God kind of works thing around that way," Piper said.

Piper introduced the staff of the new location including April Smith, the manager, and he reminded people that Knox Rail Salvage

continues to operate its store on Magnolia Avenue.

"We're not going anywhere," he said of that location.

Several officials spoke including Commissioner Justin Biggs, Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. McKenzie applauded Piper, Frazier and the employees for their support of the community.

"For those of us who like to fix up houses this is like Disney World," Mayor Jacobs told the event.

"Every time my wife and I have done business with Knoxville Salvage they've been wonderful and knowledgeable," Jacobs said.

"Congratulations on 40 years and here's to another wonderful 40 years," Jacobs said.

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East Knoxville Community meeting series ends tonight

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One of the more popular East Knoxville events is coming to an end. Michael Covington, founder of the East Knoxville Community monthly gathering, is ending the meetings.

Covington announced last week that the meetings, held for the past five years on the first Monday of each month at the Burlington Library, will hold the final event Monday,

October 7, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Attorney General Charme Allen.

Allen may be asked by the audience to report on the shooting death of an unarmed man by a Knoxville Police Officer. The matter, investigated by the Knox County Sheriff's Department, apparently rests with the Attorney General as to whether or not charges will be placed against the officer for the shooting death.

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Sidewalks, traffic signals and board appointments on City Council Agenda

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Tuesday evening will see a Knoxville City Council meeting devoted to sidewalk and traffic signal updates, appointments to city boards, and a proposal for a scenic highway study.

The council is being asked to adopt the John Sevier Scenic Highway Corridor Study and amend the Knoxville-Knox County General Sector Plan for the south and east sectors. The planning commission is asking for the action, which passed the planners 15-0.

Sidewalk funding may get a \$43,610 boost for a new contract total of \$600,050 with Ingles Paving in a replacement program. Southern Contractors Inc. may get an increase of

\$496,772 which would bring that contract total to \$1,895,458 for Cumberland Avenue Intersection Improvements.

The Sheffield Drive sidewalk project may be contracted with Design and Construction Services for \$437,702.

An agreement with Progression Electric LLC. may be approved for \$100,000 for the City-wide Traffic Signal Infrastructure Program.

Stansell Electric Company Inc. may also get a like amount for the traffic signal program.

The council may also approve a \$19,890 donation from the Knoxville Firefighters Association for use in buying supplies for the "Learn Not To Burn" program to educate children about fire safety.

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BOE Work Session Presents 2019-2020 Teacher Advisory Council

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, an explanation was given as to the purpose of the Knox County Board of Education executive session by Mr. Gary Dupler of the Law Department. The executive meeting, which occurred thirty minutes prior to Wednesday night's work session, was for board members and the law department to discuss pending litigation.

After the agenda was approved, Superintendent Bob Thomas began his report with applauding those involved with the Knox County coupon book sales,

referencing that nine dollars returns to every school for each book sold. Thomas congratulated both Sequoyah Elementary School as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, and Powel High School Principal Dr. Chad Smith for receiving the 2019 Principal of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee. He then announced fall break October 7-11, 2019, and made great emphasis for students to read during this week.

One main focus of the October session was the introduction of the 2019-2020 Teacher Advisory Council. Council members in attendance came forward

to shake hands with the superintendent and Board Chairperson Susan Horn before gathering together for a photo. New to the council are members Elishia Basner, Sherry Fischbach, Anthony Hancock, Michelle Staal, Dave Brooks, and Douglas James. Those serving the council for a second year were recognized as members August Askins, Rachel Evans, Stephanie Lewis, Lucius Irvin, Whitney Parson, Stacey Reece, Lynn Shuryan, and Laurie Smith. Third year members were presented as Tanya Coats, Dr. Michelle Keaton, Amy Cox, Megan Christian, Natalie Dowling, Tiffany Holmes, and Ali

Umbarger.

The announcement of a \$500 TVA Employee Credit Union grant to Beaumont Magnet Academy was added as item 10-F to the Oct. 16, 2019, BOE regular session meeting agenda.

One agenda contract that served up discussion was regarding the approval of the Interagency Agreement with the Knoxville Police Department, Knox. Co. District Attorney General's Office, Knox County Juvenile Court, Tennessee Department of Children Services, Knox County Sheriff's Department, UT Police Department and the Helen Ross McNabb for participation

in the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program. Although this contract has been in effect for the past 20 years, it was added to the agenda because of a change made in the addition of FERPA which protects the privacy of a student's educational information.

Tony Norman asked, "Will there be access to information for teachers of a student who is a serious habitual offender? Do teachers receive a protective layer for habitual offenders?" He was assured by Knox County Schools Chief Operating Officer Russ Oaks that teachers

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Publisher's Position

The AJ – Let's **Not** Make A Deal & the Price Is **Not** Right



By Steve Hunley,
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Do you remember the old "Let's Make a Deal" show with Monte Hall? From what I understand, the show is still on in a different version. The basis is hopeful contestants dress up in oftentimes weird costumes or eye-catching get-ups and then negotiate with the host. The premise is the host will offer a contestant something of value, which the

trader can then exchange for something else, presumably something of even greater value.

Presently, Knox County government is engaging in its own version of "Let's Make a Deal" with a little bit of "The Price Is Right" thrown into the mix. Mayor Glenn Jacobs is pushing hard to sell the Andrew Johnson Building, which is owned by the county. The reason it is owned by Knox County is because it houses the staff and administration of our school system. Host Glenn Jacobs has been telling us, as the public is the contestant whether we realize it or not, what a good deal this really is without knowing what's behind Door #1, Door #2, or Door #3. The mayor's willing assistant, Commissioner Larsen Jay, pirouettes

nicely to pose in front of the doors, which contain ever changing figures.

Now the unsuspecting public has another contestant in the audience from what I hear. Top officials at the University of Tennessee are calling school folk to tell them just what a boon to the taxpayers it would be for us to sell the Andrew Johnson Building and move the school system to the old TVA Tower. Mind you, the TVA Tower is such a bargain it has sat there unloved and unoccupied for 15 years. How curious no eagle-eyed developer has spotted that bargain-in-waiting for all these years. Some of the details of the alluring bargain to the taxpayers involve selling the Andrew Johnson Building for 23% of what the taxpayers' have invested in it. The

developers who propose to buy the AJ are supposed to be getting a 25 year TIF, which means it would be at least that long before it ever returned to the tax rolls. Really! Putting the AJ Building back on the tax rolls was supposedly one of the prime reasons to rush the school people out the door in the first place. Here's where we get to "The Price Is Right," as it's certainly right for the developers. Who wouldn't want to buy property for a fraction of its market value?

The AJ is paid for and owned by you --- the taxpayers --- but by some warped logic, we are told there is a burning need for Knox Countians to move the school folk into the TVA Tower. And yes, it's been verified it would limit the access of many people in coming into the

building; you see, it's a federal building, which requires what is known as a "real ID" to enter. If the board of education is to meet in that building, most regular folks aren't coming inside for the meeting. It's been hinted that the University of Tennessee has offered to rent out the top six floors of the TVA Tower. Perhaps that's the reason for top UT officials to be calling around to talk about what a great deal it is for the taxpayers. It's been sitting there unused for 15 years; if it's such a great deal why doesn't the university snap it up and buy the whole building? It's not like UT can't afford it. Recently, the university had \$1 billion or more in construction projects either ongoing or in the pipeline. As we all know all too well,

the university has spent millions alone on revolving football coaches and university presidents.

Nobody is clamoring for the school people to move, especially the school folks. Also nobody has presented anything resembling a good deal for the school system, Knox County, or the taxpayers. It is the equivalent of moving your parents out of a home that is paid for to a condo complex with a mortgage and association fees. You didn't have a house payment and now, all of a sudden, you do.

Of course you can always go down to watch the show, dress up like a gift box, ballerina, or a tube of hemorrhoid cream and play "Let's Make A Deal." If you do, bring your check book and prepare to get "zonked."

Letters

When is a park not a park?

When is a park not a park? If Bill Lyons, Chief Policy Officer for the City of Knoxville, and Becky Wade, Director of Knoxville's Community Development Department are to be believed, it's whenever they say so.

We are, of course, talking about Caswell Park in East Knoxville. Suspend your belief in the efficient and proper function of governmental systems for a minute. Ignore that Knoxville | Knox County Planning Commission is responsible for making zoning recommendations and has several times confirmed that the space in question is a park. Ignore that "Park" is determined by zoning, not by vague impressions of use or disuse of the property from one's glass-fronted river-view office a couple miles away. Ignore that only City Council can vote to change the use of a park, and ignore the very real question about whether even they can do that without repealing the Open Space Preservation ordinance that same body passed in 2010. Move along - nothing to see here. Above

all, pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.

While the Mayor writes letters citing how "amply" Parkridge is served by the "37 acres" of Caswell Park, Bill Lyons is concurrently arguing that no city maps are reliable indicators of where the park boundaries even are, because they "incorrectly" include things like the YMCA and the lots on E. Fifth Ave.

You can't have this both ways. The City's own Parks & Rec Department cites Caswell Park on its own website as encompassing exactly 37.29 acres of land - that total includes the Y, includes the O'Connor Center, includes the locked ball fields, includes 504 parking spaces, includes the rubble field used by Parks & Rec as a maintenance facility, and includes these lots.

That is just how the City counts parkland. It just is. So when they put out their fancy charts of all the acreage of parkland in the various parts of town, everyone needs to understand that those numbers include acres

of buildings, acres of parking lots, and in our case, acres of property occupied by heaps of rubble, broken bus shelters, surplus tires, and construction equipment.

If Mr. Lyons actually thinks that the issue in question is about parkland being usable as parkland, he needs to be working with Parks & Rec to revise the total of Caswell Park acreage to the less than 6 acres actually usable by the community.

First, subtract all of the locked ball fields; subtract the Y and O'Connor and their parking lots; subtract the First Creek drainage channel; subtract the overflow and ball field parking lots; and subtract the maintenance facility. THIS is what we have as park, to be "amply served by."

Then, think about what it means that the City's Land Acquisition Committee, made up of unelected officials, in a meeting with no public notice, voted to "surplus" a full 20% of this remaining area because they claim it's unused and unnecessary, authorizing this public land to be transferred to a

private entity at no cost.

When they say, "but there are no public amenities there," is that representative of anything more than the decades of chronic disinvestment in public services in East Knoxville? It's literally an argument that says, "We have not made your park nice enough that we'd want to use it; therefore, we've decided that it's not actually a park, and we're taking it away."

Personally, I believe that poor children and families in diverse neighborhoods have the same right and need for parks and open space as rich, white segregated neighborhoods. Is that outlandish? The Mayor and Mr. Lyons would have you believe so. "Be on the right side of history," they say. But this is the same history that's been repeated in Knoxville since 1954 when Urban Renewal began, deliberately targeting minority neighborhoods for removal. Shame on all of us if we let this stand.

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City's Lack of Transparency

I am in agreement with my Park City neighbors that the process to rezone and give away a portion of East Knoxville's Caswell Park has not been transparent and equitable. The only public meeting, on Monday, September 23, was announced with one week's notice to Park City residents.

Many attendees heard about the meeting from a postcard mailed out by the Parkridge Community Organization (PCO) after the City declined its request for assistance in advertising the meeting on short notice. I received my post card on Sat., Sept. 21, a two-day notice.

The mayor sent the president of the PCO a letter listing all the ways Park City residents should have already known about the park rezoning. Among these, she cites the 2014 Central City Sector Plan, which notes "high intensity residential" planned for Fifth and Woodbine WEST of Winona, but apparently not for our little park EAST of Winona. Not a valid argument.

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Receiving Compensation as the Victim of a Crime

It is never a good thing to be the victim of a crime. If you are, then at best you have endured something annoying, and at worst, you have experienced something that results in life-changing trauma, injury or even death.

When someone is a victim of a crime, the state of Tennessee wants to provide the person who committed the crime, but it is also important to try to assist and aid the victim, if possible.

