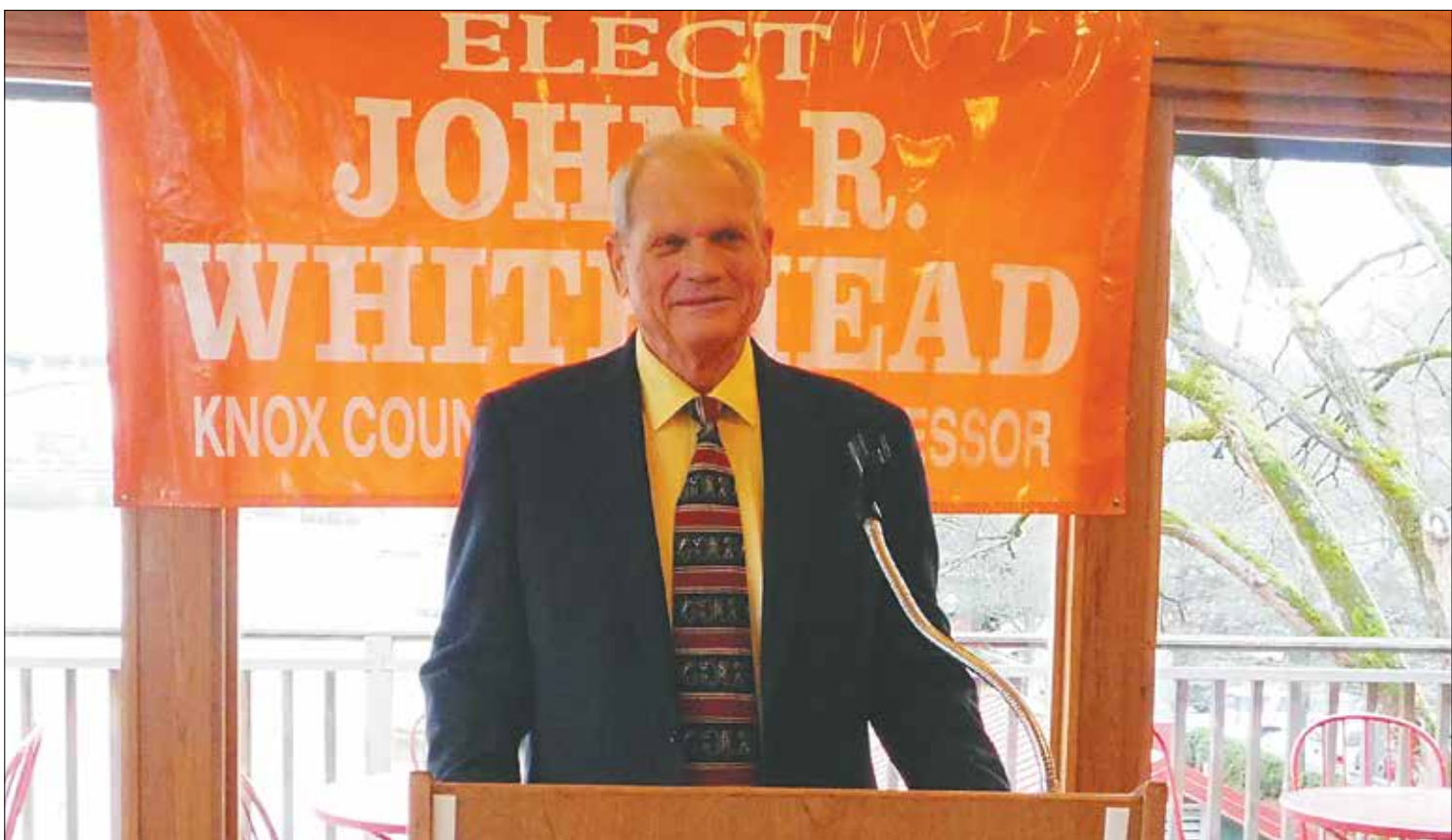


# Whitehead greets supporters at reception at Calhoun's on the River



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**Knox County Property Assessor John R. Whitehead kicked off his re-election campaign at a reception at Calhoun's on the River Wednesday night. Inset, pictured with Whitehead are Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong (right) and David Buuck (left), who is looking to succeed term-limited Armstrong.**

**By Ken Lay**

A number of supporters showed up at a fundraising reception for John R. Whitehead late Wednesday afternoon at Calhoun's on the River.

Whitehead, who is seeking a fourth term as Knox County Property Assessor, said that he was pleased with the turnout, which included Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong, David Buuck, who is looking to replace the term-limited Armstrong, and Knox County Commissioner Richie Beeler, who is also seeking re-election.

"I'm really thrilled with the crowd," said Whitehead, who didn't make a speech, but worked the room greeting those who showed up to show their support as late-afternoon shifted to evening. "It's been a great night."

Whitehead has been with the Knox County Property Assessor's office for nearly five decades, serving as property assessor from 2000-2008 before being term-limited.

After eight years away from the office, he ran and won the post again in 2016 and he's seeking a possible final term as property assessor in 2020.

"Because of my age and everything, this is probably my last hoorah," said Whitehead, a military veteran who served in Vietnam.

"When I got out of the military, I went to work with the property assessor's office. I got out of the military in 1971 and I went to work for the property assessor's office in 1972.

"I first ran in 2000 and I ran in 2004. I couldn't run again in 2008 because I was term-limited. Then, I ran again 2016 and I'm running again in 2020."

Even when Whitehead wasn't serving in Knox County, he was no stranger to the office.

"When I wasn't in office, I worked for the citizens," he said. "I helped citizens appeal their property taxes, so I've been on both sides of this."

During his previous terms as property assessor, Whitehead has taken pride in the fact that he works directly with the citizens whenever he can. He also said that he has been transparent while serving the citizens of Knox County.

"When people have a question, I tell



them to call me," he said. "I don't think that there's a question about this office that I can't answer.

"And when people ask to speak to me, they get transferred directly to me and if I'm not there or don't answer, I make sure that I always call them back. Everything in our office is public record except personal property assessment listings."

Whitehead also noted that he's happy to have the support of county officials such as Armstrong,

"Bud and I are from the same part of the country," Whitehead said. "We're both from East Knox County and I hope to see some other county officials come here tonight."

# Welch officially resigning from City Council

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First District Councilwoman Stephanie Welch will officially leave the council on February 16. She told other members during the City Council meeting last Tuesday.

Welch said she has submitted her resignation and plans to join Mayor Indya Kincannon's administration after completing Army Reserve duties in February. The mayor has called a special session on February 20 to consider a replacement. Applications will be accepted beginning Thursday, January 23.

Welch will be the city's new director of economic and community development.

Several First District residents have voiced a desire to replace Welch, including Rebecca Parr, Janice Tocher and David Hayes. Other applications are expected for the position.

The council will eventually hear from those who submit applications. The field will be narrowed by voting until one person gets a clear majority of the votes, or six of the eight council members. Council Attorney Rob Frost told The Focus that council members cannot recommend applicants and a

replacement must be chosen from those who submit a desire to hold the seat. Welch cannot vote on a replacement.

The person selected would fill out Welch's term of office and be eligible to run for re-election when that term ends in December, 2021, but may only serve one more term.

In other city staffing news, Mayor Kincannon announced that WATE's Kristin Farley will join the administration this week as the public information director and Eric Vreeland will remain as assistant director. Kincannon also said that Boyce Evans will fill in as interim finance director,

holding the seat of Jim York who retired, until a replacement is found.

She said that Bill Lyons, senior advisor and deputy mayor, will remain in the administration "for a few more months."

Kincannon thanked Alvis Reid, director of community relations, for her service and the council gave the lady a standing ovation. She's being replaced by Charles Lomax and the department is being renamed "Community Empowerment."

The city is taking applications for two additional top positions: chief financial officer and chief technical officer.

# Mayor Jacobs pushes TVA Tower proposal on commissioners

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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs brought out the big guns last week in his pitch to get the approval of the Knox County Commission for an easement agreement for the TVA East Tower. Jacobs called a special session and lined up people from various agencies and organizations to promote the idea.

"This is an opportunity to save thousands of dollars," Jacobs said. He called the agreement a "complicated proposal" and said he is providing as much information as possible.

Those speaking for the proposal included appraisers, realtors, title insurers, and spokespeople from the Knoxville Chamber, the Public Building Authority, the County Finance and Purchasing Departments, and the University of Tennessee. Each presentation was accompanied by a graphic presentation. The county mayor spoke twice after Commission Chairman Hugh Nystrom reminded the other commissioners that there would be no vote during the meeting. Nystrom told The Focus that he hoped most of the discussion and questions would be resolved during the called meeting and not during Tuesday's Work Session.

The takeaway from the meeting is that Jacobs intends to go ahead with the agreement pending commission approval, even if the board of education turns down relocating to the TVA East Tower. The sale of the Andrew Johnson Building, currently housing the school administration, has been postponed until February, following a decision this month by the school board and the commission.

That had been on the work session agreement today.

Only six of the commission members commented or asked questions. Most of the questions came from Evelyn Gill, Randy Smith, John Schoonmaker, Larsen Jay, Justin Biggs and Charles Busler. Several of the questions were obviously in support of the deal and several were in opposition.

Questions from Gill and Busler centered around security at the TVA Towers, which would be supplied by TVA or a TVA-contracted company. Busler focused on the requirement to have a badge or the new special driver's license, the REAL ID, to enter the TVA Tower. He said it inhibited parents or others wanting to visit with the school administration from entering.

The response was that those visitors would be taken to special

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# Anders takes charge of E-911

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Brad Anders met with the E-911 board Wednesday for the first time as executive director and demonstrated how he has already jumped into updating the Knox County Emergency Communications District. Anders was praised by board member and finance committee chair John Fugate for his quick action during the first four months of his duties.

In the E-911 finance committee meeting prior to the regular meeting, Anders explained pushing for a settlement in a lawsuit against AT&T over the return of cellular telephone taxes to cover emergency operations. He said the matter is back before federal court in May and the local group

is part of 13 other emergency organizations suing for the funds.

