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## Tommy Smith selected for District 1 council seat

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It took almost six hours but Knoxville City Council selected a new council member for South Knoxville in a special meeting last Thursday.

Tommy Smith, the vice president of marketing strategy at Ackermann PR, was chosen from seven applicants to replace District 1's representative Stephanie Welch, who left council for a position with the city. The choice, after several votes, came down

to Smith and community activist David Hayes.

Both men appeared with a following and all the applicants spoke and answered a series of questions from the council. Also applying were Janice Tocher, Rebecca Parr, Anne Wallace, Ben Reams and Kenny Lee Bradley. All candidates were well informed and answered questions with reasonable remarks.

Smith is the former chief marketing officer of ORNL Credit Union. He and his wife, Jamie, have three children. She joined him on the

floor as he took the oath of office to become the new member of the council.

Smith said during the interview that he refers to the homeless as the "houseless" and proclaimed his support of the Urban Wilderness, Chapman Highway improvements, and the South Waterfront. He also said he has served on the city's Business Advisory Board and said he's interested in supporting more affordable housing.

The selection came down to Smith getting five votes

and Hayes getting three. The final vote gave Smith seven votes with Amelia Parker abstaining. Earlier the Hayes support came from Councilwomen Gwen McKenzie, Seema Singh and Parker.

Each applicant had three minutes to speak and two supporters of each spoke on their behalf. The council then questioned each applicant before going through a half-dozen votes to narrow the field to Smith and Hayes.



Tommy Smith speaks to the Knoxville City Council as he applies to replace District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Welch. He and David Hayes were chosen as finalists and Smith edged out Hayes in a 5-3 vote then, in a final vote, got 7 of 8 votes. Photo by Mike Steely.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Emerald Youth Foundation CEO Steve Diggs, Director of East and South Knox Ministry Kaylin Chesney and Overcoming Believers Church Pastor Daryl Arnold celebrate the opening of the foundation's Calling and Career Center in East Knoxville.

## Emerald Youth Foundation celebrates opening of East Knox Career Center

By Ken Lay

The weather may have been cold, damp and snowy late Thursday afternoon but that didn't stop the Emerald Youth Foundation from celebrating the opening of another facility.

The foundation invited high school students, parents and other community members from throughout Knoxville to celebrate the opening of a second career and calling center, which is located in East Knoxville.

It is the second such facility to be operated by Emerald Youth and it's located at Overcoming Believers Church at 211 Harriet Tubman St. This facility will serve students in East and South Knoxville. The foundation also operates a similar facility in Mechanicsville.

The center will be open from 3:30-7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and from 3:30-6:30 on Tuesdays.

The East Knoxville facility is run in collaboration with Overcoming Believers Church and will provide a multitude of services to high school and college students according to Kaylin Chesney, the foundation's area director.

"We're excited to be there to serve the young people in the areas of East and

South Knoxville," Chesney said. "This center will serve students and scholars in high school on up to the second year in college.

"Students can drop in to get help with their homework."

The center is also partnered with Johnson University in East Knox County and will provide tutoring in math, science, Spanish and other subjects. Chesney said that the center is seeking volunteer teachers and tutors to assist the community.

"We have a student from Johnson University who comes in and helps with the tutoring," Chesney said. "We're looking for some teachers and other volunteers to come in and help us."

In addition to tutoring and homework support and assistance, the new center will provide financial aid workshops as well as ACT preparation.

"We have structured hours and we certainly invite students to come by and stay," Chesney said. "A student can come by if they need Wi-Fi, or if they just need to type a paper.

"We'll have financial aid workshops and ACT prep. We'll also have workshops on time management and we'll assist with college applications."

Chesney also noted the facility, which is modeled like a community college setting, will also have guest presentations from professionals, including engineers and those in the medical field.

Daryl Arnold, pastor of Overcoming Believers Church, is excited to be partnering with the Emerald Youth Foundation on this endeavor.

The foundation will have its own area in the church, which is adjacent to the Change Center, a recreation center.

"It's all about collaboration and we're happy to collaborate with Emerald Youth," Arnold said. "We went to the Lord and we told Him if He would give us the building that we would give it back to the community.

"It's next to our Change Center, a safe place for our kids to go to roller skate and play games," Arnold said. "We had originally intended to use the building as a workout facility and a dance studio. But we decided that it was better to serve our young people for education. We're happy to collaborate with Emerald because Emerald is creating a legacy."

As part as the grand opening, guests were treated to food and drinks as well as entertainment and games.

## Will Knox County form its own planning commission?

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It is an idea that has floated around for several years. Some Knox County officials and developers are upset by Knoxville-Knoxville Planning and want out.

The recent action of Farragut to reject Mayor Glenn Jacobs' Growth Plan means that the mayor may have to reconvene the joint members—Knox County, Knoxville and Farragut—to rework the area-wide plan. Jacobs' proposed plan increases density and opens all of the county's open land to subdivisions.

Farragut is upset with losing the adjoining green spaces to development and believe it will add to the traffic in the town. The rejection, which requires approval of all the parties, stopped the plan for the moment.

The rejection by Farragut was mentioned by Commissioner Brad Anders Tuesday night as he suggested the commission take steps to withdraw from the planning commission and form its own organization.

He said the county needs to "keep other government influence" out of county plans.

"We're being forced by an old statute. We're compressed and it's bad planning," Anders said.

"We could have good cluster development. Sometimes we have to think of ourselves," he added.

Commissioner Evelyn Gill said she represents a district that is mostly in the city and it shouldn't be excluded in county-wide plans.

Randy Smith agreed with fellow Commissioner Anders.

"There is a time when we take control of our own destiny," he said, adding that if nothing is done now, "We're headed for another 30 years of sprawl."

Commissioner John Schoonmaker chimed in saying that the Knox County funding of the planning commission runs

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# Your Social Media Use While Involved in a Case

Let's be honest, we all love to talk about ourselves and draw attention to ourselves. There is no subject on which we are more of an expert. With the invention of the internet, we are always



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abilities of the other parent. Personal injury cases might be immediately lost when the "injured" party posts pictures on Instagram of their recent water-skiing outing.

When people come to see me and I am discussing their case, I almost always tell them, "Assume everything you text or post is being screenshotted by the other side." Depending on the type of case, I may tell them to deactivate all their social media accounts immediately.

In divorce cases, as part of the case, the other side is entitled to request that you print out and provide to them your ENTIRE social media history. Yikes, that sounds bad.

I can promise you that the attorney on the other side of your case, whether it is a criminal case, divorce case, order of protection case, or personal

injury case, is looking up your Facebook page to see what kind of things you are posting. I know this to be true, because it's what I do. It's shocking how many people leave their profiles public, out there for the whole world to access just by typing in your name.

If you find yourself involved in any kind of case at all, I would encourage you to, at a bare minimum, make your accounts private so that only your friends can see what you post. Better yet, and as much as this may cause you actual distraught, I would encourage you to deactivate your social media accounts until your case is over.

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# Right to Life against driveway expansion of Knoxville's Planned Parenthood

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One of the smaller items on Tuesday's Knoxville City Council agenda doesn't mention Planned Parenthood's facility in East Knoxville but it's actually the center of an appeal.

The facility, at the corner of Cherry Street and Washington Avenue, is hoping to expand the building there, change the parking and reduce the setback requirement. Given closures of similar facilities in Nashville and reductions in abortion services in adjoining southern states the Knoxville clinic is expecting an influx of patients.

Tennessee Right to Life Education Fund Inc. opposes a variance for the expansion granted in January by the Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals. Attorney John K. King will lead the appeal.

The appeal revolves around expanding the driveway on Washington Avenue. Planned Parenthood is charging that Right to Life is masking their real objection by claiming harm to neighborhood and land use concerns.

The Council will also take up a second and final reading of retracting all but approved electric scooters on downtown streets. The "shared mobility vehicles" ordinance pilot program would be extended until September 2nd.

Two affordable housing measures are also on the agenda to authorize Mayor Indya Kincannon to sign an agreement. One is with Burlington Commons LP to award \$1.4 million from the Affordable Rental Fund for 49 units on Holston Drive. The other is for an award of \$950,000 for Affordable Rental at 9304 and 9210 Sapling Grove Way.

The mayor may also be granted permission to apply for \$150,000 from the state to subsidize the E-911 budget for salaries and operating expenses.

Several street and alley closings are also on the agenda as are two appointments, one by Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie for the appointment of a chair and members of council to the city audit committee. Mayor Kincannon is asking that Patricia Mesa be appointed to the Better Building Board and Polly Doka and Carly Baskette be reappointed to that body.

# Farragut residents wait to speak at Citizens Forum

**By Focus Staff**

The February 20 Farragut Municipal Planning Commission started off with Farragut Mayor Ron Williams making a motion to move the Citizens Forum from the beginning of the meeting to the end of the meeting. This brought an immediate protest from Saddle Ridge resident Jeff Kendall who went to the podium to speak to the mayor and planning commission about the change of the meeting agenda. Mr. Kendall told the mayor and planning commission the posted agenda had Citizens Forum listed as the first agenda item. Mayor Williams responded that aldermen and planning commission members had signed up for continuing education credits for this meeting that needed to be completed before votes that evening on sign ordinances and the Farragut Comprehensive Land Use Plan and he did not want for them have to wait for many citizens to speak in Citizens Forum about 5G small cell antennas.

The two person WVLT film crew also seemed surprised. They had come to report on the Citizens Forum as many residents were there to speak on the Verizon 5G small cell antenna application from the prior planning commission meeting.

Mayor Williams was overheard asking other planning commission members about the WVLT film crew, "What are they doing here?"

After asking how long the meeting would last the WVLT film crew left. The WVLT crew was doing the second part of an interview that had been done earlier in the Farragut subdivision of Sweetbriar on the 5G issue.

The televised meeting on Spectrum cable TV channel 193 did not start on time and the mayor's motion to move Citizens Forum to the end of the meeting was not aired. The televised proceedings began abruptly with the fourth agenda discussion item on a draft of the update to the Farragut Sign Ordinance. After two and a half hours of

discussion and debate on the agenda items, Citizens Forum began.

The first speaker was Jerry Guthrie of Village Green. For his allotted time of five minutes Mr. Guthrie spoke about the public health risks of the Verizon 5G small cell antennas. He explained these antennas would be in people's front yards and they would be too close to homes where they would broadcast pulsed cellular radiation 24 hours a day at a frequency of 30 GHz (gigahertz) to 300 GHz with a millimeter bandwidth. Mr. Guthrie explained every two or three houses would have these antennas.

The next speaker was Laura Squires of the Woodland Trace subdivision who took exception to a comment from Mayor Williams to her saying, "You people have been here enough."

Squires told the mayor and planning commission she had been to Farragut Town meetings exactly twice including this evening and she should not be challenged that she and others had "talked enough" about the 5G issue. Squires requested that the planning commission notify Farragut residents within three days of any Verizon 5G small cell antenna applications with a town sign in their yard. Squires said this is something you can do and does not involve either federal or state law. Squires also requested the Farragut Planning Commission and Mayor and Board of Aldermen give language to state Senator Richard Briggs and state Rep. Jason Zachary that the state law be amended to property transfers to disclose the right of way may have one or multiple 5G small cell antennas in it.