That is why Tennessee has created the, "Criminal



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Injuries Compensation Fund." This fund is designed to provide some monetary relief, although not a great deal, to eligible victims to help them try to piece together their lives. A victim can always file a civil lawsuit against the criminal to recoup the personal and property damages they have incurred as a result of the crime that was committed. However, often the criminal does not have any funds to aid a victim. The Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund is state funded, and alleviates the need for the

victims to go through the long and tedious process of filing and pursuing their own lawsuit against the criminal.

Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13 contains a great deal of information on this Fund. It goes in to great detail about what kind of offenses and what kind of victims have to be present for the Fund to come in to play.

Individuals who have some level of familiarity with this Fund may have heard the amount of \$2,500.00 as the maximum amount awarded to victims. Certainly, no one is getting rich off of \$2,500.00, or re-piecing

their life after a serious physical injury. Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-13-106 actually states that the maximum award that can be provided under this Fund is \$30,000.00.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 29-13-107 lays out the various injuries that can be compensated and in what amounts.

If someone experiences disabilities caused by a violent crime, they will be compensated in accordance with the worker's compensation statutes, however, paying the individual 85% of their normal wage.

If someone experiences

pain and suffering as a victim of a sexually-oriented crime, they are not to be compensated more than \$3,000.00.

If someone is killed as a result of the crime, up to \$6,000.00 can be awarded for funeral and burial expenses.

If someone requires mental health counseling or treatment, they can receive up to \$3,500.00.

If someone requires medical treatment as a result of being the victim, the Fund will pay up to 75% of the medical bills until the maximum amount of compensation is reached.

Again, this amount of money is not anything that anyone will be getting rich

and retiring on, but it can be helpful in providing relief to victims. This Fund also allows the recovery of attorney's fees, so if you feel uncomfortable trying to access this money yourself, you may want to enlist the assistance of an attorney.

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East Knoxville Community meeting series ends

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Although the officer claims to have shot the man in self-defense after a traffic incident on Merchant Drive, the autopsy reports show the man was shot in the back. The officer says the victim shocked him with the officer's taser.

The East Knox Community meetings have not been without incidents. In a recent meeting Sheriff Tom Spangler was scheduled to attend. When he did not some members of the audience yelled at sheriff department representatives about the 286(g) agreement between that department and ICE. That meeting was stopped abruptly and Covington apologized to the audience

and online for the conflict that erupted.

Covington's meetings have had, over the years, candidates for office, city and county officials, and various city department heads addressing various topics. He hasn't shied away from controversial issues nor has he invited only political officials of his Republican Party affiliation.

Initially the meetings were held at 1 p.m. and recently the event moved to 6 p.m. with the idea of having more citizens attend. Covington currently serves on the Knox County Ethics Committee and is a former candidate for city and county offices.

"I like to think ending the East Knoxville Community

Meeting will actually be a benefit to the community by denying those seeking to spew venom from having yet another opportunity to disrespect attendees and guest speakers alike," Covington told The Focus.

"What we experienced at the August meeting was a confrontation that cannot and will not be tolerated. That type of disruptive, disrespectful interaction was never the mission of the EKCM and won't be in the future as October 7th marks the end of our very successful run of civil and productive community meetings.

"As the editor of the East Knoxville Community Newsletter I'll continue to write about things going on in

Knoxville and Knox County politics as well as writing about goings on in the community. I just won't be convening a monthly meeting. Most assuredly, if my community calls on me to serve in some capacity I'm available but, otherwise; I am perfectly content building my consulting practice and farming.

"I'll miss the networking opportunity that the meeting made possible but we'll at least conclude the speaker series with my dear friend and Knox County Attorney General Charme Allen as our special guest. We're anticipating a packed house for this momentous occasion."

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The council may also divert some funds from the Save our Sons budget and give \$15,000 to Penultimate Development and \$900 to the Next Step Initiative for a series of block parties.

Two street names may be changed. The council will consider changing the name of Walter Taylor Street to Taylor Homes Road, and naming an alley between Keith and Richmond Avenue to Joseph Schofield Street.

A property at 210E Jackson may be rezoned from C-3 general commercial to C-2 and a property at 4654 Holston Drive may be rezoned from C-3 to R-1 low density residential.

Mayor Madeline Rogero has two appointments before the council for approval; she's asking to name Casey Fox to the Historic Zoning Commission and Jamie Ballinger to the Civil Service Merit Board.

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Roseberry City organization well underway

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Roseberry City is a very unique part of North Knoxville. This area, located at the south base of Sharp's Ridge inside Lincoln Park, is getting some recognition thanks to one lady.

Jean Davis-James spent several days during the summer knocking on doors in the neighborhood speaking with residents or leaving information on the new Roseberry City Connection Community Organization. Other officers and founders include Larrissa Henderson, Carina Brown, Sharlene Jackson and Sylvia Brown. Ms. Davis-James serves as president.

In order to promote the neighborhood and the new organization the Connection Organization had a celebration on September 14 at the First Baptist Church of Roseberry City which included children's activities, information about the history of the area, and even a rose basket drop by a helicopter.

Speakers at the event included Eric and Angie Myers, Pastor Cedric

Jackson, Steven Ray, Gary Brown, Ms. Davis-James and Judge John Rosson, Jr. Ruth Milsap and Rosina Akinola read a proclamation about the historic neighborhood. Also appearing were Deacon John Sibley of the Harvard School of Divinity, Felicia Hoehne, Chris Cowart, Felecia Outsey, Ray Ray, Sherri Williams, James Hawkins, Minister Alan Jones, Jackie Holloway, Jacqueline Jones and Cassandra Spann. Sabrina Greene, president of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, spoke during the event.

Rosella Winton and Anne Hawkins painted faces at the celebration, which also held a well-attended art contest. Games and activities for children included jump rope, hula hoop, badminton, horseshoes, corn hole, croquet, soccer and an inflatable slide.

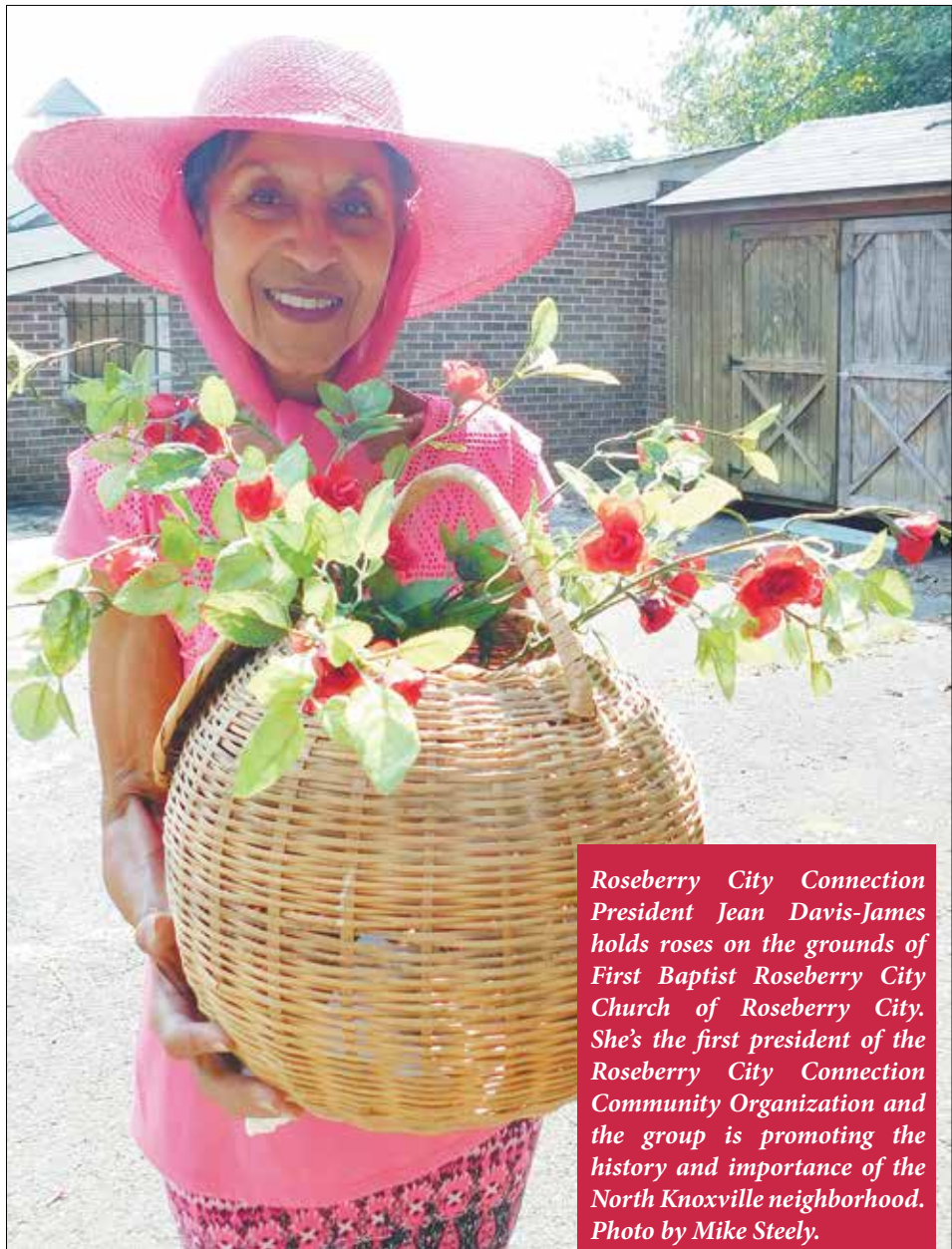
The group hopes to share information about Roseberry City with monthly meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church at 217 Hiwassee Avenue.

"I was curious about

the name Roseberry City. I was asking and nobody knew for sure. Most people familiar with this area knew it as Buzzard's Roost," Davis-James told The Focus. "Years ago, before the interstate, there was a slaughter house and the carcasses were taken to the top of the ridge to be cleaned by buzzards.

"One person said the name Roseberry was adopted because they were trying to sweeten it up."

Her search for the history of her neighborhood led her to the McClung Historical Collection archives within the East Tennessee History Museum. A couple of the people there got interested in the search. They came across an article dated 1874 where in someone was complaining the name Roseberry Ridge was being abandoned in favor of McAnally Ridge and later Sharp's Ridge. The article referred to streams on the ridge that watered natural rose bushes. Early grants in the area refer to Roseberry Ridge. Roseberry City is plotted on city maps as a separate neighborhood within the Lincoln Park Neighborhood.



Roseberry City Connection President Jean Davis-James holds roses on the grounds of First Baptist Roseberry City Church of Roseberry City. She's the first president of the Roseberry City Connection Community Organization and the group is promoting the history and importance of the North Knoxville neighborhood. Photo by Mike Steely.

A different kind of church

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The Spirit of Truth Fellowship of Knoxville is a pro-science Evangelical church. Founded in 2010 by David Spakes the church believes that having a faith in God and a belief in science are not mutually exclusive.

"We serve a community consisting of sincere skeptics, scientists, geeks, nerds, science educators and their families," the minister explains. Although the church goes where it is needed and invited it makes its Sunday home at Ijams Nature Center's Visitor's Center at 2915 Island Home Avenue. Each Sunday the service begins with an Internet Café with coffee, an internet hot spot, and the sounds of nature from the outside deck of the park.

That 9:30 a.m. Café is followed by a 10 a.m. Worship Service of contemporary praise and worship, preaching, prayer and the laying on of hands. The Lord's Supper communion is served the first



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Pastor David Spakes, his wife Sheila, and Maranda and Doug Magoon manned a table at the recent UGO fundraising event on Chapman Highway. Spakes said they were all "Nerds" spreading the word of Jesus to the characters and visitors there.

Sunday of each month and a singing service is held the last Sunday of each month.