Fugate detailed a proposal to purchase land atop Sharp's Ridge from Ron Watson. Fugate said part of the organization's building and one tower may be encroaching on Watson's property. Anders said that the land is now for sale and an offer to purchase the property might work. He also said that Legacy Parks is interested in part of the land to extend its trails there.

Of the Sharp's Ridge tower and building, Anders said, "We've got to upgrade it anyway."

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs chaired the regular meeting and welcomed new members to the board. The board members voted pay \$20,000 in

legal fees to a Chattanooga firm in the ongoing AT&T suit.

Anders asked the board for an additional \$30,000 to renovate the employee kitchen at the main facility at 605 Bernard Avenue. He said the 16-year old kitchen is undergoing floor and wall repairs and new cabinets are needed. Anders also said the employees use it 24/7 and described the kitchen as "pretty ragged."

"It's a big deal for employees," he added.

Fugate moved to recommend the funding and said all the needs of the agency need review for immediate and long range changes. Anders said the Public Building Authority will be asked to take bids on the cabinets.

Pugh CPA reported the

organization has a clean audit and "is fortunate to have someone hands on like Brad."

E-911 Record Specialist Michael Mays thanked his fellow employees for donating sick time while he was waiting and undergoing a kidney transplant.

"We changed the policy to allow employees to donate sick leave," Anders said.

The new director said he's working with state legislators to get an increase in charges in the cell phone tax, upping it a bit. He said he's been consulting the Knox County Law Director on that proposal, to raise the tax from \$1.16 to \$1.50 on each bill.

He also said ten applications for new employees are being sought, five of them for dispatchers,

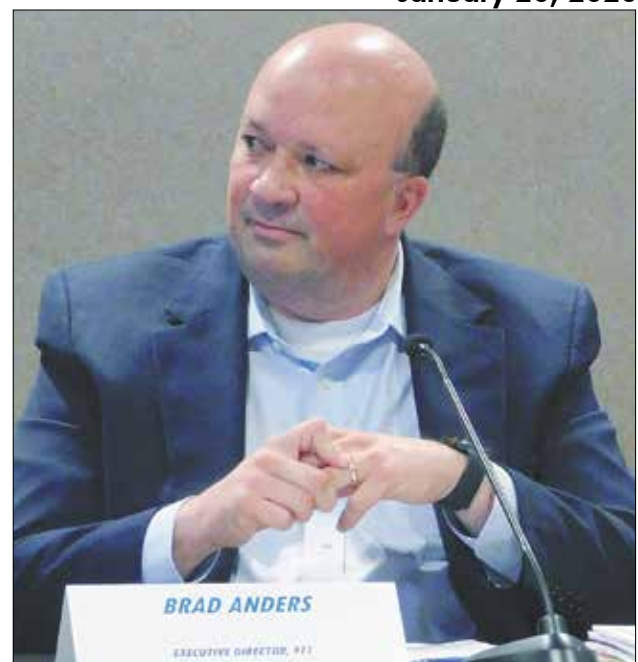


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**Brad Anders, the new Executive Director of the Knox County Emergency Communications District, took charge recently and attended his first E-911 Board meeting Wednesday as director.**

with no additional budget required.

Anders was selected by the board for the executive director position after having served as a member

of that body. He resigned his position with the Knoxville Police Department and continues to serve on the Knox County Commission for the Sixth District.

# City of Knoxville hiring company to recruit new police officers

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The Knoxville City Council Tuesday voted to hire Robin Easter Design to create a multimedia campaign to help recruit new city police officers. For several years the city has had a small percentage of minority officers, less than the population percentage, and Knoxville Police Department Public Information Officer Scott Erland told The Focus that recruiting officers who reflect our community is a major focus.

Robin Easter Design is a local firm that has represented companies like Aubrey's, Sunspot, The Daniel, Three Rivers Market and Outdoor Knoxville.

"We're down about 37 officers. Our ranks call for 416 police officers and we have 379. People are aging out and thinking of retiring," Erland said.

"Starting salaries once an officer completes training, is up to \$40,000 per year, an increase of 7.7% or



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

**Four new members joined Tuesday's Knoxville City Council meeting and gathered for a photo. New members include Charles Thomas, Amelia Parker, Janet Testerman and Lynne Fugate.**

\$3,000," he added.

The resolution stated that the firm will work with the KPD recruitment staff to create marketing and

graphics presentations, and develop the brand with professional photos and videos for media advertising.

Recruiting new police officers has become more difficult than in previous generations. The department has struggled with

losing officers to retirement or to adjoining counties where the salaries have been higher than in the city. Law enforcement agencies in East Tennessee are competing to acquire local officers.

The year-long agreement between the city and the design firm has an option to renew four times year to year if funding is available.

Mayor Indya Kincannon called the effort "a big challenge" as 26 officers want to retire and 51 are legible to retire.

Keith Britt, whose wife is a city police officer, asked the council to turn down the hiring of the firm. He said that the city isn't paying police employees enough. He said the current \$40,000 starting salary needs to be increased to \$50,000.

Councilwoman Amelia Parker asked Police Chief Eve Thomas if a survey had been done of other law enforcement agencies to compare salaries. Thomas replied other offices were

contacted locally and in the start and the starting salary of \$40,000 is compatible. She added that the increase hasn't brought about what was expected and that Chattanooga had success after hiring a marketing firm.

Councilwoman Lauren Rider said the police are often working double shifts and Councilwoman Janet Testerman said the hiring of the firm "has to be one piece" in recruiting and retaining officers.

Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie said the city might look at a budget increase for the police force in next year's budget. Mayor Kincannon agreed, saying that "pay and benefits are top drawer" issues.

Speaking in public forum, Constance Every blasted the council and the police chief for "wasting money" and said that 90% of the police force is white.

The hiring of Robin Easter Design to help recruit police officers passed with only Parker voting "No."



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## Publisher's Position

# Flipping the School Board: The Second Coming of Jim McIntyre?



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When Jim McIntyre was at the peak of his power—and he lorded over the Knox County school system like a Byzantine emperor—few members of the board of education lauded or more steadfastly supported McIntyre than did Doug Harris. A wealthy businessman with close ties to the Chamber of Commerce crowd, Harris supported McIntyre in his attempt to impose the largest property tax increase in Knox County's history on the public. "High Tax" Harris warned those of us who thought less of McIntyre's abilities not to

offend the superintendent for fear McIntyre might be lured away by another school system. That was a continued refrain of the Harris siren song about Jim McIntyre: we had to be kind to and supportive of McIntyre lest another school system offer him much more money—and he already was paid more than the Vice President of the United States at the time—to superintend somewhere else. That same song and dance was repeated by Great Schools Partnership leader Buzz Thomas who proclaimed McIntyre was one of the best school superintendents in the country. As it happened, apparently no other school system was breaking down the doors to carry McIntyre off when he abruptly resigned, only a month or so after having the then existing board of education renew his contract only to announce his resignation after new board members were elected, citing that the local atmosphere was toxic. It was a toxicity bred by McIntyre himself and

abetted by a rubber stamp board of which Doug Harris was a member.

Now Harris is back trying to reconfigure the board of education in the upcoming election by recruiting and/or supporting candidates that would change everything that has been accomplished post-McIntyre. Why would he want to reconstitute the present school board? Very likely because he thinks the current board of education is too good to school employees and the people who elected them.

Harris himself chose not to run again four years ago, quite likely because he knew he probably could not be reelected. Many of the pro-McIntyre members of the board opted to retire rather than face defeat. Karen Carson, one of the more vocal and persistent supporters of Jim McIntyre, ran for the state legislature in a Republican primary with the open support of then-governor Bill Haslam and lost badly. Harris was succeeded on the Knox County Board of Education by Tony Norman,

a former teacher with a broader perspective. Norman had served two terms on the Knox County Commission and had distinguished himself as a true representative of the people. It was the election of Tony Norman and others, including Mike McMillan earlier, that sealed the fate of Jim McIntyre who saw his reign come to an end. McIntyre no longer had a majority on the board and could not rule like an autocrat any longer. Instead, McIntyre found a golden parachute at the University of Tennessee to run the Leadership Academy that he had founded while he was superintendent. He had the sole authority to appoint and promote school principals and assistant principals within Knox County schools. McIntyre started this academy to handpick those to attend that he wished to appoint. Knox County schools predictably grew with principals like the poppy fields of Turkey. The number of assistant principals grew faster than Topsy, costing

taxpayers millions with little appreciable positive results.

Ole "High Tax" Harris isn't against corporate welfare or much of anything he believes benefits business and is likely still all for raising property and sales taxes and an imperial superintendent. "High Tax" and his friends wouldn't mind a bit in the world in flipping the school board and installing Jim McIntyre or, if they have smartened up a bit, somebody with better people skills as McIntyre 2.0.

The bottom line is this: the school system has improved dramatically under the current board and the new superintendent, Bob Thomas. Employee morale is great. School construction projects have been completed or are on schedule. Sound fiscal management has returned. There have been no tax increases over the last several years.

Why in the world would we want to flip the school board and return to a dictatorial and tax and spend school

board and superintendent?

This is the big question that voters will have to ask themselves in the upcoming election. Do we want to continue the great progress made after McIntyre over the past several years or return to a rubber stamp school board and a "my way or the highway" superintendent?

There are four school board seats up for re-election on March 3rd: Jennifer Owen in the Second District, Tony Norman in the Third District, Susan Horn in the Fifth District (no opponent), and Mike McMillan in the Eighth District. Owen, Norman and McMillan all have opponents that have been recruited and/or supported by Doug Harris and the old McIntyre crowd.

The choice for the direction that we will take rests solely with *We The People*.

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# Children falling behind with reading problems?

## East Tennessee Focus Center can help

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There are few things as frustrating and worrisome to a parent than a child who is falling behind in school because of a reading problem. There are several reasons for not reading well and one of them is dyslexia. Nanette Grillone, the Learning Lab director at the East Tennessee Focus Center, specializes in Diagnostic Prescriptive Tutoring and says she loves working with struggling students. Grillone, known affectionately as "Ms. G," is a retired teacher and comes to her specialty as a result of being dyslexic herself.

So, what is Diagnostic Prescriptive Tutoring?