Kate Juatez spoke next and said the Telecommunications Act of 1996 needed to be changed. This act states no cell tower can be prohibited based on health concerns. Juatez explained there has been no medical study of the safety of cell phones and towers by the Federal Communications Commission in

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through June 30. Anders replied the funding could be "month to month" and said, "We need to get the ball rolling."

Commissioner Larsen Jay said there needs to be a "physical structure of planning" and said one option would be to have the appointed Knox

County planning members to vote on the county zoning rather than the entire planning commission. Currently the county has more appointees than the city.

"The city and Farragut have more influence than us," Anders said, adding, "We're running out of rural area."

"We need to look at the process," he said.

The discussion may continue in today's regular Knox County Commission meeting.

Planning Director Gerald Green will be leaving mid-year. He told The Focus his wife has taken a position with Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.



# Early voting totals up over four years ago

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As Knox County residents vote early for various offices, candidates for state and federal offices are picking up qualification petitions for the next election. Early voting ends Tuesday in the local and presidential primary and Election Day is March 3rd.

"It is going great," said Cliff Rodgers, Knox County Election Director said of early votng. "Much higher than four years ago."

Early voting totals through Wednesday had 15,243 people vote early, 8,492 in the Republican Primary and 6,744 in the Democratic Primary. So far seven people voted only for the Board of Education election.

"We're hoping for a huge turn out on election day," he said, noting that this voting period is two days shorter than usual. Rodgers said Thursday afternoon that 1,831 people voted so far on that day. He also said it is unusual to have a week between the end of early voting and election day.

Rodgers also wanted to remind people that the Expo Center voting site will be closed for early voting and urged voters to choose another precinct.

Downtown West, as usual, leads in the number of voters followed by Farragut, New Harvest Park, Halls, Clinton Highway, Karns, South, the City-County Building, Love Kitchen and Carter.

Rodgers is reminding people that the early voting places will be open until 7 p.m. this Monday and Tuesday.



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# Commission approves school move with two catches

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Without discussion or debate the Knox County Commission accepted the board of education's split vote to agree to move to the TVA East Tower. The action hinges on two things: a state attorney general opinion on whether a county entity can occupy a federal building and two matters before the state legislature to permit the move.

In a related vote the commission approved the sale of the Andrew Johnson Building, where the school offices are now located, to BNA Associates LLC., subject to the same two outstanding issues. That brought a bit of questions. Matt Myers, purchasing

director, told the commission that a tour of the Andrew Johnson Building pointed out "inefficiencies" and said the building, built as a hotel, is not a fit for offices. He cited small break rooms, oddly sized offices, and elevator problems.

Commissioner Michele Carringer asked if the sale goes through could the buyers turn around and resell the building. A spokesman for BNA and said the agreement prohibits selling the building until renovation there is complete. He said, however, it does not preclude BNA from acquiring more investors.

When asked about the \$6 million selling price, Myers said the offer was a result of a request for

seven bidders responded. As to the amount, Myers said, "We're at the Knoxville Market."

"The commission voted for the RFQ (bid requests) and we're just affirming. We're dragging our feet because of politics," said Commissioner Brad Anders.

"Stop this inference that somebody's making money on this" he said, adding, "Anything other than a yes vote says it's fraud and it isn't."

Commissioner Charles Busler asked when the county might expect the full tax on the building from the new owner. That question centers on whether or not BNA asks for a tax break for 15 years. Until then the taxes will be based on

an appraisal agreement between the county and the buyer.

The deal may take two-thirds of a year before the actual sale closing.

In other action commissioners heard Election Commission Executive Director Cliff Rodgers ask for about \$500,000 for hardware, software, warranty and professional services for the upcoming new Verity paper-based voting solution system. He said the state is also putting money into the switch from voting machines to paper ballots.

Rodgers said the new system should be in operation by the end of March or early April and in place for the August election.

The commissioners heard Jennifer Roche,

speaking for the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, say that the supply of housing is decreasing while the demand is up in the county. She said the medium rice of a home is \$287,000 and construction of new homes is up 9%.

Commissioner Randy Smith asked for a corridor study of Western Avenue and Commissioner Carson Daily asked for a similar study of Alcoa Highway.

Commissioner Richie Beeler, who was absent from the work session, had asked for support of state legislation eliminating exclusions for short-term rentals. Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt said the county has been turning away the hotel-motel tax from AirBnBs because there is no authority to accept

the payment. She said short-term rentals should be paying the same 5% as hotels and motels.

Knox County Law Director Richard (Bud) Armstrong said that current state law excludes single family residents from paying the tax to the county. The city of Knoxville has a different policy and collects the rental tax from its city residents.

Jill Thompson of the Knox County Hospitality Corporation Association told the commission that such a tax "would level the playing field for us."

Armstrong said the resolution is asking "this body to bless the tax."

Solway Baptist Church is making the request to close about 190 feet of Solway Ferry Road off Sparks Road.

# 'Twenty-seven people with hammers'

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Although the Knox County Charter Review Committee isn't to the point of reviewing the current charter and suggesting changes the group met for the second time earlier this month. Chaired by Commissioner Brad Anders, the twenty-seven member commission did decide how they will do things over the next several months.

Review committee member William Johns remarked any proposed amendment could see "27 people all with hammers and everything is a nail." He called for civility and common sense in the meetings.

The committee agreed that any changes to the charter could be

placed on two ballots, one during the August 4th election and one on the November ballot. The committee also decided to adopt rules similar to the Knox County Commission's Roberts Rules of Order and have public forum on each item before a final vote.

"We're going to go through the charter page by page," Anders told the meeting.

Anything changed, deleted or added will go to a public vote in order to change the charter.

Basically the committee will hear from citizens for about 15 minutes on each side per amendment. The first two charter articles will be discussed by the review committee in the next meeting. The chairman will have the option to extend public input.

Any proposed change or

addition to the charter will go to the law director to be checked against state regulations and then be returned in legal language to the review committee for a second reading. Public forums will take place for both first and second readings.

Chairman Anders warned the review committee members not to discuss the charter with each other.

"With this body so big you've got to be careful with this," he said of talking with each other outside a meeting.

There are ten parts of the current Knox County Charter and the document contains information and procedures on how the county operates. That includes things like alignment of districts, how many commissioners are

permitted, the current At-Large seats, the precincts, how the audit and internal audit perform, and the elections of the law director and some other Knox County department heads.

Commissioner Randy Smith suggested that other members may want to not only review the first two articles but also take a look at the 31 pages of the charter up for review for future discussion. The entire Knox County Charter is about 300 pages long.

The charter review committee meets again March 9 at 5:30 to begin discussion on any changes to Articles One and Two. April 6th has been set for a second meeting. Any initial changes to the Charter must be to the election commission by May 23 in order to make the August 6th ballot.

"We're asking civilians to comb through the law, I don't want to overwork our staff or the law department," Anders said about only reviewing two sections in the next meeting. "I don't want it to be quick and don't want us to be railroaded," he said.

Review committee members were urged to send their suggestions to Drucilla Stills in the Knox County Commission office and the suggestions will be passed to the law director's Office.

After comments about how long each meeting would be it was decided to try to keep each session to two hours.

Referring to the long effort the Review Committee may take to finish, Anders said, "It only happens every eight years."

# Farragut residents wait to speak at Citizens Forum

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24 years. Not since the second generation of cell phones that operated at much lower frequency.

Dava Shoffner was the last speaker. Shoffner said the town had a legal right and duty to protect its citizens. Shoffner said a lot of residents had come to speak this evening and it was not right to move the Citizens Forum to the end of the meeting. She said all of the planning commission has to stay until the end of the meeting no matter what. She also said only


four people signed up for the training session and two of them were planning commission members so the postponing of Citizens Forum was only for two people.

Mayor Williams responded that if 50 or 60 people would have spoken it would have delayed the training. Shoffner did not buy that explanation, asking, "In other words you're saying you did not let us speak because we would have taken too long—is what you're saying, Mayor?"



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Khrysta Baig displays a proclamation drawn up in her honor. She is Director of Benefits for the county and was recognized for her life-saving effort on behalf of Michael Mayes, who stands next to her. Mayes suffered cancer and needed a liver transplant. Her effort on his behalf is believed to have saved his life. Commissioner Brad Anders, far left, and Mayor Glenn Jacobs, far right, make the presentation Tuesday afternoon.

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# Parkridge residents meet to weigh in on proposal to give Myrtle Street to VMC

By Bill Howard

It appears that if – or when – Volunteer Ministry Center expands its operations to include a possible closed-off section of Myrtle Street, its acceptance by the Parkridge community will be amicable ... enough, anyway.

That seemed to be the conclusion at a public meeting Tuesday night at the John T. O'Connor Senior Center. The purpose of

the meeting was to discuss the proposed closure of part of Myrtle Street that VMC hopes to expand upon.

According to VMC CEO Rev. Dr. Bruce Spangler, part of the road might be used to expand the current facility Positively Living, which assists the homeless, mentally ill, or those living with HIV. Part of the road could also be used for parking. The city council will vote on the matter

next Tuesday, February 25.

VMC's original plan was to build on three lots adjacent to Caswell Park. Last October, Knoxville-Knox County Planning voted to deed the three lots to VMC. Spangler had a plan to build a facility on the lots that would house 48 or so residents. VMC's mission is to provide permanent supportive housing and services to those who are homeless.

Many residents in the Parkridge area were up in arms at losing what they claimed was land that was designated as open space and should stay as such. An overflowing public-input meeting last September was contentious, to say the least.

In addition to losing land that they claimed should stay as part of Caswell Park, a number of residents' very vocal opposition was based simply on not

wanting a supportive housing facility - "homeless shelter" to most - in their neighborhood. Others objected because they felt they hadn't been given adequate notice of the project.

Then-Mayor Madeline Rogero had been pushing for VMC to receive the lots. Barely a week before she left office on Dec. 21, Rogero, believing she didn't have the support for the move, **Continue on page 2**

## Working Woodlands

### Forest Carbon Projects in Tennessee

The UT Arboretum Society will sponsor a program on forest conservation initiatives and related projects in Tennessee, led by an official of the Tennessee Nature Conservancy on Thursday, March 5th at the UT Arboretum Auditorium, 901 S. Illinois Avenue in Oak Ridge, 7-8 p.m.

Sponsored by the UT Arboretum Society, this program is free and open to the public but donations are gratefully accepted. No registration is necessary.

Trish Johnson, Director of Forest Conservation for the Tennessee Chapter's forest conservation programs, focusing on strategic planning and outreach initiatives to improve forest health and connectivity on public and private lands across the state. She has been spearheading the Working Woodlands program in the state, which combines

voluntary forest carbon projects, with forest certification and forest protection. The UT Institute of Agriculture entered into a new Working Woodlands partnership program with TNC late last fall which will include the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center forest landbase.

Assisting other states in growing the Working Woodland Program beyond Tennessee, Johnson has lead two successful voluntary carbon projects totalling 9,000 acres. She anticipates sequestering 750,000 tons of carbon (CO2) through 2037. So far, she has worked on the issuance of 215,500 credits. She leads management of the TNC's newest preserve in North Carolina. The Bridgestone Nature Reserve at Chestnut Mountain is a 5,800 acre preserve located near Sparta, Tennessee, which lies in the heart of one of the most



Trish Johnson, Director of Forest Conservation for the Nature Conservancy, in the field.

biodiverse wooded plateaus in North America.