Sheila Spakes oversees the Kid's Place which happens during worship services for children from birth to fifth grade. A former children's church director and vacation bible school director, Sheila

is passionate about working with children.

Both David and Sheila hold bachelor degrees: David's in computer science and Sheila's in human ecology - early childhood administration. After several years in the software industry while still carrying on his work

in the ministry, David went to Johnson University and earned a graduate certificate in Biblical Interpretation.

While adhering to the principal Christian doctrines the Spirit of Truth Fellowship of Knoxville leaves a member's interpretation of Genesis 1-11 up to each

person, welcoming creationists and those who believe the earth is 13.7 million years old. Spakes feels the Big Bang and natural evolution has nothing to do with coming to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

"We refuse to make that an issue," the pastor says.

"The church is organized by and geared toward rational thinkers who appreciate and support scientific discovery. We want to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect between the science and the faith communities," he says.

"We offer help, community, and encouragement through difficult times. The church is also for people who have deeply-held Christian beliefs but possess little or no education or experience with real science," Spakes says.

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We aren't all bad

All of us might fall into the abyss of depression if we stay tuned to the news these days. Our government seems to find new ways to destroy the fabric of our country and our way of life. Wars go on endlessly and add scores of dead to an already unbelievable number. At one place on the planet, the ice caps melt as seas rise, and in another area, rain forests are being burned in the name of progress, even though the loss of them will choke us to death. Still, by looking hard, we can find plenty of things that prove

that we aren't all bad. Each and every day, individuals set out to help others. Locally, organizations like KARM and the Salvation Army provide services for those whose lives are struggles. Volunteer Ministry Center has for years worked to provide sustainable and affordable housing for homeless folks. The organization also offers counseling about employment, meals for the hungry, and strategies for making a better life. The work by all of these groups is completed by people who want to

help and by donors who realize that their moneys will be well spent. Sometimes, heroes and their stories reach us. Recently, the news aired a segment on NFL player Kyle Rudolph. His kindness toward a small child helped ease the pain the little boy suffered through during his lifetime. Rudolph visited often, treated the boy to football games and equipment, and best of all, visited during the last hours of the child's life. Rudolph also funded a special place at the Minnesota Children's Hospital, an area where sick children and their families could enjoy just a few minutes of normal life. Rudolph used his money to provide good things for

folks in need. Other people devote themselves to animals. Most people love dogs. Our hearts break when we see one being abandoned or abused. Many choose to adopt a canine from a shelter or rescue organization. Such acts give dogs second chances for life and, possibly, first tastes of the love and kindness that humans can give. When stories about saved dogs and their new families air on television, eyes fill with tears as young and old rejoice in the good deeds of fellow humans and the joys that those acts produce. We also smile at the bonds that are created between animals and humans. The most popular

videos often reveal the sweet and simple routines that the evolve as folks and their pets go about daily life. We discover that so many animals need and welcome the warmth of companionship and the assurance from love that come from humans. In those times, our species proves that it has a higher purpose than just looking after ourselves. Homo sapiens are selfish too often. Still, times arise when folks reach beyond themselves. Just recently, a report explained how a town aimed its efforts toward making a little boy's life better. Because of a stem cell transplant, he couldn't leave the confines of his home. So, individuals

and groups came to his house to perform, to wave, or to amuse the boy. From singing and dancing troupes to dog parades, the citizens gave their time and energy to make one life a little better. Yes, too often, we humans do things that make us wonder why we even exist. Our mean, selfish, and greedy acts show our worst sides. However, just when we think there are no saving graces for us, loving acts shock us, make us smile, and recommit us, if only for a short period of time, to be good folks. The truth about all humans is we aren't all bad. Some good resides in each of us.



By Joe Rector
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October

Autumn and Hallowe'en is a synthesis of a combination of parts to form a whole in October, Autumn, at the beginning of the month, and Hallowe'en at the end of the month. Believe it or not, Hallowe'en dates back to 2,000 years go in the area that is now Ireland, England, and Northern France. It also marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning

started to change, along with the costumes and sweets. When I went to school, we could walk to school wearing our Hallowe'en costume and have parties in the classroom. But, not any more. The sad thing is times have not changed for the better. On the other hand, there are still parties for children in churches, in peoples' homes, and other places that cater to having fun with proper escorts. And most parents go with their children to help them Trick or Treat from door to door.

Now, let's go to beautiful Autumn. For me, there's only one way to describe it, by listening to that beautiful song, "Autumn Leaves."

*The falling leaves drift by the window
The autumn leaves of red and gold,
I see your lips, the summer kisses
The sun-burned hands I used to hold.*

*Since you went away
The days grow long
And soon I'll hear old winter's song.
But I miss you most of all my darling
When autumn leaves start to fall.*

Thought for the day: "Season of mist and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run." John Keats--"In Autumn"

Send comments to: rosemerrie@att.net. Thank you.



Enjoy! Autumn goes by so swiftly.

Interested in serving on the Knox County Ethics Committee?

By Mike Steely
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Three members of the Knox County Ethics Committee are rotating off that body due to term limits. No member may serve longer than two four-year terms. The Knox County Commission is asking for applications to fill those upcoming vacancies. Leaving the ethics committee by November 1st are Mae Killebrew-Mosley, Barbara Chandler and Roy Kruse. Two new members will be nominated by the commission and one new member will be nominated by the Knox County sheriff.

Applicants cannot be county employees or related to employees. All terms are initially for four years

beginning November 1 and running through October 31, 2023 Anyone interested in serving may apply by mail, fax, email or hand-delivered application no later than October 11 to the Office of the Knox County Commission, Suite 603, City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, Tn. 37902, phone (865)215-2534. The fax number is (865) 215-2038 and the email address is commission@knoxcounty.org. The commission will hold a public hearing to interview candidates on Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. following their work session and the selections will be made during the regular commission meeting on Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.

When did costumes and sweets enter the picture? That also started with the Celts. They wore ghoulish costumes so that the wandering spirits would mistake them for one of their own and leave them alone. Others offered sweets to the spirits to appease them.

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Tennessee's Hermitage District, II

Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill
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For twenty-eight years, the congressman from Tennessee's "Hermitage District" had been Joseph W. Byrns. Congressman Byrns was a beloved figure inside the Fifth Congressional district and had been Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives when he had died suddenly on June 4, 1936. Some urged Joseph W. Byrns, Jr., the late Speaker's only child, to become a candidate to succeed his father. The younger Byrns, an attorney working for a federal agency in Nashville, had opted not to become a candidate. The Hermitage District, or Tennessee's Fifth Congressional district, was as solidly Democratic as had been General Andrew Jackson. The congressman would be selected in the Democratic primary and the three leading contenders in the 1936 primary had been Richard M. Atkinson, Will T. Cheek and J. Carlton Loser. Atkinson had been the attorney general for the Tenth District for eight years and was something of a controversial figure. Atkinson won 14,144 votes to 14,131 for Will Cheek, a difference of exactly 13 votes. Loser was not that far behind with 12,591 votes.

Congressman Atkinson did little to endear himself to his constituents by parting ways with President Franklin D. Roosevelt on a few pieces of New Deal legislation. Byrns had been recommended by Tennessee's two U. S. senators, Kenneth D. McKellar and George L. Berry, for a federal appointment which mysteriously went nowhere. Before that issue was settled, Byrns had announced he would run to unseat Congressman Richard M. Atkinson inside the 1938 Democratic primary. Perhaps anticipating an announcement by Byrns, Atkinson had proceeded to rile the peppery Senator McKellar by proposing to fire William M. Gupton, Nashville's postmaster, when his term expired in January of 1938. Normally, a congressman was well within his or her rights to name the postmaster of his or her home city, but McKellar was undisputedly the most powerful member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation. Moreover, McKellar was also the Chairman of the Senate Post Office & Post Roads Committee. McKellar wrote Postmaster General James A. Farley and flatly declared dismissing Gupton would be considered a personal affront by the senator. Gupton had been originally appointed by the late Speaker Jo Byrns and Congressman Atkinson doubtless suspected the postmaster would remain loyal to the family and give what political aid he could

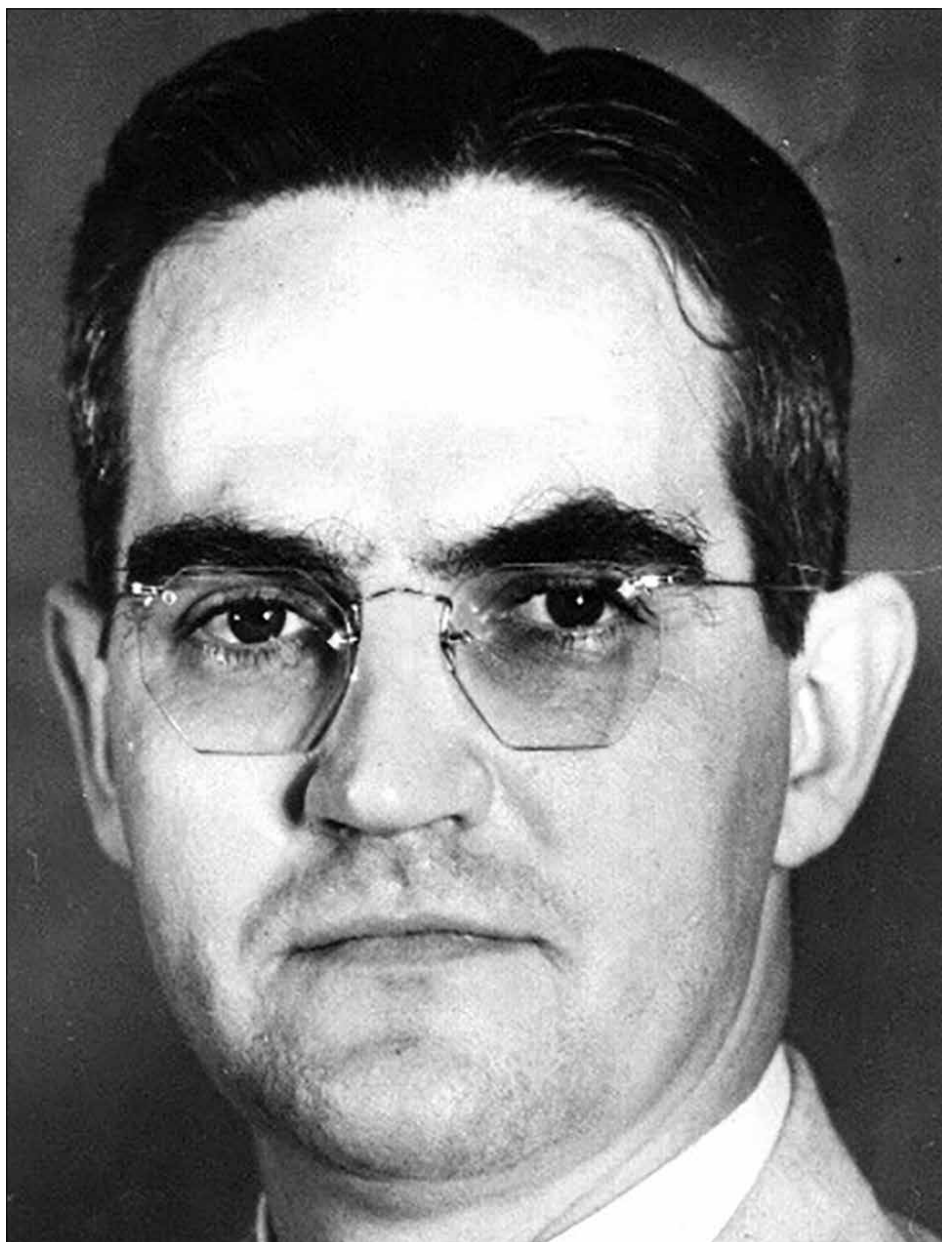
to the younger Byrns. Yet Atkinson knew he could not hope to win a political brawl with McKellar, who was a stalwart of the New Deal administration.