"Let's compare it to going to your General Practitioner (GP) or family doctor," explained Grillone. "Your doctor writes you a prescription to go see a physical therapist. The physical therapist assesses your abilities and then comes

up with an individualized plan, pulling from all of the resources and tools that are available, to meet your specific needs.

"This is similar to how diagnostic prescriptive tutoring works."

East Tennessee Focus Center Director Dr. Sadonya Meadows Allen said the Learning Lab is a new division at the Focus Center. "Currently, we are taking students in grades K through 5 needing immediate reading intervention for our diagnostic prescriptive tutoring program," she told The Focus. Other areas and levels of tutoring may be available upon request.

The Learning Lab provides more than just private tutors for children, offering a variety of programs to meet each child's individual needs.

"As the Learning Lab Director, I am trained in many reading and math intervention approaches and can easily pull from my



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*Nanette Grillone, known as "Ms.G" has worked with students of all needs for 33 years and has joined the East Tennessee Focus Center to direct the Learning Lab for children with reading difficulties.*

teaching tool belt to meet most learning difficulties," Grillone said. "In diagnostic prescriptive tutoring, there is a gradual release of support over time. For example, your child may be recommended to come to tutoring twice a week for one month, then once a week for three months, then once every two weeks for a month, and then a maintenance session once every other

month, etc. until your child has full control or independence in their former area of need.

"We use your child's unique interests and strengths in approaching their tutoring, making it relevant to them."

After 33 years in the profession Grillone said that helping students is her passion and added there's a real joy when a student

learns to do something that once was difficult for them.

She shared her struggles as a child with dyslexia and having no one like her. "It was very frustrating for my mother in knowing how to help me, as she wished that she had a resource she could go to and get training or direction in how to help me read better in school.

"Once your child's peers find out that your child can't read or struggles, then your child begins to realize they are different."

Grillone said that this affects the child socially as well as academically. "Parents, if you are not sure, in doubt, received modified grades on your child's report card (having an "\*" next to the English Language Arts (ELA) grade), or received a letter from the school stating that your child has been placed in the RTI process, then, I would encourage you to make an appointment and let us help you help your child succeed."

"We've just started the second semester of school, and if your child is not reading on grade level, then it's time to get some help,

sooner rather than later. The earlier we catch them, the less they will fall. If you have a child in Kindergarten, first or second grade, reading below grade level, consider getting another opinion.

"Sometimes I just need to untangle a few reading knots and then the child is back on track. Sometimes the child needs extra work on foundational structures that are essential building blocks needed for reading, before moving on."

Grillone not only tutors the child with tailored programs, she offers training to the parents so they can help the child at home better.

"Tutors are temporary but parents are permanent. This is why I take the time to teach the parent."

The East Tennessee Focus Center can also help adults with learning disabilities. The Center is located at 9220 Park West Boulevard (off Cedar Bluff Exit) and you can find East Tennessee Focus Center online at [www.easttennesseefocuscenter.com](http://www.easttennesseefocuscenter.com) or contact them by calling (865) 247-6754.

## Nature's Residence

Koalas and kangaroos, the two animals I think of at the mention of Australia. In recent weeks, images in the news have been heart-wrenching. Baby kangaroos that have been left motherless, and koalas with burned paws searching for shelter and water.

Millions of wild-life animals have perished in the land down under. Many of them are native to Australia. Even the tiny bat population has been impacted by the fires.

A touching story has emerged about a dog that has helped find and save many koalas. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in the land down under as they rescue and care for the animals during this catastrophic event. I am reminded of the words in Genesis 1:21-22 (NKJV): "So God created great sea creatures and



*The white-tailed deer, a beautiful creature found in many areas of the United States. Photo by Ralphine Major.*

every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

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*Commissioner John Schoonmaker holds up the 230 agreement proposal between TVA and Knox County, asking if the county had received a written reply from TVA.*

## Mayor Jacobs pushes TVA Tower proposal on commissioners

**Cont. from page 1**

meeting rooms on the first floor and the person they wished to see would be asked to come down to meet with them.

It was also learned that school employees who could not pass a federal investigation would not be permitted to work in the Towers until they were cleared.

At one point Biggs called on Superintendent Bob Thomas who said the move to the Tower would save the school system \$1 million each year. The mayor's proposal specifies the county will cover the cost of

the move and the school's expenses there. The new furniture and the move would come to about \$5 million and the county, not the school system, would own the furnishings.

Biggs also asked if the Andrew Johnson Building is sold could it be resold the next day by the buyer. The answer was "Yes" if the new buyer promises to convert the building to apartments and a hotel as promised. Gill asked if the buyer of the Andrew Johnson Building will be asking for a tax break and the answer was "Yes;" A payment in lieu of taxes request had

been already asked for. That would freeze taxes on the current purchase price until the unspecified tax break ages out.

Smith asked the superintendent if he plans to support the move at the board of education meeting Wednesday and Thomas answered he was.

Finance Director Chris Caldwell Mayor Jacobs spoke of the "Plan B" they would pursue if the commission turned down the proposal. In Plan B, the county could move out of the City-County Building to the Towers and also bring in other county offices, selling the county-owned property.

Another problem within the proposed agreement is that Mayor Jacobs could go back and make changes to the document after commission's approval. Proponents said the details Jacobs could change "would be minor."

Schoonmaker suggested adding a time limit on final agreements and, if that's not met, the matter could come back to the commission.

Also discussed was the University of Tennessee's subleasing of the top six floors of the Tower and paying the county \$1 per square foot. The agreement between TVA and the county is for \$37.5 cents per square foot.

Jacobs said the agreement with TVA is "a fraction of the market price" of the building and much lower than any other similar sized building downtown.

Tonight will probably see more discussion and final vote may come in the commission's regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21.



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Pages from the Past



By Ray Hill  
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Alice Roosevelt Longworth remained the most famous presidential daughter in our country's history; certainly she was the most enduring. An especially astute observer of politics and things political, Alice Roosevelt Longworth was also known for her elegance, entertaining, and most especially her acid tongue. No insipid child dependent upon a powerful father or the fading celebrity of having been the daughter of a one-time President of the United States, Alice Roosevelt Longworth dominated Washington society for well over half a century through charm, wit and sheer intelligence. The fact Alice was a great beauty certainly did not detract from her various other attributes. Alice Roosevelt Longworth's salon in her home on 2009 Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D. C. remained a cherished invitation by most Washingtonians for over seventy years.

The eldest child of Theodore Roosevelt from his first marriage, Alice's arrival into this world could not have been worse. TR was only then beginning his political rise, serving as a New York state assemblyman. Just after Alice's birth, her mother, Alice Lee Roosevelt, died of kidney failure. If that blow was not enough for Theodore Roosevelt, his mother, Martha Roosevelt, died the same day of typhoid fever. The death of his beautiful young wife almost crushed Theodore Roosevelt; for the remainder of his life, he rarely ever spoke about her, nor was Alice Lee's name to be mentioned in his presence. The loss was so difficult to bear Roosevelt never even alluded to his first wife in his autobiography. Unable to cope with the death of Alice Lee, Theodore Roosevelt left New York for Elkhorn Ranch in the wilds of North Dakota and remained there for two years.

Alice, known as "Baby Lee," was turned over to Theodore Roosevelt's sister, Anna, known in the family as "Auntie Bye" or "Bamie." Fortunately, Auntie Bye cared for Baby Lee lovingly and she remained a dear figure to Alice for the rest of her life. Alice only returned to her father's house when Theodore Roosevelt married again. There were sometimes tensions between Edith Carow Roosevelt and Alice, but by the end of Alice's stepmother's life, it was clear the two loved one another. In her autobiography, Alice acknowledged and praised Edith's skill as a stepmother, writing, "That I was the child of another marriage was a simple fact

and made a situation that had to be coped with, and Mother coped with it with a fairness and intelligence which she has to a greater degree than almost anyone else I know."

Together Edith and Theodore Roosevelt had four children: Theodore, Jr., Archie, Ethel, and Quentin. Being the eldest, Alice was known as "Sister" throughout the Roosevelt family. Whenever Alice was at odds with her father and stepmother, it was Auntie Bye who proved to be her solace and sanctuary.

Never one to conform, there were the ordinary, as well as extraordinary conflicts between Alice and her parents, which included her smoking cigarettes, staying out late to attend parties, gambling, driving a car and many other things that were considered quite nearly scandalous for a woman of the time. Throughout her long life, Alice Roosevelt Longworth cared little for societal conventions; in fact, she took great delight in violating such conventional behavior. When young Alice was found to be smoking in the White House, President Roosevelt thundered he would not have his eldest daughter smoking cigarettes under his roof. Alice promptly retreated to the roof of the White House and continued to smoke to her heart's content. Once, when a friend commented on some aspect of Alice's behavior, President Roosevelt sighed and replied he could either tend to Alice or run the country, but he could not possibly do both.

Alice was a fully independent woman long before it became an accepted notion in the United States. Not only was Alice independent, willful and a free-thinker, she was also not lacking in self esteem or self confidence. Even at a young age, Alice Roosevelt was a force to be reckoned with, a fact readily acknowledged by her father who shared many of his daughter's personal traits.

When Theodore Roosevelt became President of the United States following the assassination of William McKinley in 1901, Alice was delighted by the opportunity to move into the White House. In spite of her refusal to play the traditional role allotted to women during the early 1900s, the public took to Alice with a voracious interest and she liked the attention. Making her social debut in Washington, D. C., she wore a shimmering gown that was promptly dubbed "Alice blue", which immediately became a hugely popular color in the country. The rebellious



FROM THE AUTHOR'S PERSONAL COLLECTION

Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt. Photo by Frances Johnston, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

Alice began to set fashion trends amongst young ladies and women in the United States.

Like their father, the Roosevelt children adored pets and during Theodore Roosevelt's presidency, the White House became a virtual zoo and Americans relished the new stories coming out of Washington about the president's small sons taking their pony into the residence. Alice had her own pet and of course it was a highly unusual pet, especially for a woman; Alice frequently carried a green snake she named Emily Spinach in her handbag.