Trish has been working with the University of the South to bring their forest under the TNC's Forest Stewardship Council Certification. She is looking forward to leading the TNC's the new partnership with the University

of Tennessee to develop a forest carbon project leading to Forest Stewardship Council Certification.

To learn more about the Arboretum Society, go to [www.utarboretumsociety.org](http://www.utarboretumsociety.org). For more information on the program, call 865-483-7277 or [mcampani@utk.edu](mailto:mcampani@utk.edu).

## Keep Knoxville Beautiful to host 38th annual Orchids Awards this Tuesday

This Tuesday, February 25, Keep Knoxville Beautiful will be hosting its 38th annual Orchids Beautification Awards from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The event will be held at The Press Room, 730 North Broadway.

Orchids Awards have been presented to architects, construction companies, developers, and artist since 1979 that are beautifying our dynamic city. This year there will be over 300 attendees.

At the 2020 Orchids Awards, Keep Knoxville Beautiful president, Jessica Rodocker, will announce the organizations next education venture!

Mandi McKay, Sustainability Manager for Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, will be the keynote speaker for the evening. Keep Knoxville Beautiful will also be honoring Dwight Van de Vate, Community Development Director for Knox County with the Felicia Award. The Knoxville Utilities Board and the Miller's Building will be honored for their contributions to Gay Street.

A list of all nominees can be found at [keep-knoxvillebeautiful.org/orchid-awards](http://keep-knoxvillebeautiful.org/orchid-awards).

## Public meeting scheduled on future of Fort Kid

The City of Knoxville is moving forward with improvement plans for Fort Kid. The City is committed to stabilizing the site, improving accessibility and making it a place for even more families to enjoy for generations to come.

As the process moves forward, the City wants to rebuild in the true spirit of Fort Kid. That is why a public meeting has been scheduled on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Knoxville Museum of Art. This meeting will serve as

a way to update residents on the future of the park and to, most importantly, get feedback about their memories of the site, what they like about the current play facilities and what they would like to see in a future Fort Kid. "I am a huge supporter

of our local parks and Fort Kid has been an asset in our community," Mayor Indya Kincannon said. "My family has treasured photos of our children at Fort Kid and I want to ensure that future generations have the same opportunity

to make memories in that same location. It is unfortunate that the current structure must be dismantled, but we are committed to rebuilding and enhancing connectivity to the neighboring Knoxville Museum of Art."

In order to start the process, Fort Kid is scheduled to close March 23, 2020. The City of Knoxville will continue to seek public input before a final design is in place. The City anticipates re-opening the park by the end of this year.

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# House arrest Parkridge residents

I hope that everyone has survived another soggy February. It was only a year ago that the rains inundated the area and left us struggling to dodge standing water puddles and pray that



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roof leaks didn't suddenly appear. I, for one, have never done well handling being trapped inside.

When Jim and I were little boys, we'd pout the day away when rain came. In summers, we'd stand on the front porch and watch the water pour from the sky, at least until a bolt of lightning streaked across a summer sky. We would hang around inside and try to find things to keep us busy. Lincoln Logs presented chances for us to test our creative abilities, but neither of us was destined to be architects or house builders. We'd erect crude structures and then push toy cars around them as if they were our homes.

We tried board games and cards. Monopoly took too long to complete. A game of checkers might have interested some children, but Jim and I were sore losers; one of us would eventually sweep an arm across the board and send red and black circles flying across the floor. Card games ended in one of us declaring the other a cheater or quickly losing interest in playing.

Television wasn't much

help either. Sure, "Birthday Dog," "Romper Room," and "Doctor Bernie" aired in the mornings, but back in the 1950s and 60s, the afternoon programming consisted of two channels

of soap operas or game shows. If we'd have been able to receive the ABC signal, even more of those programs were available. Children could only take so much of Bill Cullen and Bob Barker.

The rain put an end to the limited activities to which we looked forward. Our Ball Camp community baseball team played only a half dozen games at the elementary school in Karns. A rain shower turned a cinder-filled field into a watery mess and kept us trapped in the house.

On occasion, Mother planned trips to the pool at Concord with another family. A day of relief from summer heat was always welcome, and a pool sure beat running through a water sprinkler or hose sprayer. Excitement turned into disappointment when the sun revealed morning skies filled with gray, sometimes ominous-looking clouds that were accompanied with downpours of rain. The only way we had to get wet on those days was to stand in the rain in our front yard, something that lacked the fun offered at

the pool.

I'm still an "antsy" person, even in my senior years. I don't like being trapped inside by weather. The rain is the worst. Snow still lets me burn piles of brush that accumulate over the year. Rain just makes everything yucky. I sit in the house, and although nearly a hundred channels are available, I can't find anything to watch. I can peck on the computer (as I am doing on this nasty day), but my creative juices eventually dry up or my hands begin to ache from all the typing.

We've had precious little winter weather this year, and although I don't do cold that well, I know this summer the bugs and pests will be even more prolific. It's the rain that wears me out. Even if temperatures are moderate this time of year, I can't enjoy them with the flooding streets and squishy, shoe-swallowing soil. Nope, I'm stuck until the skies clear.

Some optimists will say that I should welcome the rain because it will help the water table, or they'll scold me and tell me I'll wish for the rain during the dry days of summer. I do appreciate the water table level, I hope we don't have a drought. However, when the daily weather forecasts include rain for weeks on end, I grow more than a little grumpy. I'm ready for the sun to show its face for a while. Until then, I'm under house arrest.

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changed course, saying that a "reasonable compromise" would be to keep the lots as park space, and let VMC build on the part of Myrtle Street if it were closed.

City Councilwoman and Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie chaired the meeting. "Mayor Rogero made a proposal to leave the (three) lots alone and to close Myrtle Street," McKenzie said. "But the community never had an opportunity to respond to it. I was not comfortable with (giving the lots to VMC). When it came up on the agenda for Council, we had people who said 'hey, we have not had a chance to have a discussion about it. We are not comfortable with that.' Community members had been reaching out to me individually prior to the meeting. It was always my intention ... to have community input. We didn't do a good enough job of engagement."

For VMC to begin its operations, it will, of course, have to secure funding. According to Spangler, VMC is applying for a grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. The grant paperwork is due by March 4. He hopes to hear back from the agency by the end of March.

In attendance was area resident Christopher Salmons, who had an editorial on the matter in this paper last October. His editorial vehemently opposed deeding the three lots to VMC. Salmons claimed that receiving Myrtle Street wouldn't increase Spangler's chance of getting funding. Further, he charged Spangler with not being transparent enough

with his plan.

"According to Nashville (THDA), the city is not required to give you anything," said Salmons. "You don't need this land, you don't need money, you don't need anything from the city to prove a partnership. You will not receive any further (consideration from THDA) if the city of Knoxville bequeaths this (street) to you."

"From our perspective, it simply shows the city's involvement," said Spangler.

"According to THDA," Salmons went on, "you're missing a lot of things from your application. It's currently in no-man's land in zoning. There must be a letter from the city of Knoxville with documentation from the appropriate level government authority demonstrating zoning and other land-use regulations that permit the development as proposed. You also have to have a proposal. The neighborhood has consistently asked you for a proposal. According to THDA, if you do not have a proposal, you do not have a plan for funding. Why can't we see it?"

Some in the crowd objected to the proposal because closing the road would remove one of the access points to Caswell Park. An attendee asked Spangler if he would agree to divide Myrtle Street, which is some 50 feet wide, in half. The half that would be adjacent to VMC's side could be used for their purposes while the other half, adjacent to Caswell Park, would maintain access to the park.

Spangler agreed, which seemed to mollify much of the crowd. Many in the crowd of 25 or so made it clear they support the city's attempt to fight

homelessness.

In addition to McKenzie, who was elected vice mayor by the council in December, city council members Lauren Rider (4th district), Andrew Roberto (2nd) and Janet Testerman (At-Large, seat B) were in attendance. Stephanie Welch, chief of economic community development for the city of Knoxville was there, as was Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp.

McKenzie believes its likely the city council will approve the measure. "I think how we closed the meeting and everyone was in agreement," she said. "I don't know because I can't talk to my colleagues. The ones that were here today, they seem to have been pleased by what they heard."

"I thought the meeting was productive and necessary," said Rider. "The city belongs to the people and its fair to answer their questions. We have a city council, and a public, who are committed to helping the homeless."

McKenzie was appreciative of the turnout and the residents' community interest. She acknowledged that the neighborhood hadn't been given sufficient notice for the proposal.

"I want to apologize to you guys for not taking the lead to make (a public input meeting) happen," she said. "Bruce, I thank you for your patience. One of the things I've heard resoundingly is that this community embraces Positively Living. The fact that this community has never complained about Positively Living, that just shows the love that this community has."

"Their CEO has been very open and honest and transparent in how the community has been welcoming of Positively Living," said Spangler. "We want to demonstrate that we would be just as good."



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# Tennessee Governors & the Path to the US Senate, III

## Pages from the Past



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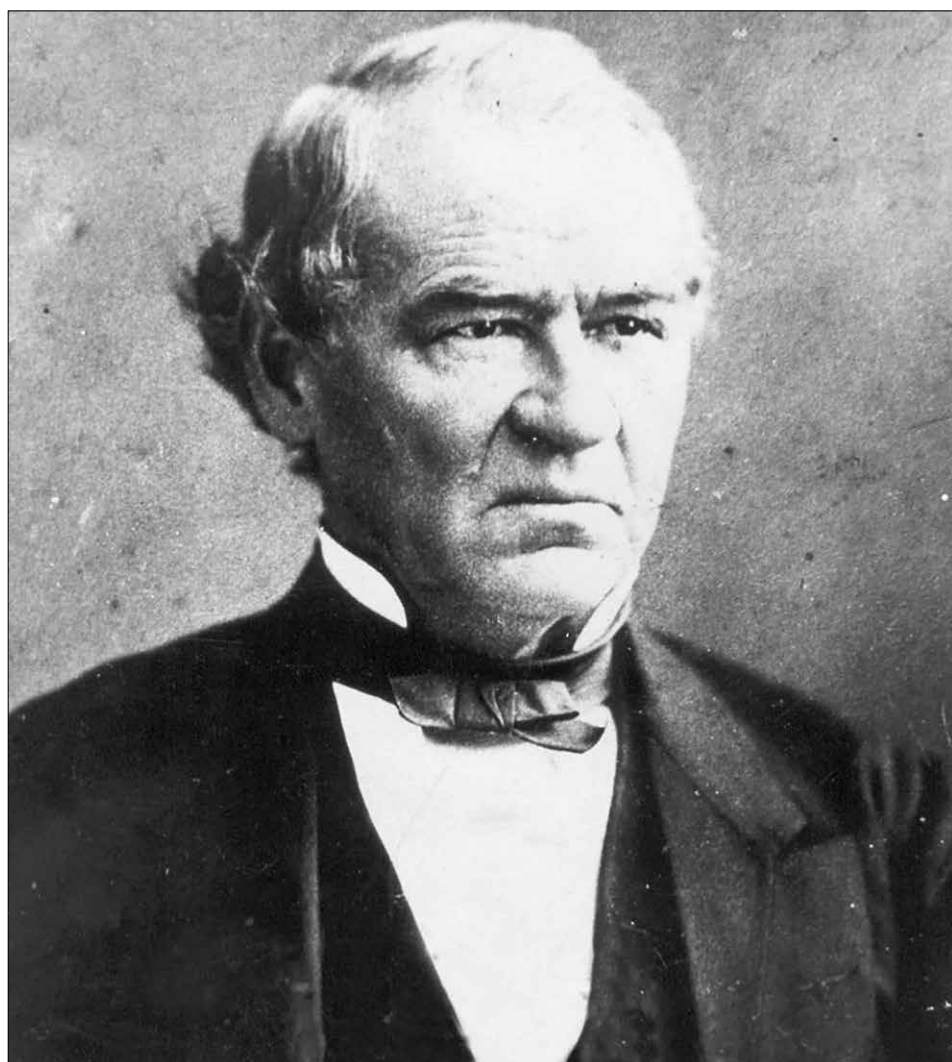
Governor Andrew Johnson easily overcame the powerful opposition of the Whig Party in Tennessee, as well as the more conservative elements in his own Democratic Party to win election to the United States Senate in 1857. Nor was Andrew Johnson satisfied to merely remain in the Senate. At the 1860 Democratic presidential convention, Johnson's sons and friends worked to win him the nomination. The Democratic Party, like the nation, was too divided. Northern Democrats managed to nominate Stephen Douglas, while Southern Democrats supported the candidacy of Vice President John Breckinridge of Kentucky. A fourth party, the Constitutional Union Party, held a convention in Baltimore, which nominated former Tennessee U. S. senator John Bell as its candidate. Bell actually carried Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky in the fall election. The winner of the presidential election was former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln. Unlike Andrew Johnson, John Bell eventually drifted to a point of view that aligned him with Confederate forces.