Atkinson knew Joe Byrns, Jr. could draw on the extensive political network his father had established in almost thirty years in Congress. Byrns threw down the gauntlet, saying he would back the President and was critical of Atkinson having taken positions which were coincidentally those taken by Republicans in Congress. Byrns "pledged himself to support agricultural legislation, the extension of civil service in all phases of government, whole-hearted support of TVA and the CVA and other measures" the young candidate believed would benefit the Hermitage District.

Byrns did leave himself an out in pledging support for Franklin Roosevelt; the candidate said he would only refuse to back the President should FDR go against the interests of the people. As he finished his opening speech of the campaign in Clarksville, a little girl, Betty Pearl Miller, approached the dais and presented Byrns with a basket of flowers. The young candidate made a hit with the home folks when he asked that the flowers be placed on the grave of the late Governor Austin Peay, a native of Clarksville.

While stumping in Gallatin, Tennessee, Joe Byrns, Jr. promised to support rural electrification, old age pensions and "the extension of social justice under an economy program." Byrns had been especially critical of the 65 roll call votes Atkinson had missed and pledged, "I shall be on the job all the time. I mean to have a share in fashioning the safe future of America."

As Joe Byrns, Jr. campaigned throughout Tennessee's Hermitage District, incumbent Richard M. Atkinson was hardly idle. Atkinson opened his campaign headquarters in Nashville's Noel Hotel and made his announcement he would run for reelection on July 2, 1938. Perhaps sensitive to the repeated charges of disloyalty to President Roosevelt, Atkinson said, "I believe I have gained the confidence and respect of our President, as well as of the entire membership of the House of Representatives." Atkinson quoted a letter he had received from Majority Leader Sam Rayburn stating the Texan's "warm regard for me, and his appreciation of my service to the Democratic Party." Congressman Atkinson defended himself from accusations he had betrayed President Roosevelt. After praising FDR, Atkinson said



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Congressional candidate Joseph W. Byrns, Jr., circa 1938.

in a statement, "...when I am convinced that his recommendations are contrary to the fundamental doctrines of our Republic, or contrary to the best interests of this District, I reserve the right to follow the dictates of my conscience and judgment alone." Atkinson went to some length to review the New Deal legislation he had supported during his year and a half in Congress.

Atkinson began a whirlwind tour of speaking engagements through towns small and out-of-the-way hamlets. Nor did Atkinson ignore the cities or special interests; the Congressman spoke to the Tennessee Rural Letter Carriers Association meeting in convention, as well as the veterans. As Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. opened his congressional campaign in Clarksville, Richard Atkinson opened his own drive for renomination in Hartsville, Tennessee. Congressman Atkinson did what all incumbents do -- bragged on his recorded, but he also defended his disagreements with FDR on higher interest rates on farm loans, veterans' aid bills and the wage and hour bill.

While campaigning in a rural community in Davidson County, Atkinson stated he had opposed the administration's proposed reorganization of the federal government because of his belief it invested too much power in the chief executive. Congressman Atkinson reminded his audience Franklin Roosevelt would not always be President of the United States and a "reactionary" chief executive might follow FDR into office and utilized the same authority to reorganize the government. Atkinson sniffed Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. was "so unlike his father that no trace of the late Speaker's characteristics could be found in his son."

Byrns charged Atkinson with an attempt to use "a form letter" sent by

House Speaker William B. Bankhead to every Democratic congressman at the close of the session to further his own candidacy. Joe Byrns scoffed at the idea any Democrat of prominence had endorsed Congressman Atkinson's candidacy. Byrns released the text of a telegram sent to him by Speaker Bankhead. "The letter written by me to Mr. Atkinson was similar in content to one which I addressed to the Democratic members of Congress upon adjournment," Bankhead admitted. "This letter was not intended to be an indorsement for nomination over other Democratic candidates, as it is my consistent policy not to express favoritism between primary Democrats in a party." Byrns once again pummeled Atkinson for having missed 65 roll call votes and promised voters he would remain on the job.

Congressman Atkinson angrily retorted Byrns was the political pawn of a local "beer baron." Speaking in Nashville, Richard Atkinson roared his indignation at what he termed Byrns's "trickery." The Congressman specifically said Byrns was being dishonest when the candidate accused him of having missed 65 roll calls votes. Yet, Atkinson explained there were numerous "roll calls" in the House and many were simply "unimportant" or of no consequence. "My opponent did not tell you I was in bed two weeks" due to recovery from an operation "and for another ten days investigating government hospitals on a Congressional committee and at other times aiding some local delegation in Washington on a mission for the folks at home."

Byrns lobbed another charge at Congressman Atkinson while speaking in Springfield, Tennessee. Byrns accused Atkinson of having "walked out" on the farmers of Tennessee's

Hermitage District. Joe Byrns, Jr. said Congressman Atkinson was in Nashville when Congress had voted on the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Byrns snorted Atkinson had claimed he was acting as a one-man congressional committee to investigate government hospitals; Byrns pointed out the only government hospitals in Tennessee were located in Johnson City and Memphis.

"Any man who goes to Washington to represent the farmers of his district and walks out on them is not a representative, but a misrepresentative," Byrns cried.

Congressman Atkinson, campaigning in Flat Rock, seemed exasperated and snapped Byrns was making "untrue statements." Atkinson said the idea he "had broken with President Roosevelt" was little more than "ridiculous." The Congressman insisted FDR was his personal friend.

Joe Byrns, Jr., name-sake of his father and certainly the beneficiary of his dead father's political legacy inside the Hermitage District, tried having it both ways when he denied he was trying to win election to Congress on his late father's record. The younger Byrns did say, somewhat disingenuously, he was, of course, well acquainted with congressional issues and counted many friends amongst the senior members of Congress because of his family ties.

The importance of the Cumberland River in Middle Tennessee was understood by virtually everyone and both Congressman Richard Atkinson and challenger Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. tried to outdo the other in promising to work for flood control and power development along the Cumberland. Campaigning at the McFerrin Fair Grounds, Byrns poked fun at his opponent, depicting Atkinson as a victim of his own success. Byrns drew a portrait for his listeners of

a freshman congressman awed by being in Congress, which the candidate termed as "gone upstage." Byrns said Atkinson had participated in "fashion parades" with his small dog Mickey. Apparently, the congressman had fallen prey to the bug of sartorial elegance. Byrns oddly accused Atkinson of being a "commuter" between Washington, D. C. and the Hermitage District. "I will support any workable old-age pension plan," Byrns promised. "I will always oppose a wage differential for Southern workers, and I will be in Washington when Congress is in session." Byrns had slightly changed his story about Atkinson having missed voting on the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Now Byrns said while Congress was voting on the AAA, Atkinson was in Nashville dedicating the Supreme Court Building while "criticizing the greatest President the United States ever had."

During the last week of the campaign, Congressman Atkinson was still downplaying his opposition to some of President Roosevelt's policies. Atkinson also added a rather bizarre new charge that Joe Byrns, Jr. had admitted he had destroyed his father's personal papers following the Speaker's death. Atkinson mused over "how fond" many New Deal administration officials were of him and recalled "the President and I have laughed together over the few times I have differed with administration policy."

Within days of the primary election, the Johnson City Chronicle published a story about the congressional campaign in the Hermitage District. The Chronicle summarized the issue originally stated by Joseph W. Byrns, Jr.: the sole issue was pro-Roosevelt or anti-Roosevelt. Congressman Atkinson furiously retorted, "Anyone who pledges to conduct himself according to the dictates of any person is not qualified to represent the people." Atkinson insisted, "I have kept the faith with my people. I have refused to violate my conscience." The Chronicle noted even the congressman's "garb" had become a campaign issue, as well as his travels to New York City, Nashville, and Atlantic City while Congress was in session. Atkinson complained that the Byrns campaign was being run by former U. S. senator Luke Lea. The Congressman said bitterly Colonel Lea "sings his song of hate to my opponent and makes him repeat it."

The election results were surprisingly close. Joseph W. Byrns, Jr. won the Democratic primary with 19,227 votes. Richard M. Atkinson won the endorsement of 18,195 voters in Tennessee's Hermitage District. Byrns had won by a margin of 1032 votes. Joseph W. Byrns, Jr., at age thirty-four, was going to Washington.



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For 150 years, it has been a shining beacon in the Gibbs Community. Graveston Baptist Church celebrated its 150th Anniversary on Sunday, June 9, with a special service led by Dr. Jack Parrott, Pastor Emeritus



By **Ralphine Major**
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of Black Oak Heights Baptist Church. Nestled in a beautiful pastoral setting above Harbison's Crossroads in rural Northeast Knox County, Graveston was chartered on June 11, 1869.

The church continues its celebration year with the scheduling of some powerful services. On October 13 at 10:30 a.m., the guest speaker sharing his testimony will be Gary Christian of Gary Christian Ministries.

Focus readers may recall that Christian's beautiful daughter, Channon, was kidnapped, tortured, and brutally murdered in 2007.

Pastor Sean Watson and the congregation of Graveston Baptist invite you to come and be a part of their services

on this particular Sunday or any other Lord's Day. Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m., and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 8319 Clapps Chapel Road, Corryton, TN 37721. Learn more about the ministries at

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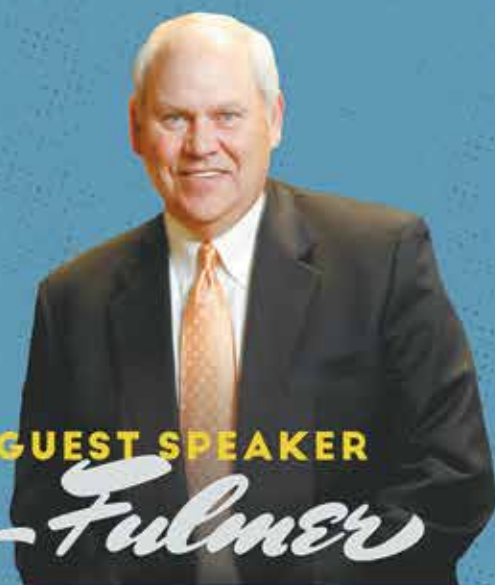
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By Alex Norman

A big reason Bearden (1-5, 1-1 in Region 1-6A) was able to finally get

This was a wide open affair, tied at 14 after the first quarter. Hawks running back Kelton Gunn scored both of those touchdowns for Hardin Valley (1-5, 0-3 in Region 1-6A), and added a third in the second quarter, giving HVA a

The first half of the schedule was a brutal one for the Bulldogs. Injuries to key players like quarterback Collin Ironside took their toll. There wasn't much room for error,

"We played the toughest part of our schedule early on, so we were able to get our kids to understand that we were getting our young guys opportunities against quality competition, which will make us better as the year goes on," said Shinlever. "Our kids understand we are definitely a better football team now than we were in week one because we were able to develop more depth and get more experience against quality opponents."

"There are a couple of teams in the region that are unbeaten," said Shinlever. "With as difficult as our region is, I don't see them going the rest of the way undefeated in the region. It allows us to have control of how this season plays out for us."



Strange season finds GCA on the road and in first place

By Steve Williams

Grace Christian's schedule alone has been weird. In the first seven weeks, the Rams have had five road games and only one home game.

Winning has helped make this season fun so far, despite how

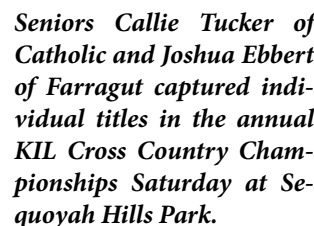
While many local teams have open dates this week during fall break, Grace Christian, of course, will be back on the road. But the Rams have to be looking forward to it. Their game at Chattanooga Christian (3-2,

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By Steve Williams

Farragut's Cathy Hu
(19:01) took third and



Also finishing in the Top 10 individually for girls were Johnson of Farragut 20:06, Emma Dewalt

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Farragut uses defense and special teams to beat Science Hill

By David Klein

The fourth quarter proved pivotal for the Farragut Admirals as they took advantage of a blocked punt recovered in the end zone and an interception to beat the visiting Science Hill Hilltoppers 35-25 on Homecoming Night. The Region 1-6A victory propelled Farragut to 2-0 in the region. Farragut had three touchdowns in under three minutes between the end of the third quarter and 9:58 of the fourth quarter. "We needed something," Farragut Head Coach Eddie Courtney said of the blocked punt. "That got us back where we should be. You had two very really good football games playing tonight that were frustrated. They were 2-0 in the region. We were 1-0. We needed some

momentum. We got it from special teams."