Alice accompanied a delegation of Americans to visit the Far East in 1905 and President Roosevelt assigned his amiable Secretary of War, William Howard Taft, to watch over his daughter on the trip. The future president and Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court seemed to be able to do no more than her father in controlling Alice's behavior. Alice jumped into the pool of the ship carrying the delegation to their destination fully clothed, an incident Robert Kennedy brought up when visiting with Mrs. Longworth decades later. Kennedy pointed out that was rather a scandalous thing to do at the time, causing Alice Roosevelt Longworth to retort it would only have been scandalous to do so had she removed her clothing.

Alice was not unaware of her similarity to her father's love of attention, of whom she once said, "He wants to be the bride at every wedding, the corpse at every funeral, and the baby at every christening."

It was on the trip to the Far East that Alice met a congressman from Cincinnati, Ohio, Nicholas Longworth. Nick Longworth was from a

wealthy and respected family, a politician, and eligible. It seemed like a perfect match and the announcement of their engagement to be married was the talk of Washington society. Still, there were reasons to be concerned about the match, especially by Alice's parents; Nick Longworth liked to drink, was fourteen years Alice's senior, and had a reputation as something of a ladies' man. Alice was not to be moved and the wedding, held at the White House in February of 1906, became the biggest social event of the season in the Capitol. Instead of the usual white, Alice wore a blue wedding gown and cut her wedding cake with a sword borrowed from one of the President's military aides. Nick Longworth and his bride promptly left for their honeymoon, which included a visit to Cuba, as well as his family home in Cincinnati. Alice much preferred the other stops on their honeymoon itinerary to Cincinnati, which she never grew to like. Quite the contrary, she considered her husband's home city to be dreary and boring, a world away from Washington, which had become her own home. Alice was also highly interested in what she frequently referred to as the rich trove of "loot" sent to her as wedding gifts by heads of state and monarchs across the globe.

As the gifts began to pour into the White House from all over the world, an alarmed President Roosevelt belatedly tried to issue a ban on presents. Still, King Edward VII sent a blue and gold enameled snuffbox whose lid was covered in diamonds. The President of France sent along a Gobelin tapestry that was considered almost priceless by some. Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm

sent a diamond bracelet. The Dowager Empress of China, not to be outdone by anyone, presented Alice with a hand-carved teak chest and each drawer contained a lavish gift, including jewelry, Chinese paintings, a fox coat, an ermine coat, and bolts of pure silk that Alice had made into dresses she wore for the rest of her life. Japan's royal Mikado sent pure silver vases, but Alice's favorite gift was a string of sixty-two flawless pearls with a diamond clasp, worth perhaps a million dollars today. In fact, Alice received so many gifts that there were a considerable number discovered unopened at her death seventy-six years after her marriage to Nicholas Longworth.

Congressman Longworth and his wife eventually bought a house near DuPont Circle in Washington, D. C. By the time Nick Longworth bought the home at 2009 Massachusetts Avenue, it had been enlarged to five stories consisting of twenty rooms and six baths. The house on Massachusetts Avenue remained home to Alice Roosevelt Longworth until her death in 1980.

When Theodore Roosevelt willingly left the White House in 1909, Alice was so resentful she allegedly buried a voodoo doll of the new First Lady, Helen Taft, on the grounds. Alice's penchant for insulting Mrs. Taft eventually led to her becoming persona non grata at the White House. When TR thought better of having retired too early from a job he loved and sought to wrestle the 1912 Republican presidential nomination from William Howard Taft, Alice was delighted. She threw herself wholeheartedly into the campaign, causing serious tensions in her own marriage as Theodore

Roosevelt urged his son-in-law to remain loyal to Taft. Nick Longworth was in a terrible personal and political quandary as he came from Taft's home state of Ohio. Still, Roosevelt carried Ohio in the GOP primary, an utter humiliation for Taft. When President Taft narrowly managed to win the Republican nomination from Roosevelt in Chicago, TR immediately cried theft and bolted the party, forming the Progressive or "Bull Moose" party. Alice followed her father while her husband was left as the Republican nominee for his congressional seat in Cincinnati. The split between Roosevelt and Taft allowed the Democratic nominee, Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, to handily win the general election. Still Theodore Roosevelt's personal popularity and force of personality allowed him to run second to Wilson, while William Howard Taft ran a poor third. Nick Longworth, facing both a Democrat and Progressive candidate on the ballot, barely lost his reelection campaign by 101 votes.

Alice did not go unpunished, as she was forced to live in Cincinnati with her husband for almost two years. For someone like Alice Roosevelt Longworth, languishing in Cincinnati instead of residing in Washington, D. C. was like being banished to the cold and barren regions of outer space.

Even though Nicholas Longworth won back his seat in Congress in the 1914 election and remained there until his death in 1931, there is some reason to believe his marriage to Alice was never the same after the disastrous 1912 campaign. Nick seemed less discreet about his string of mistresses and his drinking increased. Alice seemed not to mind the mistresses as much as the drinking, as she always hated drunkenness. Indeed, Alice's consideration of Nick's several long-time mistresses after his death shocked some and scandalized others.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth embarked upon an affair of her own with Senator William Borah of Idaho. Borah, the "Lion of Idaho" and a Western progressive was a compelling and magnetic personality. Alice and Borah shared many common interests, not the least of which was fighting American entry into the League of Nations, a cherished dream of President Wilson.

Alice would prove to be influential in the United States Senate's refusal to join the League of Nations.

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By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Much of the Knox County Board of Education’s 39-minute regular session smoothly through the agenda last Wednesday. Chairperson Susan Horn announced the board would meet with legislators after lunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Fri., Jan. 17. Additional announcements given were regarding a Public Review Meeting on Jan. 22 to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Andrew Johnson Building and a Joint Education Committee Meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. that same day in the same building.

Members approved a list of this year’s teachers eligible for tenure. The list can be found at: [https://destinyhosted.com/knoxdocs/2020/RS/20200115\\_541/6143\\_19-755\\_Teachers\\_Eligible\\_for\\_Tenure\\_Listing.pdf](https://destinyhosted.com/knoxdocs/2020/RS/20200115_541/6143_19-755_Teachers_Eligible_for_Tenure_Listing.pdf).

Once the list was approved, Chairperson Horn explained changes to the agenda with the addition of item 5C6 which stated, “Approve Color Guard Regional Event and Percussion & Winds Regional Event Partner Agreements with Winter Guard International, Inc. allowing Hardin Valley Academy to host these fundraising events on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22, 2020, at a total cost of \$5,860 using internal school funds.” The item was added to the consent agenda and will allow Hardin Valley Academy the opportunity to host two band competitions if approved.

All agenda items carried without discussion except for regular agenda item 9B which stated, “Discussion and action regarding 2020 Knox County BOE Legislative priorities.” This item gained discussion regarding the language in the document. A draft of this document can be found at: [https://destinyhosted.com/knoxdocs/2020/RS/20200115\\_541/6148\\_KCBOE\\_Legislative\\_Pri](https://destinyhosted.com/knoxdocs/2020/RS/20200115_541/6148_KCBOE_Legislative_Pri)



PHOTO BY CARLY HARRINGTON

Board members surround bus drivers Ronnie Silvey, DeAnn Brown, Tammy Williams and Knox Williams (from left) after presenting awards for their years of service to KCS at the BOE meeting on Jan. 15.

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Board member Tony Norman asked if the proposed draft of the document will be used for the legislative session as is. Chairperson Horn answered affirmatively. Norman, who has experience on a lending body, remarked, “My problem with the letter is probably summarized in tone ... what I would consider an abrasive tone.” He explained that the letter is repetitive and demands funding stating, “The letter sounds more to me like a demand, not a request.”

In an effort to make the draft nonabrasive, member Jennifer Owen suggested moving the “Local Control of Schools” section under the heading “Funding for Public Education.”

Chairperson Horn explained the draft isn’t a formal letter because, “This is a statement of our priorities; we will take this personally to our meeting on Friday, so it’s not a letter being sent.”

Reflecting on Owen’s suggestion, representative Patti Bounds

responded, “We did see a lot of our local control diminished last session when they authorized the committee to authorize and approve charter schools. I don’t think it’s just related to funding.” Bounds defended the language in the draft and especially the sentence that stated: “We oppose any efforts to diminish or impede local control.”

Discussion about changing the wording of school vouchers was then followed by Chairperson Horn summarizing the changes made to the draft as: change “Opposition to School Vouchers” to “School Vouchers;” delete the second sentence in the first paragraph stating, “We oppose any efforts to diminish or impede local control;” move “Local Control of Schools” section between “Funding for Public Education” and “School Vouchers” sections; and move the last sentence in the “School Vouchers” section to become the first sentence in that section.

A special recognition of four bus drivers was presented

by Customer Service Manager Kathy McCoy who was introduced by Ryan Dillingham. For ten years of service to Knox County, Ronnie Silvey and Knox Williams received certificates. DeAnn Brown received an award for twenty years as a bus driver and Tammy Williams was honored for 30 years of service to KCS. Another driver who received praise at the meeting, although she wasn’t present, was Anna Cox with 50 years of service. Many drivers were unable to receive their awards in person because they were completing their routes for that day. Those unable to attend the meeting with ten years of service were: Anita Connolly-Smith, Lisa Crisp, Beth Ferguson, Teresa Havens, Robert Munsey, Jr., Everett Nelson, Sandy Price, Johnny Reed, Ronald Strange, Steve Walker and Cynthia Williams. Drivers with twenty years of service to KCS were: Leslie Cravens, Tammy Murphy, Stanley Rudder, Sr., and Mitchelyn Thompson. Aileen Mary Babb, Ronald McConkey, Melissa Stooksbury, and

Sandra “Faye” Waterson have served Knox County for 30 years as bus drivers and Vivian Webb, who has served for 40 years, were not present also.

Two public forum speakers completed the last ten minutes of the meeting. Hedy Collins, a fourth-grade teacher at West Hills Elementary School, shared with the board how the kindergarten state standards are too rigorous for the children to perform or sustain. She specified examples in math and English, and stated the students are over tested, claiming that 63% of the rest of their 2019-2020 school days will involve testing. “One test should be enough,” Collins declared. She explained the expectations for her students are unrealistic and have resulted in more 504 plans being written than usual. Her concerns include these standards causing anxiety and depression in students. Collins then cited the second highest cause of death in children between the ages of ten and nineteen is suicide. Six other West Hills E.S. kindergarten teachers stood in validation for Collins alongside seven other supporters who all held signs that said, “UNLESS.”