Andrew Johnson was a stubborn man, if not downright obstinate. Johnson gave a speech from the Senate floor that was much better received in the Northern states than his own Tennessee. Bellowing, "I will not give up this government", Johnson pledged he "intended to stand by it", a promise he kept. Johnson urged his fellow citizens to "rally around the altar of our common country" and "swear by our God, and all that is sacred and holy, that the Constitution shall be saved, and the Union preserved." When Southern Democrats in the Senate promised to resign their seats in the event their states were to secede from the Union, Andrew Johnson was puzzled. Ever the politician, Johnson reminded his colleagues, the Senate could easily remain a check and balance against any action taken by President Lincoln. Johnson returned home to Tennessee where the people were considering a referendum on secession in a special election. Johnson stumped against secession, speaking numerous times. Cognizant of the passionate beliefs held on both sides, Andrew Johnson realized his speechmaking might cause an attempt on his

life. Undaunted, Johnson frequently spoke, but not before laying a pistol on the lectern. Tennesseans voted not to leave the Union in the February referendum, but by June of 1861, opinions had changed and Tennessee seceded. The threat to Andrew Johnson's life became greater still and the senator fled, along with his family. Johnson was the only U. S. senator to remain in the Senate after his state had seceded from the Union. Johnson's term expired in 1862 and President Lincoln made him military governor of Tennessee. The Senate rapidly confirmed Johnson's appointment and he held the rank of brigadier general. Confederates, made livid by Johnson's refusal to side with the Confederacy, seized the governor's personal property and his home, which was used as a hospital. The Confederates did show the Johnson family courtesy inasmuch as they allowed the Johnsons to pass through their military lines to join the governor in Nashville.

Andrew Johnson did his best as military governor of Tennessee to mitigate the influence of the Confederates. Johnson ordered newspapers openly or aiding the Confederate cause to be closed. Governor Johnson insisted all public officials in Tennessee take a loyalty oath to the Union. There was also reason to believe President Lincoln gave Governor Johnson's views great consideration. Although little remembered today, when Abraham Lincoln first issued his Emancipation Proclamation, Tennessee was exempted, at the particular behest of Governor Andrew Johnson. Although a slaveholder himself, Andrew Johnson finally came to the conclusion the institution of slavery must end. "If the institution of slavery seeks to overthrow it (the government), the Government has a clear right to destroy it," Johnson concluded. While Johnson was reluctant to see former slaves fight alongside Union troops, he supported the idea of drafting former slaves into the Army. Over time, Andrew Johnson recruited almost 20,000 former slaves or free blacks into the Union army.

Andrew Johnson did not long remain military governor of Tennessee. Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for reelection in 1864, opposed in the fall election by one of his own generals, George B. McClellan. Lincoln's vice president, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, expected to run again with the president, but Lincoln had other ideas. Perhaps



Former President Andrew Johnson circa 1875.

thinking about the eventual end of the Civil War and bringing the country back together, Lincoln considered running for reelection with a Democrat. Lincoln, originally elected as a Republican, campaigned for reelection on the National Union Party ticket. Simon Cameron, the powerful and corrupt Secretary of War and former U. S. senator from Pennsylvania, tried to nominate by acclamation Hannibal Hamlin for vice president once again, but his resolution was beaten by the assembled delegates. Hamlin was nominated, as well as Andrew Johnson. Johnson led on the first ballot and won the vice presidential nomination on the second ballot.

At the time in our history when Andrew Johnson was the vice presidential nominee of the new National Union Party, it was quite unusual for a candidate to actually campaign for the office; in fact, many considered it unseemly for a presidential or vice presidential nominee to campaign for votes. It never bothered Andrew Johnson to appear unseemly and he made a campaign swing through Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Johnson imposed his will on Tennessee, tightening the loyalty oath around the necks of his opponents in the Volunteer State to the point where many were disenfranchised. Not surprisingly, the Lincoln - Johnson ticket prevailed in Tennessee by 25,000 votes. Johnson's heavy-handed tactics were so obvious Congress refused to count Tennessee's electoral votes. Fortunately, the Lincoln - Johnson ticket had won the election without Tennessee's electoral votes.

Never taking his eye off Tennessee, Andrew Johnson was delighted when Union troops once more occupied East Tennessee. Voters had ratified a new state constitution and one of Johnson's last acts as military governor of Tennessee was to certify the election results. Johnson's swearing-in

as vice president should have been a glorious personal occasion for the Tennessean, but he had attended a social function the night before and had imbibed a little too freely. Upon arriving at the Capitol, Johnson approached his predecessor, Hannibal Hamlin, wondering if the vice president had any whisky. Hamlin proffered a bottle of whisky and Johnson took some liquid courage to steel his nerves. If Johnson was attempting to appease his hang over by taking a couple of drinks, it did not have the desired result. Johnson gave a rambling speech, which was an embarrassment. Many in the press flatly accused the vice president of being drunk. Johnson was mortified by the accusations of the press and kept a very low profile, largely refusing to come to the Capitol. Abraham Lincoln defended Johnson, saying, "I have known Andy Johnson for many years; he made a bad slip the other day, but you need not be scared; Andy ain't a drunkard."

Andrew Johnson remained vice president for little more than a month. Johnson met with the President on April 14, 1865 and later that night Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth. What Andrew Johnson did not know was Lincoln's assassination was part of a larger conspiracy, the intent of which was to murder the vice president and Secretary of State William Seward as well. The attempt on Seward's life was quite nearly successful; Johnson's intended assassin, George Atzerodt, decided to get drunk instead of killing the vice president. Not unlike many members of Congress at the time, Andrew Johnson lived at a boarding house while in Washington. Vice President Johnson was asleep when a fellow boarder woke him to tell him Lincoln had been shot. Johnson hurried to the stricken president's bedside where the Tennessean snarled, "They shall suffer for this." Abraham Lincoln slipped

away the next morning and Andrew Johnson was sworn in as President of the United States sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Contrary to what some expected of the mercurial Tennessean, the occasion of his swearing-in saw Andrew Johnson conduct himself with the dignity of a president. Johnson, clearly understanding the gravity of the situation, was quite solemn throughout the ceremony.

Andrew Johnson's presidency was a turbulent time and the obstinate Tennessean found himself surrounded by enemies. Johnson followed his own policies and as a Democrat, the Republicans in Congress, especially the radical Republicans, sought to impeach him. Johnson survived impeachment by a single vote in the Senate.

Johnson sought to be the presidential nominee of his party in 1868, although there was little doubt he would lose to the expected GOP nominee, General Ulysses S. Grant. The Democrats rejected Johnson's bid to seek election in his own right and Andrew Johnson returned to Tennessee after leaving the White House. Relations between Grant and Johnson were glacial. Grant refused to ride in the same carriage as Johnson to his inauguration; that hardly mattered at all to Andrew Johnson, who refused to attend General Grant's inauguration, period.

While it appeared politics was through with Andrew Johnson, it soon became clear Andrew Johnson was not through with politics. Some in Tennessee worried Johnson would run for governor or the U. S. Senate. The Republicans no longer politically controlled Tennessee and Democrats had won the state legislature in 1869. It soon became readily apparent Andrew Johnson would be a candidate for the U. S. Senate. Johnson, saddened by the death of his son Robert from suicide and bitter from his years in the White House, was

driven to seek what he believed would be vindication. Johnson came within one vote of winning election to the Senate. Thoroughly hated by many Republicans and not a few Democrats, a coalition of Democrats and Republicans thwarted Johnson's senatorial ambitions by backing Henry Cooper, who was elected. The final vote in the Tennessee legislature was 54 for Cooper and 51 for Andrew Johnson.

Johnson attempted another political comeback in 1872 when Tennessee was electing a Congressman-At-Large. Johnson intended to be the Democratic nominee, but was rebuffed by the party bosses, who favored Benjamin F. Cheatham, a former Confederate general. Stubborn, Johnson ran for the congressional seat as an Independent. While the former president finished third in the balloting, he had the pleasure of seeing General Cheatham lose to the GOP nominee, Horace Maynard.

Nor had Andrew Johnson given up his drive to win vindication from his people and his political ambitions. Anticipating the Tennessee legislature electing a senator in 1875, Johnson began a campaign swing through Tennessee. It was to be Andrew Johnson's last campaign. Johnson quickly won the support of Tennessee's farmers and campaigned on behalf of candidates for the legislature who would be friendly to his senatorial candidacy. The elections were a sweeping success for Democrats, who won ninety-two seats in the General Assembly to only eight for the Republicans. Johnson traveled to Nashville to personally lobby legislators on his own behalf. There was a host of opposition to the former president's candidacy, which included a former congressman, three Confederate generals, and a former governor. Johnson led on the first ballot and his opponents realized the only way to stop the former president from winning a seat in the U. S. Senate was to coalesce around the candidacy of a single man. Ballot followed ballot and on the fifty-fourth ballot, Andrew Johnson was elected to the United States Senate by a single vote.

Johnson had received the personal vindication he had so doggedly and relentlessly pursued. His election was hailed nationally and he was greeted in Washington by many of his former colleagues warmly. Senator Johnson attended a special session of the Senate where his made his last political speech. That summer, Johnson suffered a stroke. A second stroke two days later claimed the life of one of Tennessee's most colorful political figures. Andrew Johnson's last words spoken on the floor of the Senate were, "...may God bless this people and God save the Constitution."

