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Super Tuesday winners. Republicans celebrate victory at Tuesday night's election party at the Crowne Plaza. Winners included Kyle Hixson, Eric Lutton, John R. Whitehead, Terry Hill, David Buuck, Kyle Ward and Carson Dailey.

Knox County Republicans celebrate Super Tuesday victories

By Ken Lay

Buuck came one step closer to replacing the term-limited Bud Armstrong as Knox County Law Director as he defeated Cathy Quist Shanks in the Republican Primary on Super Tuesday.

Now, Buuck faces a challenge from Jackson Fenner. Fenner, an Independent, recently entered the race but Buuck is confident that he can prevail in the August general election.

"I'll have to face an Independent who has thrown his hat into the race," said Buuck, who got 60% of the primary vote against Quist Shanks. "But I'm not really worried about it.

"I'll obviously have to respond to his campaign, but usually August, but said that he was ocrat Courtney Durrett this

when you win the Republican primary in Knox County, you usually win the general election."

Upon accepting the party's nomination, Buuck said that he would be "the people's lawyer," and added, "I look forward to representing the people of Knox County."

He has also vowed to carry on the work started by Armstrong, under whom he served in the Knox County Law Director's Office.

In other races, John R. Whitehead was re-elected to serve as Knox County's Property Assessor. He soundly defeated Tina Marshall, picking up more than 71% of the vote.

He'll run unopposed in

glad that his election process has finally come to an end.

"I'm excited," said Whitehead, who will serve a fourth term as property assessor. "I'm glad we can all get back to living our lives again. I'm glad that we can all sleep at night again.

"And I'm glad that I won't have to work another pool."

On Knox County Commission, Carson Dailey, Terry Hill, Richie Beeler and Grant Rosenberg all ran unopposed Tuesday night.

Dailey (District 9), Hill (District 6) and Beeler (District 8), who did not attend Tuesday night's election party at the Crowne Plaza, will all be unopposed again in August.

Rosenberg will face Dem-

summer to replace the seat being vacated by the term-limited Michele Carringer.

In District 5, John Schoonmaker, the incumbent, edged Clayton Wood in the primary. Schoonmaker will face Democrat Kimberly Peterson in August.

In the District 4 race, Kyle Ward beat Scott Broyles in the primary and he'll face Todd Frommeyer in the general election.

Kyle Hixson will be the next **Division II Criminal Court Judge** as he defeated Wesley Stone in the primary.

Eric Lutton defeated Rhonda Lee in the primary and will face Sherif Guindi, an Independent, in August for the Public Defender office.

Two Veteran Memorials to be Dedicated at Fulton High **School**

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

"It all started with John Schlatter, a **Fulton High School** alumni. He's done all the research and we started to solicit funds," explained Ronnie Collins, a fellow former Fulton student and Vietnam era veteran.

Fulton lost seven

former students

during the Vietnam

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Ronnie Collins, a

Fulton High School 1968 graduate, will host the dedication of two veteran memorials at the school later this month.

fare. The alumni of the school has decided to honor those killed, those who served there, and all veterans who attended classes there.

Collins said funds were raised, over \$8,000, and two monuments will be unveiled there on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Collins and the Fulton High School Alumni Association.

"The monuments are black granite, like the Vietnam Wall, and will have the names of those who lost their lives in the war," Collins said. Another monument will honor all the veterans who served.

A ceremony is planned and the monuments will be on the Broadway side of the school.

This Thursday, at 5:55 p.m., WBIR Channel 10 will interview four Fulton veterans, two of them who served in Vietnam.

Housing on **City Council** Agenda

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knoxville City Project for authorizing Mayor Thomas Boyd. Indya Kincannon to Drive.

The one property at 4104 part of the Homemaker match from the city. Program.

from a resolution calling for \$642,752 in Historic Preservation Awards. The program supports property improvements to eligible historic

properties within the city. The completion of the Fort Kid Renovation mav get Council may award some attention with \$1.4 million to develop a memorandum of a 49-unit complex for Understanding between affordable housing for the city, Public Building low income residents. Authority, Knoxville The resolution calls Museum of Art and

The mayor may be sign an agreement with authorized to apply Burlington Commons for \$332,727 in funds GP LLC using Affordable from the state Office Rental Development of Criminal Justice Funds, to build the Programs for salaries and complex at 4530 Holston benefits for the Victim Service Coordinator and council may three Victim Associates also approve selling for traveling, training, services and supplies. Porter Avenue to Debra The award, if approved, Haynes for \$19,000 as requires an \$83,181

The council may Historic houses and also authorize Mayor buildings may benefit Kincannon to apply for some federal funds to help expand and improve security at schools. She may also get approval to apply for federal funding

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BOE Work Session Receives Teacher Advisory Input

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

Six of the nine board members convened as the March 4 meeting began with a brief moment of silence and speaking the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members then approved the agenda before opening the floor to Superintendent Bob Thomas to give his report. He began with announcements before introducing two members of the Teacher Advisory Council.

Thomas reminded attendees of a Disparities in Educational Outcomes meeting which was scheduled at Fulton High School on March 5. To watch this conversation and hear a presentation followed by

other topics, visit the Knox County Schools Twitter page. His next announcement was regarding KCS hosting a budget meeting for the public. The community will receive an update on the 2020-2021 school budget with a time for questions and answers on Thursday, March 12, at Gresham Middle School at 5:30 p.m. Although the KCS Recruitment Fair took place already on March 7, Thomas highlighted a \$7,000 incentive for new special education teachers and a \$5,000 bonus for speech language therapists, otologists, school sociologists, and vision

sessions focusing on dis- was KCS Spring Break Schools. cipline, school culture, and scheduled for March 16-20.

> members of the TAC, who have each served on the council for two years, was the focus of the work session. They described to the board the progress made after the TAC has met five times this school year. Laurie Smith, kindergarten report was divided into teacher at Cedar Bluff Elementary School, and Lynn Shuryan, who works at Norwood Elementary School as a behavioral specialist, both explained parts of the report. The council has 21 members and is designed to give a voice to educators and to aid the administration in making the best decisions for Knox County

"The TAC is very valuable in providing us, the staff, Presentations by two me, insight into issues that are going on in the classroom and concerns that our teachers have, and it's been very productive to have and because of this, it helps form our budget process too," said Thomas.

Shuryan explained the a general discussion, an elementary school, middle school, and high school concerns discussions, and overall general discussion and concerns. Listed first were items that addressed what KCS does well, such as a 4% teacher raise, the autonomy within different schools, communication <u>Continued on page 2</u>



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By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knox County Commission will have one new member following a muchwatched District 1 primary race. Dr. Dasha Lundy defeated incumbent Evelyn Gill in the Democratic primary. She goes on to face Independent Reginald Jackson in the August general election.

Commissioner Gill replaced Commissioner Sam McKenzie who was term limited. Her former teaching record and service on the Joint Education Committee were challenged by fellow Commissioner Larsen Jay although she had been exonerated by the law department.

Lundy's win, backed by several City Council Movement members, indicates a possible change in politics for East everyone that Knoxville.

She was born and raised in East Knoxville and has a master's degree and a doctorate in a physical therapy from Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Lundy serves as president of the Burlington Residents Association and is board secretary of the League of Women Voters.

Lundy serves as project advisor for the East Knoxville Community Development Group with the Future of Hope Institute, an Urban Alliance program. She's a proponent of preserving history.

"I am excited to be joining the commission! Although I have another race to win in August, I know that District 1 voters will step up again to vote me in. I am

break to rest but I will be on the campaign trail soon," Lundy told The Focus.

"I am looking forward to advocating for a stronger District 1. I am ready to collaborate with all government entities in order to make sure the needs of the people are met. I want to remind We Are 1! This is not my victory. This is OUR Victory!"

With chang- Election. ing politics in

District 1, the only commission district totally within the city of Knoxville, other opponents to elected Democrats are emerging. Former Commissioner McKenzie has a petition to oppose District 15's state Representative Rick Staples in that upcoming August state primary. Fellow Democrat activist Matthew Park is also in that primary. Another community organizer and activist, Michael Covington, has a petition as an Independent.



Dr. Dasha Lundy may be a new face and voice on the Knox County Commission, defeating Commissioner Evelyn Gill in last week's Democratic Primary. She will face Independent Reginald Jackson in the August General

Teacher Advisory Input Cont. from page 1 upgrading; and increased morale too," she added.

BOE Work Session Receives

within schools, the help- funding for the arts and fulness of the Helen Ross CTE. McNabb contract, KCS portfolios, maintenance response, summer training for teachers, and textbook adoptions.

Elementary concerns and discussions based on those concerns were covered by Smith. These issues revolved around: behavior supports; therapeutic crisis intervention (TCI) training; cultural support teams; understanding baby brains with neonatal abstinence syndrome; and restorative intervention. Middle school concerns were low numbers of minority students having access to honor classes, and response to interven- therapists and fourteen icies, grants and regution.

High school concerns stated were: moving the direction of CTE back to elementary classes; CTE courses shifting to advanced coursework and not industrial only; facilities in the community

Overall the council discovered KCS needed to improve the consistency and policy enforcement at each school. Another constant expressed in the report was the increase in students with behavioral issues; the need for support for staff members who are experiencing trauma;

and support for students who are receiving secondary trauma. Smith said it seemed people are added to the caseload every day at her school, "We are seeing a much higher caseload with our SPED teachers." The need to cover school caseloads is great with 23 mental health profession-

als in the KCS system. "It is an ongoing concern because behavior is escalating. It's not just at one school, it's not just on one side of the community, ... it's across the board," said Shuryan. "I think finally, it page at twitter.com/Knoxareas of the school needing all comes down to staff

Report items that showed inconclusive effectiveness was the shifting of principals between schools, and micro-team concepts. Also, the idea was given to use the cultural competent training funds for behavior support teams instead.

March 9, 2020

Chairperson Horn said none of the issues were a surprise to the board members. Discussion sparked by Member Hill included district-wide TCI training, changes made to the IEP, expanding resources by visiting other schools to discover new de-escalation strategies, and more teachers to complete the full TCI training.

All contracts, board pollar agenda items were approved, and no participants or board members spoke during the public forum or board forum scheduled times.

To watch the work session, visit the KCS Twitter schools.

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Mike McMillan Reelected to School Board



Publisher publisher@knoxfocus.com

Mike McMillan was reelected to the Knox County Board of Education last week to a new fouryear term. McMillan defeated two opponents, Adam Brown and Leon Daugherty, finally winning with more than 57% of the

to campaign personally, as he was recovering from a bout of flu and pneumonia that kept the veteran former county commissioner and board member bedridden for most of the election cycle. McMillan was already recovering from having been successfully treated for throat and lung cancer, so his immune system had been seriously weakened when he caught the flu.

Well on the road to recovery, McMillan was elated by the results and thanked all of his campaign volunteers and the people of the Eighth District.

"I sure am grateful," McMillan said. "I have always tried hard to do all vote. The remarkable thing That's been my philosophy

was the fact he was unable County Board of Education. Carter Middle School. It was I am the Eighth District's voice on the board, not the board's voice in the Eighth District."

> McMillan has won a well-deserved reputation for constituent service, following up with those residents of his district who contact him about any matter. Along the way, Mike McMillan has also kept an eye on projects for his district. It was McMillan who finally won the battle for a new Gibbs Middle School for that community after twenty-five years. As thenmayor Tim Burchett said, "There would be no Gibbs Middle School without Mike McMillan."

McMillan also fought for I can to be helpful to folks. a new Carter Elementary School, as well as guiding about McMillan's victory as a member of the Knox extensive renovations for

Mike McMillan who led the charge to save the Career Magnet Academy in Straw Plains when superintendent Bob Thomas pondered McMillan's closing it. allies in that fight were the students who flooded Board members with emails and proved to be quite well spoken during the board's public forum. Modestly, McMillan gave the credit to the students.

Even while confined to a hospital bed, McMillan occupied himself by penning notes to constituents to thank them for any kindness. Even while being treated for cancer, Mike McMillan did not miss any board meetings. Frustrated while ill with pneumonia, McMillan grumbled about missing meetings. Still, he

kept his eye on anything he believed was important to the Eighth District.

"Their stories, their life stories, were incredibly compelling," McMillan insisted. "The change they illustrated in telling those stories couldn't help but move a person. A person would have to be heartless not to recognize just what those students had accomplished."

At the time, McMillan expressed his concern that Thomas wanted to close the Career Magnet Academy. "It was the school system who spent literally millions of dollars to get that school up and running, then they didn't support it the way they should have and expressed surprise when it wasn't doing better," McMillan complained.

It was Mike McMillan who authored the amendment adopted by the board of education after months of contentious meetings to end discrimination in the schools. Largely quiet and unassuming, Mike McMillan's persistence, attention and devotion to the people who elected him paid off last week. Realizing McMillan's successes and effectiveness, the people chose to reelect him to another term.

"I can't begin to tell you how happy I am and how much I appreciate it," McMillan said. "I will continue to do all I can for the folks who elected me and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart."

GUEST OP ED

To Elect or To Appoint: That is the Question!

before the newly formed Knox County Charter Review Committee is whether the office of the Law Director should remain an elected office or changed to an appointed position.

The recent controversy between current Law Director Bud Armstrong and Mayor Glenn Jacobs illustrate exactly why the Law Director should remain an elected office. Consider that if the Law Director was appointed, the voting public would have never heard about the concerns at issue in the Armstrong-Jacobs dispute.

Whether one sides with Armstrong or Jacobs, the publicity of the two competing views results from the elected nature of their offices. The disagreement is a political one that deserves the attention of voters.

An important principle of the Knox County Charter is the intentional fragmentation of the executive functions of government across multiple offices where only a few executive functions are under the Mayor and other other hand conduct the bulk of This fragmentation leads to intra- tion, bond issuance, licensing, lar election of Row Offices in executive friction as political and law enforcement.

One topic that is likely to come disagreements arise between offices.

> This point may seem a bit odd as voters are likely more familiar with the unitary executive of the President at the federal level. The Knox County Mayor is not a unitary executive, and comparisons of the Mayor to the President as a chief executive are flawed.