A sea-saw battle in the first half at Bill Clabo field saw the Admirals jump out to an early lead over Science Hill on running back Sam Kniss' 2-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead. Kniss' touchdown was set up by an interception by Logan Foody.

It would not take long for the Hilltoppers to answer the Admirals' touchdown. Quarterback Connor Batchelder caught the Admirals in a blitz and threw a screen pass to star running back Chris Thomas. Thomas took the screen, cut across the middle of the field, and raced 62 yards for the touchdown. Science Hill had knotted the game at seven.

Thomas, who was returning from an injury, finished

the game with 103 rushing yards and 123 receiving yards. "He can run the ball with power out to the side and he can get out on the edge," Courtney said. "He's one of the best, complete running backs we've seen this year."

Two plays after Thomas scored, Science Hill safety Nicholas Copenhaver intercepted Admiral quarterback Gavin Wilkinson deep in the Admirals' own territory and ran the interception back 22 yards for a touchdown. The Hilltoppers took the lead 14-7 with 9:06 left in the second quarter.

Farragut was stagnant and reeling a little bit on offense. However, Camden Kuhn intercepted Batchelder and gave the Admirals the football in Hilltopper territory. Two

plays later, Wilkinson threw a 42-yard touchdown to Alec Keathley to tie the score at 14 with 5:47 left in the half.

The second half started slow on offense for both teams. With seven seconds left in the third quarter, Farragut's Gabe Hensley took a pitch and ran it around right end for a 6-yard touchdown run and a 21-17 Admiral lead.

"We started off early, great opening drive," Courtney said. "We then relaxed. You can't do that. We relaxed and let them get back in the ballgame. We talked about it at halftime, how we got to reestablish control."

Less than two minutes later, Eli Purcell burst through the line and blocked a Science Hill punt. Dylan Cosey recovered the football in the end zone for a touchdown

and the Admirals had some separation, making the score 28-17 Farragut.

Purcell was not done making plays yet. Two plays later, he made a diving interception in Hilltoppers' territory to give Farragut excellent field position. One play later, Wilkinson found Keathley for his second touchdown of the game. That made it 35-17 Farragut with 9:53 left in the fourth. Farragut had scored three touchdowns in 2:09.

"On the punt, I asked Trey (Nesbitt) to switch sides with me because I was getting bumped a little bit where I couldn't get there," Purcell said. "So I slipped in there and blocked the punt and Dylan came in there, used his speed and got the touchdown."

The Hilltoppers were not

ready to go away just yet. Batchelder threw a 10-yard touchdown to Braden Anderson, and Thomas converted the 2-point conversion to cut the lead to 35-25 Farragut.

Science Hill would threaten one more time. However, on 4th and goal from the 1-yard line, the Farragut defense stopped Science Hill with just over a minute remaining. Following the goal line stand, the Admirals were able to run out the clock.

"I'm just proud of our kids," Courtney said. "You had two teams with their backs against the wall. We were fortunate enough to get the win."

Farragut travels to unbeaten Dobyns-Bennett in Kingsport Friday while Science Hill hosts Morristown-Hamblen West.

High school hoops tips off with KIL Jamboree

By Ken Lay

Area high school basketball teams could officially begin preparations for the 2019-2020 season Friday and hoops season is around the corner.

Fans can get a preview of their favorite teams at the KIL Jamboree next month.

The two-day event will be hosted by Central High School on Monday, Nov. 18 and Karns High on the following night.

Action begins at both venues at 6 p.m.

Two-quarter games at Central include: Central vs. Webb (girls); Central vs. Webb (boys); Austin-East

vs. Gibbs (girls); Austin-East vs. Gibbs (boys); Carter vs. Farragut (girls); Carter vs. Farragut (boys); West vs. Halls (girls) and West vs. Halls (boys).

Action shifts to Karns on Tuesday, Nov. 19 as the Lady Beavers and Beavers open the night's action against Tennessee School for the Deaf.

Other games include: South-Doyle vs. Fulton (girls); South-Doyle vs. Fulton (boys); Hardin Valley Academy vs. Catholic (girls); Hardin Valley Academy vs. Catholic (boys); Bearden vs. Powell (girls) and Bearden vs. Powell (boys).

Strange season finds GCA on the road and in first place

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2-0) could go a long way in determining this year's region champion.

Bradley, whose teams over the years have been known for air raids, may have surprised Webb with his ground attack. He said that was the plan.

Caleb Curcio, a fast and tough 6-foot, 170-pound junior, led GCA's win over the Spartans, rushing for 129 yards on 22 carries and scoring both of the Rams' touchdowns.

Grace passed the ball only 17 times in the game (five times after intermission) for 113 yards.

Curcio bolted off right tackle for 36 yards and high stepped into the end zone to give GCA a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter. Chase McCullar added the first of his two PATs.

Webb's next possession was picked off by Michael Human at the Spartans' 41. Grace quarterback Cooper Riggs had a 38-yard touchdown run nullified by a block in the back penalty and the Rams' threat was halted by Jackson Baker's interception.

Elijah Bane got behind the Grace secondary late in the first quarter and hauled in a 50-yard pass from Joseph Moore. Runs by

Garrett Carnathan helped move the ball to the Grace 4, but Moore was injured when he was sacked by Jared Long on second-and-goal and had to leave the game. A pass by backup quarterback Charlie Robinson, a freshman, on the next play was intercepted by Devan Coffey.

The Rams took over at their 14 and drove 86 yards to go up 14-0. Grant Warwick had a 29-yard reception in the drive. When GCA got to the Webb 20, Curcio took over, carried five straight plays and scored from the 5 with 2:40 left in the half.

The Spartans drove 62 yards in 16 plays in the third quarter to make it interesting. After Webb Coach David Meske converted a fourth-and-one situation from the Spartans' 47, with Grissim Anderson rushing for three yards, Carnathan had a 15-yard run and Baker caught a 22-yard pass in the flat from Moore. Webb capped the march with Moore's sneak from inside the 1 with 2:00 showing on the third quarter clock.

Grace's defense forced Webb to punt twice in the fourth quarter and the Spartans couldn't move the ball through the air on their last possession late in the game.

By Ken Lay

ALCOA --- A seventh consecutive victory netted the Bearden Middle School football team a middle-school age conference varsity championship.

It also helped the Bulldogs exact a little revenge.

"It feels great to beat Alcoa," Bearden defensive lineman Jackson Graham said after the Bulldogs outlasted the Tornadoes 24-20 at Alcoa's Bill Bailey Stadium Thursday night. "It's one thing to beat somebody but it's another thing to beat somebody after they beat you first and it was in such a close game."

The Bulldogs (7-2) and Tornadoes (8-1) opened the league's inaugural season against each other with Alcoa escaping with a 13-12 overtime victory. Bearden also lost to Farragut 24-14 on Aug. 15 to open the season 0-2 before reeling off seven consecutive wins.

And it was Graham who made the biggest defensive



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

MAC Champs: The Bearden Bulldogs celebrate the Middle-School Age Conference varsity title. The Bulldogs claimed the inaugural championship by outlasting top-seed and previously unbeaten Alcoa 24-20 at Bill Bailey Stadium.

play of the night after a go-ahead touchdown and two-point conversion kick gave the Bulldogs the lead with 41.7 seconds remaining in the game.

Alcoa had one last shot but went backwards on its final drive thanks to penalties and a back sack by Graham, who shed tears of joy during Bearden's postgame celebration. He all but sealed the victory for the Bulldogs when he

tackled Alcoa quarterback Kaelin Griffin.

"I just saw a hole and I ran in there and made the play," Graham said.

Alcoa need a conversion on fourth-and-34 to keep its final drive alive but Griffin's final pass attempt hit the ground and Bearden ran out the clock from the Alcoa 11-yard line and the celebration began.

"This was great," Bearden coach Kevin Ironside said.

"Alcoa is a great team and I knew this game was going to be tough because they are so physical and they play through the whistle.

"I don't mean that in a bad way because they play hard and they play until the whistle blows. This was a battle."

Bearden scored the eventual game-winning touchdown when quarterback Drew Parrott connected

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Central wins big, 45-3, in rivalry game with Halls

By Bill Howard

Great anticipation permeated a packed house at "Dink" Adams Field in Halls Friday night, Oct. 4, when Central came to visit. With both teams undefeated in Region 2-5A, the game had big regional and playoff implications.

It didn't take long for the Bobcats to spoil the party.

Quarterback Dakota Fawver completed 14 passes on 17 attempts for 250 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another as Central ran away from the Red Devils, 45-3. The 20th straight win for the 'Cats improved their record to 7-0, 3-0 in the region. Halls, which started the season 5-0, is now 5-2, 2-1.

"We played hard, we played a pretty complete game," said Bobcats' coach Bryson Rosser. "I'm real happy in the way we played in all three dimensions of the game. It's great to go into a bye week with a win."

Central took the opening kickoff, and, after a fumbled snap followed by a penalty, marched 72 yards on seven plays to take an early 7-0 lead. The score came when running back Jason Merritts plowed in from the one with 8:19 left in the first.

After a promising drive by the Red Devils was stymied by a bad snap on third-and-two, Central took over on its own 12. The Bobcats needed but

four plays to make it 14-0. On second and 10 from their 43, Fawver gave a quick shuffle pass to senior wide receiver Braden Gaston, who galloped 57 yards up the left sideline for the touchdown.

Late in the half, Fawver made it 21-0 on a nine-yard scramble, a score that held to halftime.

"He continues to make the plays we need him to make," Rosser said of his senior signal-caller. "He controls the offense; he's a leader inside and outside the offense. He's a leader on and off the field."

If the Devils hoped to make a game of it, a scoring drive to open the second half might have done it. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Ty Humphrey pitched to running back Brett McMahan who then dropped back to pass. His throw was picked off by defensive back Jaidin Horton, who returned it to the Halls two.

Isaiah Osborne then took it in on the first play, and the score was 28-0 with 26 seconds gone in the half. Gone also was any hope for a Devils' comeback.

"You never know what to expect in a rivalry game," Rosser said. "I couldn't be happier for the guys to be able to keep that (Battle of Black Oak Ridge) trophy at home."

The Cats' rushing game

complemented its aerial attack. Makhi Anderson had 99 yards on only 11 carries and a score. Merritts gained 64 yards on nine carries, and scored once. On defense, Horton had seven tackles; Tyler Bost had three sacks.

"Makhi stepped in and did a great job for us," Rosser said. "Got off to a fast start, got some momentum, and we went from there."

"What makes them a good team is the culture they've established over the last few years," said Devils' coach Scott Cummings of Central. "And we're trying to establish that culture. They've got some athletes that are hard to deal with. I thought we did some good things on offense in the first half. I think we can get better from this."

Going into Friday night, Central, Halls, and South-Doyle were undefeated in the Region 2-5A. With the Bobcats' win and the Cherokees' surprising loss to Seymour, Central now has to be considered a strong favorite to win the region. Rosser isn't looking ahead.

"One game at a time," he said.

Both teams are off this Friday. On Oct. 18, Central hosts Carter; Halls travels to South-Doyle. Rosser is glad for the break.

"Thank God we get a little rest because our guys have been playing for a long time," he said.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Fennell calls 2019 CAK golf team ‘the best’ he’s had

By Steve Williams

Coach Hank Fennell believes Christian Academy of Knoxville’s third straight state golf championship in Division II-A was produced by his best team yet.