Andrew Johnson remains the only former president of the United States to win election to the U. S. Senate after leaving the White House.



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## The Cherry Tree Myth

The cherry tree myth is the most well-known and longest enduring legend about George Washington. In the original story, when George was six years old, he received a hatchet as a gift and damaged his father's cherry tree. When his father discovered what he had done, he became angry and confronted him. Young George bravely said, "I cannot tell a lie...I did cut it with my hatchet." His

father embraced him and rejoiced that his son's honesty was worth more than a thousand trees. George was born in Pope Creek, Virginia, on February 22, 1732. Everyone knows that he was our first President of the United States, Commander of Continental Army, and a gentleman planter. Let's make a cherry cobbler in his honor.

**Ingredients:**  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 cup milk.  
1 (21oz) can of cherry pie filling, or two cups fresh cherries.

**Directions:** Preheat oven at 275 degrees in a 9"x13" baking dish and set on

oven rack to melt butter. In medium bowl mix together the flour, sugar and baking powder. Stir in milk. Remove baking dish from oven as soon as butter is melted. Pour flour mixture into dish but DO NOT STIR. Pour fruit evenly into pan but do not stir. Raise oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake until golden brown for 50-60 min.

Next week I might write about another great president, Abraham Lincoln, who was also born in February.

Thought for the day: Adversity is another way to measure the greatness of individuals. I never had a crisis that didn't make me stronger. Lou Holt

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

## Knoxville's Blount Mansion

It is among Knoxville's historic treasures linking the past with the present.

I first learned about Blount Mansion as a fifth grader. Our teacher was a social studies

major, and she made sure to schedule a field trip for our class to visit Blount



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Mansion. The trip to downtown Knoxville was a big deal for our fifth-grade class, though I am not sure any of us could truly appreciate the significance of Blount Mansion in our city's history.

William Blount became the territorial governor of Tennessee in

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Years later, he became a United States Senator.

Building his home on the banks of the Tennessee River gave William Blount access to the river which, in those days especially, was of utmost importance for transportation purposes. Touring the beautiful home and grounds was like stepping back in time. It was fascinating to visit a place in downtown Knoxville that holds such prominence in our state's history.

The Blount Mansion still stands proudly on the banks of the river not far from the Old Knox County Courthouse and the City-County Building. It will always hold a special place in the history of Knoxville and Tennessee.



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Karns' Traven Jackson (25) and Powell's Parker Haley battle inside in the District 3-AAA tournament Thursday at Oak Ridge. The Beavers advanced with a 62-61 win in double-overtime.

## Beavers stay alive with double-overtime win

By Steve Williams

Give veteran Karns High basketball coach Lee Henson credit for thinking ahead in the closing seconds of the Beavers' 62-61 double-overtime quarterfinal win over Powell in the District 3-AAA tournament Thursday night at Oak Ridge.

And freshman guard DeSean Bishop for following instructions.

Hit or miss, Coach Henson told Bishop to defend Powell standout Logan Sutton on the Panthers' last possession.

With Karns leading by one point, Trey Hawkins missed both ends of his double bonus free throw attempts with 10.5 seconds left and Powell had

a last chance to win the game.

Sutton never got his hands on the ball and Colton Webb and Eli Walls misfired on shots inside as Karns held on for the win.

"I'm getting up there in age, but that's really going to get me up there," said Henson after the do-or-die thriller. "Both teams did a good job of battling and

had a chance to win. Usually when Powell and Karns play each other, it's going to be a blood bath and that's what it was."

The victory assured No. 4 seed Karns of three more games in the post-season, while the emotional loss ended Powell's season. The Beavers were scheduled to play top seed Oak Ridge in Saturday's semifinals.

"If we could have made some free throws down the stretch, I think we probably could have pulled it out," said Powell Coach Gary Barnes. "Other than that, we had a game plan and they followed it. We had our chances. We just didn't finish it."

Girls and boys consolation games will be tonight (Feb. 24) and the

championship games Tuesday night, starting at 6 p.m. The top four girls and boys teams will advance to the Region 2-AAA tournament.

Hawkins led Karns with 18 points. Senior wing Dalton Greer contributed 13, including two treys. Freshman guard JJ Faulkner added 11.

Powell's Sutton, a junior, **Continued on page 3**

## Lady Bulldogs hold off Heritage in District 4-AAA semifinals

By Ken Lay

Coach Justin Underwood saw this Bearden High School girls basketball do what it needed to do Friday night.

And that's prevailing in the District 4-AAA Tournament on its home floor. The longtime Lady Bulldogs' coach knew that the win wouldn't score too many style points but he didn't really care.

"We survived," Underwood said after Bearden withstood a late rally from Heritage, nabbed a 60-52 victory over the Lady Mountaineers and advanced to tonight's district championship game at Bearden. "It wasn't always pretty but it didn't have

to be.

"In playoff basketball, it's all about having one more point than the other team. That was a very good basketball team and there's a reason that they've won 24 or 25 games."

The top-seeded Lady Bulldogs had eight more points than fourth-seeded Heritage and those points not only earned them a third showdown with No. 2 Maryville, but it clinched a home game for Bearden in the Region 2-AAA quarterfinals, which will be contested later this week.

"This was a big win for us," Underwood said. "It was big because we have a region game at home and we have a chance

to play for a [district] championship."

While the final score was close and the Lady Mountaineers (24-6) mounted a fierce late rally, Bearden got off to a blazing start. The Lady Bulldogs (26-2) opened a 17-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. They would use a 15-4 run to extend their advantage to 32-12 by halftime before having to endure some tense moments in the fourth quarter when Heritage got hot and started knocking down shots from beyond the 3-point arc.

The Lady Mountaineers made five 3-pointers over the final eight minutes and pulled to within 58-52 when Alexis Patty buried a

long-range jumper with 44.2 seconds remaining in the game. It was one of nine 3-pointers in the game for Heritage, which endured a four-minute scoring drought to close the second frame.

"I thought we really played well in the first half and I thought we played well in spurts in the second half," Underwood said.

Heritage had a trio of players post double figures in the scoring column. Patty led the way with 15 points while Sara Swafford and Kaitlin Burger scored 10 points each, for the Lady Mountaineers, who will tangle with No.3 Farragut in tonight's consolation game at Bearden.

The Lady Bulldogs again

boasted a balanced scoring attack with Zneyah McLaughlin posting a game-high 18 points. Jakhya Davis added nine points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Emma Stone, Avery Treadwell and Emily Gonzalez had eight points each.

In tonight's games, Farragut (21-9) will play Heritage in the consolation game at 6 p.m. and Bearden will take on Maryville (26-3) for the third time this season.

The Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs split two regular-season meetings with both teams winning at home.

Tipoff for the title tilt is slated for 7:30 p.m.



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# Sign of times: MLB becomes national embarrassment

Baseball was once considered America's national pastime. But it lost that distinction to the popularity of football many years ago.

Instead of remaining the great game it was, it has lost much, much more over the years because of some players' unethical choices to gain an edge. For that, it has lost the love and respect of its true fans.

Baseball survived the Chicago "Black" Sox fixing the World Series in 1919, but since "Charlie Hustle" (Pete Rose) became Charlie Hustler in 1989 and was banned from the game for life for gambling on baseball, it has steadily gone downhill. Major League baseball looked the other way when Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa raced to erase Roger Maris' name from the record book for most home runs during the steroid era in 1998. McGuire hit 70 that year and Sosa 66. Maris had hit 61 in 1961.

Then Barry Bonds took PEDs (physical-enhancing drugs) to another level to move past McGuire with 73 homers as a 37-year old in 2001. Bonds had never hit 50 homers before in his career. His unethical body-building ways eventually led him past Hank Aaron's career record in 2007.

For the record, though steroids have been banned in MLB since 1991, the league did not implement league-wide PED testing until 2003. The lack of testing meant it was unlikely players using PEDs would get caught.

Last season, home runs flew out of ball parks at a record rate, despite starting pitchers usually working only six innings and managers sending in a different relief pitcher for the

seventh, eighth and ninth innings. With such stronger pitching, one would figure the home run total would be below average instead of above.

But America's once great game became known for homers, strikeouts and juiced baseballs.

MLB looked the other way again.

Now, we've heard how the Houston Astros used modern day technology to steal signs of what pitch was coming for their hitters to wallop on the way to their World Series championship in 2017. They cheated to win, relaying signs to their batters by banging on a trash can.

Boston Red Sox players also may have been guilty of this kind of cheating on the way to the 2018 World Series title and are currently under investigation.

A hundred years ago, several Chicago White Sox players were approached by gamblers to fix the 1919 World Series and they agreed to do it for the dirty money. When found out, Shoeless Joe Jackson and a half-dozen or so others were

banned from the game of baseball for life by then commissioner Mountain Landis. Today's baseball commissioner, Rob Manfred, granted Houston players immunity for their confession of what happened in their sign stealing.

How weak is that? Every single one of the Astros who took part in the cheating or knew of it and didn't report it should be banned for life, like the Black Sox were for fixing the 1919 World Series.

Don't hold your breath for that to happen.

Instead, just consider Major League Baseball now on the same level as professional wrestling. Strictly entertainment and nothing more.



By Steve Williams



Santana Curtis is surrounded by family members at his signing with the Air Force Academy football team on Feb. 5. From left, Kelly (mother), Terrence (dad) and Jasmine (sister) Curtis.

## 'Great opportunities' in Wild Blue Yonder for Curtis

By Steve Williams

From South of the River to the Wild Blue Yonder.

South-Doyle High School's Santana Curtis is scheduled to report to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 24.

He is one of several seniors on the Cherokees' 2019 state quarterfinal football team who will continue their football careers and education on the next level.

Curtis saw something special when he made a visit to the Air Force Academy.

"At first I was opposed to the military lifestyle. I thought that wasn't for me," said Santana. "But you get up there and get around the players and the coaches, and you realize there's a mentality that's more work driven and they're focused.

"And post college, it's a good degree and it's a great job afterwards."

Choosing to go to a military academy, Curtis' commitment will extend for five years after graduation.

"First, I was committed to Navy, so the military lifestyle was always for me I'd say, but as soon as I went up to Air Force, I really liked it up there, and two weeks later I committed."

The reporter told Santana he had always loved the Air Force football uniforms and asked what the jagged thing was on the helmets.

"The lightning bolt," answered Curtis, who said he liked the Air Force football uniforms. "I really like the colors - they got black, white, blue and gray. They even got a yellow one this year."

The reporter mentioned he had long been a fan of Army, Navy and Air Force - the Academy teams - and no matter what; they always seem to be tough to beat because of their mental and physical toughness.

"It takes a lot," said Curtis. "You've got to go through basic training when you first get there, and that's all mental right there. But then, overall throughout your training at Air Force, you're trained as a military officer and football is attached to that, so to be a football player at an Academy you have to have mental fortitude and physical toughness."

Curtis said he was recruited by Head Coach Troy Calhoun and his staff as an "athlete" and expects to play cornerback or safety for the Falcons. Air Force is a NCAA Division 1 member of the Mountain West Conference.

Curtis earned All-State honors this

past season and made The Focus / Coaches' All-Knox County team as a defensive back, although he also started at wide receiver.