The Charter divides the executive into the Mayor and then multiple Row Offices, which include Trustee, Register of Deeds, Clerks, Sheriff, Property Assessor, and Law Director. The Row Offices are not subordinate to the Mayor but rather stand on equal ground and thus equal accountability to voters.

The main line of division among these offices is authority over the purse and legal services of the county. The Mayor has the purse, and the Row Offices provide the legal services.

The Mayor serves as the main financial officer of the county while also overseeing non-legal services such as parks and roads. The Row Offices on the

"finance and fun" while the Row sweeping the nation. At that time, Offices are responsible for the Row Offices were appointed in "dirty work" of taxation and licensing.

cient way to run a business? The movement to increase democraanswer is "no", but the retort is that government is not a business.

County government has the power to tax and imprison citizens. No business has--nor should have--such power, and government should not wield this power with a business-like preference for efficiency above all else. A little inefficiency in government is a good thing.

So while the fragmented executive as outlined in the Charter may lead to inefficiencies such as the squabble between Armstrong and Jacobs, the resulting public debate across intraexecutive offices is a healthy outcome that makes county government more open and effective. 72% of Knox County voters reject-The Armstrong-Jacobs debate ed efforts to switch to appointinforms voters.

The concept of the fragmented Charter Review Committee took executive and associated direct up debate as well and also chose functions are under other offices. legal services such as tax collec- election is not new. The popu- to table the issue. A change in the Charter is a Tennessee dates back to 1835 major step that should not be

Tennessee's counties.

The popularity of Andrew Jack-Is this fragmentation an effi- son, however, ushered in a new tization of the American political process, particularly at the local level. As a result, the Tennessee Legislature and later amendments to the Tennessee Constitution changed the Row Offices to elected positions.

> The argument at the time, which still rings true today, is that local government is closer to the people where direct elections are more effective, and a fragmented executive thereby gives voters more choice and democratic control.

> A long and compelling history in Tennessee affirms this argument. First in 1990, Knox County adopted the Charter with clear election of Row Offices. Later, in 2008 ment. Then again in 2012, the

The Mayor is responsible for when Jacksonian democracy was taken lightly. As such, the National Civic League in their "Guide for Charter Commissions" admonishes committees to resist "kneejerk" changes in response to recent problems.

The emotional reactions to the Armstrong-Jacobs feud should not compel a wholesale change in our Charter. Rather, statesman-like wisdom should take the long view that elections rather than appointments are the foundation of good local government.

The Charter Review Committee should avoid party politics and maintain sound election principles for long term structural success of Knox County and avoid appointment bandaids for near term political gains of parties.

The Armstrong-Jacobs kerfuffle is exactly the type of open debate among elected officials that our Charter fosters and that voters need to hear, and an unwarranted change towards appointments would upset the balance of the fragmented executive and shutdown debate beyond voter reach.

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McMillan, Owen, Watson and Horn win School **Board Races**

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Mike McMillan, who couldn't campaign much because of his health, was easily re-elected to the Knox County Board of Education Tuesday.

McMillan pulled 3,942 votes in his re-election campaign, about three times the amount that his opponents, Adam Brown and Leon Daugherty, received. District 8 in Northeast Knox County responded to McMillan and his campaign workers in large numbers and the vote there reflected their efforts.

He is recovering quickly from throat cancer and has served the students, teachers and parents on the board of education since 2010 as their District 8 representative. He served as chairman in 2014 and 2015.



Knox County Board of Education member Mike McMillan greets Governor Bill Lee during the governor's visit to South-Doyle High School last year.

Board member Jennifer Owen will return to her position with 57% of the tion Commission said vote. She was heavily opposed by John Meade who received 3,700 votes received more than 50% but Owen got 5,027 in her of the vote and all will re-election bid.

new to the school board, opponent. They would be defeating incumbent Tony Norman with 54% of the vote but, in fact, are now vote.

Susan Horn was

Second District School re-elected with no opposition.

The Knox County Elec-Thursday that all of the victorious candidates go on to be listed on the David Watson will be August Ballot without an officially elected after that the chosen school board members.

Second Amendment push comes to Knox County in two forms

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Knox County Commission meets in work session next Monday and one of the agenda items is a resolution being sponsored by Commissioners Carson Dailey, Justin Biggs and Richie Beeler. Simply it calls for "Declaring Knox County a Second Amendment Constitutional County."

What that means is the county would stand against any further restrictions on guns. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee is asking the legislature to do the same and is calling for a law allowing people to openly carry firearms without a gun-carry permit.

A county adopting the policy would oppose universal gun background checks, high capacity magazine bans and assault weapon bans. Fifty-three of Tennessee's 95 counties have adopted similar policies.

As the Knox County Commission moves in that

ville may move in the oppo- one of the proposed charsite direction. Mayor Indya ter amendments calls for Kincannon has a resolution on Tuesday's Council ment Sanctuary County agenda opposing the governor's open-carry proposal and, if passed, would urge local legislators to vote ting the county mayor to against it. The Knox County hire the law director rather Charter Review Committee than the office be elected.

direction the City of Knox- meets today at 5:30 and including a Second Amendstatement.

> The review committee may also discuss permit-



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of community policing in the city.

The hiring of wounded veterans may also see a request for \$200,000 from the state to continue funding of an Electronic Evidence Forensic Analyst within the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force at the police department.

The Courtland Group LLC is asking the council for a tax break for 1132 North Sixth Avenue and to assign the PILOT tax break to Patricia Nash Designs, Inc.

Supporting a "robust engagement" with the 2020 U. S. Census is also on the agenda in a request from the Office of Redevelopment.

Mayor Kincannon is asking the council to approve her appointment of Jacquelene Dent to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Andre Canty.

Jennifer Arthur is appealing an action by the Board of Zoning Appeals. She's asking for the city to approve four variances at 931 Langford Avenue.

The council may also vote on opposing state legislation authorizing state residents to carry firearms publicly without obtaining a permit.

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Retiring Judge Charles Susano is surrounded by family and friends as they celebrate his many years of service on the bench and in the community. Photo courtesy of Charles Susano III.

Celebrating the history and life of retiring Judge Charles Susano Jr.

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

Modern history was made recently at the East Tennessee History Museum when supporters, friends, associates and family assembled to celebrate the retirement of a man who made some the Tennessee Court of Appeals. history himself.

had many notable "firsts" in his Presiding Judge of the Court from life. He was the captain of the first city championship basketball team in 1954. He graduated at the top of his class from the University of Notre Dame. After serving his country he attended the University of Tennessee and became a member of the Tennessee Law Review.

inaugural group of law clerks to the state supreme court and, in 1964, began law practice in Knoxville where he served for more than 30 years. He served on two law groups and in 1994 Governor Ned McWherter appointed him to The judge was re-elected to that Judge Charles D. Susano Jr. has position three times and served as 2012 until 2014.

Over his career he has written more than 1,000 opinions and leaves a profound legacy with his body of work.

The judge authored "Remembering U. S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor" and has received many

Susano was a member of the awards and other recognitions Bernstein, Phil Scheurer, Howard including "Appellate Judge of the Year" from the American Board of Trial Advocates, Tennessee Chapter, and "Courage in the Face of Adversity Award" from the Knoxville Bar Association.

Paralyzed from the chest down because of a fall in 1993 Judge Susano nevertheless continued to serve his community and the state and never let his disability stop him

Speaking at the celebration were Supreme Court Judge Sharon Lee, commission chairman Hugh Nystrom, Congressman Tim Burchett, Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, state Senators Becky Duncan Massey and Richard Briggs, Bernie

Blum and his son, Charlie.

"I have been blessed to have a long lasting bond with my Dad, one that I treasure in my life. To have the opportunity to speak about that relationship was a real honor for me. Our family owes a great deal to this community, so to have so many people come to celebrate his many years of service with us was very special," said his son Charlie, Knox County's Circuit Court Clerk.

Judge Susano and his wife, Carolyn, have been married more than 55 years and have three children, Stephen, Maria and Charles III. The judge also has six grandchildren, Madison, Sydney, Hanna, Sophie, Jacob and Hudson.

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Clapp Chauffeurs Corryton

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

What does the Corryton Senior Center have that no other senior center has? What makes visits to places like Cherokee, Townsend, and the Bush's Beans Museum possible?

The answer is a 25-passenger bus driven by Larry Clapp.

Clapp not only drives the bus but also organizes trips for seniors who want to get out and travel with others to various places. While other senior centers can rent or hire buses they are limited to visiting places within Knox County. With its own bus the Corryton Community Club and the Senior Center there are not bound on where they can go.

For as little as \$6 or as much as \$10, depending on the length of the round trip, seniors can travel in comfort and all the money goes to the fuel and upkeep of the bus, a 2006 Ford V-10. Clapp says the vehicle is kept well maintained and replaced an earlier diesel bus.

Clapp said when the center traded for the current bus, he and fellow Corryton resident, Joe Longmire, installed the seatbelts themselves from an assortment the dealer provided.

Trips are planned and approved by Jill Green, Corryton Senior Director, and members of the various community clubs that Clapp, are active in the meet at the center.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Larry Clapp stands beside the Corryton Community Center's 25-passenger bus. The vehicle, owned by the center, carries seniors to various places in our area for outings.

"I've taken the Sun Up Garden Club to the Glenmore Mansion in Jefferson City; the House Mountain Quilters to several quilting shops, sometimes 5 or 6 shops a day; and the Community Club to Cherokee, North Carolina," Clapp said.

The next trip leaves March 16 at 9 a.m. for the Bush's Beans Museum in Chestnut Hill near Newport. The cost is only \$10 per person and seniors are being asked to bring some extra money if they plan to eat at the cafe there.

recently found Gay updat- yoga classes, a field trip ing a display case there with seasonal items. Larry Clapp describes his wife as a "crafty person." Several men were exercising and talking in the physical fitness room while other seniors were deep into a game of dominos in the assembly room when The Focus was visiting. That Monday the center was having a brown bag lunch and, that afternoon, had scrabble and board games.

The weekly schedule at Corryton includes Garden Club activities, Canasta, Clapp and his wife, Gay Pinochle, Rook and other card games, crochet senior center. The Focus groups, cornhole games,

here and there, birthday bingo and card making.

Clapp said he's been driving the bus for about six years and describes himself as a caretaker and driver. Asked what the most memorable trip was, he said, "Brushy Mountain Prison, where we had a former guard as our guide."

"All I ask is the passengers buy me a ticket and buy me lunch," he said about escorting a group on a trip.

He said the funniest trip was when a lady on board announced she had a bladder problem and he had to

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Friday the 13th might be unlucky for some but for Jim and Ruby Thomas of Gibbs the day was very lucky. They were married on that day in 1950 and will celebrate 70 years of marriage this Friday.

Jim and Ruby Thomas to celebrate 70 years of marriage

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocus.com

The following story is by Scott Thomas, who captures the love and lives of his grandparents. Scott and his wife, Sarah, shared the story of the Gibbs couple with The Knoxville Focus and our readers.

A.M. "Jim" Thomas was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 4, 1928 in a small house on Watauga Ave. Jim grew up in Fountain City working at his father's store on Hotel Avenue and driving for Fountain City Radio Cab Company. "Snake," as he was known by his friends in Fountain City, enlisted in the United States

Army in 1946, serving in Oita, Japan during the Occupation.

Post war, he drove a tow truck for Fountain City Wrecker. He would eventually hire on with Southern Railway in 1952. He retired from his position as foreman with, now Norfolk Southern, in 1989 after a 37-year career.

Ruby Thomas was born on Dodson Street on January 31, 1929. She went to work at Brookside Knitting Mill in Knoxville at the age of 16 to help support her parents and three younger siblings. Even after starting a family of her own she would continue to work as a beautician and school cafeteria

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Domestic Violence Victims Find Happy, Healthy, Safe Support

By Amy Box Fellhoelter

"I was a victim of domes-

knew she couldn't go back. many women's lives have Investigation 2017 data, who have experienced praying for something like "She didn't want to fallen into since domestic 77.846 offenses were domestic violence came to this." she added, Besides

situation for three years. I was closing off my eyes to what was actually happening," said Kayleigh Dailey, speaking about her own experience raising a family with a man who was abusive toward her.

When her daughter admitted that she didn't want to leave church and go home because of Dailey and her husband having an incident there earlier, she

tic violence. I was in that go home. They were violence takes on many seeing things happen to forms and does not discrimme," Dailey explained. Thankfully, she had the support of her parents fourth in the nation for men and knew her life needed to change to be happy, healthy and safe— "that's what I wanted, but I needed that by myself before getting involved with someone analysis of homicide data else." Likewise, she needed that for her kids as well.

Tennessee, this is the world to Tennessee Bureau of

inate. It is all too common in our state which ranks who kill women in domestic-related homicides (behind Alaska, Nevada, and Louisiana). This statistic is according to the 2015 prepared by the Violence Policy Center Violence in Sadly, in the state of Washington, D.C. According

reported as domestic fruition. related and 71.5 percent of those offenses involved females as victims.

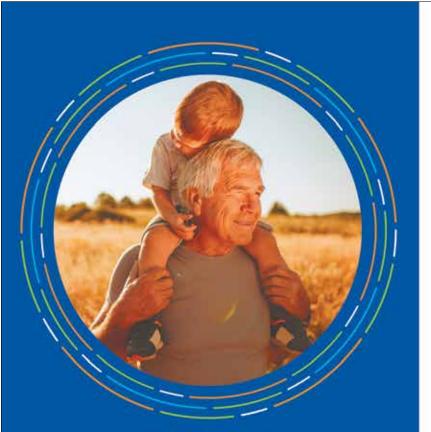
Dailey decided to use her past trials to benefit others by creating a support group for women to get "Happy, Healthy, and Safe." She clarified, "God placed it in my heart, but gave the idea to my new husband." It wasn't until then that the idea of creating a center for women to receive support

After years of healing, and becoming remarried last October, she was shown what a healthy relationship looks like and desires that for others.

a place for women to come some advocates can be and have a sense of community and a sense of support," Dailey stated. "We in four women have been have had some women who have reached out cal violence (e.g. beating, and said they have been

these goals, she also hopes to add professional counseling, legal help, and advocates to walk victims through the process of leaving and healing from a threatening or violent rela-"I really felt like I wanted tionship. She is hopeful DV survivors such as herself especially since one victims of severe physi-

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PAGE B2 The Knoxville FOCUS **5G battle in Farragut** continues By Focus Staff

Farragut had a lot of news last week about 5G small cell cellular towers/antennas that will be placed in the right of way of Farragut resident's front yards. The week started out with a special call meeting of the Farragut Mayor and Board of Aldermen (BOMA) that was held on election day Tuesday, March 3. Mayor Ron Williams explained the BOMA had to pass a resolution that Tuesday evening before state Rep. Jason Zachary presented state House Bill 2150 to the Utilities Subcommittee on Wednesday morning in Nashville.

