

on zoning matter

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Knoxville's 8th District is huge in territory—stretching from Forks of the River all the way to beyond Gibbs and Corryton. Starting just east of downtown Knoxville the district borders on Sevier, Jefferson, Grainger, Union and Anderson Counties.

Commissioner Richie Beeler represents the 8th District, having been appointed to replace Dave Wright, who now serves as the area's state House representative, on the Knoxville/Knox Planning Commission. He has a beef with the fact there is no district representation on the Knoxville/Knox Planning Commission.

During the recent zoning portion of the Knoxville/Knox Planning Commission meeting, Beeler, who seldom speaks up on issues, delivered a short address. The



Kara Lockmiller of Knoxville was voted the winner of the Virtual Dogwood Arts Festival. Photo submitted.

Dogwood Arts announce

By Ken Lay

The COVID-19 pandemic has played havoc with the 2020 Dogwood Arts Festival, causing many of its signature events to be canceled or postponed.

Kara Lockmiller finished in first place and won \$500. Vicki Love claimed second place and earned \$300. Tina Burnett came in third and won \$200.

Voting was held from March 31 through April 30 and Shannon Herron,