"Santana is self-made," said South-Doyle Head Coach Clark Duncan. "He came in as a freshman and was smaller than a lot of his classmates. He really took to a great work ethic and went to the nutrition end of it. He's a fighter and really grew between his sophomore and junior year. He was a phenomenal player for us."

The 6-foot, 175-pound Curtis never came off the field and played in the kicking game, too.

"That's just his mentality," said Duncan. "He's just gonna always fight. He wants to be on the field. He wants the ball in his hands."

Curtis also excelled in academics and had a 26 on the ACT and a 3.73 GPA, taking all the AP courses.

"He's got a chance to be great," added Duncan. "Go to Air Force and not only play at that level of football, but at the same time, be able to serve his country and then have a great career. He's so smart. He's going to get into Engineering. He'll just do great things.

"He set himself up for great opportunities."

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## Shooting woes doom Lady Admirals in district semifinals

By Ken Lay

Farragut High School's girls basketball team couldn't have had shooting woes at a tougher time.

The Lady Admirals, seeded No. 3 in the District 4-AAA Tournament, were locked in an early battle with No. 2 Maryville before enduring a second-quarter scoring slump. The Lady Rebels, who fell behind early, held Farragut to just two points in the second quarter en route to nabbing a 68-47 win in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals Friday night at Bearden High School.

Maryville (26-2) used an 11-2 run in the second stanza to open a 29-14 lead at halftime and all but put the game away.

Farragut's only two points of the frame came from reserve forward McCall Willis after the

Lady Admirals kept things close in the opening period thanks to a pair of field goals from Keeleigh Rogers and a pair of 3-point shots from Claire Wyatt and Macy Barnes.

Further complicating things for Farragut (21-9) was the fact that sophomore Ace Strickland, one of its leading scorers and clutch performers, was kept at bay and held scoreless over the first 16 minutes of the contest.

Strickland did score 13 points after the break as she was a perfect 9-for-9 from the free throw line. She had only two field goals against the Lady Rebels, who held Farragut to just 11 made shots from the field (including four 3-point shots).

Unlike Farragut, who will play Heritage in tonight's consolation game at 6 p.m. at Bearden, the Lady Rebels had very little trouble scoring.

Maryville junior guard Denae Fritz, a Miss Basketball Finalist, scored a game-high 26, going 10-for-15 from the floor.

Fritz would get plenty of help on this night as Aaliyah Vananda added 12 points, Gracie Midkiff finished with 10 while Katie Cunningham had eight.

With its victory over the Lady Admirals, Maryville earned another date with top-seeded host Bearden tonight at 7:30.

The Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs split the regular-season this year with both squads prevailing at home.

Bearden and Maryville will both host Region 2-AAA Tournament games later this week while the Lady Admirals and Lady Mountaineers will travel in the region tournament.

# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

## Catholic and Webb will host state quarterfinals Saturday

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic's boys basketball team wrapped up the Division II Class AA East Region championship last week and will host a state quarterfinal game Saturday.

Sophomore guard B.J. Edwards scored 30 points in the Irishmen's 72-71 win at McCallie Feb. 18 that clinched the region title. Catholic (5-1, 22-4) will host the winner of Wednesday's McCallie at Ensworth sectional game, with the survivor advancing to the Final Four at Lipscomb University March 6 and 7.

The Fighting Irish built a 17-point lead in the first half and held off the Blue Tornado down the stretch.

Senior post Akeen Odusipe had 18 points and 13 rebounds in the victory. Eric Rivers matched Edwards' 30-point output to lead McCallie.

Staying in good physical condition during the 10-day break has been Catholic Coach Mike Hutchens' No. 1 objective.

**DIVISION II-A:** Defending state champion Webb School's boys basketball team has moved closer to getting a chance to repeat. The Spartans toppled Grace Christian 71-43 in the East Region finals at Notre Dame High in Chattanooga Friday night.

That win gives Webb home court advantage in the state quarterfinals Saturday.

In other action, The King's

Academy girls rolled past Webb 64-41 for the region title and will host a state quarterfinal game Friday.

CAK's girls and boys teams also stayed alive by winning consolation games. The Lady Warriors defeated Silverdale 57-48 and the Warriors got past Boyd-Buchanan 63-58.

**PIETARILA IN FINALS:** Hardin Valley senior wrestler Josh Pietarila won a 10-9 decision over Anthony Gomez of Blackman High in the semifinals of the 170-pound weight class Friday in the TSSAA state wrestling tournament.

Pietarila, a state runner-up the past two years in the 152 and 160-pound divisions,

was scheduled to go against senior Gabriel Smith of Clarksville in Saturday's finals at the Williamson County Agricultural Exposition Arena.

Pietarila won four matches in all, including one on a pin, to reach the state finals for the third year in a row.

**CRUZE HONORED:** Whitney Hickam Cruze, Central High graduate and Hardin Valley Academy head softball coach, was inducted in to the Carson-Newman University Athletic Hall of Fame Friday night.

**FBA SIGNEE:** Carter Grooms of First Baptist Academy has signed a baseball scholarship with The University of the Cumberland. He's an

outfielder and left-handed pitcher for the Eagles.

**HAWKINS COMMITS:** Karns' Trey Hawkins announced Thursday he has committed to play football at the University of the Cumberland. Hawkins was recruited as a cornerback and slot receiver.

**LIFT-A-THON:** Central players are currently taking pledges in a fund-raiser for its football program. A Lift-a-Thon will be held March 9-11.

"Players will max out in the bench press, squat and power clean and donations will be based on how they do in those lifts," said CHS Coach Nick Craney. "People can pledge so much per pound."

## Beavers stay alive with double-overtime win



PHOTO BY TRACY HEARD

Karns seniors Trey Hawkins (left) and Trey Harper celebrate the Beavers' exciting victory over Powell.

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finished with 24 points, including four 3-pointers. Freshman Ayden Greene chipped in 11.

Karns led 14-13 after one stop, but the Panthers' 3-2 matchup zone gave the Beavers fits in the second period and Powell pulled out to a 29-17 halftime lead.

Karns turned up its defensive pressure in the third quarter and got back in the game, slicing the Powell lead to one (37-36).

The fourth period stayed tight. A bank shot on a drive by Hawkins gave Karns a 46-45 lead, but a free throw by Parker Haley tied it with 14.9 seconds to go.

Hawkins was fouled with 0:00.2 on the clock but

missed a potential game winner.

In the first overtime, senior post Traven Jackson's rebound basket tied the score 53-all with 9.7 seconds to go. An off-balance jumper by Sutton missed the mark.

Karns built a six-point lead in the second OT, but Powell wouldn't quit. Sutton stuck in a 3-point shot from the left of the key. Hawkins hit one of two foul shots to make it 62-58 with 19.8 seconds left. Sutton responded with a 23-footer seven seconds later to make it a one-point game.

Hawkins drew a foul at 10.5 and that's when Coach Henson got in Bishop's ear about stopping

**MORE FOR MOORE:** Central junior guard Greg Moore poured in 25 points, including six 3-pointers, to lead the No. 3 seed Bobcats to a 56-43 win over Anderson County. Jaylon Harris and Darian Bailey added nine each and Te'Von Summers eight.

Central led by only two points with four minutes remaining but outscored the Mavericks 18-7 the rest of the way.

**LADY DEVILS WIN:** Halls toppled Campbell County 61-55 and Clinton eliminated Central 58-47 in the girls' quarterfinals Wednesday night to earn region berths.

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# Q&A with Gibbs running back Ethan Humphries

By Mark Nagi

Last week Gibbs stand-out Ethan Humphries signed with Centre College, a private, liberal arts college in Danville, Kentucky. Humphries ran for 1,433 yards and scored 14 touchdowns for the Eagles in 2019. We caught up with Humphries shortly after he made that very important decision.

**The Knoxville Focus:** Congratulations on your decision. Why did you choose Centre College?

**Ethan Humphries:** They've been with me... they were

my first offer ever since the beginning they felt like a different type of environment... and a different type of football to be played there partnered with academics and I just felt like family from the first moment.

**KF:** (Ethan has a 4.23 GPA and scored 29 in the ACT) You mentioned the academic aspect. How important was that to this decision?

**EH:** It's extremely important... that's one of the top things I looked at for school was academics. They call it the "Harvard of the South."

Something as great as Centre. It's hard to match.

**KF:** Where else were you looking during this process?

**EH:** I was also looking at Berry College in Rome, Georgia and then Union College (KY) offered me late, which was an option and then there were a few more than come up along the way.

**KF:** Where does that coaching staff at Centre College see you fitting in?

**EH:** So right now, coming in they see me being more of a power back and hopefully as I progress though

training and getting faster hopefully being all purpose back...

**KF:** Danville, Kentucky is about a 2 ½ hour drive from Knoxville. How much did the proximity play a factor in your decision?

**EH:** My parents would love for me to be close as I can but at the same time it is nice to be able to get away from it and have that full college experience and have something new. It wasn't a huge impact but at the same time it is nice to be able to come in and visit family on weekends if I can.

**KF:** What was that Gibbs High School football experience like?

**EH:** I wouldn't trade it for anything. It is a close, tight knit community. I can talk to the other guys like they are my brothers. It's just great to be able to come out and be recognized in the community as somebody that had the opportunity to make a difference.

**KF:** You are heading to Centre College in August. What will you be doing to prepare yourself for college football?

**EH:** I'm doing a lot of mobility work and agility

training with (former Powell HS standout) Dyshawn Mobley... just a lot of speed training work to work on that explosiveness.

**KF:** What kind of guidance did the coaches at Gibbs give you during this process?

**EH:** They were very helpful. They just wanted to make sure that I was doing what was best for me and not taking other people's opinions and let that be the guide instead of just letting myself find what was right for me.

## Gibbs' boys finish season in first-round district loss, 85-72, to Pigeon Forge

By Bill Howard

Any coach will tell you it's hard to win a game when you're constantly playing from behind. The Gibbs High School boys basketball team found that all too true Friday, Feb. 21, at home in the first round of the Class AA, Region 2, District 3 tournament.

Time and again the Eagles fell behind by 10 to 12 points, only then to make a run and pull within five or so. With 3:47 left in the game, Gibbs's Shawn Park made a layup to bring the Eagles to within four, 71-67. The Tigers then ran off nine straight points to seal the game. The final was 85-72.

The season-ending loss prevents the Eagles from making the regional tournament for the first time in three years. "It's

disappointing, especially for the five seniors that we have," said Gibbs' coach Timmy Meade. "They were the group that got us back to the region for the last two years when we hadn't been there for five years in a row."

Gibbs trailed 22-15 after one period. In the second, the Tigers twice led by 11, but an 11-2 run by Gibbs brought them to within two, 34-32, with 3:33 left. A 13-6 run by Forge to close out the half put the Tigers up 47-38 at intermission.

Twice in the third quarter Pigeon Forge led by 14, and it seemed they might pull away. But the Eagles clawed back to within seven with a 9-2 run. The quarter ended with Forge leading 60-51.

A 6-0 run by Gibbs early in the fourth cut the lead to a mere

three, 62-59. The game looked like it was going down to the wire. But Forge then scored seven straight to lead by 10. The nine-point late-game run put it away.