Rep. Zachary had contacted Mayor Williams requesting a resolution from the BOMA supporting HB 2150. This new bill would change the 5G small cell state legislation powers to the cellular industry so they could install 5G small cell towers/antennas in the right of way in residents' front yards with little restrictions. The proposed bill would change state law to bring control to Farragut for issues of certain aesthetics, construction, height, and placement requirements.

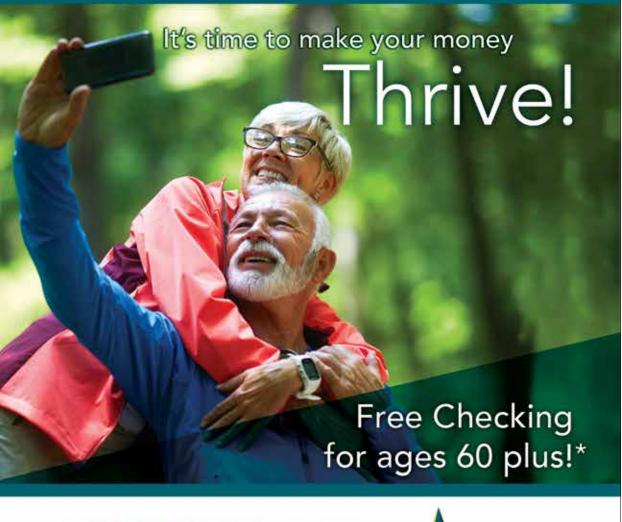
The meeting of the Utilities Subcommittee on Wednesday lasted for an hour and twenty one minutes. During this time Rep. Zachary, AT&T President of Tennessee Joelle Phillips, Verizon lobbyist Mandy Young, and Farragut Town Administrator David Smoak all testified about HB 2150.

The cellular industry representatives rejected the need for Rep. Zachary's bill

of 2018 that granted broad and explained at length they felt the bill was in violation of the U.S. Telecommunications Acts of 1996 and 2018. A high point of testimony was when the chairman of the Utilities Subcommittee said to the cellular industry representatives present, "What if you just said, 'Farragut you don't want us, we just won't put it in here,' what would happen?" This did not sit well with the cellular industry representatives who made excuses that was not an option due to federal laws about emergency response yet both were forgetting that 4G cellular would not go away and would serve that emergency response requirement.

The meeting had a surprise ending as Rep. Zachary told the chairman that AT&T had requested time to negotiate and that the bill be delayed for one week. Thursday afternoon, March 5, Rep. Zachary announced an agreement with AT&T and Verizon had been reached that granted the Town of Farragut control for issues of certain aesthetics, construction, height, and placement requirements and the prior 11 Verizon towers that had been approved by the Farragut Planning Commission would be reviewed.

The battle for control of aesthetics and construction of 5G towers in Farragut may be over but the war over 5G small cell cellular towers/ antennas that will be placed in the right of way in Farragut residents' front yards wages on with a white hot intensity.



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Across the Town of Farragut signs are appearing in front yards with a large font 5G with a red circle and bar across it with the words, **"KEEP CELL TOWERS OUT** OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS." The red circle and bar across it are the universal symbol for NO.

Rep. Zachary said in his neighborhood many anti-5G signs were appearing in front yards protesting Verizon's proposed 5G towers and that he had a sign in his front yard. Zachary made it clear he was not against 5G on the existing large towers but he agreed with his neighbors and constituents that none of them wanted 5G small cell towers/antennas in their front yards.

Verizon lobbyist Mandy Young commented to Zachary, "We don't want to get in neighborhoods where they put up 'I hate 5G signs' because that's not good for business."

Hours later a YouTube of that comment https://youtu. be/il7HSIRsbQE?t=2506 was put up on the Facebook page "Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development."

Farragut resident Laura Fangman posted her new website weknowknoxville. com/5g/ on the FCRGD Facebook page where residents could request a free "NO 5G" sign for their front yard. Quickly comments ensued with residents thanking Fangman for the signs and within a day signs were all over the Town of Farragut. Farragut Vice Mayor Louise

Povlin commented on the FCRGD Facebook page that the town had no ordinance against the signs as long as they were not in the right of way in the front yard. Signs were moved overnight from the curb to the middle of the front yard to be in compliance.

Fangman told The Knoxville Focus, "Farragut is a wonderful place to live and its residents are not antitechnology or anti-progress. We simply like our neighborhood the way it is."

Farragut resident Laura Squires contacted both Rep. Zachary and Verizon Market Manager Tamara J. Closs after the agreement in the Utilities Subcommittee was reached and asked them for protection that cellular emissions would not exceed federal limits. Squires pointed out that the first cellular company could place a tower/ antenna within federal limits but when the second cellular company placed their equipment on the same pole the emission load would not be within federal guidelines, essentially pointing out a flaw in both the federal and state legislation.

Closs responded to Squires via email saying, "Verizon takes matters relating to RF safety seriously and has a comprehensive compliance program designed to ensure VZ adherence to the RF Safety standards set by the federal government." Squires wants protection in the state law and will continue to reach out to state lawmakers.

Jim and Ruby Thomas to celebrate 70 years Cont. from page 1

worker at various times while raising two sons. Over the last seven decades Jim and Ruby have built many memories with their friends and family throughout Fountain City and East Tennessee.

They spent many summers in a family cabin off Lovers Lane in Townsend and camping in and around raise a family. Their first son,

pet spider monkey in their

home that wore diapers. Jim

Shannondale Missionary Baptist Church in the 1950s and New Beginning Baptist Fellowship in the early 2000s.

Jim and Ruby were married on Friday, the 13th of March, 1950. Ruby likes to joke that it was certainly an unlucky Friday the 13th. They would establish a home in Fountain City and the Great Smoky Mountains Henry, was born in 1952. National Park. They kept a Their second son, Nolan, came along just 18 months later in 1953. Jim and Ruby would grow their family over the years to include three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They would eventually named an Aid-De-Camp to move away from Fountain City in the late 90s to the Gibbs community where they will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Friday the 13th this week.

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coached baseball teams at Fountain City Ball Field. He also became involved in local and state politics. Jim would eventually be Governor Lamar Alexander.

> Jim and Ruby also helped to found and grow two separate churches in their community; they joined as charter members of both



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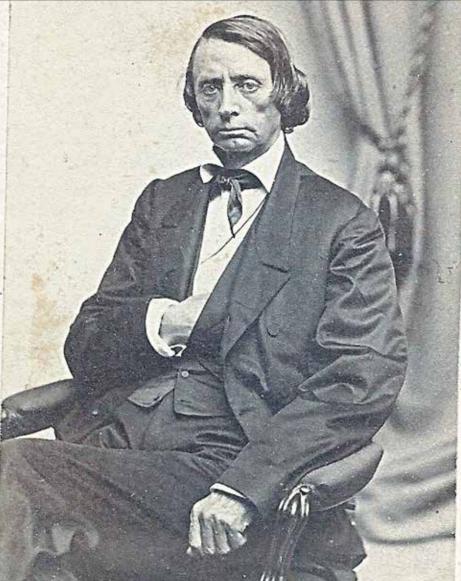
By Ray Hill rayhill865@gmail.com

William Gannaway "Parson" Brownlow had been elected governor of Tennessee in 1865, taking the oath of office four days before General Robert E. Lee tendered his surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. Governor Brownlow was engaged in a heated reelection campaign against former congressman Emerson Etheridge. The Parson had pledged vengeance against the rebels and Brownlow had kept his word. The governor was a genuinely austere man, bragging he had never tasted liquor, save for medicinal purposes, disdained playing cards, refused to attend the theatre, and "never courted any woman except his wife."

Brownlow sought a second two-year term as governor in 1867 and faced serious opposition in the person of Emerson Etheridge. A powerful and gifted speaker, Etheridge, like Brownlow, had been an adamant critic of secession and had also been a member of Congress from West Tennessee. Etheridge had become an outspoken critic of Governor Brownlow and the 1867 gubernatorial campaign quickly became heated and violent. Brownlow had allied himself with the Radical conservative Republican who believed Johnson's policies would help Tennessee to return to its pre-Civil War status. The legislature had given Governor Brownlow an almost insurmountable electoral advantage inasmuch as the election machinery in the state was almost entirely in the Parson's hands. Brownlow denounced Etheridge in his newspaper with his own lively brand of invective, describing his opponent as little more than a "party scullion." Brownlow derided Etheridge as "the Thersites of the stump" and accused his opponent of being "the trafficker of the most foul, vulgar and filthy slang ever spewed by an obscene mind upon the hustings." Etheridge was well able to defend himself and cried the Brownlow administration was nothing more than an "ignorant, brutal and irresponsible despotism." Etheridge claimed his election would end the "meanest tyranny which was ever hatched in the foul air of distempered times." Brownlow was ailing and was unable to campaign on his own behalf, having to rely upon surrogates to speak for him. Congressman William B. Stokes met Emerson Etheridge in debate where they excoriated one another. Etheridge finally sniffed,

"Mr. Stokes says he is not educated. He need not have told it."

The Parson was ailing during his reelection campaign and was not able to speak on his own behalf, while Etheridge was one of the most gifted public speakers in Tennessee at the time. Brownlow used surrogates to speak, urging his reelection. Governor Brownlow was not afraid of controversy; in fact, he regularly courted it. Brownlow had infuriated former Confederates by insisting former slaves be given the right to vote. It was Brownlow's opinion "a loyal Negro was more deserving than a disloyal white man." Nor was Brownlow loath to use any means necessary to accomplish his goals. When he sought to have the state legislature ratify the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, a small minority of legislators loyal to President Andrew Johnson, who opposed the amendment, tried to leave the Capitol. Brownlow had the Sergeant-At-Arms arrest at least two recalcitrant legislators who sulked in a committee room. The former Confederates, legislature voted 43 - 11 to ratify the Fourteenth threats against his life. Amendment, but one of the legislators who had been Arnell, the beneficiaarrested refused to sign the ry of Brownlow having document and resigned his thrown out several hun- threatened enough voters the voting rights of former Republicans opposed to office in protest. It merely dred votes inside Arnell's to cause their defeat. slaves and free blacks. The President Andrew Johnson. delayed the ratification Fourth District, had guite Governor Brownlow agreed bill outlawed any attempt Emerson Etheridge was a briefly, as his successor nearly been assassinat- and threw out enough bal- by state officials to discrimwas happy to sign the ratifying document. Governor Brownlow gleefully sent along Tennessee's ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, along with a gloating note to President Andrew Johnson, stating, "My compliments to the dead dog in the White House." While Emerson Etheridge campaigned gamely, he surely realized there was little hope of victory. Both Etheridge and Brownlow were Republicans, albeit from very different factions of the party. With former Confederates unable to vote, Brownlow assured his reelection to a second term as governor by organizing a state guard. The governor appointed General Joseph A. Cooper to head the guard, which was ostensibly charged with "protecting" the voters. In reality, the guard did little more than antagonize and intimidate the opposition. Brownlow won a sweeping reelection, winning 74,848 - 22,548 for Etheridge. William G. Brownlow was never ashamed of his methods. He ruled Tennessee as he had once debated a fellow clergyman, the hapless Adam Pryne in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brownlow snapped at the Reverend Pryne, declaring him to be "an unwashed, unmitigated, unregenerate



Senator William G. Brownlow of Tennessee.

and God-forsaken abolitionist who, if you will dare show yourself in the South and repeat your wholesale abuse of slaveholders and your vile reflections upon the virtue of Southern ladies, shall be treated to a coat of tar and feathers and rode out of town on a rail by free Negroes and Northern prostitutes who are filling our towns."

Governor Brownlow, especially hated bv began receiving serious Congressman Samuel ed. Violence was increasing in Tennessee through the auspices of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by former Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Members of the Klan were no less shy in hiding their motives than was Governor Brownlow. The Grand Cyclops of the Tennessee Ku Klux Klan sent a threatening letter to the governor. General Forrest left little to the imagination when he stated in a newspaper interview he did not for a moment believe that Brownlow's government had "any legal existence." General Forrest warned if the Brownlow administration committed any overt "outrages", the governor and his cronies would "be swept out of office existence and not a Radical will be left alive." Forrest later joined several other signatories in petitioning the governor. The General and his friends promised to cease their activities if Brownlow would agree to restore the right to vote to former Confederates. Governor Brownlow refused to consider the idea and instead insisted the legislature give him more enforcement powers and set about reconstituting his state guard. The legislature promptly gave the governor new powers enabling him to throw out voter

registrations in Tennessee. Brownlow also demanded federal troops be sent to Tennessee to station at the polls in twenty-one counties. Brownlow's new powers came in handy as he was supporting General Ulysses S. Grant for president in 1868. Nor was the governor afraid to use them. Brownlow purged the entire voter registration roll in Lincoln County. Congressmen William J. Smith and Lewis Tillman, both Radical Republicans, had been defeated in the election. The congressmen believed Klan members had intimidated and

Despite his election to the United States Senate, Brownlow's health had not improved; in fact, it was rapidly deteriorating. Brownlow was unable to give speeches on the Senate floor, necessitating his comments to be read by the Clerk of the Senate. Brownlow was a strong supporter of the Enforcement Act of 1870, which was designed to give the president greater authority to enforcement the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. More specifically, it was drafted to keep organizations like the Ku Klux Klan from threatening inate against any person on the basis of race or color. The bill also gave federal courts the ability to enforce the legislation. President Grant was empowered to use the federal army to uphold and enforce the terms of the legislation, as well as allow federal marshals to file charges against those who would commit election fraud, attempt to bribe or otherwise intimidate voters. The bill did not go far enough to suit Senator Brownlow, or for that matter, many of the Parson's colleagues in Congress. The Congress approved the Second Enforcement Act of 1871, which gave President U.S. Grant the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in the government's efforts to curtail and destroy the Ku Klux Klan and other organizations like it. Brownlow was an enthusiastic supporter of the second enforcement act.

could accomplish little as a member of the United States Senate. With the state government under the control of the Democrats, Brownlow knew he could not be reelected to a second term in the Senate. Perhaps Brownlow did not wish to be reelected to the Senate as his health was worsening and he was getting old. For once in his life, William G. Brownlow left quietly. Departing Washington, D. C., Parson Brownlow returned to his home in Knoxville. Clearly, Brownlow did not intend to be idle or simply retire. The former senator bought an interest in the Knoxville Chronicle. The Chronicle was published by William Rule; a friend of Brownlow's and the elder man had been a mentor to the younger publisher. Rule obligingly changed the name of the newspaper to the Knoxville Whig and Chronicle.