“They didn’t play their best, but state is a tough test, and they did well,” said Fennell of his team’s state title performance last week. “From top to bottom, this is the best team I’ve ever had.

“They not only had talent, but they had desire. They were self-driven and wanted to win. They have a lot of pride in how they perform.”

Playing at WillowBrook Golf Course in Manchester, the Warriors had a two-day mark of 8-over 584 and finished 25 shots ahead of Trinity Christian. Webb School placed fifth.

Sophomore Kaleb Wilson led CAK with a five-under 71-68-139 for third place individually.

Sophomore Jackson Hughey, senior Aaron Frazer and junior John Meadows rounded out the CAK scoring and finished in the top 10.

Patton Samuels of Clarksville Academy shot 67-69-136 (8 under) to win.

Webb junior Reece Britt finished fourth with a 71-71-142.

The future looks bright for the CAK boys, too.

“Yes, four is possible, and that will be their goal next year,” said Fennell. “We lose two very important seniors, but the nucleus should be there to hopefully make another run at it next year.”

The CAK girls’ team finished third. Team-champion Franklin Road Academy posted a 299. Tuzunami Polito of FRA took medalist honors with a 75-73-148.

In Division II-AA, Catholic’s Kennedy Noe shot 72-72-144 to take runner-up honors. St. Agnes’ Rachel Heck led the field at 8-under 136.

The Catholic girls’ team finished a distant fourth (316) behind champion St. Agnes (2-under 286).

In last week’s district action, Halls’ boys and girls prevailed in the 3-AAA Large Division tourney at Oak Ridge Country Club.

The Red Devils got a 74 from Justin Cowden and a pair of 75s from Ashton Condra and Manuel Kreisler. Jack Leach of Campbell County took medalist honors with a 73.

The Lady Red Devils were led by Erica Beals’ 83. Bailey McGaha added a 92.

Farragut also made a clean sweep in the District 4-AAA Large Division tournament at Lambert Acres.

In boys’ play, Lance Simpson earned medalist honors with a 2-under 70. Aaron Rinehart added a 72 for Farragut, whose 298 total topped William Blount by 16 strokes and third-place West by 23. The top three teams advance to the Region 2-AAA Large tournament Monday (today) at Oak Ridge.

Jeremy Jones of HVA tied for second with a 71.

The Lady Admirals got a 70 from Lexanne Halama and a 76 from Lindsay Ott to post a 2-over 146.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Knoxville Catholic’s football team shined brightly on ESPN2 Thursday night with its 42-37 win over four-time defending state champion Brentwood Academy at Blaine Stadium.

Quarterback Kaden Martin and running back Tommy Winton sparked on the big stage as the Fighting Irish notched their first win ever in Division II-AAA. Quarterback Jack Jancek also gave Catholic a needed lift down the stretch when Martin went out of the game with cramps.

Kudos too to the Catholic student body and fans for their spirited support throughout the telecast.

CARTER’S COMEBACK:

Trailing 21-0 at the end of the third quarter, the Hornets rallied for a 27-21 win at Morristown West Thursday night. Carter pulled even with 6.1 seconds left in regulation.

In overtime, the Hornets’ defense stopped the Trojans at the 7-yard line and MW misfired on a field goal attempt after a bobbled snap.

Carter junior wingback Anthony Stocker, filling in for injured standout Ken Cox, scored on the Hornets’ first play in OT and a happy bunch headed back to Strawberry Plains with their third win of the season.

A LOOK AHEAD: With fall break this week, 12 of Knox County’s football teams have open dates.

Austin-East will play at Gatlinburg-Pittman in a key Region 2-3A matchup in the Rivalry Thursday game on MyVLT.

Other region games on Friday will include Jefferson County at Bearden, Fulton at Clinton in a matchup of two winless teams and Farragut at highly regarded Dobyns-Bennett.

TURNER COMMITS TO MTSU: Megan Turner recently committed to Middle Tennessee State University to play volleyball, Gibbs Coach Sarah Sharp informed the Focus last week.

“Megan contributed to our program in several ways, both as a leader on the court and off,” emailed Sharp. “Since she started with the team, her role as a libero (defensive specialist) has been critical to our success the past four years.

“Last season she helped lead us to an overall regular season record of 27-9 and 8-0 in the district and this season we are 6-2 in the district going into the tournament that will be held (this) week.”

Christian Academy of Knoxville’s golf team with their 2019 Division II-A state championship trophy. From left are Jackson Hughey, Ben Johnston, Kaleb Wilson, Aaron Frazer, Eli Hinton, John Meadows and Coach Hank Fennell.



Lady Bulldogs overcome slow start to sweep Powell

By Ken Lay

Bearden High School’s volleyball team got itself in precarious straits in its District 4-AAA finale last week.

But the Lady Bulldogs managed to claw themselves out of a couple of holes against Powell.

“This was our 15th match in 14 days so we’re probably a little fatigued,” Bearden coach Erin Biddle said after her squad outlasted the Lady Panthers 26-24, 25-15, 25-22 Wednesday night at Powell’s Jeff Hunter Gymnasium. “We tend to dig ourselves holes sometimes but I really admire this team for their fight.

“I’m really proud of them.”

It was the third match of the week for the Lady Bulldogs, who host the District 4-AAA Tournament Wednesday and Thursday.

Bearden lost its regular-season home finale on Monday to Grace Christian Academy in two sets before gutting out a five-setter on the road and edging Seymour (20-5) on Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs were also busy over the previous weekend when they played four matches in the Court-side at Concord Tournament, hosted by the Division II-A East Region District 1 Champion Concord Christian School. There, Bearden lost to the Lady Lions and Farragut before beating district rival Karns and losing to Chattanooga Girls Preparatory School.

Bearden was sluggish early against Powell as the Lady Panthers opened a 10-6 lead in the first set before Biddle called timeout. The Lady Bulldogs

would tie things 10-10 before Powell enjoyed a surge that help it dart to a 20-12 lead as Emily Evans served up three consecutive points, including an ace, on Senior Night for the Lady Panthers.

Bearden scored the next two points before Powell went up 21-14.

A side-out made it 21-15 and gave the Lady Bulldogs the serve. From there, Bearden’s Alina Turowski served up five straight points including an ace to help Bearden knot the set at 21-21.

Powell actually led 23-21 and 24-23 before the Lady Bulldogs put the set away with the final three points.

In Game 2, Bearden opened a 5-0 lead and cruised before the Lady Panthers made things interesting in the final set.

Bearden darted to a 3-0 lead before the Lady Panthers scored seven of the next 11 points.

Powell would also take an 18-13 lead later thanks to three consecutive service aces by Evans, one of six seniors on the Lady Panthers’ 2019 roster.

But the Lady Bulldogs would answer as captain Lizzy Young had a huge service run of her own to help her team pull ahead 20-18. She had three aces during that surge.

Powell would prove to be a formidable foe on this night but Bearden would salt things away by scoring seven of the next 11 points.

Lady Panthers’ coach Karin Davis was pleased with her team’s effort.

“I’m really proud of our girls,” she said. “I thought they played really well.”

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Go Rebels!

Tyrell Ragland
12th grade OL at West High School
West outplayed Hardin Valley 52-20 in Week 6 play with Ragland leading an offense that totaled 352 yards in the first half.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Go Bobcats!

Gabe Neubert
11th grade DL at Central High School
In CHS’s 43-7 victory against Knox Central (KY), Neubert was a huge help with three solo tackles, three assist tackles and three tackles for loss.

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Catholic - Luke Davenport
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Farragut - Max Devault
Fulton - Antonio Kyle
Gibbs - Nick Canales
GCA - Pierce Browning
Halls - Simon Williams
HVA - Casey Bowen
Karns - Chase Hill
Powell - Gage Foster
Seymour - Tristan Cain
South-Doyle - Brandon Key
TSD - Jarwin Webster
TKA - Jachim Williams
Webb - Grayson Taylor
West - Aidan Vaughan

University of Tennessee
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recipient after open date
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Ebbert and Tucker are 2019 KIL cross country champs

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of West 20:09, Ellie Bachmann of HVA 20:13, Carr of Farragut 20:14 and Cathryn JarDET of HVA 20:26.

The boys' Top 10 finishers also included Riley Smith of Catholic 16:43, Ben Darden of Farragut 16:48, McCown of HVA 16:51, Brigham Wilson of Bearden 16:53, Tyler Ebbert of Farragut 17:00 and Trevor Coggin of Farragut 17:00.

Bulldogs outlast Alcoa to nab inaugural MAC title

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with Sam Tummins on an 11-yard touchdown pass to make the score 22-20. Kicker Jack Downey added the two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

Downey was big on this night as he converted all of his two-point attempts.

“He was huge for us tonight,” Ironside said of Downey. “In our first game, we had two of our kicks blocked.”

The Bulldogs may have hoisted the gold ball that went to the MAC champion but the Bulldogs had to come from behind twice.

The Tornadoes took a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter Brody Blankenship scored on a 2-yard plunge. Alcoa converted the extra point on a run with 5 minutes, 31 seconds remaining before halftime.

Bearden, however, would answer when Parrott connected with Tummins on a 19-yard scoring strike a