Game statistics can be misleading, but for the Eagles, they weren't. The Tigers shot almost 58% from the field for the game, while Gibbs shot just over 44%. From beyond the arc, the discrepancy was even more stark: Pigeon Forge was seven of 12 for a sizzling 58%, while Gibbs was only six of 21 for under 29 percent. The Tigers also had a sizable rebounding advantage as well: 38 to 20.

"We did," said Meade, when asked if his team shot too many 3s. "We settled rather than try to attack, and they didn't. They hit open shots when they got

em. They attacked us, they were smarter than us, whether it was outcoached, whatever you wanna call it. They executed better."

Pigeon Forge was also better from the free-throw line: almost 82% to under 63% for Gibbs.


"They're a good team," said Meade. "Sometimes basketball is about matchups. You gotta take your hat off to them, they played good. They made shots. Unfortunately we ran into a matchup that wasn't great for us ... just the size, and getting beat on rebounds."

Four Pigeon Forge players got 77 of the team's total, led by the game's leading scorer, Hussein Al-Sultani, with 23. Chris Creswell got 20, Blake Staininger added 19 and Avery Bohanan chipped in

15. Staininger also pulled down 16 rebounds while Al-Sultani got 11.


Gibbs was led by Park with 20, while Dawson Warwick got 15. Mikey Robinson got 14, while Caden Cupp added 10. Colton Qualls led the Eagles with seven boards.

"We didn't finish on some games I thought we should have," said Meade, reflecting on the season. "Out of district we played pretty good, we had some pretty good wins. I felt like we were starting to play good, it just didn't happen tonight. I'm proud of this group of seniors, all five of them. It's gonna be tough to see them go."



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### The Crats

Even though I'm a science-based guy, I've come to appreciate language and words. I don't know where this came from. My brother is also a science guy, and admits he doesn't get good vibes from poetry or lofty prose. By contrast, I do, at least now.

I believe my transformation was made possible by what I learned as a kid coupled with a liberal arts education. There is a memorable passage by the Proverbist. He said, "Train a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Perhaps it was subliminal, but I must have learned something that stuck with me during fourteen years of formal English education (twelve before college and two in college).

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Language is a city, to the building of which every human brought a stone." I've come to

appreciate the artistic arrangement of words and phrases, the use of simile and metaphor, as well as irony, alliteration, puns and paradox. These figures of speech enliven (a metaphor) and give substance to prose, as well as adding nuanced understanding and beauty.

Just as humans are formed with organs and molecules are made from atoms, words are constructed from building blocks. Democrats claim they ascribe to democracy. This term derives from the Greek word *demokratia* which means people and *kratia* (cracy) translates as power. Hence, the people have the power. Bernie's Bros may think otherwise if their candidate is again denied the Democrat party's Presidential nomination as happened in 2016. But I wonder about such things because Bernie Sanders is not a Democrat. He's an Independent running as a

Democrat.

As I watched the recent Las Vegas Democrat debate, I thought about the word plutocrat. This seems to apply to "Doomberg" er... Michael Bloomberg. A plutocrat is a person whose power is derived from their wealth (Webster). Bloomberg's wealth bought him a ticket to the Democrat dance (metaphor), but he looked like a deer in the headlight (simile) during the political attack of Faux-cahontas (pun) aka Elizabeth Warren. She was on the war path and took his scalp! It may be wrong, but a frisson of *schadenfreude* resonates in me today (These are good words; look them up).

An autocrat is a ruler with absolute power, such as a dictator or a king. China's communist dictator Xi Jinping is an autocrat, meaning rule by one. Bloomberg, who has huge business relationships with China, once said that Xi Jinping must answer to his constituency, the Chinese people. Bloomberg is either incredibly naive or his statements are duplicitous.

Americans take for granted our inherited philosophy of English common law where even "the President is not above the law." Nancy Pelosi and Democrats seem to have adopted this phrase as their mantra in their incessant

pursuit of their Moby Dick (personification), Donald Trump.

European law is different and descends from Roman law where Caesar's rule is absolute. This is why you never want to be tried at the Hague.

We have a representative republic. We vote for those who are supposed to listen to and represent us. A republic is a system of government predicated on the rule of law. I've come to question whether Washington cares for what WE The People think. And apparently there is a different tier of Justice for Hillary Clinton, the FBI's Comey and McCabe, and the proverbial John Q. Public. Perhaps we now live under an autocracy headed by unelected, elitist, Deep State bureaucrats.

A technocrat is a member of a technically skilled elite group, especially one concerned with management or administration. I hate to pile on (metaphor) "mini-Mike," though all the Democrats are doing so. However, Bloomberg seems to deserve the bashing after insulting farmers, factory workers, and machinists in addition to women, gays and people of color. He'll probably get around to insulting white, Anglo-Saxon protestants like me, eventually - if he survives the Democrat circular

firing squad. The urbane billionaire and former three term mayor of NY City (he bought the third term) believes information technology is of a higher order than the work of plebes who grow his food, manufacture his iPhone or generate the electricity to power it. Unfortunately, WE The People have delegated our republic to elitists and unelected political technocrats like the NSC's Colonel Vindman, recently fired by President Trump.

I am struck by the contrast between President Trump's positive message of Make America Great and the Democrat message of gloom with their persona of anger. Facts reveal that America is better off after three years of Trump than eight years of Obama. The former President is now even claiming credit for the Trump economic boom!

And what do the Democrats propose? They want more taxes (Washington never seems to have enough money), to ban fracking which has made America energy independent, to throw out the rule of law, unless you are an illegal alien, to abandon national borders and send our jobs and prosperity to China in the pursuit of globalism. The platforms of Democrats like Bernie, Faux-cahontas, Buttigieg and Klobuchar are

dangerous. Biden is just pitiable. And Mini-Mike is actually not-so-smart, but is just a rich, condescending prig whose party alliance vacillates like Bernie's and Piere Dilecto's (Mitt Romney's Twitter nom de guere).

These days there's a lot of "crat" (euphemism) out there, and it's hard to discern what is the truth. Pilate once asked Jesus, "What is truth" (John 18:38)? Was Pilate seeking facts, being philosophical or was he just being a snarky, autocratic skeptic? Read the passage and seek Jesus' answer.

I seek the truth everyday as I read more than a dozen newspapers and information blogs. I try to gather data and then sift reports through the lens of experience, tradition, reason and scripture. John Wesley used these techniques (the Wesleyan Quadrilateral) in his pursuit of truth and the ineffable. I now apply these when scanning the "windows" on the world and sifting the news.

There is a cautious old saw that seems so applicable these days and especially in an election season. It goes, "if it's too good to be true, it probably is." As a citizen I work to stay informed. I challenge you to do so as well.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at [fergusonj@knoxfocus.com](mailto:fergusonj@knoxfocus.com)

# Overcoming Frustration

There are many things in life that can lead to frustration. These moments can cause you to have "give up moments." These are moments where life is not going your way and you are having a bad day or season of life and you want to give up. The good news is this, you are not alone. Everyone goes through moments of frustration. But how do you overcome frustration?



By Mark Brackney, Minister of the Arlington Church of Christ

being spread throughout Asia and then Europe (Acts 16-18), it is met with barriers. These barriers of frustration and discouragement could have easily caused the apostle Paul and his fellow missionaries, Silas and Timothy, to give up. But instead of giving up, they continued to share the gospel wherever they went, despite the hardships and persecutions they endured.

In the city of Philippi, one of Paul's favorite churches and the recipient

later of Paul's letter of joy to the Philippian church, Paul and Silas ended up being stripped, beaten with rods, and thrown into prison overnight. Was Paul discouraged? You couldn't tell because they were worshipping God in the middle of the night in the jail where they sat chained, bloodied, and hurting. They knew that faith in Jesus doesn't keep you from suffering or stop people from doing evil things. What faith can do is change how you face suffering. God was with Paul and Silas in the midst of their suffering and how they handled that suffering made a huge difference on others

around them. The Roman jailer, in particular, and his family were baptized later that night due to the example of Paul and Silas.

In the next three cities of Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens, Paul is met with frustration after frustration and discouragement. Only a handful of people come to Christ in Athens while many make fun of Paul. Four cities and four difficult ministries. You might think Paul would have been ready to give up and head back to Antioch from where he started. But instead, Paul heads to Corinth, and has such a successful ministry

there that he remains for eighteen months.

What caused Paul to stay in spite of the initial lack of reception in Corinth? It was a vision from the Lord. This vision included three important things. First, Paul was commanded not to fear but to continue his ministry. He was to keep going despite the frustration (Acts 18:9). Second, Paul was promised that God would be with Him because there were many in this city who needed to hear the gospel. Third, this was a message of divine assurance. The vision did not say the worst was behind, but

that God would preserve Paul. Sometimes the road is tough because we are on the wrong road and we need to get off. Sometimes the road is tough because we are on the right road and we just need to dig in and keep going.

Thankfully, God gives us the strength and divine assurance when we are weak to help us overcome the barriers of frustration and discouragement - be it our jobs, families, relationships, sport teams, or churches. We need to remember where our victory comes from. Don't give up. God is with you. Keep leaning on Him.



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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**JOHN DAVID SHIPE -Vs- BETTY DUBBERLY SHIPE**  
**Docket# 147818**  
**IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant BETTY DUBBERLY SHIPE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon BETTY DUBBERLY SHIPE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by JOHN DAVID SHIPE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with L. CLAY WHITE, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is P.O. BOX 20701 KNOXVILLE, TN 37940, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication.

This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks. This the 29TH day of JANUARY, 2020.

Mike Hammond Clerk  
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### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**BOBBY JUNIOR HODGE, Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**TIMISIDA GRACE ATKINS, Defendant.**  
**Case No. 7132**  
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is verified, that the Defendant, Timishia Grace Atkins, is unknown or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him.

IT IS ORDERED that said Defendant, Timishia Grace Atkins, file an answer with the Clerk of the Chancery Court at Maynardville, Tennessee and with Travis D. Patterson, an Attorney whose address is:

P.O. Box 70586 Knoxville, Tennessee 37938, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice or the same will be taken for confessed as to Defendant and judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before the Chancery Court, 901 Main Street, Maynardville, Tennessee 37807. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

ENTERED 15TH day of January, 2020.

Sandra Edmondson CLERK

Travis D. Patterson, Esq.  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
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### NOTICE

**Cause No. CE-29074**  
**In the Circuit Court of Blount County, Tennessee**  
**Adoption of Lochlan Noah Perez** DOB 12/18/2011  
**By: Eduardo Jose Perez and Maritza Vidal Perez, Petitioners**  
**v. Stephanie Nicole Perez, Respondent.**

In this cause, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that Respondent Stephanie Nicole Perez, residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in The Knoxville Focus a newspaper published in Knoxville and Knox County, Tennessee, notifying Respondent Stephanie Nicole Perez to file an answer with this court and a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Julia Spannaus, Esq., whose address is PO Box 4595 Maryville, TN 37802, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said Respondent. If there is no answer, a hearing on Petitioner's motion for default judgment shall be heard on April 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.. Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of Respondent's parental rights to the child referenced above.

Clerk, Blount County Clerk and Master

### NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

**ROBERT LEE GILMORE -Vs- WENDY MICHELLE GILMORE**

**Docket # 148265**  
**IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

In this cause, it appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant WENDY MICHELLE GILMORE is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon WENDY M. GILMORE.