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Brownlow remained a highly controversial figure into his dotage. Once while seriously ill, the Parson had been visited by a fellow minister, who wondered about Brownlow's prospects for the afterlife. "If the books have been properly kept," the Parson replied, "I believe they will find a small balance in my favor."

Although ill since returning to Knoxville, William G. Brownlow had taken more interest in events shortly before his unexpected death. The Parson had employed workmen to repair the porches of his home on Cumberland Street. Brownlow paid the workmen after personally supervising the work on his porches and fences. The Parson went to bed at his

lots from Coffee, Marshall, Fayette and Tipton counties to elect Smith and Tillman.

The fiery Parson did not seek a third two-year term as governor in 1869, but rather had his eye on the U. S. Senate seat held by David T. Patterson, who was also Andrew Johnson's sonin-law. Brownlow wanted to go to Washington to aid the Grant administration and the legislature easily elected the governor over the opposition of Congressman William B. Stokes, 63 - 39. Before leaving for Washington, Brownlow sold the Knoxville Whig. Brownlow departed Nashville for the nation's Capitol, leaving behind his record as governor and there are many who believe William Gannaway Brownlow was Tennessee's worst chief executive.

Brownlow was not one to doubt himself. The Parson once made the statement, "If I had been allowed to hunt up about 200 antislavery agitators in the North...if I had taken these Northern fanatics and an equal number of our Southern, God-forsaken, hell-deserving secessionists and dis-unionists... I would have erected a common gallows and we would have none of the troubles which afflict the country today."

Senator Brownlow could not have been especially pleased by the political turn in Tennessee. Much of what the Parson had done as governor was steadily being undone by his successors. Tennessee was drifting back toward the Democratic Party, while the Republicans were slowly relinquishing their hold on the Volunteer State. Weak and ill, William G. Brownlow

usual time, but sometime in the night he was stricken and a physician was called. Apparently the former senator was important enough to merit two doctors and D. T. Boynton and James Rodgers answered the call. Contrary to the end, Brownlow refused to take any stimulants, causing his family to despair and realize the Parson was finally coming to the end of his life. William G. Brownlow's passing away, according to his family which surrounded him during his final hours, was far more peaceful than his life had been.

"He was true to his friends and relentless toward his enemies," the Memphis Evening Ledger eulogized the Parson. "He could express more vituperativeness and scorching hate than any half dozen men that ever appeared in American politics. His style has been imitated, but never successfully copied by men of less native intellect and courage." The Evening Ledger concluded William G. Brownlow was "a strange compound" of a person, but sighed, "Whatever his faults and the warp of his nature, he was honest, fearless and consistent in his way." So he was.

PAGE B4 The Knoxville FOCUS Another February, more rain and flooding

As I recall, it was one of the largest snows of the season in 1986, and it came on a Friday. The date was February 14. Focus readers may remember that many people

were caught off By Ralphine Major whelmed our guard by the ralphine3@yahoo. beautiful white flakes that began falling similar circumstances

around mid-morning and seemed to intensify by the minute. Schools and businesses started closing, but some did not close in time. Many students had to and on neighborhood spend the night in school

were stranded for hours on their way home from work. In recent years,

February's weather has changed somewhat. Last year, historic flooding over-

area in February. This year brought

with heavy rains and more flooding. Whether rain or snow, the weather can be deadly and destructive.

Flooding in our homes streets always brings to



Picture of flooded fields and roadway in East Tennessee's most recent February flood of 2020, by Ralphine Major

Noah and the Ark and I establish My covenant gymnasiums. Motorists mind the Bible story of tomindonce again. "Thus,

God's promise. In the with you: Never again shall wake of such catastrophic all flesh be cut off by the weather, the verse found in waters of the flood; never Genesis 9:11 (NKJV) came again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Cookeville's Odd Roadside Sites

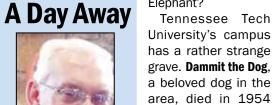
Elephant?

Cookeville is a pop ular stop for travelers headed west on I-40 with its many restaurants and hotels on the interstate as well as a lively downtown. If you are a fan of odd attractions, then Cookeville has more than a few for you to visit.

Seeing pink elephants is a common term for hallucinations

one without getting stinking drunk then Cookeville has one for you. The Pink Elephant fiberglass statue can be found near the Fairgrounds there off I-40, exit 286, on Tennessee Highway 135 and South Willow Street.

The elephant stands looking toward the highway and there's parking before and after the odd attraction. The elephant wears glasses and is sometimes seen wearing a painted-on bikini. It stands sometimes on water skis.



By Mike Steely

a beloved dog in the area, died in 1954 and received a hero's funeral. Students

Tennessee Tech

buried him next to a fire hydrant. The grave is located on 9th Street near Derryberry Hall. The street is current-

while drunk but, if you'd like to see ly being repaved and hopes are the grave will be preserved. The tombstone is flat and flush with the grass. Not odd enough for you?

How about an arch decorated with bicycles. Yep, there's one of those on the west end of town at the corner of West Broad and North Oaks Street, next to Cookeville's Depot Museum. It's lit with color shifting LED lights at night and worth a day or night-time trip. You can park at the depot and walk back for a great photo.

The bicycle arch is called "Spokes" Want to see Cookeville attrac- and was created in 2018 from an tions even more unusual than a Pink idea from biking enthusiast Brad

Sells. It was a project of the Arts Around Tennessee, the City of Cookeville and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

The arch was obviously there before the various types of bikes were added but the entrance way takes on additional visual appeal with the bicycles.

While you are in Cookeville you might like to take a short ride to Cummins Falls State Park. The park, fairly new to the state system, is currently undergoing building construction at the parking area but has a bathroom building. There is a small ranger station there and the entrance to the path leading down to the falls passes through a metal shelter complete with warnings about the falls and the waters below.

Cummins Falls State Park is still being developed but worth a trip for the healthy walker. To get there, you can take Highway 290 north of Cookeville and follow the signs. You can also Google the park or find out much more about Cookeville and Putman County at https://visitcookevilletn.com/

March 9, 2020 **Clapp Chauffeurs** Corryton

Cont. from page 1 turn the bus around and go back about five blocks.

Larry and Gay Clapp are both retired school teachers, Larry from Green Hill and Vine Middle School and Gay with 35 years experience including Halls Middle School.

You can contact the Corryton Senior Center by calling (865) 688-5882 or find them on Facebook or a.m. until 4 p.m. It is locatthe internet at knoxcounty. org/seniors/corryton.php.

For information or to book a bus trip you should call Larry Clapp at (865) 274-9063. He said senior passengers need not be Center members and there's no age requirement but added, "We cater to the Community Club people."

The Corryton Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 ed at 9331 Davis Drive just off Emory Road.

Domestic Violence Victims Find Happy, Healthy, Safe Support Cont. from page 1

burning, strangling) by an twenty- minute question intimate partner in their lifetime according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Safe support group will start meeting the second Thursday of every month at the Blount County Public Library in Maryville until "The Dailey Life Center" opens. Dailey is in the process of receiving a 501c3 non-profit status and will be fundraising and applying for grants - alongside making connections with the community and other resources - in an effort to open the center which is slated for the end of this year.

The meeting for this month is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Two guest speakers, Tina Gregg and Jill Walker, will be sharing their stories followed by a

and answer time. They will include the topic of defining what healthy boundaries look like in a relationship The Happy Healthy when being bound in anger and fear.

> "Eventually for a longterm goal, children can come and learn the arts, like music and writing poetry, and have an outlet where they can let all of that go. I want that to be a safe place for them too," said Dailey.

For questions about the support group, call Dailey at 865-995-8018, or visit the Happy Healthy Safe Support Group Facebook page. Additional information and resources can be found at vpc.org and hhs.org. If you need help as a victim or survivor of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.





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DIVISION II ROUNDUP

TKA girls go cold and Catholic is 'red hot' at state

By Steve Williams

The King's Academy girls basketball team turned ice cold from 3-point range in the second half and lost to Trinity Christian 61-54 in the Division II-A state championship game Saturday at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

the state, the TKA girls built van and Taylor Carter tala nine-point lead in the first lied 16 and 10 points, of its free throws in the final half as they made seven of 10 from 3-point land. But the Lady Lions hit only one score but stood out with of 10 treys in the final two nine rebounds, five assists periods.

Bailey Burgess led King's with 21 points as she connected on five of 10 threes. sion and finished strong,

respectively.

Amelia Pfeiffer didn't and five blocks in the loss.

Trinity Christian (31-1) warmed up after intermis-

In their first ever trip to Teammates Jennifer Sulli- making six of nine field local teams, goal attempts and all eight Knoxville Cathperiod.

> TKA, which defeated Goodpasture Christian School 62-45 in the semifinals Thursday, finished the season 25-6.

In other Division II state zling start as they made Hutchens, whose team was

olic shot down Christian Brothers 75-60 in the Class AA semifinals Friday.

The Irishmen got off to a siz-

tourney action involving 13 of 15 of their shots



(field goals and free throws combined) to take a 21-12 lead in the opening eight minutes.

"We came out red hot," said Coach Mike

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Falcons 'whipped' by Alcoa in **Region 2-AA Championship**

By Ken Lay

Longtime Fulton High School boys basketball coach Jody Wright put things briefly and blunt-

INSIDE: FULTON WINS SEMI

ly after the Falcons were routed 72-57 by Alcoa in

the Region 2-AA Tournament Championship on their home floor Thursday night.

"We just got whipped in the second half," Wright said after Fulton lost at Jody Wright Arena. "We got whipped in every aspect of the game. They just whipped us.

"They outrebounded us and they outplayed us, hands down."

Fulton opened an early 24-19 lead before Alcoa rallied in the second quarter and, with their surge, the Tornadoes pulled to within 37-36 by halftime. The Tornadoes were up 36-34 before Tommy Sweat knocked down a long-range jumper as time expired in the first half. After the break, the game belonged to Alcoa (21-10). The Tornadoes cranked up their defense after the break and held the Falcons (21-7) to just 20 points over the final 16 minutes of the contest.



PHOTO BY KEN LAY.

Region Champions: The Carter Lady Hornets celebrate their first region title in nearly two decades. Carter edged Gatlinburg-Pittman 63-61 to claim the championship at Fulton's Jody Wright Arena Wednesday night.

Lady Hornets claim first region hoops title since 2001

By Ken Lay

Coach Bo Lewis was counting his blessings Tuesday night after he guided the Lady Hornets to their first region championship in nearly two decades.

"I'm so excited for the girls, our community and our program," Lewis said after watching the Lady Hornets come up on the winning end of a 63-61 thriller in the Region 2-AA Championship game against it? I've had these girls for a long Gatlinburg-Pittman at Fulton High School's Jody Wright Arena. "It's been a long time coming for the Lady Hornets' program. I'm just happy to be a part of it and sharing this experience with the girls." It was the fourth meeting of the season between Carter (22-10) and the Lady Highlanders (21-11) and Gatlinburg-Pittman had won two of the previous three, including notching a 70-55 victory in the District 3-AA semifinals, a game where Gatlinburg Pittman dominated the

glass, according to Lewis.

"They killed us on the boards in the district semifinals. They outrebounded us 46-25," Lewis said. "We did a much better job rebounding tonight."

This game resembled a heavyweight brawl with both the Lady Hornets and Lady Hornets trading ted four turnovers on its next four blows all night.

"This was a great game, wasn't

The Lady Hornets led 48-46 after the third stanza and they built their advantage to 55-48 when senior Jordan Heifner knocked down a 3-point shot with 5 minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the contest.

But Carter got a little careless with the basketball and commitpossessions.

The Lady Highlanders couldn't

Plumlee takes reins of Central baseball program **By Steve Williams**

Central's Dustin Plumlee will make his debut today as a high school head baseball coach when the Bobcats play their season opener at Tommy Schumpert Park.

Plumlee, 33, joined the Central staff last year as pitching coach and was elevated to the head post in January after Devan Parrott resigned, confirmed CHS Athletic Director J.D. Lambert last week.

Plumlee said he heard over Christmas break that Parrott got a new job and wasn't going to be able to continue. "I was excited and told him I would be glad to lead our guys," said Plumlee.

Parrott coached Central two seasons and was the latest among several head coaches the Bobcats have had in recent years.

"He provided stability and a solid base that Coach Plumlee can build off of," said Lambert.

Fulton, however, was within striking distance

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time. I've had them for four years, here, and then, I had most of them in middle school for two years," Lewis said. "They're a great group of girls and they work extremely hard."

The Lady Highlanders had a 16-12 advantage at the end of the first quarter but Carter battled back and despite giving up buzzerbeating shots at the end of the first two frames, the Lady Hornets and Lady Highlanders were knotted in a 33-33 deadlock at the half.

convert those miscues into points. Gatlinburg-Pittman would, however, pull to within 55-54 when Shelby Moore buried a long-range jumper with 2:02 left to play.