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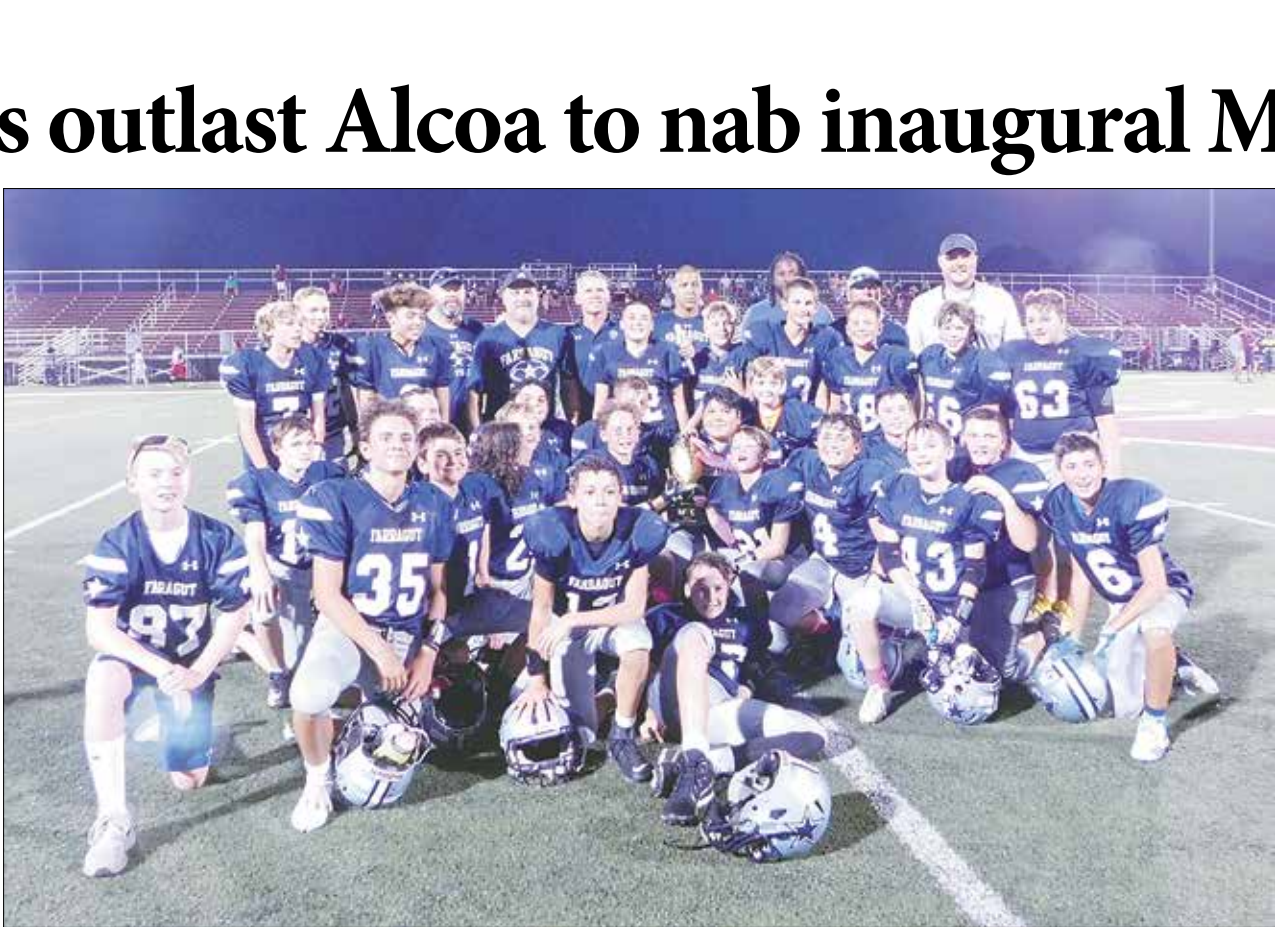
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| AUSTIN-EAST D1, Class AA, R2 | vs. Knox Webb L, 0-3 | vs. Alcoa L, 0-42 | vs. Kingston W, 34-22 | vs. Fulton W, 70-36 | vs. Greenville L, 22-49 | vs. Brainerd W, 46-36 | vs. Scott County W 46-10 | vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman | vs. Pigeon Forge | OPEN | vs. Northview Academy |
| CARTER D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. Rhea County L, 6-42 | vs. Campbell County L, 21-24 | vs. Seymour W, 27-7 | vs. Lenior City W, 20-7 | vs. Halls L, 18-19 | vs. South-Doyle L, 0-42 | vs. Morristown West W, 27-21 | OPEN | vs. Central | vs. Gibbs | vs. Sevier County |
| CENTRAL D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. Cleveland W, 51-20 | vs. Fulton W, 13-12 | vs. Sevier County W, 55-13 | vs. Hardin Valley W, 16-7 | vs. Seymour W, 49-3 | vs. Knox Central KY W, 43-7 | vs. Halls W, 45-3 | OPEN | vs. Carter | vs. South-Doyle | vs. Gibbs |
| GIBBS D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. Halls L, 21-32 | vs. Seymour W, 41-23 | vs. South-Doyle L, 17-62 | vs. Morristown East W, 31-6 | vs. Campbell County W, 42-14 | vs. Rhea County L, 0-49 | vs. Sevier County W, 55-48 | OPEN | vs. Lenior City | vs. Carter | vs. Central |
| HALLS D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. Gibbs W, 32-21 | vs. Karns W, 45-0 | vs. Clinton W, 34-26 | vs. Union County W, 35-6 | vs. Carter W, 19-18 | vs. Powell L, 0-49 | vs. Central L, 3-45 | OPEN | vs. South-Doyle | vs. Sevier County | vs. Seymour |
| SEYMOUR D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. The King's Academy W, 24-17 | vs. Gibbs L, 23-41 | vs. Carter L, 7-27 | vs. Campbell County L, 13-35 | vs. Central L, 3-49 | vs. Heritage W, 37-14 | vs. South-Doyle W, 7-3 | OPEN | vs. Sevier County | vs. Lenior City | vs. Halls |
| SOUTH-DOYLE D1, Class 5A, R2 | vs. Fulton W, 42-3 | vs. Grace Christian W, 61-7 | vs. Gibbs W, 62-17 | vs. Anderson County L, 22-31 | vs. Sevier County W, 60-20 | vs. Carter W, 42-0 | vs. Seymour L, 3-7 | OPEN | vs. Halls | vs. Central | vs. Powell |
| FULTON D1, Class 5A, R3 | vs. South-Doyle L, 3-42 | vs. Central L, 12-13 | vs. Powell L, 0-34 | vs. Austin-East L, 36-70 | vs. Karns L, 28-20 | OPEN | vs. Maryville L, 19-49 | vs. Clinton | vs. Campbell County | vs. West | vs. Oak Ridge |
| KARNS D1, Class 5A, R3 | vs. Walker County L, 40-42 | vs. Halls L, 0-45 | vs. West L, 0-45 | vs. Powell L, 6-49 | vs. Fulton W, 20-28 | vs. Campbell County L, 20-27 | vs. Oak Ridge L, 13-60 | OPEN | vs. Heritage | vs. Rhea County | vs. Clinton |
| POWELL D1, Class 5A, R3 | vs. Greeneville W, 19-17 | vs. Anderson County W, 48-36 | vs. Fulton W, 34-0 | vs. Karns W, 49-6 | vs. Clinton W, 48-7 | vs. Halls W, 49-0 | vs. Campbell County W, 49-6 | OPEN | vs. West | vs. Oak Ridge | vs. South-Doyle |
| WEST D1, Class 5A, R3 | vs. Bearden W, 34-31 OT | vs. Farragut W, 24-13 | vs. Karns W, 45-0 | vs. Jefferson County W, 49-22 | vs. Oak Ridge W, 49-22 | vs. Hardin Valley W, 52-20 | vs. Clinton | OPEN | vs. Powell | vs. Fulton | vs. Campbell County |
| BEARDEN D1, Class 6A, R1 | vs. West L, 31-34 OT | vs. Maryville L, 14-47 | vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 14-39 | vs. Bradley Central L, 21-49 | OPEN | vs. McMinn County L, 13-37 | vs. HVA W, 34-28 | vs. Jefferson County | vs. Farragut | vs. Morristown West | vs. Science Hill |
| FARRAGUT D1, Class 6A, R1 | vs. Bradley Central W, 37-30 | vs. West L, 13-24 | OPEN | vs. Oak Ridge L, 14-21 | vs. Morristown West W, 42-14 | vs. Maryville L, 24-35 | vs. Science Hill W, 35-25 | vs. Dobyms-Bennett | vs. Bearden | vs. Hardin Valley | vs. Jefferson County |
| HARDIN VALLEY D1, Class 6A, R1 | vs. Oak Ridge W, 13-6 | vs. Cleveland L, 19-31 | vs. Science Hill L, 14-52 | vs. Central L, 7-16 | vs. Dobyms-Bennett L, 0-42 | vs. West L 20-52 | vs. Bearden L, 28-34 | OPEN | vs. Jefferson County | vs. Farragut | vs. Morristown West |
| KING'S ACAD D2, Class A, East | vs. Seymour L, 17-24 | vs. Gatlinburg Pittman L, 20-55 | vs. Grace - Franklin W, 48-7 | vs. Mt Juliet Christian W, 65-49 | vs. Webb School W, 77-35 | vs. Friendship Christian L, 7-42 | vs. Mid TN Christian W, 42-21 | vs. Onieda | vs. DCA | vs. Grace Chattanooga | OPEN |
| CAK D2, Class AA, East | vs. Volunteer W, 36-16 | vs. Clinton W, 24-14 | vs. White County W, 32-29 | vs. Stone Memorial W, 59-20 | vs. Silverdale Academy W, 28-14 | vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 3-14 | vs. Notre Dame W, 26-6 | OPEN | vs. Boyd Buchanan | vs. GCA | vs. Knoxville Webb |
| WEBB D2, Class AA, East | vs. Austin-East W, 3-0 | vs. McCallie L, 7-42 | vs. Boyd Buchanan L, 21-28 | vs. David Crockett L, 21-28 | OPEN | vs. Notre Dame W, 26-7 | vs. GCA L, 7-14 | OPEN | vs. Silverdale Academy | vs. Chattanooga Christian | vs. CAK |
| GCA D2, Class AA, East | vs. Stone Memorial W, 34-6 | vs. South-Doyle L, 7-61 | OPEN | vs. York Institute W, 28-7 | vs. Notre Dame W, 35-6 | vs. Silverdale W, 36-11 | vs. Knoxville Webb W, 14-7 | vs. Chattanooga Christian | vs. Trinity Academy | vs. CAK | vs. Boyd Buchanan |
| CATHOLIC D2, Class 3A, East/Mid | vs. Chucky-Doak W, 48-0 | vs. Highlands Corbin, KY W, 31-28 | vs. Ensworth L, 28-33 | OPEN | vs. McCallie L, 19-56 | vs. Science Hill W, 48-17 | vs. Brentwood W, 42-37 | vs. West Greene | vs. Baylor | vs. Brentwood | vs. Father Ryan |



The Farragut Middle School junior varsity football team celebrate the MAC championship. The Admirals recorded their eighth shutout of the season when they blanked Halls 24-0 in the title game Thursday in Alcoa.

short time later. Downey's kick made it 8-7, which was the advantage the Bulldogs held at halftime.

Bearden extended its

advantage to 16-7 with 5:55 left in the third quarter when Parrott connected with Cody Clough on a 10-yard pass.

The Tornadoes pulled to within 16-13 when Blankenship scored from two yards out late in the third stanza. They took the lead early

in the final frame before Bearden came from behind one final time.

“This feels great,” Tummins said. “We knew at the

beginning that we had a great team, even though we started 0-2. Beating Alcoa was great.”

Farragut shuts out Halls to win JV Championship: The Admirals culminated a perfect season with a 24-0 victory over the Red Devils at Alcoa Thursday night.

Jaylen Pompey had a 60-yard touchdown scamper in the first quarter.

The Admirals also had a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns as they finished 9-0 and outscored their opponents 224-6 in 2019.

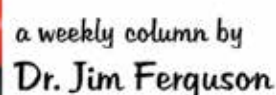
Jayden Neal had a 7-yard touchdown pass and Landon Mohr had a 9-yard scoring strike to Landon Collins.

Kent Carbaugh had a late interception and the Admirals blocked a Halls punt in the contest.

Farragut kicker Vincent Blum made all three of his two-point conversions.

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I am also blessed to have more time to pursue Spiritual matters. It is somewhat ironic that at this later

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity...,” said Charles Dickens in his opening lines of *A Tale of Two Cities*. This was true in 1859 and it remains true in 2019; perhaps even more so as I consider the insanity of the media and Trump haters.

As a result of this “new Civil War” and the latest Democrat-Progressive-Socialist scheme to overturn the 2016 Presidential election, I have found a new purpose. I’d prefer to write about medical issues, history, philosophy, spirituality, science and travel, but when your house is on fire you focus on the crisis at hand.

Becky and I opposed the destructive policies of Obama and opposed another Clinton in the White House. Like all humans, President Trump is not perfect. However, along the way we've become staunch supporters of our imperfect and abused President who has done great things for America. Trump reversed Obama's weaponization of the intelligence agencies, the State and Justice Departments and the IRS (remember Lois Lerner). However, the Washington deep state continues to screw Trump and, if he falls, they'll be coming for you next.

Russian collusion, hacked racism claims and

engineered recession have failed. Now the Democrats are using your tax money and mine to promote their “political and personal” agenda. Like Ahab chasing the great white whale, Moby Dick, Democrats continue to investigate Trump instead of legislating to control the border, fix the debt, work on homelessness, mental illness and

Becky and I wrote and posted to Facebook The Ferguson Challenge to contact your Congressional representatives and insist they OPENLY stand up and support President Trump against the insane Washington cabal of Democrat-Progressive-Socialists, Holly-weirds, elitist academia and the utterly

dishonest and subversive media. With a few notable exceptions, the Republican silence has been deafening! Included is my Rx for American Patriots. It shows what you can do. Take up my challenge and let your representatives hear from their “employers,” We The People.

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By Mike Steely

from friends, employees, rivals and allies of Walker.

As a child I remember watching Cas Walker's "Farm and Home Hour" that aired on local TV from 1954 until 1971. The

show, with Walker's grocery pitches, politics, and warnings to shoplifters, served as a springboard for Dolly Parton, the Everly Brothers, and many others. Walker served on the Knoxville City Council, briefly as city mayor, and eventually owned supermarkets in Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia.