IT IS ORDERED that said defendant file an answer to an action of COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE filed by ROBERT L. GILMORE, Plaintiff herein, with the Fourth Circuit Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with ROBERT L. GILMORE/PRO SE, Plaintiffs Attorney whose address is 8803 CORRYTON RD., LOT#6, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, and if you do not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against you on the thirtieth (30th) day after the fourth (4th) publication. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This the 20TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

Mike Hammond Clerk  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BOLING**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82684-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of DOROTHY JEAN BOLING who died Jan 16, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of 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 this first publication; or

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

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BOLING**  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)**  
**CHARLES MICHAEL BOLING;**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
**1024 DALLAM AVENUE NW**  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF BRIGITT COWDEN GIAQUINTO**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82593-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BRIGITT COWDEN GIAQUINTO who died Dec 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF BRIGITT COWDEN GIAQUINTO**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) CLINT LARUE; ADMINISTRATOR 8501 TROUT DRIVE MASCOT, TN. 37806**

**EVAN M NEWMAN ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 6 RUTLEDGE, TN. 37861**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF LEONARD EDWIN GODDARD**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82688-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LEONARD EDWIN GODDARD who died Nov 19, 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 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF LEONARD EDWIN GODDARD**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BARBARA ANNE ARMSTRONG; EXECUTRIX 7338 MANDERLY WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM F JONES**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82682-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM F JONES who died Dec 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 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 WILLIAM F JONES**

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS SUE MCMILLAN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82679-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of PHYLLIS SUE MCMILLAN who died Jan 5, 2020, 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 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS SUE MCMILLAN**

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF MARYE MILLER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82661-1**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARYE MILLER who died Dec 6, 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 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF MARYE MILLER**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DOROTHY K JOHNSON; EXECUTRIX 9106 EMORY ROAD NE CORRYTON, TN. 37721**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JESSE SHERDEN MISE**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82677-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JESSE SHERDEN MISE who died Nov 29, 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 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JESSE SHERDEN MISE**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DOUGLAS EARL HINSHAW; EXECUTOR 239 N BROADWAY STREET STERLING, KS 67579**

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HARRY ALVIN NEWLIN**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82672-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of HARRY ALVIN NEWLIN who died Oct 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2020

**ESTATE OF HARRY ALVIN NEWLIN**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JUDY ANN NEWLIN; EXECUTRIX 402 HAMILTON ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOHN L REEDY JR.**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82579-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOHN L REEDY, JR. who died Oct 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 6 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JOHN L REEDY, JR.**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SYLVIA HALL; CO-EXECUTRIX 6113 MONT RICKER AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918**

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**ESTATE OF LEROY SANDERS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82683-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LEROY SANDERS who died Jan 14, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF LEROY SANDERS**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRUCE A SANDERS; ADMINISTRATOR 4417 TYNEMOUTH DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37914**

**KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 39 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF STEPHEN HOWARD STORMER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82674-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of STEPHEN HOWARD STORMER who died Dec 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.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2020

**ESTATE OF STEPHEN HOWARD STORMER**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DAVID LEE SMITH; EXECUTOR 221 S CARTER SCHOOL ROAD STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871**

**PATRICK G NOEL ATTORNEY AT LAW 1816 W CLINCH AVENUE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37916**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY TOLBERT**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82543-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES HENRY TOLBERT who died Nov 19, 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 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JAMES HENRY TOLBERT**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) EVELYN KEELER; EXECUTRIX 848 BARKSDALE DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918**

**RACHEL SANDERS ATTORNEY AT LAW 1348 DOWELL SPRINGS BLVD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37909**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR.**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82698-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR. who died Aug 4, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH R ANDERSON, JR.**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JULIE ANDERSON; EXECUTRIX 5432 SUMMITRIDGE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BETTY J WHITE; ADMINISTRATRIX 2704 MARY EMILY LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37924**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF JEANS WHITTAKER**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82686-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 5 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEANS WHITTAKER who died Dec 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 5 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JEANS WHITTAKER**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) STUART J THOMPSON; EXECUTOR 12313 SINGING HILLS POINT KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ANTHONY LEROY ALEXANDER WILLIAMS**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82680-2**

Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ANTHONY LEROY ALEXANDER WILLIAMS who died Jan 17, 2020, 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 4 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF ANTHONY LEROY ALEXANDER WILLIAMS**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNA WILLIAMS; ADMINISTRATRIX 712 W MEADECREST DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923**

**JILL R TALLEY ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 1490 DANDRIDGE, TN. 37725**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF NANCY CAROLYN WORLEY**  
**DOCKET NUMBER 82675-3**

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY CAROLYN WORLEY who died Dec 5, 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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**Where:** Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway, Knoxville.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF RICHARD R SPEARS**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82699-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 10 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of RICHARD R SPEARS who died Dec. 25, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against 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 date of the decedent's date of death. This the 10 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF RICHARD R SPEARS**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
BRIAN SPEARS; EXECUTOR  
208 WAKEFIELD ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF JACK E STERLING**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82693-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JACK E STERLING who died Jan 9, 2020, 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 FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF JACK E STERLING**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ROBERT LINDON STERLING;  
EXECUTOR 4659 TOPSAIL WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF MARY JANE TRAINOR**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82487-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of MARY JANE TRAINOR who died Aug 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 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 14 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF MARY JANE TRAINOR**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HILLARY CHARLOTTE TRAINOR;  
ADMINISTRATRIX 937 26TH AVENUE  
SEATTLE, WA 98122

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF MARY JANE TRAINOR**  
DOCKET NUMBER 81655-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of NORMA BEACHEL TURNER who died Jan 9, 2020, 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 NORMA BEACHEL TURNER**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
MELODY SUE TURNER; ADMINISTRATRIX  
327 RICHMOND AVENUE  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37921

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF HAROLD M WIMBERLY, JR.**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82709-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of HAROLD M WIMBERLY, JR. who died Jan 24, 2020, 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 12 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF HAROLD M WIMBERLY, JR.**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
HAROLD C WIMBERLY; ADMINISTRATOR  
521 ECHO VALLEY ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN. 37923

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY DEAN WOODS**  
DOCKET NUMBER 82687-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 11 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of SHIRLEY DEAN WOODS who died Dec 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 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 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY DEAN WOODS**  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)  
ADAM NEWCOMB; EXECUTOR  
653 RUNNING BROOK DRIVE  
STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN. 37871

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 13, 2020 @ 2:00 PM @ Cedar Bluff Towing, Inc. 623 Simmons Road Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2005 Che Silver 2GCEK13T152137507  
2004 Nis Altim 1N4AL11D84C136038  
1998 Hon Civic 2HGJ6347WH101580  
2016 Hyu Velos KMHTC6AD4G2U73126  
2014 Kia Optima 5XGGM4E2EG282377  
1999 For Explo 1FMYU24E4XC59985  
1999 Jee Grand 1J4GW58N8XC629468  
2004 Pon Grand 2G2WR524441188999  
2007 Toy Rav4 JTMZD31V376046503  
1997 Maz B-Ser 4F4CR12A1VTM20314  
2003 Bui LeSab 1G4HP54K43U235775  
2004 For Exped 1FMFU18L14LA29638  
2003 For F-150 1FTRW07L53KA96576  
2001 Nis Altim 1N4DL01D71C120734  
2011 Kia Rio KNADH4A39B6731307  
1996 Mer C-Cla WDBHA22E6TF315020  
2006 Dod Grand 1D4GP24R86B617337  
2013 Dod Aveng 1C3CDZAB5DN712801  
2000 For Explo 1FMZU63EYXUB12293  
2002 Che Trail 1GNDT13S24232914  
2006 Toy Sienn 5TD2A23C16S491996  
2008 For Focus 1FAHP33N48W115397  
2000 Hon Odysys 2HKRL1861YH536418  
2006 Che Avala 3GNEC12256G149384  
2000 Dod Ram V 2B7J211Y0YK168309  
2007 Maz Mazda JM1BK32F671679797  
2004 Hyu Santa KM8SC73E24U579213  
2009 BMW 5 ser WBANW13549C151131  
2008 Kia Soren KNDJC735385791196  
2006 Dod Grand 2D4GP44L46R816104  
1999 Nis Front 1GND026S3C308201  
2002 Che Blaze 1GNDT13W62K124531  
2010 For Fusio 3FAHP0JA9AR310807  
2017 For Salem 4X4P3MD20HA318632  
2000 For Focus 1FAFP34PYW232764  
2002 Hon Civic 2HGES2672H561285

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

In compliance with TCA 66-14-102 thru 66-14-106 the following cars will be sold on March 13, 2020 @ 2:00 PM @ Chestnut Street Transport & Recovery, Inc. 2430 Thornrove Pike Knoxville, TN if total bill is not paid by date of sale.

2001 Maz Mille JM1TA221411703222  
1999 Toy Camry 4T1BF22K1XU079839  
2002 Che Malib 1G1ND52J82M524384  
1998 Che Caval 1G1JC5246W7119429  
2003 For Explo 1FMZU65W83A83779  
2002 Nis Sentr 3N1BAU1002L202888  
2006 Aud A3 WAUHF79P6A003006  
1999 Cad Devil 1G6K054Y9XU721871  
1996 Acu Integ JH4DC4460T5024532  
2007 Nis Altim 1N4AL1597C158613  
2009 Toy Corol 1NXBU40E0954859  
2009 Dod Grand 2D8HM44E09R535626  
1997 Jee Grand 1J4F5856V532247  
1990 For F-150 1FTDF15N4LN886656  
2004 Che Tahoe 1GNK13244J116874  
1999 For Musta 1FAFP4049XF188109  
1995 Maz Prote JM1BA1413S0173450  
2002 Acu RSX JH4DC53022C025581  
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**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON, March 11, 2020 11:00 AM AT YOUR EXTRA STORAGE (starts at Cedar Bluff location): CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE

254 Harry Lane Blvd. Knoxville TN 37923:  
A04 Elizabeth Stamps, I22 Richard Neal, F50 Thomas Burrell, F51 Tara Kinsella, G13 Brian Bresnan, G12 Patricia Bower, E24 Artie Sapp, A45 William Doucette : 7144 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville TN 37849: DC 25 David McFall, D61 Sherry Park, E19 Kathy Minor, G33 Tina Waldron, F22 Madison Dotson: 4303 E. Emory Rd. Knoxville TN. 37938: F04 Shane Canter, E12 William Creameas, E26 Brian Henderson, E21 Warren McKee, D21 Amy Overton, H05 April Pollock. J29 Kristy Watlington.  
CASH ONLY 865-691-0444

**LEGAL SECTION 94**

Knox County will receive bids for the following items & services:  
Bid 2936, Channel Encoders, due 3/25/20.  
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).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee Meeting, March 10, 2020**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Technical Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN. The full Agenda will be available on the TPO website 5-7 days prior to the meeting and can be found here: <https://knoxtpo.org/boards-and-committees/>. If you would like a copy of the final Agenda please contact the TPO. If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability please notify the TPO three business days in advance of the meeting and we will be glad to work with you in obliging any reasonable request.  
865-215-2694 or [dori.caron@knoxplanning.org](mailto:dori.caron@knoxplanning.org).