But the Lady Hornets took a 61-54 lead on a pair of free throws by Emily Irwin with 40.4 seconds left.

Gatlinburg-Pittman closed the game on a 9-2 run but Heifner iced things for the Lady Hornets as she converted a pair of foul shots to make it 63-58 with 10.1 seconds

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Plumlee is looking forward to the challenge.

"They've had some turnover lately in the baseball coaching position and they were looking for someone who wanted to be here and stay here," he said, recalling his interview for the position. "They've given me the opportunity that I was highly interested in and

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enjoy every season in comfort







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Cantrell's Cares

PAGE C2 The Knoxville FOCUS Lady Bulldogs fall 61-45 in region finals

By Steve Williams

There was a moment in the fourth guarter of the Region 2-AAA girls basketball championship game when it looked like Bearden may have gotten the spark it needed.

Emma Stone drilled a 3-point shot from the left wing right in front of her team's bench to pull the Lady Bulldogs within three points of Maryville and Coach Justin Underwood immediately called timeout with 4:25 remaining.

Underwood said the timeout was called "just to get our defense set to make sure we found shooters ... Let's hunker down here at this point."

It was sound strategy, particularly considering Bearden was in the midst of what Underwood said was "our worst defensive outing" of the season.

But the spark never caught fire.

Out of the timeout, Maryville's Aaliyah Vananda made a terrific pass to Jazz Ervin for a bucket inside. On the other end, Bearden missed inside as Jakhyia Davis' shot didn't get the roll. Then Lady Rebel 3-point corner killer Gracie Midkiff hit from the right and the difference was eight.

Maryville hit 10 of 10 free throws the rest of the way for a 61-45 victory last Wednesday at Bearden. The Lady Rebels' accuracy from the foul line was so good, Underwood told his girls to stop fouling with just under a minute left and tourney MVP Denae Fritz stood and dribbled out the final 30 seconds.

The victory gave Maryville (29-4) home court advantage against Daniel Boone in Saturday night's Sectionals, while Bearden (29-3) would have to win on the road at Science Hill to qualify for this week's TSSAA state tournament in Murfreesboro.

Science Hill beat Boone 70-38 in the Region 1 finals.

Bearden defeated Science Hill 59-43 in the Heritage Thanksgiving Classic this

season, but the Lady Hilltoppers reportedly had improved a lot.

Fritz finished with 17 points to lead Maryville's balanced attack in the region finals. Vananda added 15 and Midkiff and Ervin contributed 12 each.

Bearden's quick guards Jah'niya Bussell and Zneyah McLaughlin scored 15 and 12 points, respectively. Davis tallied 10 and freshman Avery Treadwell four.

Midkiff's dozen came on four 3-pointers, quite a turnaround from her 0 for 11 showing from 3-point land when the Lady Rebels lost at Bearden in the district title game.

"I think I was more in rhythm," said the 5-6 junior. "The last game they got me slowed down, and so I was staying flat footed. But I think this time I got the ball in rhythm and just let it go."

Midkiff bombed in two from the left corner and two from the right corner. Her first trey tied the contest at 23-all with two minutes left in the first half after Bearden had taken a 23-12 lead with a 20-2 run.

Midkiff's two free throws gave Maryville a 27-25 edge at halftime. The Lady Rebels led 39-34 after three stops.

Maryville's shooting was the difference in the game. Coach Scott West's team totaled eight 3-pointers and finished 19 of 21 at the free throw line. Bearden made two treys and was 11 of 22 at the stripe.

In the district finale, Maryville made only 3 of 31 from 3-point range.

"We average shooting 43 percent as a team from the 3-point line," said Coach West. "Tonight was more of who we are. I think we were just focused."

Underwood said his team made some "uncharacteristic decisions" in the third and fourth quarters. "On the defensive end, we cheated some plays that they took advantage of and got some secondchance opportunities. And then the free throw (shooting) was a huge difference."

TKA girls go cold

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to square off with defending state champion Briarcrest in Saturday night's title game.

Sophomore B.J. Edwards paced Catholic with 22 points and freshman Blue Cain scored 17, making seven of eight field goal attempts. Senior Akeem Odusipe added 12 points, nine rebounds, five assists

and three blocks. ing Irish hit 66.7 percent

from the field and 53.3 percent from 3-point range. Defending state champion Webb led Lausanne early (21-12) in their Class A semifinal game, but the Memphis team battled back and defeated the Spartans 63-55 in over-

time.

one-man wrecking crew For the game, the Fight- for Lausanne as he had 15 points, 11 rebounds, six blocks and four assists.

Luke Burnett led Webb (27-7) with 18 points. Uriah Powers chipped in 12 points and seven rebounds and Lukas Walls had 11 points.

Free throws were a difference in the contest as Lausanne connected on 18 of Moussa Cissie was a 25 to Webb's five of 10.

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March 9, 2020 **Bearden's season ends** in regional semifinals

By Mark Nagi

Bulldogs brought home the Class AAA state championship in boys' basketball. In 2020, their dreams of a return trip to Murfreesboro were dashed a few wins short.

On Tuesday, March 3rd, the Bulldogs lost to Oak Ridge 56-53 in the **Region 2-AAA semifinals** at Maryville High School, ending their season with a 23-9 record.

"I'm very proud of our team this season," said Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott. "We faced a lot of adversity. It felt like a long season with a lot of ups and downs, but ultimately they were pretty resilient. 12-2 league mark. 20 win regular season. All while losing our leading scorer (Tyler Nordin) along the way and eventually our point guard (Izaiha Bredwood). So in the overall big picture I'm sure I'll appreciate it more later, but I'm proud of them."

33-28 at the half. The opening 16 minutes were close, but a slow start found Bearden playing catch up for most of the

"We lost the game in In 2019 the Bearden the first three minutes," lamented Parrott. "We weren't ready out of the tip. We had some guys that weren't focused at the time. We made some lineup adjustments and figured some things out, but in a game like that, the old cliche about little things being big... we had some little problems early that put us behind the 8

> ball." Late in the third period, the Bulldogs tied the game at 40 on a jumper by Elijah Bredwood, who finished with 11 points. But the Wildcats took the lead right back, and were up 43-30 heading into the final eight minutes.

In the fourth period, Oak Ridge went inside to Jonathan Milloway, who scored seven of his game high 20 points in that period. His three point play with 1:40 remaining gave the Wildcats a 55-49 advantage. "We were giving away a lot of size," said Parrott. "The size we do have is youth-Oak Ridge (26-4) led ful, so it was just a strug-

gle for us." But the Bulldogs wouldn't quit. A three point play from Bredwood cut the deficit to three

points. With 13 seconds remaining and Bearden trailing 56-53, Parrott called timeout to set up an attempt at a game tying triple. Cahlib Edwards got the shot off, but it was off the mark, and the Bulldogs' season was over. Edwards had a team high 17 points, including seven in the fourth.

"Cahlib had a great game tonight and we needed him to," said Parrott. "He's been the 2 (shooting guard) mostly all year. He and Izaiha Bredwood were a two headed point guard but it fell on Cahlib mostly in these last few games and I'm proud of him."

Parrott added, "Cahlib hit some big shots for us. We got some key minutes from other guys. Elijah Bredwood, Hayden Moseley on defense, Walker Kyle (11 points) was big outside. We were just a couple of baskets short."

Mark Nagi is the author of "Decade of Dysfunction," which takes an up close look at all that led to Tennessee's crazy coaching search in 2017. The book is available on Amazon.

Carter no match for Alcoa; season comes to an end in **Region 2-AA semifinal**

By Bill Howard

One doesn't have to know much about basketball to know of the fundamental importance of shooting and rebounding.

Tuesday night, Mar. 3 at Jody Wright Arena against Alcoa in a Region 2-AA semifinal, Carter High School's boys' basketball 30% from the floor, while team came up short in both Alcoa shot 42%. Carter categories. An early 7-5 Hornet lead disappeared in a 10-1 Alcoa run - one of their several scoring runs - and the Tornadoes then pulled away for an easy 66-34 win. For Hornets' coach Spencer Beaty, the game analysis wasn't complicated. "The difference was rebounding," he said. "Clearly that takes no skill. We talked about that was the one intangible we had to take care of to be in the ball game." The rebounding difference was, in fact, stark. Alcoa (20-10) had 12 offensive and 29 defensive boards for a total of 41. Carter (25-6) had nine offensive boards and a mere 13 defensive for 22. "When they continued to get second-chance opportunities, those are high-percentage because they're right there at the rim, you're gonna find yourself in a hole," said Beaty. "If you don't have enough dog in you to go get it, you don't deserve to go on to the next level." The Hornets were still in the game after one period, trailing 17-10. A 20-6 second quarter by Alcoa gave the Tornadoes a 37-16 halftime lead, and Carter had dug a hole it couldn't get out of. By the end of the third Alcoa had doubled up the Hornets,

52-26, thanks in part to an 8-0 run. The Tornadoes substituted widely in the fourth and cruised from there.

While the Hornets were giving up too many boards, they also weren't hitting enough shots. For the game Carter shot barely went to the free-throw line only seven times and hit four. Alcoa meanwhile went to the line 30 times and hit 17. "Coming into the game we really talked about how much offensive firepower Carter possesses," said Tornadoes' coach Ryan Collins. "They're led by two very good guards. I thought we locked up in the halfcourt tonight and really separated ourselves by winning the rebounding margin. We got good length, we got good physicality we could throw at them.' "They did a great job of pushing us around and hated that the game was being more aggressive and getting position," said Beaty. "We didn't have a great shooting night but I think not rebounding can take the energy out of your sails. To have a good shooting night you need to have positive energy. We're definitely better when we run but if you don't get stops so that you can run, and we don't get high percentage shots, that's gonna affect your shooting percentage."

"We had some amazing wins on the road and at home, and our guys battled. We just fell short, we got in too big of a hole and couldn't get back into the game." Coach Beaty

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Carter's lone doubledigit scorer was guard Ty Hurst with 12. Gabe Harper added nine. Brycen McKboards.

Alcoa's Nick Roberts led all scorers with 19. TJ Martin and Taishawn

Cates each chipped in 11. Camden Burden led the Tornadoes with nine rebounds. Alcoa had 15 assists to seven for Carter.

Beaty, like any coach, his team's last. "Disappointing the way it ended, we've had a really good season," he said. "You always wanna play one more. We had some amazing wins on the road and at home, and our guys battled. We just fell short, we got in too big of a hole and couldn't get back into the game.

"But I'm thankful for our guys; I'm proud of the season that we had. Hopefully we can move forward from this, take a little time off and then start getting back in the weight room eehan led the team with six and start getting ready for next year. We lose a lot of our scoring. We graduate five seniors, we have five juniors coming back."

March 9, 2020 PAGE C3 www.knoxfocus.com Fulton outlasts Scott in Region 2-AA semi; guaranteed to play in Sectionals Scott's Trey Morrow led grinding," said Wright. some runouts, which gave to beat a good team four

By Bill Howard

If it's early March, you can bet Fulton High School's boys' basketball team is scraping, scratching, and fighting to stay alive in a regional tournament.

semifinal against Scott High School Tuesday night, Mar. 3 at home perfectly fit the bill as Fulton held on for a back-and-forth 69-64 win.

The win achieved for Fulton coach Jody Wright a first-things-first goal: win the game and make the regional final. That guarantees that the Falcons will move on to the Sectionals. A single do-or-die win there sends the Falcons to the state tournament,

where they've been a fixture under Wright's direc- all scorers with 30. The tion. The win Tuesday set smooth-operating Morrow up a regional championship game against Alcoa on Mar. 5. The Tornadoes beat Carter Tuesday night. "You wanna play on

The Falcons' Region 2-AA Thursday night," said Wright. "We're assured of a game on Monday (Mar. 9, the Sectionals) so that's sweet to have a game on Thursday night."

> Fulton was led in scoring by do-everything speedster point-guard Edward Lacy with 24. Damian Holt got 14 while Desmire Hatchett all seven Scott points came added 11.

"He's playing on a bad ankle," Wright said of Lacy. "He played so hard tonight, he's a ballgamer."

scored on layups, midrange jumpers, and three treys. Logan Goodman added 15 for the Highlanders.

A see-saw first half saw the Falcons fall behind 18-9 and 28-20, only to regain the lead briefly with the main thing. It sure is a 10-0 run in the second quarter. Morrow and Goodman combined for 45 of Scott's 64 total points, and together got 16 in the first quarter. A 7-4 Highlander kick to the end of the half from Morrow and Goodman - gave the Highlanders a one-point lead at intermission, 35-34.

"We knew how good they are offensively. I felt like we absorbed a lot of body blows . The message was real simple: let's be Fulton. Let's defend at a high level, let's play hard, let's rebound, let's take care of the basketball."

Wright's halftime message must have stuck because his squad opened the third period on an 8-0 run, six on a pair of treys by Lacy. The 16-9 advantage in the period gave Fulton a 50-44 lead after three.

"You know, really good start to the third quarter, when we were trying to push the tempo," Wright said. "We were able to get some easies, we got about "We just had to keep three or four stops in a row,

us a cushion which meant times," said Wright. "We they were playing behind in the second half. We could (then) kind of dictate tempo."

The teams essentially traded buckets in a catand-mouse fourth quarter. A pair of free throws by Cash Tucker brought the Highlanders to within three, 57-54, with 5:40 left. Fulton promptly followed with a 6-0 run to put the lead back to nine. Lacy, Dominic Holland, and Tommy Sweat each hit both of their free-throw chances down the stretch, and the

Falcons held on. teams played this year. All were close, all were won by the Falcons. "It's hard

knew we were gonna have our hands full tonight. You can't panic, you gotta keep playing. They're a good offensive team; they're as good as we've seen offensively. You just can't take plays off."

The Falcons have lost in the last two state championship games. Wright obviously hopes to change that. Fulton beat Alcoa for the district title. The two know each other well.

"We've been here before, we know the drill," he said. "We know our opponent, It was the fourth time the they know us. Alcoa is so good, they're so athletic, so talented. We'll have our hands full."