To say that Walker was a character is a huge understatement.

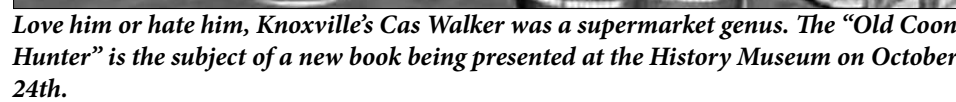
On Thursday, October 24th the East Tennessee History Museum is hosting a book launch, panel discussion and musical presentation for the new book, "Cas Walker: Stories on his Life and Legend," published by the UT Press and written by Joshua Hodges. Hodges recorded oral stories

a couple of hours I grew to respect the fellow, as country as he was, for his business wisdom and his in-your-face attitude.

Cas Walker was a merchandising genius. He designed his stores with the merchandise he wanted to move right there when you first went inside. He designed his “cash wraps” with merchandise the suppliers wanted to push and paid for the space. That’s two selling techniques almost all of the nation’s modern supermarkets now use.

The history museum program begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The evening program includes a performance by members of the Cas Walker Band, led by Walker's friend and banjo player David West. There's a collection of video clips from his show and some rare footage of a young Dolly Parton. It's only fitting that Dollywood now has a "Cas Walker" exhibit within that theme park.

A story swap will also be held with some of Walker's friends and family. The event is presented by the UT History Department, the



East Tennessee Historical
Society and the Appala-
chian Media Archives.

You can get more information about the Museum and the Historical Society

programs and events by calling 865-215-8824 or online at www.EastTnHistory.org.



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NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: BUFORD C. HARVEY & KIMBERLY J. HARVEY; IN RE: SUNTRUST BANK v. BUFORD C. HARVEY NO. 198450-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants BUFORD C. HARVEY & KIMBERLY J. HARVEY are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BUFORD C. HARVEY & KIMBERLY J. HARVEY it is ordered that said defendants BUFORD C. HARVEY & KIMBERLY J. HARVEY file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Matthew A. Grossman, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 39 Knoxville, TN 37901 within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridmore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part II, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 10th day of September, 2019.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE No.18-CV-95-I

KATHERINE LOUISE HODGE, Wife/

Petitioner, v.

GLEN EDWARD HODGE,

Husband/Respondent.

AMENDED ORDER FOR PUBLICATION IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that from the verified matters set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause that service by publication pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-203 is appropriate.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law. In compliance with Rule 4.08, Rules of Practice of the Circuit Court for Sevier County, Tennessee, the following notices shall appear:

An abbreviated notice shall appear in The Knoxville Focus the following text:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. 18-CV-95-I

KATHERINE LOUISE HODGE, Wife/Petitioner, v. GLEN EDWARD HODGE, Husband/Respondent.

To the above named Respondent GLEN EDWARD HODGE:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Susan H. Harmon, whose address is 134 Court Ave Suite 101, Sevierville, TN 37862, an answer to the Complaint which is filed in the Sevier County Circuit Court as referenced above within (30) days after service of the last publication of this matter, exclusive of the final day of publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint on the 20th day of February 2018, your presence being requested at such hearing and on such date.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Order of the Court is as stated above.

ENTERED this _____ day of June 2019.

The Honorable Carter S. Moore
Circuit Court Judge

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:

Susan H. Harmon, BPR#032146
Tristar Legal Services
134 Court Ave. Suite 101
Sevierville, TN 37862
Attorney for Petitioner

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DANIEL REED KNISLEY IN RE: JESSICA MARIE KNISLEY v. DANIEL REED KNISLEY NO. 197699-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant DANIEL REED KNISLEY, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon DANIEL REED KNISLEY, it is ordered that said defendant, DANIEL REED KNISLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with H. Daniel Forrester, III, an Attorney whose address is, P.O. Box 398, Clinton, TN 37717, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Division I, at 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 9th day of September, 2019.

Clerk and Master

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA W BETTS DOCKET NUMBER 82171-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 16 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BARBARA W BETTS who died Aug 15, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF BARBARA W BETTS

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
ALISA B KLAUS; EXECUTRIX
7005 CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOE W BLACK, III DOCKET NUMBER 82193-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE W BLACK, III who died Aug 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JOE W BLACK, III
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MONICA LEE BLACK, MD; EXECUTRIX
5609 KESTERBROOKE BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

RICHARD T SCRUGHAM,
JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW
550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARVEY BOLLING DOCKET NUMBER 82188-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARVEY BOLLING who died Aug 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF HARVEY BOLLING
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CAROLYN JEAN BOLLING; EXECUTRIX
1613 CHERRYBROOK DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONALD BOWMAN DOCKET NUMBER 82196-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DONALD BOWMAN who died Feb 11, 2017, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF DONALD BOWMAN
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY Y BOWMAN; ADMINISTRATRIX
2231 BREAKWATER DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARK EASON CALDWELL DOCKET NUMBER 82113-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of CLARK EASON CALDWELL who died May 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF CLARK EASON CALDWELL
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NELLIE SUSAN LAKIN; ADMINISTRATRIX
1336 RIVER RUN CIRCLE
SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

M SUE WHITE ATTORNEY AT LAW
216 PHOENIX COURT, SUITE
D SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DONNA HOPE CARAS DOCKET NUMBER 82195-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DONNA HOPE CARAS who died Aug 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF DONNA HOPE CARAS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
TRACY LYNN LAV; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
8729 VENTIS LANE
POWELL, TN. 37849

MICHAEL S PATTY; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
4122 IDUMEA ROAD
CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MILDRED GEORGE CRUZE DOCKET NUMBER 81780-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MILDRED GEORGE CRUZE who died Apr 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF MILDRED GEORGE CRUZE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
MICHAEL WAYNE CRUZE;
CO-ADMINISTRATOR
7470 CROWCUT ROAD
FAIRVIEW, TN. 37062

PATRICIA ANN CRUZE; CO-ADMINISTRATOR
3609 E KESTERWOOD LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

ANDREW CRAWFORD ATTORNEY AT LAW
5344 N BROADWAY, SUITE 105
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT EDGE DOCKET NUMBER 82136-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CHARLES ROBERT EDGE who died Aug 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 20 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT EDGE
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
THOMAS R EDGE; EXECUTOR
32 VISTA DRIVE
CANDLER, NC 28715

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBECCA SUZANNE EPPERSON DOCKET NUMBER 82185-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of REBECCA SUZANNE EPPERSON who died Aug 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF REBECCA SUZANNE EPPERSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
NANCY SICA SAMS; ADMINISTRATRIX
2025 LOCARNO DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914

DUSTIN S CROUSE ATTORNEY AT LAW
9111 CROSS PARK DRIVE, SUITE D200
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANDREW EVANS DOCKET NUMBER 81459-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANDREW EVANS who died Jan 15, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 17 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF ANDREW EVANS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
KAYE M FORD; ADMINISTRATRIX
P.O. BOX 52362
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37950

LINDSEY L HOBBS ATTORNEY AT LAW
625 S GAY STREET, SUITE 160
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY RENEE FOSTER DOCKET NUMBER 82176-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of KIMBERLY RENEE FOSTER who died Aug 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY RENEE FOSTER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LANCE TODD FOSTER; ADMINISTRATOR
6106 GALLANT LANE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRENDA DARLENE FOX DOCKET NUMBER 82145-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BRENDA DARLENE FOX who died Jul 25, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 13 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF BRENDA DARLENE FOX
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
LORI CLINGER; EXECUTRIX
426 TERRY POINT ROAD
DANDRIDGE, TN. 37725

DAVID W TIPTON ATTORNEY AT LAW
1401 FIRST TENNESSEE PLAZA
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLYDE EDWARD FRITZ DOCKET NUMBER 82179-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 17 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CLYDE EDWARD FRITZ who died Aug 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 17 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF CLYDE EDWARD FRITZ
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CLYDE E FRITZ, II; CO-EXECUTOR
7924 WHEATLAND DRIVE
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

SHERRY L DRAIN; CO-EXECUTOR
7900 W EMORY ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37931

WILLIAM LOCKETT ATTORNEY AT LAW
2816 ROCKING CHAIR WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACK EUGENE HAYS DOCKET NUMBER 82170-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK EUGENE HAYS who died Jul 28, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first date of the publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 19 day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JACK EUGENE HAYS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
SANDRA ELAINE HAYS DYKES; EXECUTRIX
907 GOTHIC MANOR WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KERMIT M. WHEAT
DOCKET NUMBER 82086-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of KERMIT M. WHEAT who died July 14, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF KERMIT M. WHEAT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
CALVIN WHEAT; CO-EXECUTOR
192 CEDAR HILLS DRIVE
PIKEVILLE, KY. 41501

BARBARA WHEAT; CO-EXECUTOR
12329 YARNELL ROAD
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REBECCA SUE WILKINSON
DOCKET NUMBER 82198-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 27TH day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of REBECCA SUE WILKINSON who died Jul 15, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 27TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF REBECCA SUE WILKINSON
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
DONNA S. WILKINSON; ADMINISTRATRIX
3217 W. WALNUT ST.
JOHNSON CITY, TN. 37604

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4617 CHAMBLISS AVE.
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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER WIMBROW
DOCKET NUMBER 82208-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of SEPTEMBER 2019, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JOHN CHRISTOPHER WIMBROW who died Aug 9, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of this first publication; or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or

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

This the 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ESTATE OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER
WIMBROW PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)
PAMELA JANE WIMBROW;
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708 E. COPELAND DR.
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MISC.
NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation
Planning Organization
Executive Board Meeting, October 23, 2019

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 9 a.m.** in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website 5-7 days prior to the meeting and can be found here: <https://knoxtpo.org/boards-and-committees/executive-board/>. If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.

865-215-2506 or laura.edmonds@knoxplanning.org.

LEGAL SECTION 94

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:

Bid 2904, Industrial Lubricants, due 11/6/19

For additional information call 865-215-5777, stop by the Procurement Division, 1000 North Central St., Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917, or visit our website: www.knoxcounty.org/procurement. To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to www.govdeals.com.

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KCHD's next Diabetes Management
Series starts October 8

Free classes open
to the public

The Knox County Health Department's (KCHD) next Diabetes Management Series takes place Tuesdays, October 8, 15, and 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. at KCHD, 140 Dameron Ave.



The organization offers the free, three-part series quarterly to help those affected by the disease.

"In this unique class, we go beyond diet, medications and exercise to teach participants the science, so they can easily recognize what affects their blood sugar levels," said Shanthi Appelo, KCHD nutritionist and registered dietitian.

Those with Type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes are encouraged to attend. Spouses and friends of those affected are also encouraged to attend as a strong support system is important in managing

the disease. Parking is free. Those interested should call 865-215-5170 or visit the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Oct-2019DMC> to register.

Having diabetes is a risk factor for developing serious health complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower-extremity amputations. In 2018, 11.2 percent of Knox County adults (18+ years) reported being told they had diabetes. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. and the eighth leading cause of death in Knox County. According to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if current trends continue, as many as 1 out of 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes by 2050.

Due to the prevalence of this disease, KCHD also provides several prevention programs aimed at reducing diabetes rates, including the Nutrition Education Activity Training (N.E.A.T.) after-school program, the walking school bus program, worksite wellness initiatives, breastfeeding promotion and advocacy, community engagement programs, and others.

LOCAL AUTHOR
SONJA DUBOIS
TO GIVE
PRESENTATION
AT ETHC

Sonja DuBois is a hidden child surviving the Holocaust. She was twenty-two months old when her parents were deported to Auschwitz and never heard from again.

She has written the book, "Finding Schifrah," after her Hebrew name, about her quest for her identity.

DuBois will present Preserving the Legacy at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S Gay St, Knoxville on Tuesday, October 22 at noon. A book signing of her memoir "Finding Schifrah" will follow.

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