Sleeves4Needs Founder and Chairperson Constance Every seconded the testing concerns raised by Collins before presenting her address. She asked for the attention of those serving District 2 and 3 especially when she presented the question of how KCS would be saving \$1 million dollars because of the TVA Building move and yet the teachers continue to pay for classroom supplies out of their own paychecks.

“Why are teachers buying glue?” questioned Every. She opposed the move to the TVA Building because of its high security measures, and throughout her talk she emphasized that she feels the education of the children has been left behind.



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# Catholic boys and Bearden girls top Focus' First Five

By Steve Williams

As high school basketball season moves closer to tournament time, which are the best teams on the local scene?

The Knoxville Focus has delved into regular season results going back to November and ranked a First Five for boys' and girls' teams based on games played through Thursday (Jan. 16).

Catholic, in its first season in TSSAA's Division II Class AA, is No. 1 among the boys. Coach Mike Hutchens' Fighting Irish are 13-2 but haven't lost to an in-state team.

Catholic has notable wins over CAK (83-61), Montgomery Bell Academy (64-57), Grace Christian (58-34), Chattanooga McCallie (70-62) and The King's Academy (66-63 and 77-54).

The Irishmen's losses came against Gonzaga College High of Washington, D.C. (67-61) and Clay County, Ky. (56-55) during December holiday tournaments out of state.

Catholic has five starters back this season, including sophomore point guard B.J. Edwards, who is averaging 19.5 points and 5.9 assists per game. He reportedly has scholarship offers already from Tennessee and Auburn.

Senior captain Akeem Odusipe, a 6-9 power forward who also is being heavily recruited, is averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Sophomore shooting guard Presley Patterson is averaging 11 points and No. 3 guard Chris "Blue" Cain, a 6-2 freshman, six points. The Irish also have 6-11 sophomore center Handje Tamba, who is averaging seven points and six rebounds inside.

"Cohesiveness and good team chemistry" have been strengths of the team, said Hutchens, who is in his 31st season as head coach.

The biggest change in moving to Division II Class AA said Hutchens is "the travel." Six of Catholic's first 10 games were out of state.

Catholic also can give financial aid in the Division II classification.

Webb's boys rank No. 2 in the Focus' First Five. Coach Ricky Norris' Spartans, who won their first state championship last season in Division II Class A, are 14-5 and notched their fifth straight win with a 55-54 victory over Chattanooga Baylor Jan. 14.



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

*Catholic High power forward Akeem Odusipe roars as he slams in a shot in the Irishmen's 70-62 win over Chattanooga McCallie on Jan. 8.*

In the girls' ranking, Bearden has earned the No. 1 position with an 18-1 record. The lone loss for Coach Justin Underwood's team came on Dec. 19 against defending Class AAA state champion Bradley Central 36-26 in the 5Star Prep Classic at Farragut.

The Farragut Lady Admirals rank No. 2 with a 13-6 overall record.

**HOOPS ON TV:** A District 4-AAA showdown matching the Bearden and Maryville girls and boys will be featured on WVLT Rivalry Hoops Tuesday night, starting with the girls' game at 6 o'clock.

## FOCUS' FIRST FIVE

(Through Jan. 16 games)

### BOYS

#### 1 - Catholic (1-0, 13-2)

Note: 6 wins in a row

Key wins: CAK, Montgomery Bell Academy, Grace Christian, McCallie and The King's Academy

Key losses: Gonzaga College High D.C. and Clay County, Ky.

Upcoming: hosts IMG Academy of Bradenton, Fla., Saturday

#### 2 - Webb (4-0, 14-5)

Note: 5 wins in a row

Key wins: Lipscomb Academy, Oak Ridge, Alcoa, CAK, TKA, Baylor

Key losses: Cleveland and MBA

Upcoming: at Alcoa Tuesday and hosts CAK Friday

#### 3 - Bearden (5-1, 14-6)

Note: 11 wins in a row

Key wins: Bradley Central and White County

Key losses: Cleveland, Siegel, Lebanon and Maryville

Upcoming: at Maryville Tuesday

#### 4 - Fulton (3-0, 11-3)

Note: 4 wins in a row

Key wins: Alcoa, Cosby, Powell

Key losses: Jefferson County, Powell, Farragut

Upcoming: at Alcoa Friday

#### 5 - Carter (4-1, 14-4)

Note: 5 wins in a row

Key wins: South Greene, TKA, GCA and Sevier County

Key losses: Farragut, Union County, Sevier County and Walker Valley

Upcoming: Hosts Austin-East Tuesday and Union County Friday

### GIRLS

#### 1 - Bearden (6-0, 18-1)

Note: 7 straight wins

Key wins: Maryville, Farragut, Heritage

Key loss: Bradley Central

Upcoming: At Maryville Tuesday and at Hardin Valley Friday

#### 2 - Farragut (4-2, 13-6)

Key wins: Grainger, Jefferson

County, Science Hill and Heritage

Key losses: Bearden, Bradley Central, Stone Memorial, Maryville

Upcoming: Hosts Heritage Tuesday

#### 3 - Powell (5-1, 12-2)

Key win: Alcoa

Key losses: Maryville and Oak Ridge

Upcoming: At Central Friday

#### 4 - The King's Academy (6-1, 12-6)

Note: 3 straight wins

Key wins: Lakeway Christian, CAK, GCA

Key losses: Upperman, Grainger, Rhea County, Lakeway Christian

Upcoming: At CAK Tuesday and hosts Berean Christian Friday

#### 5 - Carter (3-2, 10-7)

Note: 3 straight losses

Key wins: GCA and Union County

Key losses: South Greene, TKA, Stone Memorial and Northview Academy

Upcoming: Hosts Austin-East Tuesday and Union County Friday

# Hardin Valley girls strong in first round of middle school postseason tourney

By Bill Howard

It was a promising start for Hardin Valley's girls in the first round of the Knox County Middle School Basketball Tournament Wed., Jan. 15.

Up a mere point against Holston at halftime on their home floor – and up only five after three periods - the Lady Hawks (11-6) turned on the jets in the fourth quarter and won, 46-22. HV, seeded eighth of 16 teams, was scheduled to play top-seeded Karns three days later.

"We have come a long

way, I'm just so proud of our heart and effort," said HV coach Cara Cahak. "You know, we're just playing loose and nothing to lose, we're just getting after them ... we're gonna beat that door down."

The teams traded baskets in the first quarter, which ended in a 7-7 tie. A four-point Hurricane lead with 4:12 left in the half was followed by a 7-0 run by HV, to give them a 14-11 advantage. Natalya Hodge's layup with six seconds left brought Holston to within one at half, 14-13.

An 11-7 Lady Hawk third quarter made the score 25-20 heading into the fourth. It was either team's game.

Until, two and a half minutes later, it wasn't. A 7-0 run to start the quarter – five by Madison Smith - made the lead 32-20, and the game was in hand. Double-digit scorers for HV were Smith with 17, and Kamiyah Love with 10 in limited time. Love was also a force on the boards. Eight Lady Hawks scored.

Jamia Hackler led the Hurricanes with eight.

"We're playing as a

team," said Cahak. "I feel like my bench has really stepped up. I really, really challenged them to step up to the plate and fill in those gaps, and I think we're doing that. We're really playing some great team ball, great defensive ball. And that's what it takes ... I mean, defense wins the championship."

HV's field general is point guard Kyndra West. The diminutive West scored only two, but was everywhere on the court, driving, passing, scrapping for balls. "We rely on her for a lot," said Cahak. "She

gets past the press, she plays great on defense ... she's a great player."

Love is a presence down low, on both offense and defense. "If we can keep her out of foul trouble, she's hard to guard," said Cahak. "We're hoping to get some minutes and some points out of her at Karns."

Hurricanes' coach Katrina Nichols, a nurse with an AAU basketball background, felt that her team's youth was the difference. "We're really young, I have a lot of sixth-graders," she said. "Next year and in the years to

come we'll be better. I preach defense. We're building for the future."

The top three teams in this tournament advance to the sectional round that runs Feb. 1-8. That tournament will be played at the HV Middle School gym. Cahak knows it'll be tough to get there, because Karns beat the Lady Hawks by double digits early in the season. "They're very well coached," Cahak said. "They play hard and it'll be a battle."

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# District 4 teams fall in Region 2 bowling tournament



Girls from William Blount High's bowling team join L&N STEM Academy's team to form a "human tunnel" for L&N senior Rachel Barrick to go through as she rolls the final ball of her prep career at Fountain Lanes Thursday in the Region 2 tournament. The joint effort of the two competing teams is an example of the "social aspect" that exists in the high school sport of bowling.

By Steve Williams

District 4's top bowling teams had home alley advantage and didn't have to travel out of town with this year's Region 2 tournament held at Fountain Lanes, but that still wasn't enough to advance.

District 3 teams got out of town with a sweep as Sevier County's boys and William Blount's girls captured the region championships.

The Smoky Bears defeated Central 23-4 in the semifinals and then toppled Pigeon Forge 22-5 in the title match.

Sevier County will host Dobyns-Bennett in the Sub-State Monday, while Pigeon Forge travels to Greeneville.

William Blount's girls handed District 4 champion L&N STEM Academy a 25-2 loss in the semifinals before getting past Sevier County 16-11 in the finals.

The Lady Governors from Blount County were hosts to Greeneville in the Sub-State

Friday.

Winners in the Sub-State qualify for the TSSAA state tournament, which starts Thursday in Smyrna.

In other Region 2 semifinal matches, District 4 boys champion and previously unbeaten Bearden fell to Pigeon Forge 16½ to 10½.

Sophomore Tyler Fries (201-178-167) led the Bulldogs, while junior Will Creaseman contributed 150 and 178 games and sophomore Brayden Brown exceeded expectations with 170-187-156. Both Brown and Creaseman are first-year bowlers.