Falcons 'whipped' by Alcoa in **Region 2-AA Championship**

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after three quarters and despite managing to score just eight points in the third frame, the Falcons only found themselves down 50-45 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the third stanza Fulton's offense came from three field goals. Sweat and Desmir Hatchett each buried a 3-pointer and Adam Robinson scored a bucket in the paint.

The Tornadoes actually put things away early in the fourth quarter as they scored the first seven points of the frame and extended their advantage to 57-45 when Isaiah Cox-Penson converted a three-point play with 5 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the contest.

Edward Lacey, Fulton's Mr. Basketball Finalist, halted the Falcons' scoring drought when he scored at the 5:40 mark. But Fulton would never come anv closer.

Lacey had nine of his 16 points over the final eight minutes. He was one of three Falcons to post double figures in the scoring column. Sweat added 13 points and Robinson finished with 11.



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA VAUGHN/FULCOM

Fulton's Edward Lacey elevates against a double team from Alcoa's T.J. Martin and Isaiah Cox-Penson Thursday night in the Region 2-AA Championship game at Fulton High School. Lacey led the Falcons with 16 points but the Tornadoes claimed the title with a 72-57 victory.

Fulton). Cam Burden, who had today at 7 p.m. A win would



Dustin Plumlee could end revolving door of baseball coaches Central High has had for several years. "We're real proud to promote Coach Plumlee," said **CHS** Athletic Director J.D. Lambert.

Plumlee takes reins of Central baseball program

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that first opportunity means the world to me, so I owe them to be loyal and do what it takes to get the Central program back to what it used to be."

Plumlee said his only previous experience as a head coach was coaching a summer travel team of eighth and ninth graders after graduating from college in 2009. we can compete with everybody. "I basically did it because one of That's a starting point and now the parents asked me." Plumlee was a three-sport standout in baseball, football and basketball at Powell High, where he graduated in 2004 and went on to become a weekend starting pitcher in college at Cleveland State and East Tennessee State. Plumlee is aware of Central's tradition in baseball. "They've had really good baseball teams historically. I played summer league ball with some of the guys that played at Central."

currently on the upswing. "We had a good solid season last year, starting six sophomores and one freshman and they all return.

"I'm excited about it and I think we're going to play well. We've grown up a lot since last year as a program and we're finally getting that confidence back that Central used to have as far as we're to the point where we know that we've just got to keep growing as a baseball team in general."

Robinson, Sweat, Lacey and Damin Holt (who scored seven points Thursday night) all made the all-tournament team.

Nick Roberts was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player after he led all scorers with 23 points. He was joined on the all-tournament team by Alcoa teammates Taishan Cates (who scored 18 points against

10 points, and T.J. Martin, who finished with 13 points.

Cox-Penson scored all eight of to give the Tornadoes a boost body wants to win this game down the stretch.

The good thing for the Falcons is that the season isn't over. Fulton, the 2018-19 Class AA State runner-up, will have a chance to make a return trip to Murfreesboro.

Greeneville to face the Greene tional tonight. Devils in a state sectional tilt

punch the Falcons ticket to the state tournament.

"The important game is his points in the fourth quarter Monday," Wright said. "Every-(the region championship), but Monday is the big one.

> "We'll have to go to Greeneville and they're the best team up there (in Northeast Tennessee), and we knew that."

Alcoa will host Sullivan South The Falcons will travel to in the other Class AA State Sec-

He believes the program is ille University.

Dustin and his wife Katlin have two daughters - Addyson, who is 4¹/₂, and Korbyn, who is six months old.

Central will host Clinton this afternoon at 5:30 in a District 3-AAA game. The Dragons' Rob Stacy also will be making his debut as a head coach. He was an assistant coach at David Crockett High last season and also previously assisted at Pikev-



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NOTEBOOK



PHOTO BY BERKELEY BOWERS / CENTRAL HIGH

Makhi Anderson and Eunique Valentine have a good time at their signing ceremony Wednesday at Central High. Both were valuable players in the Bobcats' run to a second straight state championship in 2019.

Valentine recruited to play middle linebacker for Vols

By Steve Williams

Eunique Valentine looked good in Tennessee Orange and White at a football signing ceremotral High last week.

The next time you see him, he may look a little bigger.

Valentine, who signed an athletic agreement with the University of Tennessee football program as a preferred walkon (PWO), said he will be gaining weight during the offseason to get ready for being a middle linebacker for the Vols.

Last Wednesday, Valentine, who was a standout title team to sign scholaras a defensive end on the Bobcats' Class 5A state championship team, said he was 6-2, 225 pounds.

"Tennessee recruited me for the middle linebacker position," he said. and get bigger during the 1,000 all-purpose yards offseason.

but in college they put you going to fit you and they think that (MLB) is what

it's going to be for me." fine with that.

ny he was a part of at Cen- the 240s and 250s," he said.

out.

"UT gave me the PWO and I was blessed to get that because it's closer to home and it's big-time football, so it just worked out perfectly."

Makhi became the fifth player on Central's 2019 state ship papers. The 6-foot, 185-pounder will be going to Union College in Barbourville, Ky., and said he was recruited as a running back and wide receiver.

Anderson was among by Union College.

SPRING SPORTS official-Valentine added he was ly start today, according to the TSSAA calendar. "I'm hoping to at least Opening day is expected get my weight up there in to be beautiful for baseball, softball, boys' soccer, track and tennis. Temper-Valentine said he com- atures, according to the mitted originally to the forecast, will be in the Naval Academy, "but 60s most of the week, some things didn't work although there is a chance for showers Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

> NO BASEBALL: Alvin Armstead, athletic director at Austin-East, confirmed Saturday that A-E will not Anderson field a baseball team this spring.

> > Armstead had said in February that A-E didn't have a new head coach yet, "and I don't think we will have one this year. Not a lot of interest from our students."

ACADEMIC STATS: Bailey "I'll put on more weight four Bobcats who gained Trumm didn't just have great numbers on the last fall and he also stood basketball court at Powell "I've been playing out- out as a valuable member High. According to Coach side (DE / OLB) all my life. of the Central secondary. John Fisher, the TSSAA Anderson said he felt at all-time career leader in in the best position that's home as he was recruited 3-point baskets also has a 4.34 GPA and an ACT score of 29.

Clark, Heifner and

Moore scored 22 points

Carter and the Lady High-

Saturday's state section-

als but results were not

available at press time.

Bailey, who also has spent time coaching youth basketball in the West Bearden Basketball League, is an Appalachian State University signee.

REPORT ON ROSSER:

J.D. Lambert, Central AD, says former Central football coach Bryson Rosser, who guided the Bobcats to state titles in 2018 and 2019, has received "a lot of offers" to continue as a head coach this fall in the Boston area, where he now resides with his family.

KUDOS to Hardin Valley soccer coach Jessica Stephens who spearheaded a drive to help tornado victims in the Cookeville and Putnam County area last week and to other soccer coaches and players in the Knoxville area who got on board to provide needed items and assistance.

March 9, 2020 Remember 2008? There's still hope Vol fans

In a way, Tennes see's post-season basketball season has already begun.

The March Madness for the Vols started after backto-back road losses at Auburn and

By Steve Williams

Arkansas in February. At that sipi State (2009). point, getting invited to the Big Dance seemed out of the question and even a trip to the NIT loomed doubtful.

But with their backs against the proverbial wall, the Vols turned back Florida in Knoxville and became only the sixth UT team ever to beat Kentucky at Rupp Arena last week.

All of a sudden, Tennessee was looking for a NCAA bubble to land on and the NIT was a lock. Rick Barnes and his never-say-die Vols preferred the former as they prepared for this past Saturday's rematch with Auburn at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Some were saying a win over Pearl's Plainsmen and two wins in the SEC tournament might get UT on the dance floor.

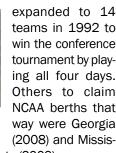
If that happens, great. If not, there's always the last chance: Win the Southeastern Conference tournament and claim the automatic bid to the NCAA tourney.

Such strange and unexpected things have happened before.

Please, follow me down Memory Lane.

In 1979, the SEC basketball tournament was renewed with the winner receiving the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA. Over the past 41 seasons, five lower seeded teams have won four games in the tourney to crash the NCAA party, including Auburn (1985 and 2019). UT fans, by the way, remember all too well the Tigers doing it last year.

Arkansas became the first team since the league



The 2008 SEC tourney was the oddest of all, as a tornado struck the Atlanta area, damaging the Georgia Dome during overtime of Game 7 between Mississippi State and Alabama. After a 64-minute delay, State and Bama finished their game, but the last quarterfinal game of the day, between Georgia and Kentucky, was postponed until the next day, and the remaining four games of the tournament

were moved to Georgia Tech. The atmosphere at Tech was strange. Only credentialed individuals were allowed to attend, including players' families, bands, cheerleaders and media. No other spectators were allowed in the building.

Georgia came into the 2008 tourney with a 13-16 overall record and a 4-12 conference mark, but won the tournament and became known as the "Dream Dawgs."

That season alone should tell us the Vols still have a chance to go dancing.

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Lady Hornets claim first region hoops title since 2001

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er made things a bit closer but Carter celebrated wildly when the final buzzer sounded. This game was a nail-biter, but in 2001.

The Lady Hornets won ished with 12 points. Evie

Kingston in five overtimes. Emily Irwin chipped in with Carter boasted a baleight. Moore's late 3-point- anced scoring attack with Sydney Hurst, the tour-DePetro were also named to the all-tournament nament's Most Valuable Player, leading the way team for the Lady Hornets.

with 18 points. Zarria Clark scored 16 to lead all scorers. likely paled in comparison and made a pair of cruto Carter's last region title cial free throws down landers both advanced to the stretch. Heifner fin-

that one when they beat DePetro had nine and



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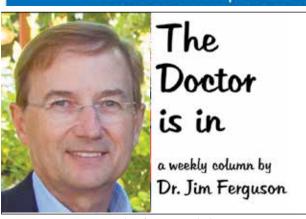
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Indefatigable

you know is correct? After watching the Super Tuesday election results, it is apparent TV pundits are clueless. It begs the question, why do we still listen to people who are so often wrong?

The crux of my original question concerns facts. Using our senses, we gather facts (data) by reading, listening and observing the world around us. However, common sense is required to sift through and then correctly interpret any data.

I have a friend who once challenged me with the notion that facts are conditional. A fact is something that is always true. For example, a meter is an observable and measurable fact. Yet, at the extremes of reality, such as the speed of light, Einstein proved that our notions of facts are conditional. Though I like to consider philosophical constructs, I live in the realm of practical science and common sense, so enough philosophizing.

to think about the novel influenza in January and

How do you know what coronavirus (Covid-19). I wrote about viral infections a month ago, but I now offer an apology. I made a mistake calculating influenza

> mortality. Experts use a complicated series of estimates to come up with their "facts." In sifting these facts, my math failed me. When experts only consider verified cases of influenza, excluding colds and generic "flu" cases, and adding complications such as pneumonia, etc. to their complicated formula, influenza mortality is around 0.1% or one in a thousand.

> The death rate from the new coronavirus is perhaps 2-3%, if you believe the Chinese data (facts). Our experts put the mortality of coronavirus at three times that of the flu, but these "facts" don't line up so, I remain skeptical of most things these days.

At this writing, there have been twelve deaths in America due to Covid-19. By comparison, 8400 Ameri-Lately, it's hard not cans have already died from

two months of 2020, there have been 141,000 abortions, 127,000 deaths from cardiovascular disease and stroke, and 96,000 have died from cancer.

We moderns trust test results. But should we? Every flu season doctors use swabs of the nose and throat to test for the influenza viral protein. These tests depend on the nurse or doctor obtaining a deep and uncomfortable specimen from the nose and throat. Then, high tech colorimetric strips are used to detect viral protein, assuming sufficient quantities of the virus are present to be measured and have not degraded in transport to the lab. Lastly, the influenza test strips are imperfect technology.

When considering test results, I have preached to medical students for more than forty years that any test must be considered in the context it is done. This is the practicality of Thomas Bayes' probability theorem which says results must be interpreted within a clinical situation, and I might add, with common sense. I've had patients evaluated in the ER for chest pain who were erroneously diagnosed with influenza by a flu swab. I've had others whose diagnosis was missed by a negative swab test. If you do enough tests you will eventually get false positives and negatives.

February. And in the same the testing capabilities of the Chinese and certainly the Iranians. I read on the Internet that dozens of South Korean companies are promoting their own coronavirus tests. I have greater confidence in testing procedures of the CDC and far less confidence in World Health Organization bureaucrats. Rapid tests for coronavirus are being developed in America, but this is a highly technical enterprise. Tests must be accurate, done appropriately and interpreted correctly or the results may do more harm than good.

> Doctors use the terms sensitivity and specificity in considering test results. You can design a test which is very sensitive, but this will lead to some false positive results. Alternatively, a test designed to be very specific will lead to some false negative (missed) results.

> The definitive diagnosis of Wuhan coronavirus is identifying its DNA. This is a high-tech process requiring PCR (polymerase chain reaction) amplification of specimen protein and then genetic analysis.

I spoke with a colleague representing many Knoxville area ER doctors and the Knoxville Health Department regarding coronavirus testing. Until such time when local testing is reliable and feasible, samples are collected from patients, transported by courier to the Knox County Health I am concerned about Department and then to the

Tennessee Department of Health in Nashville where the PCR process and genetic analysis takes another 48 hours.

Though Covid-19 infection may be more dangerous than influenza, the risk of infection is still low in America. As a result, I'm not panicked by the media's politically motivated fear mongering. I am however practicing prudence. I recommended two patients not travel to Southeast Asia for a cruise. I recommend frequent handwashing and carrying a pocket hand sanitizer. It seems reasonable to wipe down your personal space with Handi Wipes during any flu season, especially this one. Also, staying an arm's length from others is advisable, especially if they look sick or are coughing. I read that the French are suspending their Gaelic custom of La Bise, greeting others with kisses on the cheek. We should be using the "elbow bump" rather than our traditional handshake greeting.

Interestingly, I read a recent Gallup poll where 77% of Americans are confident in President Trump's management of the coronavirus crisis. I didn't find this data in the "Drive-by media," who have called for renaming the Wuhan virus, the Trump virus, and called his January China travel restrictions, racist.

Honestly, how can you support Democrats who say Trump's Coronavirus Task Force is "too white," cheered the falling stock market and labeled the coronavirus crisis as an opening for Democrats? Despite Biden and Bloomberg's clueless parroting of Politico's lie, Trump did NOT say the coronavirus was a hoax. Perhaps the hype is the newest coup d'état attempt since Mueller's Russians failed, the Kavanaugh and "golden shower" assaults were unsuccessful and the Ukraine phone call impeachment was a bust.

And through it all, our indefatigable leader, Donald Trump towers over "mini Mike, Pocahontas, Sleepy Joe and Bolshevik Bernie." We need a leader, not a gaggle of "nattering nabobs of negativity."

As I've said before, Donald Trump was not my first or second choice, but now I'm unabashedly supportive of our President. I can't begin to keep up with seventy-three-yearold Trump; he has far more energy than me.

So, I will do what I can to stay informed, "speak the truth in love" and support our country and the President. This is just common sense.

For further information you can access the Tennessee Department of Health website for answers and updates at www.tn.gov/ health/cedep/ncov.html.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

Growing in Favor with God and Man

Interestingly, we have hardly anything mentioned in Scripture about the early years of Jesus' life. In Luke 2 you have the **By Mark** birth narrative. When you come to Luke 3, Jesus is all of a sudden thirty of Christ years old. The Gospels tell us in some detail about of Jesus' life as an adult, but the first eleven thousand days we don't have much detail. However, at the end of Luke 2 there is a story tucked in that shares an account of twelve-yearold Jesus.



His family made

the ninety-five-

Nazareth to Jeru-

The story found about five days to walk by time to go home. Jesus' that I believe we discover in Luke 2:41-52 foot. Yet this was an impor- family was traveling in a the reason Luke added this gives us a glimpse tant festival for any Jewish large caravan as tens of story to his gospel. After into something family to celebrate. If it all thousands were travel- Jesus' mom and dad said that helped Jesus possible, every Jew made ing back to their homes. they were anxiously searchfulfill His life mis- this journey to commem- Joseph and Mary assumed ing for Him and couldn't find sion. First, we are orate God's deliverance Jesus was with some family Him, Jesus said the followtold that "each of Israel out of slavery in and friends on the journey year" Jesus and Egypt. No doubt Joseph would have recounted the events of the Exodus to His family as they parmile journey from took of the Passover meal. As Joseph explained the importance of the sacrificial Lamb and the blood that was shed, imagine Jesus realizing that He was ney. It would have taken the Lamb of God who would bear the sins of the world. His heart must have been pounding in His chest. After the Passover, it was

home, until they came to their first stop at the end of the day and discovered Jesus was not with them. The next day they turned around and walked all the way back up the mountains of Judea to enter Jerusalem and find their lost son. Scripture tells us that they were anxious. After the temple courts studying with the teachers. It is here

ing profound words: "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" This trip to Jerusalem was likely the moment Jesus' eyes were opened to the fact that He was the coming Messiah that had been predicted in Scripture. He recognized that He was the Son of God. God was His Father. We are then told that they searching for an addition- all returned to Nazareth al day, they found Jesus in and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Jesus

grew in these four areas. Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective. Stature recognizes that Jesus is going from a boy to a man. Favor with God means God is pleased with His Son as He matures and lives out God's will. Favor with man means Jesus is becoming known. To "grow" means a daily process of becoming. All the little decisions we make every day add up and determine who we are. This is sanctification. We want our lives to be changed as we grow and mature as disciples of Jesus.

Brackney, Minister of the **Arlington Church**

salem to celethe final one thousand days brate the Passover. By this time, Joseph and Mary had other children. This would not have been an easy jourpreparation and planning, just like it takes any of us when we go on vacation. This trip would have taken





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FORECLOSURE NOTICES TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

<u>SALE</u>

WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust, dated November 2, 2017, Beulah L. Mitchell, unmarried, "Beulah L. Mitchell, Beulah Mitchell and Beulah Lee Mitchell are one in the same person", conveyed the following described premises to Larry Pressley, Trustee, for City Employees Credit Union to secure the indebtedness due therein, and said Deed of Trust being of record as Instrument Number 201711220032279 in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, City Employees Credit Union, are the owners and holders of the indebtedness due therein, and has appointed A. Nicole Troutt, as Substitute Trustee, which Appointment of Substitute Trustee is of record as Instrument Number 202002060052150, in Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee. THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that

THEREFORE, NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and said default having existed for more than thirty (30) days, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested and having been requested to do so by the owner and holder of said indebtedness, to advertise and sell the property described on: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at the Northern most entrance from Main Avenue near the Main Assembly Room on M-Level of the City/County Building in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, and will proceed to offer for sale at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, in bar of all statutory right and equity of redemption, the following described property; to-wit:

SITUATED in District No. Six of Knox County, Tennessee, and within the 12th Ward of the City of Knoxville, being part of Lots 39, 40 and 41 of Morningside Land Company Addition, and being more particularly described as follows:

BÉGINNING at a stake in the East line of LeConte Drive (formerly Parkway) at a point 5 feet North of the intersection of Parkway and Morningside Drive; thence, North 05 deg. West, 95 feet with the East side of LeConte Drive; thence, North 85 deg. East, 150 feet to the West line of a 10-foot alley; thence, with the West side of the alley, South 05 deg. East, 51.94 feet; thence, with the alley and parallel to Morningside Drive, 8.06 feet; thence, Westwardly in a direct line, 158 feet, more or less.

THERE IS EXPECTED from this conveyance that portion of the above-referenced property at the corner of LeConte Drive and Morningside Drive, being approximately .0013 acre to permit a curved corner conveyed to Knoxville Housing Authority on June 22, 1972, by deeds of record in Deed Book 1483, page 355, and Deed Book 1485, page 985, in the Register's Office, Knox County, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Beulah Lee Mitchell, by Quit Claim Deed dated August 21, 1985, from Lawrence E. Mitchell, recorded in Warranty Book 1858, page 190, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

The above description being the same as the previous deed of record; no boundary survey having been obtained at the time of this conveyance. Property bears the address of: **736 LeConte**

Drive, Knoxville, TN 37915

Property Tax ID#095GE-014

Subordinate Lienholders or interested parties: Knox County Trustee; City of Knoxville; City Employees Credit Union and Beulah L. Mitchell

The property will be sold free from the equity redemption, homestead, dower and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which were hereby expressly waived under the provisions of the above stated Deed of Trust. The above property will also be sold subject to any and all easements, restrictions, prior encumbrances, unpaid taxes, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. The right is reserved to rescind or adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time set for the above. This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

> <u>s/ A. NICOLE TROUTT</u> A. NICOLE TROUTT, BPR#021726 SUBSITITUTE TRUSTEE 100 Dalton Place Way, Suite 103 Knoxville, TN 37912

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Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Hal E. Watts, an attorneys whose address is, P.O. Box 85 Knoxville, TN 37901, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Michael W. Moyers at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division III, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks. This 3rd day of March 2020.

Clerk and Master

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MAKAELA S. HAYNES;

IN RE: MICHAEL L. BLAIR v. Makaela S. Haynes

NO. 199542-2

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY. TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant MAKAELA S. HAYNES 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 MAKAELA S. HAYNES it is ordered that said defendant MAKAELA S. HAYNES file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee and with Michael R. Crowder, an Attorneys whose address is, 550 Main Street, Suite 400, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Clarence E. Pridemore, Jr. at the Knox County Chancery Court, Division II, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125 Knoxville Tennessee 37902 This notice will be published in The Knoxville Focus Newspaper for

our (4) consecutive weeks. This 4th day of March 4, 2020.

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<u>NOTICE TO</u> CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDNA A. ALEXANDER DOCKET NUMBER 82749-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 24TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of EDNA A. ALEXANDER who died Feb 5, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 Clerk and Master 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;

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF EDNA A. ALEXANDER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) DENNIS G. Alexander; executor 8841 Mallow Drive Knoxville, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LINDA S BARNES DOCKET NUMBER 82754-1 Notice is hereby given that on the 25 of

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of LINDA S BARNES 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 nonresident, 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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CREDITORS

ESTATE OF SAWYER REESE BLACK DOCKET NUMBER 82728-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of SAWYER REESE BLACK 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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ESTATE OF SAWYER REESE BLACK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JILL E. BLACK; ADMINISTRATRIX 1244 HEARTHSTONE LANE KNOXVILLE. TN. 37923

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BLANCHER HILL Docket Number 82498-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 25 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BLANCHER HILL who died Nov 18, 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 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF BLANCHER HILL

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) ROBERT H Loveday; executor 1121 Snowdon Drive Knoxville, TN. 37912

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DOLLIE IMOGENE MCLEMORE Docket Number 82746-2

DOCKET NUMBER 82746-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DOLLIE IMOGENE MCLEMORE who died Jan 10, 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; (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor eceived 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 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ROBERT E RECORDS DOCKET NUMBER 82751-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 24 day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ROBERT E RECORDS who died Dec 11, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 24 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) LOTTIE C

ESTATE OF ROBERT E RECORDS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RECORDS; EXECUTRIX 12825 EDGEBROOK WAY

ESTATE OF JEANNE S SMITH-BOZARTH DOCKET NUMBER 82269-2 Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of

FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JEANNE S SMITH-BOZARTH who died Mar 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 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEANNE S SMITH-BOZARTH Personal Representative(s) John Noble; Administrator 3417 Tres Bien Lane Knoxville, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES E. SOLOMON Docket Number 82743-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES E. SOLOMON who died Sep 26, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise. their claims will be forever barred:

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CREDITORS ESTATE OF IRENE BEATRICE ARWOOD DOCKET NUMBER 82756-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IRENE BEATRICE ARWOOD 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 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 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF IRENE BEATRICE ARWOOD

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) LISA MEAD; EXECUTRIX 11004 THORNTON DRIVE

KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934 MARK JENDREK

ATTORNEY AT LAW 800 SOUTH GAY STREET, SUITE 1900 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARGARET MARIE BEUTE DOCKET NUMBER 82760-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARGARET MARIE BEUTE who died Jan 15, 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 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF MARGARET MARIE BEUTE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) CAROL JANE RULE; EXECUTRIX 2509 LEGION DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BILLY JACK CRASS DOCKET NUMBER 82775-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BILLY JACK CRASS who died Dec 19, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above GEORGE GARRISON Attorney at Law 1142 Dolly Parton Pkwy Sevierville, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DELLA MAE HICKEY

DOCKET NUMBER 82777-3

MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of

the Estate of DELLA MAE HICKEY who died Nov

3, 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.

first publication of this notice if the creditor

received an actual copy of this notice to creditors

(4) months from the date of this first publication;

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

date of death This the 3 day of MARCH, 2020.

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF DELLA MAE HICKEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) KAYE M FORD; ADMNISTRATRIX

P.O. BOX 52362 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37950

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES A. KELLEY

DOCKET NUMBER 82757-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25TH day of

FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JAMES A. KELLEY who died Jam

4, 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:

first publication of this

described in (1)(A); or

2020

date of this first publication; or

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

notice if the creditor received an actual copy

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days

before the date that is four (4) months from the

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

date of death This the 25TH day of FEBRUARY,

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's

ESTATE OF JAMES A. KELLEY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S)

STEVE MCGILL: CO-EXECUTOR

508 W. 2ND NORTH STREET

MORRISTOWN, TN. 37814

LEESA KELLEY MCGILL: CO EXECUTOR

406 HAMILTON LANE SEYMOUR, TN. 37865

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CLINTON R. ANDERSON ATTORNEY AT LAW

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CARL EUGENE KELSO

DOCKET NUMBER 82739-1

MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of

the Estate of CARL EUGENE KELSO 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

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of

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described in (1)(A); or

t least sixty (60) days before the date that is four

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date of the

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of

Pubs: 3/9; 3/16 & 3/23/2020

COURT NOTICES

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. GIMORE.

The 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

Deputy Clerk

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: DANNY WARREN ATCHLEY;

IN RE: FRANKIE AL-LEAN ATCHLEY v. DANNY WARREN ATCHLEY

NO. 199555-3

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX County, tennessee

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant DANNY WARREN ATCHLEY 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 DANNY WARREN ATCHLEY it is ordered that said defendant, DANNY WARREN ATCHLEY, file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the

(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

(BI 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 25 day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF LINDA S BARNES

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) CLYDE STANLEY BARNES; EXECUTOR 11304 SILVER SPRING DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37932

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JEANNE MARIE BECKER Docket Number 82744-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of JEANNE MARIE BECKER who died Dec 28, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF JEANNE MARIE BECKER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) WILLIAM BECKER; EXECUTOR ESTATE OF DOLLIE IMOGENE MCLEMORE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DEBORAH LYNN PHILLIPS; EXECUTRIX 215 DOUGHTY AVE. KNOXVILLE, TN. 37918

> ROBERT GODWIN ATTORNEY At Law 4611 old Broadway Knoxville, TN. 37918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DESZMER CRANE POLLOCK DOCKET NUMBER 82511-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DESZMER CRANE POLLOCK who died Jan 21, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF DESZMER CRANE POLLOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ANNA P. STOUT; EXECUTRIX 11266 MATTHEWS COVE LANE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37934 $\left(4\right)$ months from the date of the first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF JAMES E. SOLOMON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JAMES D. SOLOMON; CO-EXECUTOR 1408 BETHVALE DRIVE GREENBACK, TN. 37742

MICHAEL D. SOLOMON; CO-EXECUTOR 158 OAK DRIVE KINGSTON, TN. 37763

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALLISON ALEXANDRA ALLEN Docket Number 82735-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of ALLISON ALEXANDRA ALLEN who died Dec 18, 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 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 3 day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF ALLISON ALEXANDRA ALLEN

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TODD ALLEN; CO-ADMINISTRATOR 7740 TAZEWELL PIKE CORRYTON, TN. 37721

HEATH ALLEN; CO-ADMINISTRATOR 7740 TAZEWELL PIKE CORRYTON, TN. 37721

ROBERT A COLE ATTORNEY AT LAW 3715 POWERS STREET

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;

(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 2 day of MARCH, 2020. ESTATE OF BILLY JACK CRASS

> PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Elisa Brewer; administratrix 426 connatser lane Sevierville, TN. 37876

> > JEFFREY R MURRELL ATTORNEY AT LAW 150 COURT AVENUE SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37862

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BETTY SUE HANCOCK Docket Number 82772-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of BETTY SUE HANCOCK who died Dec 16, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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;

(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 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF BETTY SUE HANCOCK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) Cheryl Hancock Strunk; Administratrix 2729 Mynatt Rd. Knoxville, TN. 37918

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.