Bearden senior Ben Whitaker, who automatically qualified for the state this year with a 195 regular season average, managed a 192 game in the region.

In the other semifinal match, Bearden's girls lost to Sevier County 18-9. Senior Tara Manis led the Lady Smoky Bears with a 142-204-197.

Freshman Gracie Leslie

rolled a 160 for Bearden's high game. Senior Kristy Dean scored 154, 158 and 157 for the series high. Junior Mariam Elwasif chipped in a 150 game and junior Kena Holmes added a 148.

Dean qualified for the state for the second year in a row with her 177 regular season average.

L&N juniors Chloe Johnson and Grace Brison rolled 148 and 136 games, respectively, in the first game of its match against William Blount. In the second game, Brison rolled a 164 and senior Rachel Barrick a 162.

William Blount was led by senior Jasmine Senechal, who started with games of 170 and 171.

Senechal had the girls' top average (182.5) in District 3 this season to automatically qualify for her second year to the state tournament. She has signed a bowling scholarship with Kansas Wesleyan

in Salina, Kan.

In the Central boys' loss to Sevier County, Peyton Huskey (233) and Jameson Whaley (225) had high games for the District 3 champion Smoky Bears. Andrew D'Anna (196) and Riley Porter (190) stood out in a losing cause for Central.

Despite the team loss, Dillon Bunch earned an automatic state tourney berth with a regular season average of 191.10 – second best among District 4 bowlers behind Whitaker.

**DIVISION II:** Catholic girls, under new head coach Dani Waldrop, defeated Webb in the East Region, but the Lady Irish were eliminated by GPS.

Individually, Catholic senior Terra Schaeffer qualified for a state berth. She posted a high game of 180 this season.

Catholic's boys team lost to Baylor in opening round action.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Halls Middle School guard Grayson Bishop is guarded by Hardin Valley's Will Kline in the Knox County Middle School Playoffs Thursday. The Hawks upset the Demons 38-36 to advance in the postseason tournament.

## Hardin Valley gets signature win over the Demons in postseason tournament

By Ken Lay

Since Hardin Valley Middle School's boys basketball team started play last season, the program has endured its shares of pitfalls.

That can't be all that unexpected because the Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference has several established teams with winning traditions. But

Hardin Valley finally picked up a signature win as it left North Knox County with a 38-36 victory over Halls Thursday in the first round of the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Now, seventh grader Riley Gladwin can say that he has the two biggest points in the brief history of the Hardin Valley

Middle School Basketball program.

His basket with 2.4 seconds remaining in the game proved to be the game-winning hoop as the 11<sup>th</sup>-seeded Hawks prevailed over the No. 6 Demons.

"I just knew that we needed a bucket and I drove and took the shot and it went in," said Gladwin,

who scored six of his 13 points after halftime. "We didn't win our first tournament game last year.

Gladwin and fellow returning player Will Kline did most of the heavy lifting for the Hawks, who entered the tournament with a 5-10 KCMSBC record.

Kline, an eighth-grade post player scored 14

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## Bolton believes Bobcats are prepared to carry on

By Steve Williams

Ryan Bolton is among Central High football players who will be trying to continue what Bryson Rosser started and implemented as the school's head coach over the past six seasons.

And that included success on and off the football field.

"He wanted to make sure that we were doing the right things off the field and in the classroom before we even stepped foot on the field," said Bolton, who was a standout punter and backup quarterback as a sophomore on the 2019 team that repeated as Class 5A state champion under Rosser's guidance.

Rosser resigned as the Bobcats' head coach Jan. 7 to support his wife in a new job opportunity in Boston.

The search for a new coach is underway.

With senior quarterback Dakota Fawver graduating this year, Bolton is expected to be No. 1 on the depth chart at that position when spring practice begins.

"I'm ready to work for whomever," said Bolton when asked about playing for a new coach. "I just want to help my team do the best we can. I know we have guys coming back that will be good leaders and we've been under a good system, so we know what's going on and we're ready to work."

Bolton feels Coach Rosser made a lasting mark in many ways and in many areas, not just at the school.

"He's been a light in the community," said Ryan. "He brought life back into us. He was more than just a coach to us. He was a friend, mentor, father figure."

Coach Rosser was there for "anything you

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# Remembering the Derek Dooley Hire

By Alex Norman

Those that do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it. I believe this to be true, which is why I feel that it is important to remember what happened to Tennessee's football program ten years ago.

When Lane Kiffin abruptly resigned to take the Southern Cal job on January 12, 2010, Tennessee was in complete panic mode. The campus was literally on fire (well, at least a mattress). National Signing Day was just over three weeks away and the football program was a ship without a captain, lost on the high seas with a perfect storm.

This was a time when Tennessee's athletics department needed strong leadership. Instead, athletics director Mike Hamilton flubbed his way into the worse coaching hire in the history of the Vols program.

But to be fair, Hamilton didn't knock on the door of Louisiana Tech head coach/AD Derek Dooley right away. The infamous "short list" that Hamilton said he kept active in case of emergency (like the Kiffin departure) was getting a serious workout. Air Force coach Troy Calhoun and TCU coach Gary Patterson, both finalists when Lane was hired, politely turned down the opportunity to come to Knoxville, as did Texas defensive coordinator Will Muschamp.

Hamilton's second biggest mistake during this fiasco came with the handling of Duke head coach David Cutcliffe. The long-time Tennessee assistant coach would have taken the job had he been allowed to bring his coaching staff with him to UT. For some reason, Hamilton balked at that reasonable demand. Perhaps Hamilton didn't want to pay buyout money for assistants that were going to leave anyway. Maybe Hamilton didn't really want to bring back the most recognizable assistant from the Phillip Fulmer regime.

Either way, when Hamilton wouldn't give in, Cutcliffe took his name out of the running. Cutcliffe is regarded as one of the top minds in college football. His role in the recruitment of Peyton Manning changed the Vols program forever. Hamilton had a get out of jail free card, and he ripped it up and threw the scraps in the garbage.

Hamilton was planning to interview Houston's Kevin Sumlin, who had gone 18-7 as the Cougars head coach. But before the university (or booster) plane got to Texas, it stopped in Louisiana to interview Dooley. For whatever reason, Dooley blew the socks off Hamilton during those discussions, and on Friday, January 15th, he was hired for the Tennessee job.

Dooley had gone 17-20 in three seasons in Ruston and wasn't on any school's short list. Only in a situation like Tennessee was facing would Dooley have had a shot at that gig. It meant a big raise and a shot at the big time, and Dooley was never going to turn it down.

Where Hamilton truly failed was with Kippy Brown, who had been established as the interim coach following Kiffin's resignation. Brown was a Tennessee guy through and through. He was from Sweetwater and had just started his third term as an assistant coach at Tennessee. He was also a voice of calm during a heated exchange between Tennessee's players and Lane Kiffin when the now former head coach addressed his former team.

Hamilton only interviewed Brown after a deal was struck with Dooley. It was an embarrassing way to treat the well-respected Brown.

Hindsight is 20/20 of course. But considering the timing, Brown should have been installed as the head coach for the 2010 season. If he succeeded, then he could have gotten the job on a full-time basis. If he failed, at least you had a year to get your bearings after the carpet bombing by Lane Kiffin.

Instead, the Vols got Dooley, who went 15-21 in three seasons at Tennessee. They were 4-19 against SEC opponents and a woeful 0-15 versus nationally ranked opponents. He treated alumni poorly and support staff even worse. He recruited with the lowest amount of enthusiasm known to mankind.

Dooley's hiring was a de facto death penalty.

Heading into the 2020 season it does appear that Tennessee's program is finally on sturdy footing.

But they'd be wise to learn from the mistakes of the past.

## Bolton believes Bobcats are prepared to carry on

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need to talk about."

Rosser posted a 60-22 record and guided Centennial to the state finals three times in six seasons, capturing the gold football trophy in 2018 and 2019.

"His name is on the street (that leads to the field house)," said Bolton. "He won't be forgotten here."

When the Bobcats take the field again, Rosser won't be at CHS, but will he?

"Oh for sure," replied Ryan. "The mottos he put on that building (field house) and has instilled in us, I feel that we will still remember them, for sure."

**TRUSTED MENTOR:** Athletic Director J.D. Lambert

spotted a scene during a class change at Central High the day after Coach Rosser announced his resignation that spoke volumes.

"There was a group of eight kids circled tightly around him (Rosser), talking and saying how much they would miss him, and when you looked closely, there was not a student in the group that even knew we had a sports team," recalled Lambert. "Their connection was just with him as a trusted school mentor."

Added Lambert: "We were blessed to have a 'once in a lifetime friend' in our lives for six years.

"He has made the school and the Fountain City community a better place."

## Hardin Valley gets signature win over the Demons in postseason tournament

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lead in the first quarter but Hardin Valley never went away as the two squads battled evenly in a second stanza dominated by the two defenses.

The Hawks, who had their share of offensive struggles since their inception, scored 15 points in the third frame and that offensive production helped them pull to within 31-30 by third quarter's end.

The fourth quarter was a bit sloppy as the two teams combined to commit 15 turnovers over the final six minutes.

The Demons, however, took a 36-32 lead when Jake Lane scored with 3:14 to play but that bucket would be the last of the season for Halls Middle.

Hardin Valley coach Dylan Rayho said that a victory of this magnitude has been a long time coming for the Hawks.

"This one feels really good and this is a credit to our kids for all of their hard work," he said. "This year was our first opportunity to have summer workouts. We played well on defense when we weren't executing on offense."

"(Halls coach Nathan) Sherrod does a great job with his team. He does a good job getting them in positions and situations where they can succeed and (Lane) is a great player and we did everything we could to stop him. We did a good job on him down the stretch."

Lane had a game-high 23 points. Kaiden Stanton added eight points for the Demons but Hardin Valley was the only road team to notch an opening-round road game in this year's tournament.

# Memories out with the floor

The week before Christmas and the one during the holiday, workers completed laying new flooring in our house. They tore up the first-generation laminate stuff and replaced it with much sturdier, prettier flooring. I watched Matthew, Randy, Tyler, and Jimmy carry armloads of the stuff and toss the scrap into the back of a pick-up truck; it took at least three trips to haul the old flooring to the dump. I caught myself thinking about what that old covering had seen over its lifetime in our home.