(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;

(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 3 day of MARCH, 2020. ESTATE OF CARL EUGENE KELSO

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) DONNA Warren; Administratrix 1724 garden View Lane Knoxville, TN. 37912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JEFFREY LEINART Docket Number 82267-3

Docker I wome that on the 27TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of WILLIAM JEFFREY LEINART who died Jun 16, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 27TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM JEFFREY LEINART

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) DEBRA WILLIAMS; ADMINISTRATRIX 2410 DREXEL DRIVE DALZELL, SC. 29040

BILL FIX Attorney at Law 408 N. Cedar Bluff Road Suite 260 Knoxville, TN. 37923

www.knoxfocus.com **Dogwood Arts: One of Knoxville's** premier private gardens opens to the public for one weekend only

Savage Garden: **Historic Japanese Garden Tucked** Away in Fountain City

Spring is just around the corner, but Dogwood Arts is saying one final goodbye to winter with a Winter Featured Garden event on March 14th and 15th. Savage Garden is one of Knoxville's premier private gardens featuring eight distinctive garden zones: including two water towers, ancient waterfalls and ponds, century-old trees, and a Japanese pagoda. The house and its garden are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Winter reveals the extensive bones, or structures, of Savage Garden and features thousands of snowdrops, daffodils, wood

hyacinths, and other flowering bulbs.

It is an honor that Patti Cooper, and Bill Dohm, the owners of Savage Garden, have opened their property to the public as a part of the Dogwood Arts annual celebration of East Tennessee's natural beauty. Tours are self-guided; although Dogwood Arts staff and volunteers will be on-site for auestions.

This event is free though a \$5 donation is suggested. Donations allow Dogwood Arts to maintain and expand the Dogwood Trails & Gardens Program, which will be celebrating 65 years in 2020.

Savage Garden was inspired by Arthur Savage's visit to his native England. He then began building stone walls, ponds, arbors, and multiple follies. Savage became known as "the father of rock gardening in Knoxville." The garden is quirky and eclectic, combining multiple themes. Although the main arbors and pagoda reflect a Japanese influence, the latter is topped with a "Dutch Girl" weathervane and there are two "Irish" water towers. After many years of extensive restoration, including rebuilding stone walls and borders, constructing faithful copies of the original arbors and gates, and planting thousands of trees, shrubs, and perennials, Savage Garden is once again the kind of magical place envisioned by Arthur Savage.

Please note that this garden requires uphill walking on dirt and stone; comfortable shoes recommended. For accessibility questions, please call (865) 637-4561.

When: Saturday March 14th (10ÁM-5PM), Sunday, March 15th (12PM-5PM)

Where: 3237 Garden Drive, Knoxville, 37918 | Free parking at Garden Montessori (3225 Garden Dr.)

How Much: This event is free though a \$5 cash donation on-site is suggested







Honest Abe

Two weeks ago, I promised to write about Abraham Lincoln after I wrote about George Washington, but my computer wouldn't cooperate, so I'm doing it this week.

Mr. Lincoln didn't like to be called Abe but he really liked when people called him Honest Abe.

Born on February 12, 1809 in a one-room log cabin in Kentucky, his family moved later to Springfield, Illinois. In another one-room cabin, he studied to be a lawyer by candle light, and then became the sixteenth president of the United States.

In the speech, known the Gettysburg as Address, which he gave in Gettysburg. Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1863, he reminded people of

the importance of equality for all men as laid out in the Declaration of Independence. He also expressed the gravity of maintaining a union of democracy in the United States.

There were many good presidents of our country, but, to my mind, Washington and Lincoln are the greatest.

Here are some famous quotes from Honest Abe:

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

And last, but not least, Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?

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

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF TOMMY H. LIFORD DOCKET NUMBER 82493-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 25TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of TOMMY H. LIFORD who died Sep 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 25TH day of FEBRUARY,

> ESTATE OF TOMMY H. LIFORD PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) **BRENDA LIFORD: ADMINISTRATRIX** 7814 SCENIC VIEW DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1) (A); or Twelve (12) months from the (2)

decedent's date of death This the 2 day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN MCNISH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) REGIONS BANK; EXECUTOR ATTN: ZACH FARRAR, 151 MAJOR **REYNOLDS PLACE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37919**

> **KEVIN DEAN** ATTORNEY AT LAW 550 W MAIN STREET, SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE BERRY MINGIE DOCKET NUMBER 82719-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 25TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA SUE BERRY MINGIE who died Jan 10, 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;

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ESTATE OF ERNEST J. NELSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BERNARD E. NELSON; EXECUTOR 257 MCLEAN CUT ROAD **ROCKWOOD, TN. 37854**

JAMES S. TIPTON ATTORNEY AT LAW P.O. BOX 1990 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37901-1990

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MARILYN A. PATRIZIO AKA MARILYN A. COMEAUX DOCKET NUMBER 82526-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in espect of the Estate of MARILYN A. PATRIZIO AKA MARILYN A. COMEAUX who died Jul 26. 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk d Master of the Chancery Court of H 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;

ESTATE OF DWIGHT R PATTERSON

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) N DAVID ROBERTS, JR.; EXECUTOR 119 W SUMMIT HILL DRIVE KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

KEVIN A DEAN ATTORNEY AT LAW 550 W MAIN STREET SUITE 500 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF NANCY H PIERCE DOCKET NUMBER 82780-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of NANCY H PIERCE who died Feb 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:

(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;

(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 3 day of MARCH, 2020. ESTATE OF NANCY H PIERCE

and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (21

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 (BI 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 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020. ESTATE OF LINDA DARLENE SMITH

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) BRADLEY K. NICELY; ADMINISTRATOR 230 CREEK VIEW LANE BLAINE, TN. 37709

> JON MCMURRAY JOHNSON ATTORNEY AT LAW 10413 KINGSTON PIKE SUITE 200 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF BEVERLY DUTCH TACKOWIAK DOCKET NUMBER 82707-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of BEVERLY DUTCH TACKOWIAK who died Jan 28, 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 FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ASHLYN S. WHISNANT who died Jan 10, 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; 10

(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 26TH day of FEBRUARY,

ESTATE OF ASHLYN S. WHISNANT

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (\$) SUZANNE S. WHISNANT; EXECUTRIX 501 WINSTON RD. CHATTANOOGÁ, TN. 37405



PUBLIC NOTICE OF

ESTATE OF IMOGENE T. LOVEDAY DOCKET NUMBER 82770-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of IMOGENE T. LOVEDAY who died Feb 6, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 28TH day of FEBRUARY. 2020.

ESTATE OF IMOGENE T. LOVEDAY

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOHN STEPHEN LOVEDAY; EXECUTOR 409 WILLARD STREET MARYVILLE, TN, 37803

AMY E.BURROUGHS ATTORNEY AT LAW 315 HIGH STREET MARYVILLE, TN. 37804

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CAROL ANN MCNISH DOCKET NUMBER 82776-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 2 day of MARCH 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of CAROL ANN MCNISH who died Dec15, 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 otherwise their claims will be (2) forever barred:

(A) Four (4) months from the (1) 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

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 25TH day of FEBRUARY. 2020.

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE BERRY MINGIE

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JOSEPH PAUL MINGIE; ADMINISTRATOR 7255 EMERALD HEATH ROAD POWELL, TN, 37849

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF JANICE KAY MYERS DOCKET NUMBER 82779-2

Notice is hereby given that on the 3 day of MARCH 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of JANICE KAY MYERS who died Dec 13, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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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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) month 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 3 day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF JANICE KAY MYERS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) MITCHELL ALBERT GRIMM; ADMINISTRATOR 6914 FAIR MEADOW LANE CORRYTON, TN. 37721

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ERNEST J. NELSON DOCKET NUMBER 82736-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of ERNEST J. NELSON who died Jan 22, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured,

(BI 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 26TH day of FEBRUARY. 2020.

ESTATE OF MARILYN A. PATRIZIO AKA MARILYN A. COMEAUX

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) SHAWN ANN SCARBROUGH; CO-EXECUTOR 2795 JUTES DR. THOMPSONS STATION, TN. 37179

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF DWIGHT R PATTERSON DOCKET NUMBER 82747-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 21ST day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of DWIGHT R PATTERSON who died Sep 2, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 rescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims wil be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 21ST day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) KATHERINE PIERCE MORK; EXECUTRIX 978 LINDSEY DRIVE SEVIERVILLE, TN. 37876

> **BROOKE GIVENS** ATTORNEY AT LAW 110 COGDILL ROAD KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF THELMA JEAN SHARP DOCKET NUMBER 82633-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of FEBRUARY 2020, letters administration in respect of the Estate of THELMA JEAN SHARP who died Jan 4, 2020, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 26TH day of FEBRUARY. 2020.

ESTATE OF THELMA JEAN SHARP

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) JESSE GANN; ADMINISTRATOR **508 CEDAR LANE** KNOXVILLE, TN. 37912

RONALD J. ATTANASIO ATTORNEY AT LAW 713 MARKET STREET, SUITE 300 KNOXVILLE, TN. 37902

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF LINDA DARLENE SMITH DOCKET NUMBER 82769-1

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of FEBRUARY 2020. letters administration in respect of the Estate of LINDA DARLENE SMITH who died Oct 18, 2019, were issued the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Knox County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against his or her estate

are required to file the same with the Clerk

(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:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death This the 3 day of MARCH, 2020.

ESTATE OF BEVERLY DUTCH TACKOWIAK

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELLEN TACKOWIAK; EXECUTRIX 3314 DEP COVE WAY KNOXVILLE, TN. 37922

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES TOLLIVER DOCKET NUMBER 82771-3

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH day of 2020, letters testamentary in respect of the Estate of MARY FRANCES TOLLIVER 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 o unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk and Master of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

(4) months from the date of the first publication: or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 28TH day of FEBRUARY, 2020

ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES TOLLIVER

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE(\$) GREGORY B. TOLLIVER; EXECUTOR 102 CARLETON LANE OAK RIDGE, TN. 37830

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF ASHLYN S. WHISNANT DOCKET NUMBER 82759-3 Notice is hereby given that on the 26TH day of

DISSOLUTION

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Associates, PLLC, a Tennessee professional limited liability company (the "Company"), was dissolved on February 14, 2020. The Company filed a notice of dissolution with the Tennessee Secretary of State on February 24, 2020. This notice is being published in accordance with T.C.A. § 48-249-611. The Company requests that persons with claims against the Company present them in accordance with this notice. A claim must include the following information: (a) the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the claimant; (b) the name or title of the individual whom the Company may contact about the claim and, if different from the telephone number of the claimant, the telephone number of such individual; (c) the facts supporting the claim; and (d) any other information that may assist the Company in evaluating the claim. The claim may be sent to: Sarah R. Johnson, Esq., 11907 Kingston Pike, Suite 201, Knoxville, TN 37934. A claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice. DATED AND PUBLISHED this 9th day of March, 2020.

LEGAL SECTION 94

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization Executive Board Meeting, March 25, 2020

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, March 25th 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/. 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.

PAGE D4 The Knoxville FOCUS A Bad Phone Ca afraid that they might miss

Amy and recently attended the funeral of a long-time church friend. Herb Allender was a 98-yearold World War II fighter pilot. He'd served his family, community, and God well for all

room only crowd arrived to honor Herb and to support his children and wife, Mary Beth, to whom he'd been ing off, mute the device. married for 73 years.

presented a flag to Mary Beth, and "Taps" was played. Just as the final note ended, the tune "Bad to the Bone" chimed from a cell phone. An uneasy crowd, hoping that the phone would be silenced, bowed heads and fidgeted in seats, but the ring tone continued for several more

By Joe Rector

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but not more than a minute later, the same "Bad to the Bone" ring tone blared again. A woman eventually stood,

reached into the those years. A standing- row ahead, and helped an elderly lady, who didn't seem to know it was her phone that was the sound-

Folks reacted differ-A Marine honor guard ently when this breach of solemnity occurred. Many made that same grimace that one makes when he observes an accident. Others frowned in disgust or shook their bowed heads. Still, some people grinned and covered their mouths to keep from laughing at the ridiculous situation.

If Herb were watching Silence again from above, I'm sure he filled the room, might have laughed heartily at the whole situation. He never wanted folks to make a fuss over him. and such a humorous interruption to the proceedings he would have thought was a proper way to punctuate the life he lived, loved, and filled to the brim.

> With that said, I'm not quite so understanding. My dislike for cell phones has been stated on several occasions. They have overtaken our lives. Adults are

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we hold onto the devices as if our lives depended upon them. Young people, who are much more savvy users, are even more addicted CLOSH

a phone call, but for most

of us, those contacts are

rarely, if ever, emergencies.

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sion. Other phone calls are

of the chit-chat variety. Still,

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to their cell phones. Their or family discussion might bowed heads are not prayerful. Instead, they are intensely watching video games on the screens. Constant attention to Instagram, Twitter, and text messaging keep the younger generation from looking at each other or observing the world events around them.

Yes, we love our phones, but we need to reclaim our freedom from them. At the least, we need to disconnect from them at certain times. A funeral is one such occasion. A church service

be another time.

Let's admit it: we're hooked on our cellphones. That's a sad statement. Even if our addiction is there, we can turn off the ringers at times that matter. Of course, that might demand that we become more aware of the world around us and our presence in it. If we don't take command of them, they will continue to suck our time and energy from more important things of life.

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