Twenty years ago, the kids were still at home. They padded around the house in socks or on bare feet. Sometimes the house almost shook when Lacey would stomp from the kitchen to her bedroom after another argument she and I had back then. The slower paced lumbering of Dallas echoed down the hall as he made his way to his bed after a baseball game or workout.

Throughout its entire life, that floor covering felt the quick steps of my wife as she shuffled from bedroom to bathroom to kitchen each morning before leaving the house for work. It even felt the thump of my heavy feet as I made my way outside to leave for work or to complete a long list of tasks outside.

The manufacturer promised that the laminate would hold up for years and wouldn't scratch. Such are the product claims as merchandisers try to convince customers. In fact, the floor did hold up well, but across the years, it took some terrible punishment that eventually showed on the surface. For 13 years, our Jack Russell Terrier, Snoop, spent much of his time on that floor. As a pup, he would chase a ball thrown from the family room and across the living room. His attempts to come to sudden stops were never successful, and little paws failed to keep him from thumping into the wall. His claws swatted at the floor as he tried to gain traction.

Snoop let us know when he needed to go outside. He'd bark and jump until I'd get up and let him outside.

However, because the dog was a male, he had a natural instinct to mark his territory. We lifted his leg to christen table legs, the base of a couch, and corners of rooms. We always tried to find his targets, but seeing them was sometimes difficult against a light-colored floor. His offerings sometimes cause a dulling of the finish of the floor.

I never like to leave a room in the same order for too long. Over the years, I've also moved my desk and belongings from one room office to another. Help wasn't available, so the bigger items I scooted on blankets to new locations. That saved the finish of the floor, but sometimes, the weight of an item broke the laps between pieces, and that left gaps in the floor or areas where the pieces would bend.

I've worked to keep the flooring as clean as possible. We installed a vacuum system several years ago, and it has helped keep dust and dog hair to a minimum. I've used a variety of cleaners on the surfaces as well. Most of them appear glossy until I see a certain angle that reveals spots that have been missed. Eventually, nothing would clean well enough or cover the scuff marks and scratches and years of wear.

Our new flooring is a much heartier product. At least that's what the experts say. I'm not sure about the claim, but the house looks so much nicer with a new floor. I hope it lasts, but I probably won't be around for the next twenty years to see if it has been as good as the old flooring, and if I am, I won't much care. One thing is for sure: this new stuff won't have anywhere close to the number of tales to tell. Our family did a lot of living on the old floor.



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### Hierarchies

What constitutes a life? Arguably, some aspects are more important than others, and lately I've been considering the complexity beyond just structural aspects. "We are fearfully and wonderfully made," but so is the house finch sitting at my bird feeder.

The world is filled with living organisms of wondrous diversity and complexity. Furthermore, I believe that there is life beyond earth in the vastness of the Universe, but at this time only our "third rock from the sun" is known to have living things. My science fiction novel, "Epiphany," explored the spiritual consequences of encountering thoughtful alien life. (I hope to have the second book in the planned trilogy published this year.)

It was my turn to choose the work for my egg-head book club, so I chose Annie Dillard's Pulitzer Prize winning book "Pilgrim at Tinker

Creek." It is a modern day equivalent of Thoreau's nineteenth century reflections at Walden Pond, but with better prose. I've read a half dozen books more than once and this will be my third reading of Dillard's "Life in the Woods" experience. Sharing a favorite book, movie, sunset, etc. with others brings joy. We'll see what the physicist, doctor, lawyer, psychologist and judge think of Tinker Creek because tastes differ. If a friend offered to share the "best brussel sprouts in the world" with me, I'm afraid I would not experience her joy.

Hierarchy is the ranked order of things. We place ourselves at the pinnacle of creation because we think and reason, and because God said we are created in His image. "Snakes and snails and puppy dog tails" are of lesser orders in this hierarchy, but remain complex organisms.

All living organisms possess organs (or organelles) comprised of organized tissue made of molecules built with atoms. In a thought experiment the ancient Greek, Democritus, reasoned there was a fundamental building block of all matter. The word for cut in Greek is "tom" and by adding the prefix "a" he conceived of a fundamental particle and gave us the word atom - cannot be cut.

I was taught this hierarchy of creation, including the notion of electrons spinning around a nucleus like miniature planets circling the sun. We now know this is wrong or at best an incomplete picture because electrons may be waves or particles and the nucleus is comprised of protons and neutrons which are composed of more fundamental parcels called quarks which come in six types called "flavors" - and it may go on infinitum.

Seventeenth century philosopher Rene Descartes once demanded observational certainty of things, but finally concluded "cogito ergo sum, I think therefore I am." Pragmatically, John Locke later settled on the reasonable certainty or probability of things. And shortly thereafter David Humes, the Scottish skeptic, felt he couldn't be sure of anything. So, even our senses

and thoughts/reason are but approximations of reality. Yes, we see further than others because we have stood "on the shoulders of Giants" (Isaac Newton). In other words, we have the knowledge of the past and the present, but we see dimly into the future (1 Corinthians 13:12). Beware of soothsayers, especially those who label themselves climate scientists or Professors.

Recently, I was challenged by the statements of a Professor of Religious Studies who found analogies between Christians who support President Trump and German Christians who supported Hitler. Ordinarily, I would give no credence to such a ridiculous comparison, but for too long we have not challenged such premises. I did and we must.

There are magic words in our politically correct world. Examples are the N word, another is Hitler. Apparently, the professor does not understand this fundamental concept of modernity. Perhaps he was just virtue-signaling with his thinly veiled denigration of Christians who support President Trump. I don't know about this professor's spiritual journey, but I want to make the point that religious studies examines the phenomena of religious practices rather

than one's spirituality. Furthermore, academic titles do not guarantee common sense or enlightenment.

Perhaps it's my Scottish ancestry, but I've become a skeptic like David Humes. I am skeptical of those who label themselves experts and claim an intellectual or spiritual higher ground or project greater sensitivity than mere mortals like me. I am a devout Christian and will not accept a hierarchical demotion because I am a conservative supporter of the President. I did not vote for Trump because of his religion or spirituality. Nor did I oppose Obama because of his attendance in the infamous Reverend Wright's church for twenty years. I support the separation of church and state, and oppose theocracies like Iran. I voted for the brash businessman from the Bronx rather than fellow Methodist Hillary Clinton. I voted for someone outside the elite Washington club of ensconced bureaucrats, self-described intellectuals and party apparatchiks.


Perhaps it is easier for me to oppose the Professor's premise. Though I am not a scholar or a university don, I have benefited from a free country and taken advantage of educational opportunities. And I was endowed with foundational principles and a modicum of common sense, something that has been lost in the mire of modern politics. The Professor is said to be a Bonhoeffer scholar, but I too have read and studied Bonhoeffer's "The Cost of Discipleship," William Shirer's "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" as well as Conrad Black's "Donald Trump - A President Like No Other." was respectful, but minced no words in pushing back against the professor's faux morality.

America is in a fight for its life. When Democrat Senators and Congressmen, Presidential contenders, media and leftists like Michael Moore and Rose McGowan side with Iranian mullahs, you know that losing is not an option.

Abraham Lincoln once said, America is "the last best hope of earth." Eighteenth century elitists labeled the post Revolutionary War Thirteen Colonies as the "American experiment." We have survived as "the city on the hill," but we will finally fail if leftists are allowed to turn our country into Venezuela.

Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." I will not stand down, and I urge you to engage. "Make America Great Again!"

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Helen Porter







# Local race to shed light on human trafficking

With the name of a human trafficking victim on their wrist, used as an act of advocacy, over 400 will participate in the 7th Annual Knoxville Run 4 Their Lives 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Knoxville, TN (www.freedom424.org/knox). Runners and walkers of all ages will complete a 5k at University of Tennessee Gardens with the purpose of raising awareness and

funds to bring sexually exploited women and children into freedom. Run 4 Their Lives is a Freedom 4/24 event (www.freedom424.org), in partnership with Knoxville partners, the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT) and Street Hope TN and since its inception, the race has grown every year with runners, families and people

who are passionate about seeing human trafficking and sexual exploitation come to an end. “Freedom 4/24 believes that freedom begins with a day. We believe that one day in January can be that day where participants can join Freedom 4/24 and its Knoxville partner organizations in advocating for women and children who are victims of human trafficking. This event

is a platform to raise awareness about the issue, to mobilize people in the fight against trafficking, and to provide a way for people to make a difference through fundraising to not just bring freedom for a day to those who are enslaved, but ultimately, freedom for a lifetime,” said Joy Cover, President of Freedom 4/24. Founded in Lynchburg, VA by

Christine Gelatt, Freedom 4/24 exists to raise awareness of the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of women and children around the world and to provide financial support to partner organizations dedicated to bringing freedom and doing justice. To learn more and to register to run, please visit <http://www.freedom424.org/knox>



## God lights up our way

“You really do light up my way, Lord! Whenever I feel myself groping in the darkness of uncertainty, confusion, or fear, I turn to you, and you enlighten my mind to the truth and show me the way through. I depend on your guiding Holy Spirit and your Word to illuminate my heart and mind with truth and wisdom for making right choices. How lost I would be without you! So, I look to you again today to light my way, dear Lord. Please come and light up my darkness.” This paragraph is from “My Daily Psalms and Prayers” book that I read every day. It seems as if I am always asking God to do this, to do that, not realizing that He will do what He has planned for us. However, can you imagine living without light? It is impossible, for it’s such an everyday occurrence that we depend on it automatically. All we have to do is click a switch, and it’s there. Push a button, and it’s there.

In January, 1879, Thomas Edison, in his laboratory in Menlo park, New Jersey, built his first high resistance, incandescent electric light. It worked by passing electricity through a thin platinum filament in the glass vacuum bulb, which delayed the filament from melting. Still, the lamp only burned for a few short hours. I have no idea how to understand those last few lines; it’s too intricate for me, however, I’m glad Mr. Edison did it. And he wasn’t the only one. There were a few other inventors who established the light bulb but were not successful.

In 1802 an Englishman invented the first electric light bulb and there were many other inventors, but no designs emerged for commercial application. A lot of lamps were too bright for practical use. Then Mr. Edison came along and did it right.

Let us thank God that He gave Mr. Edison the light for our darkness on earth, while at the same time He gives us Light through his Word for our lives.

Thought for the day: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105

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**North Knoxville Business and Professional Association President George Bove (standing at podium) kept the crowd laughing at the group's January meeting. During the breakfast meeting held at Besco, which is celebrating 50 years, Bove gave each member and visitor a chance to talk. The NKBPA is encouraging everyone to participate in a Lunch Mob on Wednesday, January 22, at Rami's Cafe (3553 N. Broadway).**

# The Persecutor Becomes the Persecuted

The Book of Acts records the history of the Word of God being spread throughout the Roman Empire. Thousands had come to faith in Jesus Christ. From house to house the good news is being proclaimed (Acts 5:42). But in Acts 7, we find the first signs of persecution breaking



**By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ**

out against followers of Jesus. Stephen, one of the first deacons selected by the apostles, is stoned to death. Now, from house to house, the followers of Jesus are being arrested and put in prison (Acts 8:3). This is the low point in the book of Acts. But notice what persecution did. Persecution

did not kill the church; it revived the church. Persecution did not frighten the church; it empowered the church. Persecution did not stop God’s mission; it pushed it to the ends of the earth. This was not the beginning of the end of the church. It was the end of the beginning of the church. The kingdom of God is going to go forth by the power of the Holy Spirit as the Word of Christ spread wherever Jesus’

followers went (Acts 8:4). We are introduced to a young man by the name of Saul when Stephen was killed. Who was Saul? Saul’s parents were part of the Jewish diaspora (meaning the Jews who were spread throughout the Roman world). They lived in Tarsus, which was a major city in the eastern part of the Roman Empire. It was a town of an estimated population at this

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# LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DAVID EUGENE MCCROSKEY, SR. DOCKET NUMBER 82153-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of JANUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DAVID EUGENE MCCROSKEY, SR. who died Feb 19, 1919, 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.

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ESTATE OF JOHN HOWARD MEADOWS, JR. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CHERYSE MEADOWS; EXECUTRIX 1408 GREENWELL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARGENE F MOORE DOCKET NUMBER 82482-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGENE F MOORE who died Sep 26, 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 8 day of JANUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARGENE F MOORE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MITCHELL MOORE; EXECUTOR 6605 SECRET DRIVE RALEIGH, NC 27612

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF R H POLK DOCKET NUMBER 82562-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of R H POLK who died Nov 30, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 3 day of JANUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF R H POLK PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) FORREST COOK; EXECUTOR 8319 LUCAS LANE POWELL, TN. 37849

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOE CARL RICHTER DOCKET NUMBER 82510-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 9 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOE CARL RICHTER who died Oct 24, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 9 day of JANUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF JOE CARL RICHTER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOE KEITH RICHTER; EXECUTOR 151 OAKBROOK LANE DOUGLASVILLE, GA. 30134

ROGER D HYMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 26072 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912-9672

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JANET STINNETT DOCKET NUMBER 82536-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JANET STINNETT who died Nov 27, 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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This the 3 day of JANUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF JANET STINNETT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ERIC M STINNETT; EXECUTOR 2246 GEORGIA HIGHWAY 130 W WIDALIA, GA. 30474

TOM R RAMSEY ATTORNEY AT LAW 550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 310 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARY JO WILSON DOCKET NUMBER 82560-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY JO WILSON who died Nov 21, 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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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death

This the 3 day of JANUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARY JO WILSON PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) RUSSELL T WILSON; CO-EXECUTOR P.O. BOX 26166

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912  
RANDY J WILSON; CO-EXECUTOR 198 TIM NICELY LANE WASHBURN, TN. 37888

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN A WOODLIEF DOCKET NUMBER 82561-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of JANUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROLYN A WOODLIEF who died Nov 8, 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:

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

This the 7 day of JANUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROLYN A WOODLIEF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MELANIE DUNCAN; EXECUTRIX 8511 GREENWELL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

# MISC. NOTICES

## LEGAL SECTION 94

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

RFP 2929, Concession Operations, due 2/12/20

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](http://www.knoxcounty.org/procurement). To bid on Knox County surplus items, go to [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

The owner and/or lien holders of the following

vehicles are hereby notified of their rights to pay all charges and reclaim said vehicles being held at Clinton Hwy Service Center, 5929 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville, TN 37912. Failure to reclaim these vehicles will be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and consent to dispose of said vehicle at Public auction January 22 2020 8.00 a.m.

2006 Toyota Sienna blue van VIN 5TDZA23C56S503194

## PUBLIC MEETING

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) mission is to advise and assist our region to improve and expand transportation choices by involving citizens and decision-makers in our plans, forums, and outreach. Every four years, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review and evaluate our planning process to ensure that we're meeting the federal requirements and regulations in place to help us realize that mission.

Part of the evaluation is to hear from the public and stakeholders about how we engage with them in the transportation planning process. If you've been involved in one of our plans or projects over the last four years, we want to hear from you!

There are two ways to provide input.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Community Room at Knoxville Station Transit Center, 301 Church Avenue, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

You can also provide written or email comments to:

Sean Santalla  
FHWA Tennessee Division  
404 BNA Drive  
Building 200, Suite 508  
Nashville, TN 37212  
Email: [sean.santalla@dot.gov](mailto:sean.santalla@dot.gov)

Andres Ramirez  
FTA Region IV  
230 Peachtree St, NW  
Suite 1400  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Email: [andres.ramirez@dot.gov](mailto:andres.ramirez@dot.gov)

Comments will be accepted until February 7, 2020.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice: U.S. Cellular proposes the collocation of six (6) LTE antennas at 69-ft on an existing 55-ft AGL (73-ft with existing penthouse) building located at 1700 Clinch Ave., in the City of Knoxville, in Knox County, TN (Knox County Parcel #094NJ015). Please submit any written comments by February 19, 2020 regarding the potential effects that the proposed tower may have on Historic Properties that are listed or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places to: Tower Engineering Professionals, Inc. (Attn: George Swearingen) 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 Telephone: (919) 661-6351 Fax: (919) 661-6350





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## Smoky Mountain Children's Home Hosts Centennial Reception

By Cameron Fisher

Coordinator of Communications/Internet  
Ministries, Church of God International  
Offices, Cleveland, TN

The Smoky Mountain Children's Home held a reception at the Church of God International Offices, January 8, 2020 to formally kick off a year of celebration of the home's 100th anniversary.

Located in Sevierville, Tennessee since 1949, the Church of God's signature benevolent ministry was established in 1920 following action at that year's General Assembly.

"With the Church of God Orphanage having its beginning in Cleveland, Tennessee, it seemed most appropriate to host a Centennial reception in Cleveland to recognize the many years of childcare within our denomination," stated Dr. Walt Mauldin, executive director of SMCH. "The Children's Home is forever grateful for its humble beginnings 100 years ago and for the miraculous way the Church of God has consistently blessed and supported this ministry. We sincerely appreciate the church's faithfulness

in prayer, financial support and love for the youth and children placed in our care."

The reception began with an opening statement from Church of God General Overseer Dr. Tim Hill. Dr. Raymond Culpepper, liaison to the Division of Care and First Assistant General Overseer, shared his support and appreciation for the excellent leadership of Dr. Walt and Tammie Mauldin. Cleveland City Mayor Kevin Brooks presented the Mauldins with a proclamation declaring Wednesday, January 8, 2020 as Smoky Mountain Children's Home Day in the City of Cleveland.

The proclamation called attention to the December 17, 1920 opening of the first orphanage under its first "matron," Lillian Kinsey. The ministry began with three children in a six-bedroom house on Montgomery Ave. in Cleveland and was initially named Orphanage Number One. In 1928, a 119-acre farm just south of Cleveland was purchased and the operation remained in Cleveland until 1949 when it relocated to Sevierville, Tennessee.

According to records from the children's home, the home has ministered to over 30,000 children and young people throughout its long history. Their residential, foster care and adoption programs continue to minister to children and youth. The organization has received national recognition from the Council on Accreditation of New York, as well as through licensing with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

During the reception an announcement was made regarding the most significant anniversary event of the year for SMCH, the Centennial Celebration, which will be Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Sevierville Convention Center. The occasion will include a benefit dinner and auction, as well as an opportunity to share in the historical milestone.

To follow the centennial events for the Smoky Mountain Children's Home, please visit [www.smch.org](http://www.smch.org); or you can call the office: 865-453-4644 Ext. 118 or email Dr. Pamela Kay Overbey, [pkoverbey@smch.org](mailto:pkoverbey@smch.org).

## The Persecutor Becomes the Persecuted

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time of two hundred thousand residents.

Tarsus was a place of culture and learning. It is likely that young Saul, whose Roman name was Paul, went to school at the Greco-Roman primary and grammar schools of Tarsus up to the age of thirteen before being sent to Jerusalem to study there. In Tarsus, Saul would have learned the art of writing and the use of language. He would have studied Greek poets and the basics of Greek rhetoric and logic. These studies prepared him well for how God would use him later as an Apostle and in writing thirteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament.

Saul's childhood in a mostly Gentile city known for its culture and outstanding Greco-Roman education, his tent-making ability learned in his father's shop, his understanding

of the Greek language, his Roman citizenship, his education by one of the leading rabbis of that time – all of this contributed to the work God would have Saul do as the apostle to the Greco-Roman world.

Why would Saul want to volunteer for the job of approving Stephen's execution and then going from house to house to arrest the followers of the Way? It might have been what caused Saul to write: "I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors" (Galatians 1:14).

Saul wanted to impress the Jewish ruling council in Jerusalem and make a name for himself, but God had other plans for him. Blinded by a bright light as he traveled to persecute more disciples of Jesus, Saul heard Jesus speaking to him (Acts 9:3-9). Saul's eyes were now opened spiritually and he went from persecutor of the Way to a preacher of the Way! What a radical conversion. Once Jesus appeared to him and he was baptized, he was now ready to die for his faith (Acts 9:19-25). The persecutor had become the persecuted.

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